UNIVERSITY COMMENCEMENT.

Secretary Hoke Smith's Oration—The Largest and Most Brilliant Occasion Ever Seen at Chapel Hill

[Special Correspondence.]

CHAPEL HILL, N. C., June 9, '94.

The University has just closed its 99th session with the most brilliant commencement in its history. Secretary Hoke Smith's oration was heard by more than 3,000 people in Memorial Hall. He spoke with eloquence, wisdom and power worthy of the great occasion and the brilliant audience. The faculty reception Tuesday night was attended by 700 people, who amid strains of delightful music, were presented to Secretary Smith and wife by President Winston. The campus, the college and the village of Chapel Hill were packed for three days with hundreds of visitors from a distance and thousands of people from Orange, Wake, Chatham and Durham counties. The back of the campus was full of vehicles of all sizes, shapes and descriptions.

The commencement began with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday. It was preached by Rev. Dr. F. J. Murdoch, of Salisbury, from the text "What Shall I Do, Lord?" and "My Course is Finished." It was a manly appeal to the young for a manly life; and was marked by strength, eloquence, learning and simplicity. The literary societies held the annual meeting Monday night, greeted old members and initiated honorary members.

The Board of Trustees at their annual meeting appointed a committee of five to investigate and report at the February meeting concerning the Greek letter fraternities.

"The Life and Character of Dr. Chas. F. Deems" was the subject of the oration before the alumni association on Tuesday morning. It was delivered by Dr. F. L. Reid, and was a touching, eloquent and masterly delineation of one of North Crrolina's most gifted divines.

The senior class day exercises were held Tuesday afternoon and were the occasion of much fun and merriment. The class orator was H. H. Atkinson, of Asheville; the poet, Jas. Sawyer, of Asheville; the historian, T. B. Lee, of Mocksville; the prophet, L. E. Barnes, of Wilson. The singing of the class sons closed the exercises. The representatives of the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary societies held their annual contest in oratory Tuesday night; and the medal was won by H. H. Horne, of the Phi Society. The other speakers were J. C. Eller, of Ashe county; A. S. Dockery, of Richmond county; Herbert Bingham, of Mebane, a son of Col. Wm. Bingham; L. C. Brogden, of Wayne, and J. O. Carr, from Duplin.

The faculty reception in the gymnasium Tuesday night was the most brilliant affair ever seen at the University. Secretary Hoke Smith and his accomplished wife were presented to the guests by President Winston. Refreshments were served by Dughi, and music by the Richmond band. The reception lasted four hours and was attended by 600 or 700 people.

Commencement day proper was Wednesday, and it was a big day in every sense of the word. Thousands of people swarmed through the campus of fifty acres and packed Memorial Hall to its full capacity. On the stage sat the thirty members of the graduating class, orator Smith, Governor Carr, ex-Governor Holt, President Winston, Chief Justice Shepherd, Justices Avery and Clark, Supt. Scarborough and about 100 other of the most noted men in North Carolina.

The six best orators of the class delivered graduating orations. They were. Thos. S. Rollins, Ashevile. Subject: Two Factors of Modern Civilization.

A. Caswell Ellis, Louisburg. Subject: Permanence in Change.

E. E. Gillespie, Greensboro. Subject: A Plea for the Scientific Education of the Teacher.

T. B. Lee, Mocksville. Subject: The State and the Child.

C. L. VanNoppen, Durham. Subject: The Influence of Holland upon American Institutions.

W. F. Harding, Greenville. Subject: Truth and Poetry.

The Mangum medal for the best oration was won by C. L. VanNoppen.

The other graduates presented thesis on various subjects, embodying results of special research and study; some scientific, some literary, some philosophical, some historical, one thesis was on the "Artificial Production of Petroleum," another on "The Property Rights of Married Women as affected by the Laws of North Carolina," another on "Rousseau and his Emile," another on "Glassiation," another on "The Formation of the Atlantic Coast," another on "The origin and Rise of Civil Law," another on Nitrification." There were 31 graduates, as follows: 8 Bachelors of Arts, 7 of Science, 7 of Philosophy, 5 of Letters, 2 of Laws, 1 Master of Arts, and 1 Doctor of Philosophy. The Master of Arts was J. T. Pugh of Morrisville, who graduated last year. The subject of his thesis was "A Comparative Study of the Infinitive in the Satires of Horace and Persius." The Doctor of Philosophy was Chas. Baskerville; and his thesis was, "A Comparison of the Methods of Estimation and Separation of Zirconium.

