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A GREAT DAY AND A GREAT SPEECH BY A GREAT SPEAKER.

The Splendid Effort of Rev. Thomas Dixon—The Conferring of Degrees—And Other Notes.

To-day was one of the big days of commencement week at Wake Forest College. Commencements here are State occasions, and they attract representative men and women from many States. The alumni of the institution are scattered all over the land, and among them are some of the men whose counsel and work are directing the destiny of the State and nation.

Each recurring commencement they have a great reunion, and no gathering ever occurs in the glorious Old North State that is larger, more happy and more inspiring than the annual reunions of the old students and alumni of Wake Forest College.

The old alumni and students are here to-day. All the morning the classic and beautiful campus has been dotted with groups of them talking over the past, congratulating themselves over the grand and progressive present of the institution and planning with bright and cheerful hopes for the future. And these hopes cannot be otherwise than bright. The institution has the cordial sympathy and support of one of the largest and best elements of people in the State. These people love the institution. They have worked and struggled and striven and their chief educational institution is almost a part of the lives of many of them. With all this work their love for the college is increasing and with this increased love work for it grows more earnest and more vigorous, and these are the conditions which will surely push Wake Forest college on and on to greater achievements and greater usefulness.

Here to-day the gray-haired alumnus of fame and reputation is talking with the graduate of this session—the one reciting the past of the college and taking in the retrospect; the other listening and gathering inspiration and determination to work for the continued prosperity and usefulness of his Alma Mater, and regarding the introspective with ambitious hopes and plans.

The Assemblage.
The assemblage of people here is an honor to the State. Any State or country would be honored by such a representation. Leading men from all over North Carolina are here.

Special trains are bringing in many visitors from all sections, and Wake Forest College commencement is more largely attended than has been or will be that of any other educational institution in the State this year.

Raleigh's Contingent.
On a special train which came out from Raleigh this morning were the following visitors:

Gov. Fowle, Maj. S. M. Finger, Commissioner Robinson and Mrs. Robinson, Rev. Dr. Hall and Mrs. Hall, Rev. Dr. Thos. E. Skinner, Mr. N. B. Broughton, President Holliday of the A. and M. college, Maj. W. V. Vass and Mrs. Vass, Rev. Dr. J. W. Carter, Mr. W. H. Pace, Capt. J. J. Thomas, W. G. Upchurch, Esq., Mr. J. D. Boushall, Prof. W. V. Savage, Mr. Joseph Daniels, Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., Maj. Jno. M. Oran-shaw, Mrs. Wm. Oran, Mr. Jno. W. Thompson, Rev. J. P. Barrett, Rev. W. G. Clements, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, Rev. J. A. Speight, Rev. J. K. Howell, Mr. J. A. Higgs, Mr. W. N. Jones, Ed. Chambers Smith, Esq., Mr. J. N. Holding, Mr. Herbert Norris, Mr. I. M. Proctor, T. L. Emery, Esq., R. J. Rogers, Rev. J. A. White, Dr. A. McDowell, Mr. W. H. Holloway, Mr. A. L. Ferrell, S. Otto Wilson, Esq., Mr. B. F. Montague, Mr. J. M. Broughton, Mr. O. J. Carroll, Prof. J. E. Smith, Mr. E. P. Cooley, Mr. J. W. Denmark, Mr. A. D. McIver, Mr. M. D. Edwards. Among other Raleigh people who came out earlier in the week are Rev. Dr. C. Durham, Hon. Geo. W. Sanderlin and others.

Quite a number of Raleigh young ladies are present and, as they always are everywhere, they are belles and favorites here; though they have no easy task to hold their own against the grace and beauty sent here by other towns and cities in the State.

Visitors from Elsewhere.
Visitors from elsewhere increase the crowd to thousands. Among them are such men as Rev. Dr. Thos. H. Pritchard, of Wilmington, Rev. W. B. Gwaltney, of Greensboro, Rev. J. D. Huffman, one of the great Baptist bishops, is here, and there are one hundred or more men here from various sections of the State nearly as good as these.

Everybody spent the morning walking about the campus, forming into little groups, then individually moving from one to the other under the umbrageous oaks, and having a delightful social time generally.

The Day's Exercises.
At 10:30 o'clock the chapel bell sounded and a great stream of people began to flow toward the great assembly hall. By eleven o'clock the auditorium was filled by one of the best audiences ever assembled in this county. It was announced that Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr. would deliver the annual commencement address, and many appreciative people crowded into the hall to hear the distinguished young orator and divine.

