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GRADUATING EXERCISES UNION CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Oration by Rev. Bert Wade Hampton Enchains Audience.

The graduating exercises of the Union City High School were held at Reynolds Theatre last Thursday night. On the stage were seated the class—Witt Cloys, Mary Gretchen Dahnke, William Baxter Forrester, Jeanie Cordelia Garth, Kate Lee Kirkman, Beauchamp McConnell, Georgia Inez Usry, Vivienne White, Willa Eunice Whitson, Lila Ruth Caldwell, Richard Blanton Andrews, George McMurry Meadow, Fred Andrews Nailling; the superintendent—A. C. Nute; the teachers—J. M. DeBow, Miss Catherine Dahnke, Vivian Reynolds, Miss Adele Allen, Miss Rosa Nell Morton, Miss Mabel Littleton, Miss Parker, Miss Humphrey, Miss Luke, Miss McFarland, Miss Hardy, Miss Nannie Hamilton, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Marene Allen; the Board of Education—Dr. C. W. Miles, G. H. Niles, W. G. Reynolds, C. V. Jones, R. F. Tisdale, J. W. Woosley.

Prayer was offered by Rev. H. H. Drake, followed by salutatory by Miss Mary Gretchen Dahnke, an interesting paper on a very interesting occasion in the history of the school, as follows:

SALUTATORY.

No more cordial invitation has been extended by any graduating class of the Union City High School than 1915 extends to you this evening.

Words fail us to express our appreciation to all those agencies which have made this night possible. We must, however, acknowledge a debt of gratitude to the wisdom of the Board of Education in so amplifying the school curriculum that each may now graduate more nearly in accordance with the God given bent of his or her faculties.

We welcome parents, trustees, city council, teachers, classmates and all, for in harmony all these shall bring the Union City High School to a state of perfection second to none. Following a time honored and time tried custom 1915 chose its class motto "perfection." Not that it was conceived to be attainable but for the inspiration and hope that the guiding star gives to the weary traveler pushing his way to a desired goal. We know that if we aim at it and persevere we will come much nearer to it than those whose inactivity and despondency forces them to relinquish it. Especially for efforts in our school work is perfection an aim none too high. Of course it would be folly for anyone to think that one might "know it all." With perfection as an aim, and by working toward it with persistent effort, may one not hope a greater reward than comes to the one who is content with an aim less ideal or divine? Perfection in education, that is "knowing it all" is not possible, but we may seek perfection in attainment in that much of acquisition which life allows.

We do not fail to realize that there is a price set on any desire—that whatever is worth having is worth striving for. So it is, when we aim at "perfection." It is of priceless value and not to be bought as silver and gold. It is not to be reckoned in dollars and cents, but rather in such terms as diligence and self-denial.

Diligence is the tool of perfect work. If one has anticipations in life he must also have diligence. "We are what we are—we cannot be truly other than ourselves." Each of us to-day is where he or she has truly desired to be. If we have desired the trivial and frivolous pleasures of life, it has put its impress upon our attainment. There comes a time in the life of the average boy or girl when the desire is keen for pleasure. We have been taught and some have learned the lesson that pleasure at most lasts but for a day, an hour and then its vaporous form has vanished forever. This night's honor as well as all other similar honors takes more than the one day's prepared lesson. It takes continuous study. Each day must see put forth our best in order to enrich the life which God has given us. We are all given alike the talents and faculties which we will need. It remains with us what we

will do with them. It is our duty to exalt the god that is imminent in us—to perfect that image which the creator bestowed upon us. We cannot do this by shirking our daily tasks. Self-denial is the secret of all success. The bitterest enemy one can have is self. Nothing noble or excellent will ever exist unless the character exercises in self-denial. Prove that you can control yourself and you are an educated person. Education is not merely for the purpose of filling the mind with the thoughts of others but rather to prepare the mind for the problems which it has to meet in the world to bring out the particular faculties of the individual. The benefits derived from "perfection" are an ideal are numerous. Is it not wiser to have an ideal that is beyond our reach than one which is easily obtained? With "perfection" we are constantly spurred to higher achievements. We are incessantly striving to put forth our best.