Undergraduate honors were awarded to the following: Highest honors to H. H. Horne of the Junior Classs and Darius Eatman of the Freshman Class. Eatman is a painter who has worked his way to College, and both his own character and the character of the University are shown in the fact that he was elected President of the largest, smartest and strongest class in the University. Horne too is a working boy, and has literally mowed down honors for three years. Both boys are Baptists.

The medal for best essay by a graduate was awarded to J. R. Little; the D. G. Worth prize for best thesis in Moral Philosophy to L. M. Swink; the W. C. Kerr prize in Geology ($50 in cash) to Chas. H. White; the Holt Mathematical medal to A. B. Kimball; the Magazine Essay prize to H. H. Horne; the Chas. Hill History prize ($100 in cash) to E. M. Wilson. The subject of Mr. Wilson's thesis was the "Congressional Career of Nathaniel Macon. It is a valuable historical document.

Hon. Hoke Smith's oration was on the "Possibilities and Responsibilities of North Carolina." He delighted his large audience and charmed them with his earnest, eloquent and affectionate plea for the material development of North Carolina. He said that slavery and popular ignorance had retarded the State's growth. With freedom had come free schools and material progress. As soon as North Carolina has a free school for every square mile of her territory, she will be as rich as Massachusetts. It was pronounced the best commencement oration every made at the University. The degree of LL. D. was conferred upon Hon. Hoke Smith, President J. H. Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, and Judge A. S. Seymour. The degree of D. D. upon Rev. R. T. Bryan Missionary to China, and Rev. I. McK. Pittenger, of Raleigh.

Rev. F. D. Gold pronounced the benediction and closed the biggest commencement ever seen at Chapel Hill.

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FROM JACKSON COUNTY.

MR. EDITOR:—Our Alliance (the Sylva Sub) met at Bryson's School House on Saturday, June 2d, had a full turnout and a good meeting generally. We took three old members back into the fold and initiated one new member. Our Sub. is certainly in a flattering condition, as all the members seem to have the cause at heart and are going to work in hard down earnest.

We held our election of officers for the insuing year. The officers were as follows: President, Ben Smith, Addie; Vice President, J. L Fisher, Beta; Secretary, J. H. House, Sylva; Treasurer, A. W. Farmer, Beta; Lecturer, T. M. Frizell, Beta; Door-keeper, John B. Queen, Addie; Assistant Door-keeper, J. W. Cope, Sylva; Steward, S. R. Cook, Addie.

The Secretary reported 47 members in good standing, and five delegates were appointed (or elected) to the county meeting, which is held at Love's Chapel, on the second Thursday in July.

We have a public meeting on the 16th of June at night. Hope to have a good old "love feast" kind of a time that night with several speeches.

We were all very glad to learn that our Bro. Marion Butler would be at our county meeting to speak for us. We all want to see and hear him.

With best wishes for THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER'S success, I close.

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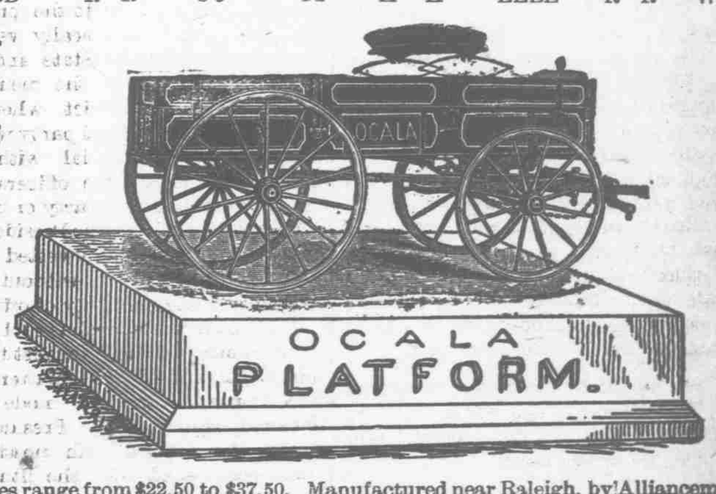

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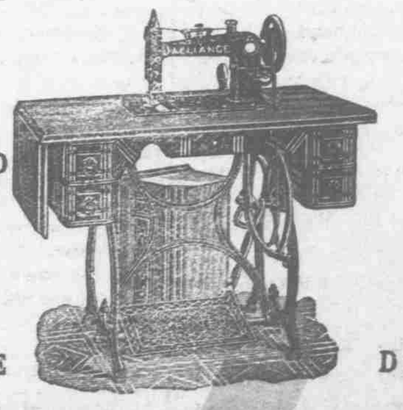

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