While the audience was assembling the Voelker's splendid band was discoursing the sweetest music from the gallery.

As the crowd was entering at the doors Gov. Fowle was seen, and he was given an ovation as he went down the aisle. Soon after he came in Rev. Thos. Dixon was escorted to the stand by a marshal from each society and was welcomed on the rostrum by Dr. C. E. Taylor, president of the college.

The exercises of the great hall were opened with prayer by Dr. J. W. Carter.

He expressed gratitude for the past work and progress of the college, and was grateful to omniscient Providence that the present of the college was prophetic of a grand and glorious work in the future.

Dr. C. E. Taylor, president of the college, then came before the audience and said: In 1889 I attended a lecture given in New York by an orator of national reputation. On the way home the lecture and the great oratorical powers of the lecturer were the subject of conversation. In talking about it I said then that there was a young man at Wake Forest college whose intellect and oratorical powers, I thought, were equal to those of the brilliant orator we had just heard. My friend doubted the statement and thought my judgment must be warped by my partiality. To-day there are ten thousand people who freely acknowledge and not from partial reasons, that one of the greatest men and orators of this country is Rev. Thos. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon's Address.
Mr. Dixon said: It seems incredible to me that it has been seven years since I was here—since I was a part of this institution—and I greet you here again to-day with feelings of joy that I cannot express.

I want to thank you, young gentlemen, for the excuse you have given me to miss a Sunday in New York and spend it with you. I don't know what to say about your action in this matter. I have thought at times that your judgment in the selection of orators was not the best—though you had an element of roughness in you and were a sort of rough crowd; but I believe now that you have excellent judgment after all.

I was here once. I was one of the boys. I did not see the fun in commencements that some of the boys did. I was an "aloof" sort of a man. When these glorious occasions came around I

stood off in a corner, curled my lip scornfully and when I saw a young man walk into the hall with a girl I would inwardly remark—"see that fool there! I took no stock in girls. I tried to be superior to them, and held off, yet I had a feeling that I wanted to love somebody, but I didn't know who. But I kept away. Yet, my friends, I was the first member of that class to marry. So I want to say to the young ladies here to-day, if any of you have a bashful lover don't be discouraged. These bashful young men are the most dangerous fellows in the world."

Mr. Dixon made other introductory remarks of a very witty, telling and illustrative nature, and then announced the subject of his address as

The Restless Masses.
He spoke earnestly, eloquently, impassioned. Words flowed from his heart and lips in a resistless current, carrying everybody along with the sentiments he expressed. The speaker's whole soul and being seemed to be dissolving itself into what he was saying. His words seemed to burn into the very hearts of his audience. Their whole attention was chained by the living, burning thoughts of the speaker, and they sat and gazed and listened as though they were under the influence of a mesmerist.

At times the pathos and eloquence of the speaker were so deep—so strong—so impassioned, that the irrepressible tears welled up and glistened in thousands of eyes. Then, by the very magic of eloquence, the speaker would swing them from the realm of sympathy into the regions of spontaneous and uncontrollable laughter. Never have the walls of Wingate hall, nor any other hall in this State or country, sent back to the echoes a grander, nobler eloquence than was heard at Wake Forest to-day.

The address was not in manuscript, and this being known, a number of reporters were present with the intention of "taking" the speech. But the words of the speaker fell with the rapidity of falling hail. He drew the attention of the knights of the quill from their desks and fastened their whole attention upon himself. After a few ineffectual attempts to catch the ideas as they flowed, the reporters gave up the undertaking and sat and listened, and were as wholly absorbed in undivided attention as anybody else.

The burden of the lecture was the fraternal relation of man to man. He illustrated selfishness and showed its glaring odiousness. He said that the sorrows of one man were the sorrows of another, and there was no possible way to get away from these sorrows. These were the burning points of the lecture, illustrated and intensified by the powerful eloquence of the speaker.

He began by saying that we are in a period of transition. Everything and everybody is in a state of restlessness, and this was because of the sad, stupendous prevalence of selfishness. He showed how contrary this principle was to Christian teaching. When Christ was in the world, His disciples came

to Him and asked him how to pray. If you will tell me what a man prays, I will tell you what a man can attain to. This is the great index of a man's character. What did the Master say? He did not tell them to pray selfishly. There was nothing of the principle of selfishness in His teachings. It was not like the old fellow who prayed, "Oh, Lord, bless me and my wife and my daughter and my son John, as four and no more." Oh no, but the Master taught them to pray for FATHERS—yes, our—not the Father of one or two or of a caste or of a nation, but OUR FATHER—Father of the world. The next instruction was, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This means that the Chinaman over here is my neighbor; the negro on this side is my neighbor; every man of every caste is my neighbor. But there is a condition sadly opposite to this. In some business circles the following resolution is the guide of action: Resolved, That we will love ourselves as our neighbors love themselves; that we will help ourselves, &c.

