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SMITHFIELD COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises of a High Order—Excellent Address by Mr. E. D. Broadhurst—Medals and Prizes Awarded.

The commencement exercises at Turlington Graded School began last Friday night with Miss Glasgow's Music Recital. The program as published in last week's HERALD was carried out, and in addition there was a vocal solo by little Miss Irene Myatt. All the numbers on the program were enjoyed by the large audience present, all the pieces were of a high order and each performer rendered his or her part well, reflecting credit upon themselves and their most excellent teacher, Miss Glasgow.

The recital was pronounced by many to be the best yet given by the music class.

The contests in declamation and recitation took place Wednesday evening. The large auditorium was packed to its fullest capacity.

The program follows:

Sioux Chief's Daughter—Miss Dora Barbour.

One Century's Achievements—Mr. Elmer J. Wellons.

The Whistling Regiment—Miss Dora Coats.

Flying Jim's Last—Miss Gladys Barbour.

The Old Actor's Story—Miss Ruth Sanders.

The Negro Party—Miss Eloise Martin.

The Mission of the Anglo-Saxon—Mr. Chas. J. Thomas.

The Roman Sentinel—Miss May Robinson Moore.

Tribute to Washington—Mr. Willard B. Johnson.

Race Destiny—Mr. Lee F. Turlington.

A Plantation Witch—Miss Bertie Lee Suttle.

How he saved St. Michaels—Miss Bessie Coats.

Little Bobby Shaftoe—Miss Lillias Gordon.

Prince Eric's Christmaid—Miss Mary Booker.

Miss Mary Wellons, who was one of the reciters, was sick and unable to recite.

At the close of the program the honor rolls were read. (These will appear next week.)

GRADUATING CLASS EXERCISES.

The exercises by the graduating class took place last night.

The following is the program. Prayer—Rev. J. H. Shore.

Address of Welcome—Mr. Leon Stevens, President of class.

Class History—Miss Martha Amelia Hudson.

Class Prophecy—Miss Bessie Durand Coats.

Class Oration—Benjamin Franklin—Mr. Lee Franklin Turlington.

ESSAYS SUBMITTED BY GRADUATES.

Reward of Perseverance—Miss Ione Parker Abell.

True Womanhood—Miss Alma Geneva Eason.

Development of the Modern Novel—Miss Mary Elizabeth McCullers.

Home Influences—Miss Martitia Marsh Sanders.

The Man of Destiny—Miss Mildred Lee Sanders.

A People's Hero—Mr. Leon Gladstone Stevens.

Eloquence of Music—Miss Mary Anna Underwood.

Andrew Jackson—Mr. David Rand Wellons.

Longfellow as a Poet—Miss Ruth Young.

Annual Address—Mr. Edgar D. Broadhurst, Greensboro, N. C.

Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. Ira T. Turlington.

PRIZES IN MUSIC.

Miss Glasgow gave prizes in music to the following:

For greatest improvement—Miss Mary McCullers. Special mention—Misses Bessie Coats and Mattie Hudson.

Present at every recitation—Misses Dora Barbour, Isabel Rose and Lalla Rookh Stephenson.

These prizes were presented by Prof. Merritt.

AWARDING MEDALS.

The Turlington Medal for best Declamation, to Mr. Lee Franklin Turlington.

The Trustees Medal for best Recitation, to Miss Eloise Martin.

The Lassiter Medal for best Narrative, to Mr. David Rand Wellons.

These medals were delivered by Rev. J. H. Shore.

Prof. Turlington on behalf of the graduating class, presented Prof. Merritt with a handsome set of gold cuff links.

After making the usual announcements the commencement of 1906 was brought to a close.

For lack of time and space we are unable to make any comment in this issue either on the exercises or Mr. Broadhurst's most excellent address. Further mention will be made in our next issue.

KENLY NOTES.

Our commencement was a success in every respect.

The essays, recitations, etc., were well rendered, which showed credit to both teachers and students showing what trained minds could do with those capabilities of being trained. The exercises opened Friday, the 18th, at 10:30 a. m., with an essay contest, contesting for a medal by Misses Nell Richardson and Lillian Edgerton. Miss Edgerton won the prize. Then came one of the best addresses ever delivered at the Academy by Prof. W. A. Harper, of Elon College, N. C. After the address came dinner.

At 2:30 p. m., the large audience came back to hear the sweet music rendered by Miss Lillian Air's department.

At 4:30 a game of ball was played between the Lucama team and ours. The game was very interesting, the score being 6 to 4 in favor of Kenly.

