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of my childhood,

tangled wildwood,

the crab-apple grew.

tle square patches,

luncheon for noon,

over trousers.

me too soon.

sters with joy;

phus to Jervis,

ten little boys.

me or to others.

other brothers.

bagged at the knee.

ond-nand trousers.

ged at the knee.

The wide-spreading seat with its lit-

The pockets that bulged with my

And gum-drops and kite-strings

from March until June.

The little patched trousers, the made

The high-water trousers that fit

No pantaloons ever performed great-

They made the descent from Adol-

Right down through a family of

I have made the tenderest branch

They came down to me slightly

The little patched trousers, the sec-

The old family trousers that bag-

Vance was mischievous, but it was

said of him by an old mountaineer

with whom Vance had lived during

a part of his school days that he was

ever honest "under fire." When he

alighted as a student at Chapel Hill

his popularity immediately began

term students and of course were

overwhelmed by cordial greetings

Most of his companions were long

having done service for nine

Through no fault of mine known to

on our big family tree,

filling the heart of us young-

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## NORTH CAROLINA'S WAR GOVERNOR, Z. B. VANCE THE SUBJECT OF AN ADDRESS BY ASHBY W. DUNN

At the Presentation of a Portrait of Vance to the Graded School of Woodson, placed Zed at a mouse saying that Zeb was elected. As be willing to serve wherever the Halifax by the United Daughters of the Confederacy of That Town. The Program of the Day Greatly Enjoyed.

interesting exercises:

Prayer. he Daughters.

dred Campbell.

the School.

Horace Jennings. chant, Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox.

Hugh Webb.

Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Merchant, Mrs.

Gray, Mabel Hux.

Mother, Lucile, Bettie and Paul and he a North Carolinian, which in Merchant, Hugh Webb.

The Gray, Josephine Gowan.

Neck, in behalf of the Daughters, French Broad River and in the midst presented the picture of Zebulon B. of the Blue Ridge Mountains. His Vance to the Halifax school, this eyes first beheld the light of day in being accepted by Miss Mildred a veritable temple of nature. There Campbell. Then in the following in that land are grand and lofty eloquent address Mr. Dunn did honor to our noble War Governor:

Ladies and Gentlemen and Pupils of

the School:-Just a little over six months ago delivered an aldress in Halifax on the life of Jefferson Davis At that time I voiced the pleasure I experienced and the honor I felt that had been conferred upon me in that it had been given to me to speak to a Halifax audience. Doubtless many of you who heard me then have forgotten the many reasons I gave for the especial pride I took in the great favor you had bestowed, but I trust I teft at least in your mind some impression of my genuine and sincere gratification. To-day my feeling of the University of North Carolina, pleasure is the same, except per- studied law under Judge William H. have come to do honor to the life of was admitted to the bar in January. one of North Carolina's sons and to 1852, and was elected county attorpay loving tribute to the memory of ney for Bumcombe county the same his illustrious deeds and signal year. He was a member of the achievements. This is indeed a State House of Commons in 1854, happy occasion for me. Loving and was a representative from with loving pride the part that Hal- and thirty-sixth Congresses. He ifax county has played in her histo- entered the Confederate army as fax people the incidents of the life was elected Governor of North Carthis school in behalf of the Daugh- the United States Senate in Novemters of the Confederacy of Halifax ber, 1870, but refused an admission

Chapter number twelve thirty-two, and resigned in January, 1872, and a portrait of his likeness. more time in studying the lives of to the United States Senate, was rewithin its circle, that no good thing time than that allotted to me to that lay out before him. can come out of Nazareth, that a study him as lawyer, soldier, statesprofit is not without honor save in man, man. Suffice it to say in this diately began the practice of law. soldier and a reputation for fear- is only illustrative of Vance's ability his own country. In this respect respect that in all positions, in what- This was in the year 1852, in the lessness.

and fortitude of a worthy and noble of his boyhood.

Recitation, The Passing of The purpose for which we have met. Not merely because we have met to Quartette, Just Before the Battle, do honor to the life of a great man, The pants that I wore in the deepitself is much, but also because in Recitation, The Men Who Wore paying loving tribute to his memory we shall be benefitted and the fires Chorus, Tramp! Tramp! of patriotism be hindled anew within our breasts.