The speaker went on to show the evidences of a revolution with reference to the principles of this last resolution. Heretofore there had been myriads of small businesses—all struggling to keep up—and the success of one meant the downfall of another. This method of business had begun to prove ruinous and the only relief was for them to join together in co-operative companies. The formation of these co-operative companies eliminated a great amount of selfishness, because when they joined together they worked together and not against each other. The speaker took the position that the formation of these co-operative companies did not, as was supposed by some, tend to raise the price of articles of consumption, but rather tended to make those articles cheaper. He illustrated this proposition by citing the great oil trust,

from the steps. Freed from its load, the iron monster darted up the mountain side alone to meet the coming foe! A long gray streak of smoke marked the way as with the speed of the wind it dashed around curve and cliff and on to the mortal combat! Meanwhile down the track in full sight came the wild cars at a speed so fearful that, as they rounded the curves the wheels rose from the track and came down with a resounding crash. Then with a mighty, tiger-like rage, they flew at each other! The crash shook the hills! A roaring cloud of steam burst into the air, and then the shattered cars, a grinding, cracking mass, rose higher, higher, higher, until it quivered and tottered for a moment at its base, reeled, and went thundering down the embankment into the ravine below. The grateful passengers draw near. There were the splintered ties, the deep ugly furrows in the road-bed, the broken rails and the mangled fragments of an utter wreck. The gallant engine was a hopeless ruin. There it lay like some noble, wounded animal, with its iron ribs broken and crushed, its brass lungs burst, and its great heart torn out! It had fought a battle in which hundreds of lives and untold interests were at stake, and had won. It had died that men might live! And yet that grateful throng never even inquired the name of the engine. They reared no monument to its memory there. And why? Because the engine had no power of choice. It was compelled to do what it did, hence no moral quality could be attributed to the deed.

His "labor" had proved priceless, but there was a value on the machine, the work and construction of which were the salvation of many lives. Mr. Dixon spoke one hour and twenty minutes, during every moment of which he commanded the most earnest and intense attention of more than a thousand listeners.

Gov. Fowle Called Up.
At the conclusion of Mr. Dixon's address there were calls for Gov. Fowle. He was on the rostrum and was led to the front by President Taylor.

He graciously alluded to his admiration and partiality for Wake Forest. He said he felt like he wanted to thank God for what he had seen and heard to-day. He referred to the great speech just made by Mr. Dixon, and declared that it was the greatest and grandest address he had ever heard from that stage, and he had heard speakers whose fame as intellectual men and orators was co-extensive with this broad country. "Oh! my friends," he exclaimed, "pathetically and earnestly, 'if the principles which have just been set forth by your speaker could be put into practice all over this State, what a grand old commonwealth it would be!'"

Suppose the Governor of this State could be called upon to call out the militia to quell riots. How many times would people assemble themselves in mobs, mask themselves and lay in wait to lynch their fellow man. It would never be, my friends—no; never, never, never! I feel now that I but echo the sentiments of this large audience and of the people of this whole State when I say, God Bless Tom Dixon."

Degrees Conferred.
The board of trustees of the college were in session yesterday. Among the very graceful things they did was to confer the degree of D. D. on Rev. C. Durham, of Raleigh, and the degree of L. L. D. on Rev. Dr. Thos. Hume, of Chapel Hill.

Rev. C. Durham is confessedly one of the deep thinkers and strong speakers of the State Baptist ministry, and the college honored itself in bestowing the degree upon him. He will wear the honor worthily and with dignity.

Dr. Hume is the polished and cultured literatus and English scholar of North Carolina. No man more worthily merits the honorable degree given him, and certainly those who know him are of the opinion that the action of the board is a very happy and graceful acknowledgment of the scholarship and attainments of Dr. Hume.

Notes.
To-night the baccalaureate sermon was preached to a tremendous audience by Rev. Dr. W. W. Laudrum, of Virginia. It was a masterly effort and met with great and cordial appreciation.

For two days the board of trustees has been considering the election of a successor to Prof. W. H. Michael for the chair of physics. There were quite a number of applications before the board, and after long discussion it was decided to postpone the election till July.