At 8:15, the closing exercises began and continued until 10:30, closing with the recitation contest and delivering of medals.

Misses Nina Darden, Gladys Kirby and Rosa Edgerton were in the recitation contest, Miss Nina Darden winning the medal.

The musical medal was won by Miss Lillie Bagley and delivered by Prof. W. A. Harper.

There were four prizes offered by the principal, three in spelling, won by Yates Edgerton, Turner Bailey and Lillie Watson, one in arithmetic, won by Miss Annie Edgerton, which were delivered by Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh.

Excellent music was rendered by the Dunn Cornet Band, of Dunn, N. C., throughout the entire exercises.

Mr. B. E. Dickinson made a business trip to Wilson Thursday.

Mrs. Jno G. High left today (Tuesday) for Lucama to attend the Lucama High School commencement.

Miss Alice Dickinson, of near Spring Hope, has been spending some time with her sister, Mrs. D. B. Sasser. She left today to attend the Lucama commencement.

Mr. B. W. Harris happened to a very serious accident Monday while at work for the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company. He was working on the main building and while descending on a ladder a piece of falling timber from the roof fell, striking him on the shoulder, breaking some bones and injuring him probably for life. We learn that he is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. L. L. Farmer, the A. C. L. Railroad Company's agent at this place has gone for Elm City to take the same work at that place. Mr. W. L. Hooks takes his place here. Mr. Sidney Boyett of Smithfield, is here assisting in the agency work.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, of Charlotte, N. C., will be in Smithfield at Tuscarora Hotel on Saturday, June 9th for one day only. His practice is limited to Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Fitting Glasses.

CLAYTON COMMENCEMENT.

One of The Best in History of The School—Sermon by Dr. Dunaway—Address by Hon. E. W. Pou.

The Commencement sermon was preached Sunday May 13, by Dr. A. B. Dunaway. Dr. Dunaway's discourse on "Character Building" was a powerful one and was delivered with that force and oratory characteristic of the speaker.

Wednesday evening, 8:15—Graduating exercises by the class of high school and business department graduates and address by Hon. E. W. Pou. The graduates of the high school department were, Mr. Oscar Eason, Mr. Milfred Hinnant, Miss Daphne Williams, Miss Mina Blanchard, Miss Lucy Pool. Of the business department, Miss Lela Cole, Miss Lilly Barnes, Mr. Turner T. Wellons and Mr. Walter Creech. The oration by Mr. Milfred Hinnant deserves special mention. The papers by the other members of the class were exceedingly good.

After these exercises came the address by Mr. Pou, Johnston County's orator, his subject being "The Aristocracy of The Twentieth Century." The vast audience was held spell bound by the force and power of this great speaker's words—not a stir to mar the perfect attention. To prove that our people appreciate Mr. Pou's speeches, we have only to say that the whole town turned out to hear him.

INTERMEDIATE AND PRIMARY DEPARTMENTS—MAY 17.

Chorus—"Sing Merry Birds." Instrumental Solo—"Mazurka"—Holcombe—Verona Cable.

Vocal Solo—"Tommy Was a Bad, Bad Boy,"—Joseph Turley. Play—"Lost New Year,"—By Thirty Children.

Instrumental Solo—"Fore Lullaby"—Krogmans—Thelma Barbour.

Reading—"I'se Bad,"—Helen Snow.

Duet—"Little Waltz Song"—Sartorio—Melba McCullers and Mildred Barbour.

Brownies' Flirtation—Eight Boys and Eight Girls.

Chorus—"Doan ye Cry, Ma Honey."

Quartette—"La Grace"—Bohm—First Piano—Mildred Barbour, Maud Gulley.

Second Piano—Hugh Page, Mary Carter.

Drill—"Ten Little Injuns."

Reading—"Mammy Crittic and her Baby"—Rena Dodd.

Pantomime—"Ballad of Prudence Dean."

Quartette—"Shenandoah"—Webb.

First Piano—Zilphia Massey, Ruth Barnes.

Second Piano—Duber Ellis, Pearl Lowry.

Tom Thumb Wedding.

The participants in these exercises were all under 14 years of age, and rendered their parts perfectly. The music by this department deserves high praise, showing as it does, the efficiency of the teaching and the thorough application to the work, by the little ones.

The plays were all good, better than we expected. The song by Joseph Turley, reading by Helen Snow and reading by Rena Dodd were splendidly rendered. The Tom Thumb wedding was so much appreciated that it was called for again Friday evening.

LORDS OF CREATION.

DRAMA BY HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT—THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1906 8:30 P. M.

Dr. Edincott, a true man—W. P. Creech.