Bumcombe county, N. C., May 13 Mr. Ashby Dunn, of Scotland 1830. He was born in sight of the mountains standing upon their eternal base and lifting their heads into the very clouds, there the sands of tumbling cascades can be heard and the soft murmur of rhythmic waters there dark and gigantic forests mirror themselves in pellucid streams. In fact every picture that nature paints there in that land of the sky is a most beautiful one, and one catches a variety of scenery there the like of which is hardly found anywhere else. Vance was a son of the mountains, and surely the moun-\*ains and brooks and the rivers and the forests were the books from which he learned the lessons that were to be the foundation of his able career. He was educated at Washington College, Tennessee, and at haps it is more intense, for that I Battle and Mr. Samuel F. Phillips, North Carolina as I do, cherishing North Carolina in the thirty-fifth

course, was neglected and solitary. Determined not to be outdone he rushed to a venerable old negro standing near whom he had never seen before, and shook his hand with ry, nothing could delight me more captain in May, 1861, and was made han this-to rehearse before a Hal- colonel in August of that year. He extreme cordiality. It was not five of one of North Carolina's favored olina in August, 1862, and re-elected and favorite sons, and to present to in August, 1864. He was elected to was elected Governor of North Car-University at Chapel Hill and re-Often I have deplored the fact rolina for the third time in 1876. that our people have seemingly spent Again January, 1878, he was elected mained such a short time as did best; some one and some another, they should have looked to Vance the hotel to treat the diseases of the those who have lived and wrought elected in 1885, and again re-elected popularity. He possessed that rare sharp voice squeaked out, "Well, and how right and fit it seems that outside the borders of our State in 1891, and died at his residence in power of winning friends, was bless- gintlemen, I have noticed this little the people of the State from that than they have devoted to the study Washington, April 14, 1894. Thus ed with rare power of persuasive feller Vance, and if he can git apast time on to the close of his life conof our own great and illustrious is told in very briefest outline speech. His spirit was ambitious the jedge, he's about as good as any ferred on him every honor that it men. We have been prone to feel the history of the life of Zebulon and ever self-reliant, his integrity av 'em.' that the farthest hills are the green- Baird Vance. It were impracticable was incorruptible. As he left his est, that a thing wins glory from its as well as impossible to discuss at university to go out into the larger entered the Confederate army as ment. The outcome of the memorbeing far, and orbs into the perfect length all the important incidents in world into a larger field of action captain in May, 1861, and was made able campaign for the governorship

