

GRADUATION AT THE ABILENE HIGH SCHOOL. (Continued from page 1.)

circumstances to go to wage earning, I would advise you to procure higher education in some college.

"Let the best elements of your life at school characterize your life among men.

"Set your ideals high and have the courage to stand for all that they demand."

Supt. Stacey presented the diplomas and made a short but inter-



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esting talk on the school work of the city.

The Graduates.

The graduates of the class of 1910 are:

- William Arthur Stacey, Valedictorian. Agnes Mary Curry, Salutatory. Frances Viola Anpley. Hazel May Beaver. Thomas Roy Dahnke. Florence Avis Dayton. Florence Mabel Engle. Edith Fenton. Jessie Cooper Hall. Drosilla Edith Halleck. Gladys C. Harding. Myrtle Maria Hoffell. Genevieve Aleen Huffman. Paul Simpson Jolley. Edith Eleanora Kauffman. Ruth Martin. Edith Mildred Morse. Jesse Wilbur Nicolay. Ruby Grace Norman. Ence Elizabeth Picking. Grazella Pulver. Mabel B. Pulver. John Harley Ross. Adah Catherine Sachau. Anna Mary Sauer. Rudolph Ernest Sexton. Iona Blanche Shearer. Bessie May Shockey. Kate Orpha Shearer.

Dinner for Dr. Sanders.

Supt. and Mrs. Stacey gave a dinner in honor of Dr. Sanders last evening at their home. The flowers were daisies and carnations and a four-course dinner was served for a party of twelve.

Last Day at High School.

The high school pupils received their cards and credits Tuesday. Prof. W. A. Stacey gave his annual farewell speech at chapel which was



Mildred Morse, First Prize.

greatly appreciated by the whole student body. The other members of the faculty failed to respond with speeches to the loud hand clapping of the students.

After chapel the annual election of officers of the high school athletic association was held. Frank Madden was elected president; Carl Nicolay vice president and Earl Merrifield, secretary. John McDonnell was re-elected captain of the baseball team and also was elected manager. Last year's officers were: Paul Jolley, president and manager of the baseball team; Earl Merrifield, vice president; Wilbur Nicolay, secretary and treasurer; John McDonnell, manager of the football team and captain of the baseball team; Milton Buffman captain of football team.

Rev. W. C. Coleman, secretary of the board of judges, gave out the prizes to the winners in the thesis contest on the anti-slavery movement in the United States. The prizes were given to the following: Mildred Morse, first prize, \$12; John McDonnell, second prize, \$8; and Miss Edith Kauffman third prize, \$5. The judges in the contest

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Baccalaureate Sermon.

The annual baccalaureate sermon of the high school was given Sunday night at the Seelye theatre, which was filled to standing room. The music was furnished by the Presbyterian choir assisted by Harry Fritz who rendered a beautiful solo. Rev. W. C. Coleman, Rev. C. A. Cole and Rev. B. H. Hobbs assisted in the services.

The sermon was by Dr. F. A. Wilbur of the University of Kansas and was an exceptionally able one. Dr. Wilbur is at the head of the Bible chairs of K. U. and one of the state's most talented preachers.

Dr. Wilbur's text was: Psalm 144:12, 15, "When our sons are as



Rev. Dr. F. A. Wilbur

plants grown up in their youth and our daughters are as cornerstones hewn after the fashion of a palace. \* \* Happy is the people that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people whose God is Jehovah." He said:

There is presented in this vivid portraiture the Psalmist's conception of what constitutes true national prosperity. It is well worth our study, in these days when we are asking anew the crucial question of our forefathers, "What constitutes a state?" Two generations ago an English poet wrote these memorable lines:

"Not high raised battlements or labored mound, thick wall or masted gate; not cities proud, with spires and turrets crowned; not bays and broad armed ports, where, laughing at the storm, rich navies ride; not starred and spangled courts, where low bowed baseness wafts perfume to pride; no, men; high minded men, with powers as far above dull beings indeed, in forest, brake, or den, as beasts excel cold rocks and brambles wide; men who their duties know, but know their rights, and knowing dare maintain. Prevent the longaimed blow, and crush the tyrant while they mend the chain. These constitute a state."

These words were nobly preserved, and deserve to be inscribed in letters of gold over our market places and schools; but they only echo in modern phrase the conviction of the Psalmist, as expressed in our text. His utterance has two characteristics which deserve special attention. First, that national prosperity depends less upon political institutions than upon domestic happiness. The emphasis is placed upon home life and the scene is laid in the country. There is the tinkling of sheep bells, the lowing of herds, and the shouts of merry harvesters. All the charms of rural life are there, reminding us of Cowper's happy phrase, "God made the country, but man made the town." The picture is characteristic, too, for what it does not contain. There is no glare of trumpets or tramp of armed men; no pomp and pagentry of war, with blazing cannon and thundering battleships; no talk of the balance of power to maintain the dignity of nations, or tariff and customs for protection or revenue only. Nothing is said of all these things, so thought so necessary to public peace and prosperity, but our thoughts are drawn to home, and the

humble occupations and simple joys of family life as the real secret of a nation's prosperity. As Burns sang of the Scotch peasant's home in his "Collier's Saturday Night:" "From scenes like these old Scotia's grandeur springs, That makes her loved at home, revered abroad; Princes and lords are but the breath of kings; An honest man's the noblest work of God."