The late Rev. Dr. J. S. Purefoy bequeathed a some of money to the college to establish an infirmary. This matter was before the board of trustees, but they did not seem to think that there was any pressing necessity for the infirmary, and the matter was laid over for future consideration.

HIS FANTASY IMAGINATION.
He Brooded Over a Dog Bite and Died From Imaginary Hydrophobia.

CINCINNATI, O., June 11.—Wm. White, a young telephone operator, was bitten by a dog last April. He read of the symptoms of hydrophobia and yesterday morning he told the family they must strap him to the bed. Half an hour later he went into convulsions and last night he died. The doctors say death was caused by mania on the subject and that there were no indications whatever of rabies.

THAT AWFUL CENSUS.
More People Arraigned for Refusing to Answer Questions.
(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, June 11.—Eight persons were brought before U. S. Commissioner Shields this morning, charged with refusing to answer the questions of the census enumerators. Six were discharged and two were held for examination.

TWO TERRIBLE FIRES

ENTIRELY DESTROY TWO CITIES IN RUSSIA.

Eighteen Thousand People are Homeless—Millions of Property Burned.
(By United Press.)
ST. PETERSBURG, June 11.—Information has reached here of a destructive fire, accompanied by a great loss of life and property at Uraleisk and New Jansk, in the Ural mountain mining district. The magazines, iron works, school houses, churches, and a thousand dwellings were destroyed. Forty persons lost their lives, and eighteen thousand were rendered homeless by the disaster.

A BOY'S FATAL ANGER.
He Holds His Little Sister Over a Fire Till Her Clothing Ignites—She Jumps Into a Creek and is Drowned.
(By United Press.)

HAZELTON, Penn., May 11.—Nellie Dougherty, aged eleven years, was fatally burned yesterday by her brother, who is about a year younger. The children had been fishing, and the boy built a fire to roast some frogs. Becoming enraged at his sister for some trivial act, he dragged her to the fire and held her over it till her clothing became ignited. He thought he could extinguish the flames without seriously injuring her, but he delayed too long and all efforts to put them out failed. In her desperation the poor child threw herself into the creek. Some men who were passing arrived just in time to save the life of the boy, whose clothing had also caught fire. The little girl died a few hours later. The boy is badly burned, but will recover.

THE HOUSE SILVER BILL.
It is Reported to the Senate with Various Amendments.
(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 11th.—The Senate committee on finance to-day reported back to the Senate the House silver bill, with important amendments. The provision making the certificates to be issued a legal tender is stricken out; also the provision making the certificates redeemable in bullion on demand at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury; also, the section providing that when the market price of silver is \$1 for 371.25 grains silver it shall be suspended. A new provision was added limiting the operation of the proposed new law to ten years from the date on which it takes effect.

DETECTIVE WORK.
Two Men Who Robbed a Magazine of \$50,000 Caught.
(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, June 11.—Two detectives of inspector Byrnes' staff arrived here this morning on the steamer Saratoga, from Havana. They had in their custody Robert P. Wallace and J. B. Lowitz, the two men who robbed the "Wallace Monthly Magazine" of \$50,000. The men fled to Cuba under assumed names, and the detectives had considerable difficulty in getting extradition papers.

A SINGULAR DUEL.
In Which Cowboys Figure and the Lariat is Used.
(By United Press.)

MOORE STATION, Tex., June 11.—Yesterday two Mexican cowboys living near here had a singular and fatal duel. Their names were Jose Carrasco and Manuel Basco. They met in the road, quarreled about a cow and endeavored to lasso each other. Carrasco lariatied his opponent by the neck, dragged him from the saddle and set off at full speed. Basco was dragged nearly a mile. His neck was broken.

TWO PRETTY GIRLS STOLEN.
The Bold Deed of Two Horse Traders Near Leavenworth.
(By United Press.)

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 11.—Two horse traders, whose names are unknown, abducted the pretty daughters of a miner named A. J. Aker, Monday. The girls, the elder 20 years of age, and the younger 16, were taken away in a covered wagon.

A Captured Train Wrecker.
(By United Press.)
DICKINSON, N. D., June 11.—One of the bandits who robbed the Northern Pacific train at New Salem on Sunday morning has been captured. The man is named Charles E. Bailey, and, as he fears lynching, he is telling all he knows.