respects. He was a boy of spirit, elected was the fact that he was too therewith I have speedily and sindash, energy, snap and vim. On young. I cannot tell you how Vance cerely declined all promotions save one occasion he was reprimanded by met the objection, but he met it in a that which placed me at the head of his teacher for loud talking, and as manner most satisfactory to those the gallant men whom I now compunishment for his fault, Mr. who heard him, and it goes without mand. A true man should, however, hole with a pair of tongs in his illustrative of Vance's ability as a public voice may assign him. If, hands and told him not to open his campaign speaker and his readiness therefore, my fellow citizens believe mouth until he caught the mouse. at repartee I desire to relate the fol- that I could serve the great cause Zeb took his place at the hole, and lowing incident that occurred when better as Governor than I am now the work of the school went on. Hon. David Coleman was running doing and should see proper to con-Finally the time for "spelling by against Vance for Congress. Col- fer this great responsibility upon me The Halifax Chapter of the United ancestry. Therefore let us take a heart" came around, and in the ex- onel Coleman quoted the parable of without solicitation on my part I Daughters of the Confederacy ob- justifiable pride in the fact that we citement of the contest everybody the barren fig tree and applied it to would not feel at liberty to decline served Lee-Jackson Day in the Court have met here for this laudable pur- forgot Zeb. All at once he startled Vance, saying that Vance had been it, however conscious of my own at Halifax with the following most pose. This is a gathering of North the school by shouting out, "Darned to Congress and that there was no unworthiness." How efficiently he Carolinians for North Carolina. It's if I haven't got him!" And sure fruit to be seen, and he shouted, served as Governor during this pea case of me and my wife, my son enough he had the mouse gripped "Now, fellow citizens, cut him riod that tried men's souls is writ-Chorus, How Firm a Foundation, John and his wife, us four and no with the tongs. Some travelers down." When the time had come ten on the pages of history in glitmore. Do not understand me to passed his father's house one day for Vance to speak he turned to tering letters. He is known to us Recitation, The Veteran, Miss Mil- speak in the spirit of vain glory; I and asked Zeb if there was any Colonel Coleman and said, "Colonel, as the War Governor of North Caroonly speak in a spirit of justifiable liquor about the house. He said your Scripture quotation was un- lina. He equipped and sent to the Chorus, We're Tenting To-Night, pride, glad for what we are and for yes his mother had some. They fortunate. The facts are that the the field more troops, according to what we have done, yet realizing gave him a bottle and he went to Lord went into the garden with the population, than were sent from any Recitation, The Men in Gray, our short comings and always seeing Mammy Venus and got a bottle of gardener, and seeing no fruit on other State-one-sixth, in fact, of something ahead yet to be accom- pot-liquor and gave to the strangers, the fig tree he said to the gardener, the soldiers that were mustered into Quartette, Let Us Pass Over The plished. I wish that every citizen in He charged them nothing for it but 'Cut it down,' but the gardener the Confederate army. As a result River, Mrs. Furgerson, Mrs. Mer- our State could be imbued with the made them promise not to open it answered, 'Not so, Lord, but let it of his efforts the North Carolina spirit of patriotism and loyalty. It until they had gotten out of sight, stand another year and I will dig soldiers were better fed and better Recitation, Stonewall Jackson, is only such a spirit that will insure Zeb had kept in sight to see the fun. about it, and then if it bears no clothed than were the soldiers from us a glorious future and leave to Zeb's mother possessed a great deal fruit cut it down.' Now, gentle- any other State in the Confederacy. Chorus, Old Stonewall, The Daugh- generations yet unborn a rich and of skill in reducing Captain Vance's men," said Vance, "all things ac- He accomplished this result in priceless heritage. Assuming that old broadcloth suits to fit Zeb. The cording to Scripture." His reply most systematic and vigorous way Quertette, Nellie Gray, Mr. and these considerations have moved us following is a poem he wrote when was enough. Such a shout as had Ocean steamers were furchased to how completely should our hearts he was a boy in memory of the fact: never been heard in the old court transport cotton abroad. These and minds be in harmony with a How dear to the heart are the pants house before went up that day, and steamers made frequent trips to Vance defeated his eloquent oppon- Liverpool, and were reloaded with When fond recollections present ent by 1,900 votes. But I would do all such articles as the necessities of the subject of this sketch a gross in- the people of the State required. justice if I should lead one of you to An agent was sent to England to And likewise the groves where think that the inimitable humor superintend the sale of the cotton which lightened up his speech was and the purchase of the articles the distinguishing feature of his which so enhanced the comforts of oratory, or that it was a disting- the people and the soldiers. In this uishing characteristic of Vance. way he was enabled to satisfy not Chorus, Old Black Joe, The Daugh- Zebulon B. Vance was born in And also with marbles, fish-worms His humor was but the adornment only the immediate necessities of his of a masterful intellect, and if he own people and the soldiers of his sometimes seemed to live on the sur- own State, but large quantities of face of things, to lack earnestness provisions and supplies were turned and seriousness, it was due to the over to the Confederate government fact that men failed to look beneath for the troops of other States. In the surface and see hidden there a the winter succeeding the battle of treasure-house full of golden vir- Chickamauga he sent General Longtues. He was full of the milk of street's corps 14,000 suits of clothhuman kindness; he loved his fel- ing complete. While Vance was lowmen, and was a happy spirit him- Governor he frequently visited the self. It was his joy to lighten the North Carolina troops in Virginia cares which weighed upon others. General J. E. B. Stuart said of one