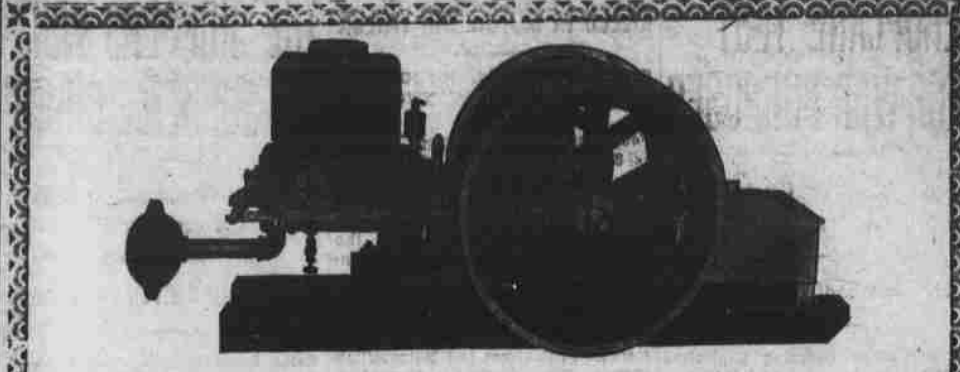
Our text also suggests a second characteristic of national prosperity, viz., that it depends less upon social well-being than upon the right of upbringing of children. It is the stalwart sons and blooming daughters which Hebrew parents, like the mother of the Graech, pointed to as their most precious jewels, the Jewish race has always been a model to all others in its tender fostering of family life. A Shylock might cheat in the market place and unmercifully demand his "pound of flesh" next to the Gentile's heart. The human kindness which he denied to the stranger he reserved for his own fire-side and his love poured itself out in lavish prodigality upon a beloved Jessica. He had two gods, his deities and his daughter; the one passion was as base and servile as the other was high. The Jew strong domestic attachments we read the scent of his race's perennial vitality, and the admonition for ourselves that, if we would perpetuate our American nationality, we must look well to the quality of the sons and daughters that we rear.

The symbolism of our text deserves passing mention. "Plants" and "cornerstones" are suggestive of strength and beauty, the strength that comes with well developed character, bearing the symmetry of a tree; the beauty that resembles, in its classic delicacy and finish, those high wrought capitals which were the pride and glory of ancient architecture. The blending of these two figures suggests the need of a proper combination of character building with culture in any true education. Of this combination three things should be said:

First, that culture without character building falls short of being true education. For what is culture? Not, as once was thought, an overlaying with learning, as the person with a garment, or the filling of the mind with facts and figures, as involved in the modern pernicious habit of "cramming." The new education states as its prime purpose the development of the whole man, body and mind and spirit, and all this by the man himself as the chief actor in the process. Froebie, the father of the kindergarten used to say: "Come, let us play with our children," meaning that thereby we might most surely discover the laws by which to train their self-developing minds.

When we come to ask what bent is to be given to this self-developing process, the new education becomes specially emphatic, and asserts in no uncertain tone that the chief and ultimate goal of training should be character building. And this for that obvious reason that what we are to become depends far more upon what we do than what we say, or even what we think. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." Not the maxims to which he may give careless assent, nor the sentiments to which he may give eloquent utterance, but the principles and purposes which shape his plans and guide his actions—these determine what he really is. Not what we preach but what we practice truly measures what we are. Shakespeare's Aphelia cries out in vexation over the pious advice of Polonius; "It is a good divine that follows his own instructions. I would rather tell twenty men what were good to do than be one of the twenty to follow mine own teaching." Advice and theory are as cheap now as in Shakespeare's day, despite the rising prices of breadstuffs, and quite as useless to help the world toward better living. We surely need today the moral discipline behind those words which Chinese Gordon wrote in his diary, "Resolved, that I will do the best I can on every occasion and then say nothing about it." "I cannot hear what you say," one retorted to a man who was an inflated coxcomb, "for the din in my ears is what you are." So it is that today the appeal in education is being made to the life, and intellectual training is being rated according to the ethical residuum. What was once the by-product is now found to outvalue the original output, and character is being assessed in the classroom, as in the market place, by a high standard of valuation. This is as it should be, and is one of the cheering signs of our time. It is safe to say that never before did high moral character bulk so large in the popular estimate of what constitutes true education.