Mr. Grovenor, the head of the family—J. W. Stephenson.

Eugene, his son taking life easy—Brosia Adams.

Harold Douglas, with more money than brains—Floyd Gower.

Jim, a coachman much in love—Foster Barnes.

Kate Grovenor, who has a mind of her own—Carlotta Barbour.

Lizzie, a young seamstress—Winona Massey.

Mrs. Grovenor, Mr. Grovenor's lesser half—Ellie Whitley.

Alice Grovenor, anxious for a rich husband—Maud Turley.

Jennie, a Chambermaid who believes in Woman's Rights—Pauline Hales.

This play was rendered in a truly realistic order. Each player assumed the role expected of him. The moral of the play was shown forth in its true way and was appreciated by that portion of the audience which is represented by that class of people.

RECITAL BY DEPARTMENTS OF MUSIC AND ELOCUTION, FRIDAY, MAY 18th, 1906 8:30 P. M.

Chorus—Wanderer's Night Song—Rubenstein.

Trio—Girard Gavotte—Fonday—Misses Winona Massey, Hallie Johnston, Attrice Hall.

Recitation—As the Moon Rose—Miss Maud Turley.

Piano Solo—Valse Caprice—Scharwenka—Miss Leta Cable.

Recitation—Deathbed of Benedict Arnold—L. L. Creech.

Piano Solo—By Moonlight—Bendel—Miss Ethel Creech.

Recitation—The Last Word—Foster Barnes.

Duet—Loeschorn—Misses Jessamine Yelvington and Carlotta Barbour.

Chorus—The Crimson Glow of Sunset Fades.

Piano Solo, Springtime—Carreno—Miss Daphne Williams.

Recitation—Music on the Rappahannock—Miss Ellie Whitley.

Piano Solo—(a) Venetian Love Song—Nevin (b) Good Night—Miss Carlotta Barbour.

Courting Under Difficulties—Rudolph Barnes.

Duo—Salut a Pesh—Howalski—Misses Daphne Williams and Ethel Creech.

To say the departments of Elocution and Music have prospered under superior advantages offered this term, is to put it but mildly. You had only to hear the sweet strains that were borne to the ears of the vast audience on Friday evening to attest to this fact, in regard to the music—Not a single discord to break the marvelous harmony.

Then the recitations—Miss Maud Turley came first and gave us a splendidly rendered number; next came Leon L. Creech with "The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold." So vivid and realistic was the rendering that we could almost see the whole drama. Mr. Creech will be an orator one of these days, of whom Clayton will be proud. The recitations of Foster Barnes, Miss Ellie Whitley and Rudolph Barnes, were all good.

On this evening the diplomas were presented to the graduating class. The presentation was by Prof. T. H. Lindsay. Each presentation was accompanied by a very fitting little speech on the merits of the recipient.

The exercises were altogether a grand success and tell in plain words that pen can tell, the story of a hard season's work by the principal and other members of the faculty. Clayton High School is under a good management and should stay as it is, only that it may grow better as the years go by.

The biggest addition to the work of this grand school is its very efficient business department. This comprises book keeping, accounting, short-hand, typewriting and a general commercial course. Each year this great institution turns out new material for the various colleges and good ones at that. We shall ever praise Clayton High School so long as she holds up the high standard that it now has.

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BENSON COMMENCEMENT.

Rev. J. H. Shore Preached Fine Sermon on The Life Worth Living—Prof Carlyle Delivered Splendid Address.

On Sunday, May, 14, in the Baptist Church to a large and appreciative audience, Rev. J. H. Shore, of Smithfield, preached the sermon. His subject was "The Life Worth Living." Only those who heard him then or have heard him before can imagine what a treat we enjoyed. It was inspiring both to young and old to sit under the sound of his voice and hear him as he so beautifully brought out the thought that the only life worth living is the one hid with Christ in God and that every one can live this life who has a sufficient desire to follow the meek and lowly Nazarene.

Monday at 8:30 p. m. the declamations and recitations were delivered. All of the recitations and declamations were good. Among those that need special mention are the declamations of Mr. N. W. McLamb and Mr. W. N. Stewart, and the recitations of Miss Floy Johnston and Miss Julia Cannady. The successful contestants were W. N. Stewart of the declaimers and Julia Cannady of the reciters.

Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. the exercises by the Music and Elocution classes were held; for two hours these classes entertained a large and appreciative audience and when the exercises were over, all pronounced it a very enjoyable evening.