> first began the practice of the law to ten thousand men." Governor of North Carolina, a peri- desire to care for the people of the od of ten years, there was nothing State and North Carolina soldiers, especially notable in the work he ac- he was concerned in maintaining plished. Owing to the fact that he the supremacy of civil authorities of had spent so much of his time dur- the state against the agression of ing that interval eitner in public military power. To him is due the office or on the stump, he had not proud destinction that in North had opportunity to become a thor- Corolina alone, of all other States, oughly equipped lawyer, and in with one possible exception, in the Congress he made no elaborate United States or Confederate speeches nor was he the author of States, the writ of habeas corpus any legislation of wide-spread in- was at no time suspended during terest, yet even at this early stage in the four years of war. This is ashis career he had won reputation as tounding when we remember that from their friends, and Vance, of being a good jury lawyer, and in forty millions of people were en-Congress he had proved himself gaged in desperate strife. It seems alert, lively and industrious as the well-nigh impossible that amid the official records abundantly show, gleaming of bayonets, the roaring Vance was accustomed to telling the of cannon, the thunder of charging following story on himself relating squadrons and the light of burning to this early period of his career cities he could accomplished this minutes before every man had and concerning more especially his No wonder that when the war clouds sought his acquaintance and taken profession: While attending court had rolled away and the Sun of him in his heart. His life sparkled in one of the counties of his circuit a Peace looked down on a blood soak with wit, and he was conspicuous group of men were discussing in the ed land and the task of replenishing. for his sense of humor. He was big court yard the merits of the differ- rebuilding and revivifying a desohearted and companionable, and ent lawyers who attended at the bar. late, devastated and deadened land Rocky Mount. perhaps no student attended the Some said Woodfin was the best weighed heavily upon the people of lawyer; some thought Gaither the our State, no wonder, I say, that third Wednesday of each month at Vance, who gained such wide-spread and finally a large man with a small for needed guidance and leadership, Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat and fit glasses

As I have already stated, Vance met the necessity of every requirestar we saw not when we moved his life. It would require more he went well equipped for the life coionel in August of that year. of North Carolina in which Vance During the short time that he was had for his competitor Judge Tom Leaving Chapel Hill, Vance imme- in the army he won distinction as a Settle, an able and most astute man,

we are like the old fellow who met a ever activity he acquitted himself as same year he was elected solicitor of The following August he was sion. Prior to this campaign the stranger on a train one day. They only true men can, always proving Buncombe county. Long after- chosen Governor of his State by a Republicans had had complete con- Scotland Neck, began to discuss the relative merits himself worthy of the confidence im- wards in lecturing to the law college very large majority in spite of the trol of all the departments of the Representing the Metropolitan of several big men. The stranger posed in him, faithful to every trust, of the District of Columbia he re- face that he had not sought the State government ever since the Life Insurance Co., of New York. mentioned Bill Jones. The old fel- zealous in the performance of every ferred to his work as solicitor in the office. In a letter written to ex- close of the war. All the election low said, "We can pass Bill by, he duty. My aim shall be this after- following manner: I went out to press his willingness to accept the machinery was in their hands. Unlives in my town." Natural im- noon to bring before your mental court on horse back, and carried a office should the people of North limited supplies of money for campulse doubtless prompts most of us vision as nearly as I can a personal pair of saddle-bags with a change Carolina see fit to bestow that great paign purposes were at their comto feel that way, yet this shou'd not life picture of the man himself, en- of shirts and a North Carolina Form honor upon him he said: "Believ- mand. Settle was by far the strong- Halifax county, N. C., under his be; certainly not, when we come to deavoring at the same time to give Book in one end of the saddle bags, ing that the only hope of the South est and most popular Republican in last will and testament, this is to noconsider North Carolina and her some idea of the importance and and it is none of your business what depends upon the prosecution of the the State, yet Vance was elected by tify all persons having claims against loyal sons whom she has honored and who in turn have honored her. who is the scope of the work he accomplished, and to ascertain if possible the scope of the work he accomplished, and to ascertain if possible the was in the other end. Vance went was in the other e North Carolina is great in past secret of his greatness and of the he was called upon to run for the invader presses the Southern soil, I what a benefit his election was to tice will be pleaded in bar of their achievement, the record of her his- high esteem in which he was held by legislature. A highly respected took the field at an early day with the entire State and what a god-send recovery. All persons owing said tory testifies to the strength and all who knew him. And to this end gentleman, a great deal older than the determination to remain there it was to the cause of reconstructure. This Dec 2 1914

He was a remarkable boy in many jection why Vance should not be main unchanged. In accordance

He possessed a keen sense of duty, of his speeches to the army that "If and no man can be reckoned as care- the test of eloquence is its effect less and thoughtless or shallow who this speech was the most powerful ever delivered." General Lee said. During the interval when Vance "Speech equivalent to a force of the time when he was first elected Next to Governor Vance's earnest

was in their power to bestow. Vance to meet the demands of every occahopefulness, the faithfulness and I desire to first tell you something Vance was his competitor, who until our indebtedness was achieved. It is the trials through which is the trial th stated as one of his grounds of ob- My convictions in this regard re- (Continued on Page Two.)

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