IRELAND AND FRANCE
Joined Together in Bonds Matrimonial.
(By United Press.)
LONDON, June 11.—Mr. William O'Brien, member of Parliament for county Cork, and Mlle. Raffalovich, daughter of the distinguished Parisian banker, were married by Archbishop Orok. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. Parnell and many other members of the Irish national party.

BEAUTIFUL COTTONS.
The Last Addition.
(By United Press.)

Yesterday we possibly—if such a thing were possible—made the prettiest addition to our stock of printed cottons we ever had the pleasure of showing. We refer to a line of 38 inch French Batistes at 20c per yard—imported—to sell at 35c. We got them to sell at 20c. W. H. & R. S. TUCKER & CO.

THE SENATE'S WORK YESTERDAY.

The Criminal Jurisdiction of Courts—The Silver Bill.
(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The Senate to-day passed Senate bill extending the criminal jurisdiction of the circuit and district courts to the great lakes and their connecting waters.

Mr. Merrill from the committee on finance, reported back formally and with sundry amendments, the House silver bill and gave notice that he would offer it as a substitute for the Senate bill. The Senate silver bill was then taken up and Messrs. Enstis and Turpie addressed the Senate.

The Senate bill to prohibit monopoly in the transportation of meal products was taken up and passed.

The Dependent Pension Bill.
(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—House.—The conference report on the Senate dependent pension bill was presented and the previous question was ordered. In explanation of the report, Mr. Morrill stated that the conference committee had stricken out the dependent feature of the Senate bill, and the service feature of the House bill. It would distribute \$35,000,000 among the poor soldiers of the nation. Mr. Yoder, of Ohio, protested against the conference report, holding that it ignored the demands of the soldiers. Protests were made on similar grounds by Messrs. Springer and Turner, and after further discussion the conference report was agreed to, yeas, 145; nays, 56.

The conference report on the anti-trust bill was taken up, but went over without action and the House at 4:30 adjourned.

A STARTLING DISCLOSURE.
An Attempt at Bribery by a School-Book Firm.
(By United Press.)

LYMPIA, Washington, June 11.—L. H. Leach, of Vancouver, a member of the board of education of this State, made the startling announcement to the board yesterday noon that he had been offered \$5,000 as a bribe to bring about the reconsideration of the text book adoption, and laid before the board the check for the money. It is stated the attempted bribery was done by C. E. Eames, in behalf of the American book company, representing the book trust. The board passed a resolution condemning the offer.

A GREAT DEAL.
The Sale of B. & O. Stock Reveals the Plan.
(By United Press.)

NEW YORK, June 11th.—The Commercial Advertiser this afternoon says that Richmond Terminal and Northern interests combined in the purchase yesterday of Baltimore and Ohio stock from the city of Baltimore; and that one of the most stupendous deals and combinations that has been made in years is on the tapis. Both the Richmond Terminal and Northern Pacific want to reach New York, and it is stated that yesterday's purchase of Baltimore and Ohio stock makes this possible.

The Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill.
(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The sundry civil appropriation bill for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1891, was reported to the House to-day by Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the appropriations committee. The bill carries appropriations aggregating \$27,926,143 against \$25,297,841 for the current fiscal year. The estimates on which the bill was based amounted to \$27,847,513. Among the items in the bill is one of \$26,000 for purchasing the site and beginning work on the public building at New Bern, N. C., and of \$2,500 for a portrait of Grover Cleveland for the White House.

TELEGRAPH FLASHES.
(By United Press.)

OTTAWA, Ont., June 11.—The Methodist conference, now in session here, has adopted a resolution expressing its refusal of any share of the \$50,000 awarded the Protestant denomination in Quebec in connection with the settlement of the Jesuit estates.

PARIS, June 11.—Poligny and other towns in the department of the Jura have been visited by severe earthquake shocks.

The Cruiser Baltimore Has Gone to Norfolk.
(By United Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—The Baltimore has been ordered to proceed to Norfolk to take on the rest of her armament. She will then go to Portland, Me.

Our reduced summer prices have proved to be a great success. Now is the best time to buy French Zephyr Ginghams at greatly reduced prices. MCKIMMON, HOSKIN & CO. 129 and 131 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, N. C.

The Queen's Favorite Dead.
(By United Press.)

LONDON, June 11.—Queen Victoria's favorite lady-in-waiting, the Marchioness, of Ely is dead.

After Many Ballots.
(By United Press.)

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 11.—A special to the Evening Post, from Carrollton, says: "W. W. Dickerson, of Grant county, was nominated on the two hundred and seventh ballot for Congress to succeed John G. Carlisle."



REV. THOS. DIXON, JR.