At eleven a. m. Wednesday, Professor J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, delivered an address to the school, parents, and friends. His address was strong, clear and logical. He plead for better educated boys and girls because it made better citizens of them. He proved conclusively to the minds of all reasonable persons who heard him that North Carolina is capable of a higher civilization than any of the Northern states. The address was enjoyed by all. No one spoke anything but praise of it.

Wednesday at 8 p. m. the doors were open and it was not long before the hall was filled. At 8:30 the exercises by the school began. For two and one half hours the audience was entertained by the school. Every one present proclaimed it a good entertainment.

One thing that was noticeable was the good order that ran through the whole exercises. No one could complain about the order. All said that it was the best ever seen at a commencement at Benson. This speaks loud for temperance. Let every one from now on stand solidly for the thing that stands for law and order—Temperance.

PRINCETON NEWS.

Capt. W. P. Raiford, Mrs. Raiford and W. P. Jr., after spending several days in Durham have returned home.

J. W. Perry and Geo. H. Perry visited Goldsboro Tuesday.

J. R. Ladbetter is making arrangements to put up an up-to-date cotton gin.

We are having a dry time now but at this writing the clouds seem to be gathering and we are hopeful.

Prof. Ira T. Turlington and J. M. Beatty gave us an address on Temperance last Sunday at the Baptist church. Had it been generally known they would have had a large crowd.

Mrs. Iredell Talton left Sunday for an extended visit among relatives in Richmond, Va.

J. A. Brewer and H. A. Watson are nearing the completion of a handsome two story residence in the south east division of our town which adds very much to that locality.

J. D. F.

W. G. Yelvington has a good line of brogan shoes from \$1.00 to \$1.50. At old prices.

BENSON NEWS.

Miss Eva Parrish left on Wednesday to visit her sister near Clayton.

Mr. Gaston Lee returned home on Wednesday of this week to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Phate Grant, of Norfolk Va. are spending this week with relatives.

Mr. J. W. Ryals and Mrs. J. M. Britt returned from a visit to relatives in Emporia, on Tuesday.

Mr. J. C. Stencil came home last week to spend a few days here with his family returning Tuesday to Petersburg, Va.

Among the visitors who came from a distance to attend the Benson Graded School commencement were Prof. Carlyle, of Wake Forest; Mr. R. J. Baucom and daughter Miss Lillie, of Richmond county; Mr. and Mrs. Esrom Johnson, of Spilona; Miss Nellie Smith, of Raleigh; Miss Mabel Weeks, of Smithfield; Miss May Baucom, of Dunn and Mr. C. R. Young, of Richmond.

One of the most enjoyable social gatherings of the season was given at the home of Mr. J. W. Whittenton on Friday night of last week, complimentary to the faculty, and students of the Benson Graded School. The evening was spent in interesting plays, interspersed by charming music. It was an occasion of real pleasure and all who attended expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed the evening.

Solon.

Wiggs-Woodard.

A very beautiful home wedding occurred at Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Woodard's near Princeton, Wednesday evening, May 16th, when their daughter, Miss Ophelia, was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. John Wiggs.

A large number of friends were in attendance at the happy event. The decorations at the home were very beautifully effected in pink and green and beneath a magnificent arch of roses and ferns at the appointed hour, 8 o'clock, the couple took the solemn vows which made them man and wife, Mr. W. L. Creech, J. P., officiating in the ceremony. Mr. Alvin Hodge, of Kenly, was best man and Miss Ada Woodrd maid of honor. The bride was handsomely gowned in white while the groom wore a suit of black.

The waiters were Thad Woodard and Miss Ada Whitley, Hubert Raiford and Miss Hattie Wall, Donnie Jernigan and Miss Alice Wiggs. After the ceremony the remainder of the evening was happily spent with songs and good music. The many nice wedding presents testify to the love and high esteem in which the couple are held by a host of friends.

The bride is an accomplished young lady and a teacher of some reputation, having taught in the Pine Level High School for the past two years. The groom is an industrious young farmer and also a leading teacher in the county.

A blissful union, love and happiness, ever be theirs along the rugged road of life.

A Friend.

Married.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Benajah Daughtry, of near Smithfield, on Sunday May 20th, 1906, at two o'clock, P. M., Mr. Paul L. Bizzell and Miss Lucy Daughtry were happily united in wedlock, Jesse Daughtry, J. P., officiating.

The attendants were: Mr. Walter R. Bizzell with Miss Flossie Morgan and Mr. Herman J. Whitley with Miss Norma Daughtry.

After the marriage the happy couple went to Selma where they took the train for their future home at Goldsboro.

We wish for them a long and happy journey through life.

A Witness.

Watson for all kinds of shoes.