A second aspect of this subject is coming to have a general recognition, viz., that culture without character building falls short of being true culture. That is, culture must set its mark down above itself or it will never attain to its own aim. There is a gravitation earthward in things mental as well as things physical. The gunner must aim above his mark, if he would hit it. Culture must rise above self-interest, or self itself will suffer fatally. "He that would save his life shall lose it, and he that loses his life shall find it. The best work now being done in all lives of intellectual and social activity is without pay and much of it without praise. Its pay must be sought in self-enlargement, and its praise in an approving conscience. On the other hand culture which is selfish is suicidal. Fruit culturists and stock breeders tell us they have to guard against the sterilizing effects of ill breeding. Unless nature is given room for her work she takes revenge by building walls that topple over and roaring trees that bear no fruit. Mr. Roosevelt recently told the French nation that race selfishness is at the bottom of race suicide. A nation that is too busy or too self-indulgent to rear families must pay the price in national extinction. The principle of vicarious sacrifice goes through all society; a life must be given for a life. It rules too in the realm of mind and underlies all true education. You must get with the purpose to give, or you do not truly get. "There is that growth and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is due yet tendeth to poverty." This discussion leads to a third thought in conclusion. No true character building is possible without religious motives and purpose. What we are to do will always depend upon whence we came and whither we are going. The two most baffling, but persistent questions of life will always be why and whither? Why are things as they are? Whither are they tending? The one question sounds the depths of our past being; the other dives into the uncharted future.



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It was the glory of the Hebrew race to give an answer to each of these questions. It traced the origin of things to a personal God, righteous and benevolent, Himself ever living and the giver of moral life to His children. It turned the end of things to that same God, in whose presence there was fullness of joy; at whose right hand there were pleasures forevermore. This is good doctrine for our modern pulpits and class rooms.

When Prof. Snow of our state university, who espoused the evolution theory as to him the most reasonable formula to account for our present universe, was asked what was the power behind the universe which made it what it is, he used to reply without hesitation: "God." When asked what was the goal toward which its unfolding processes pointed, he would reply with equal promptness, "God." Let us never doubt the ultimate truth of a system which finds in God the beginning and end of all its searchings. Let the teacher of today clasp hands with the preacher of the scriptures who summarized all practical wisdom in these words: "This is the end of the whole matter."

Fear God and keep His commandments for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil."

WAS LAID TO REST.

Funeral Services of Miss Isabelle Thompson Held.

Miss Isabelle M. Thompson was born in Macomb, Ill., April 1, 1839, and died in Abilene, May 27, 1910. When a little child the family moved to Scotland, Pa., and there 42 years of her life were spent. Her ancestors were Scotch Covenanters. She united with the church in early life, bringing her membership to the Presbyterian church of Abilene when she came here to reside in 1885. Many years of her life were devoted to the interests of invalid relatives to whom she gave loving care and the strength of youth. When health permitted she was actively engaged in Sabbath school and other church work. She was a life member of the Missionary society and a constant Bible student. This well worn clipping found in the Bible expresses the principle of her life:

"I know not the way I am going But well do I know my Guide; With a childlike trust I give my hand To the mighty Friend by my side; And all I ask as he takes it, is Dear Savior, hold me fast, And suffer me not to lose my way But bring me home at last."

She leaves a nephew, Mr. William Howland, who has cared for her in her declining years, and three nieces, Mrs. Fred Bolster, who came from Spokane to be present at this time, Mrs. Vasburg and Mrs. Bennett on the Pacific coast, also other relatives and friends by whom she will be greatly missed. In the absence of her pastor, Rev. Dr. Blayney, the funeral service was conducted by Rev. B. E. Jacobs of Solomon.

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KILLED IN TROLLEY COLLISION

On a Suburban Line Out From Oakland, Cal., One Was Killed and 40 Injured.

Oakland, Cal., May 31.—One person was killed, five fatally injured and 30 others more or less seriously injured as the result of a head on collision between trolley cars on the California railway line between Sather station and Leona Heights. Both cars were crowded with holiday pleasure seekers and women and children were trampled upon in the mad rush to reach the exits. To add to the horror, one of the cars in which a score of persons were pinned beneath the seats, broke loose and started down an incline at a high rate of speed. Fortunately it was stopped before further damage was done. The cars had orders to meet at Vernon station but it is believed the motorman of the northbound car, which is said to be responsible for the accident, misread his orders. This motorman was crushed between the two cars and died a few minutes after the accident occurred.

PREDICTS A CHURCH MERGER

Bishop Morrison Thinks Economic Conditions Will Compel Many to Abandon the Pulpit.

Des Moines, Ia., May 31.—Bishop Theodore Morrison, head of the Iowa diocese of the Episcopal church, in an address at the state convention of that denomination predicted a union of all church denominations before many years has elapsed. The high price of living, which makes it impossible for ministers to live on salaries once paid them, consequently diminishing the number of men in the ministry, was assigned by Bishop Morrison as one vital cause for church merger.

Car Over an Embankment.

Marshalltown, Ia., May 31.—Three persons were severely injured near Montour, Ia., when the motor car of W. A. Downes, driven by Downes' son, Arthur, plunged down a 14 foot embankment, turning over and burying three of the five occupants under the car. The injured are W. A. Downes and daughter, Dorothy and Swartz Ellis.

All Dead in the Submarine.

Calais, France, May 31.—Inspection by divers of the sunken French submarine Flavirose, which was in a collision with the cross channel steamer Pas de Calais last Thursday, shows conclusively that the hull of the submarine was crushed and that all of the members of the crew of 27 men were drowned.

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