Perfection is not reached by imitating. When one imitates he merely falls in line with his predecessor and generally repeats his mistakes unconsciously. Each one is tried alone as to his faults and virtues. We must individually give an account of our deeds. Thus it behooves us to equip ourselves in the best way possible.

A truly high character results from perfection as an ideal. The higher the ideal, the nobler the character. With perfection as an ideal there is always a bright light burning in the distance before us, always an urgent call prompting us, always something better a little further on. We know that "the roses have thorns, each day its night, the sun at times shows spots and faults of some kind lurk in every bosom"—yet we are comforted by the fact that all things are possible for "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he."

The orator selected for the occasion was Rev. Bert Wade Hampton, now located at Hickman, Ky., formerly with one of the leading lyceum companies on the lecture platform, who, on the subject of the "Passing of Provincialism," delivered one of the most profound addresses ever heard here or anywhere, according to the opinion of many of the large audience which filled the theatre. It was really a surprise that a distinguished platform-pulpit orator was about to speak to this audience of pupils, teachers, patrons, and friends of the school. It was indeed more than a surprise to hear an orator with a subject so full of beauty, charm and power. The "Passing of Provincialism" by Rev. Hampton should be given a prominent place with the works of the world's greatest philosophers. Sorry we cannot reproduce the lecture in full, but some of the references herewith will probably be interesting:

PASSING OF PROVINCIALISM.

Rev. Hampton began by saying that he would not be grateful unless he undertook to show his appreciation for the opportunity of addressing one of the greatest high schools in the United States. "You have something to feel justly proud of and I have something to appreciate," the speaker said.

"The steps of God in the sands of time are centuries apart," etc., by way of introducing his theme, and he knew of no better way of impressing its gist than by telling a story. So the speaker took a chair and began: "A number of years ago," he said, "I was enjoying the solitude of the Ozarks. One bright morning in the middle of July I took a holiday slowly winding my way up the mountain side to a plateau, then southward sometime enjoying the beauties of nature. Finally the wagon road disappeared and I took the pathway leading farther on that came to an end in a deep ravine and a dense forest. Here was nature's playground, all evidence of creation undisturbed by man, here the birds, the squirrels and a covey of young quails all in their native element where human foot has seldom ever trod. Here was solitude. At such a time we begin to listen to our souls, and as I stood there came a voice from the groves, God's first temples. I uncovered my head and uttered a prayer of thankfulness. Thy hand has reared these venerable columns, I said, and then I heard a strange voice. I followed the sound and came to a great precipice. In a val-

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ley far below in a small cornfield, driving a primitive old-fashioned diamond plow, with bridle and harness of simple make, I saw a boy in a hickory shirt, copper jeans pantaloons and coonskin cap. Imagine my contemplation of such a scene, and as I looked a wagon was wending its way westward. The boy looked longingly in the direction of the wagon. He was a product of nature, an unpolished diamond. The boy had never seen a Sunday school paper. He did not know the name of the President, not even the name of his own post office. Here was provincialism in every sense of the word. His world was small. I watched the boy drop his lines and lean against the plow handles as he lingers upon the departing wagon. He is stirred. He wants to read—he wants to know something of the world. I watch the fortunes of the boy as he starts to school and step by step until he graduates and raises himself from an humble beginning. Then I watch him as he goes thru high school and I see him enter university. Two years more and commencement, and then he sees a mighty civilization on the other side. Two years of the old world and he reaches another commencement. Now begins the real life, and the farmer boy turns to retrace his steps. He travels to the western coast and comes across the mountains, then over the plains and back again—another man—back to the path and comes and stands where I had stood. How changed the boy; how changed the man. Now he is a cosmopolitan from the standpoint of man. So with you and I, as we gaze upon the mighty things of life, comes the question, what kind of men and women are we to be; from which side of life are we going to look at the world.

There came to the world two thousand years ago a mighty traveler. He was a child and he brought a message to the world. He uttered the first great metropolitan word ever received by man. When Jesus Christ came into the world he opened up the way for the passing of provincialism. Now if we can carry this idea to the class; if to-night we can convey the lesson of his mission upon earth—to emancipate men and women from provincialism, to equip them to carry out the divine plan of creation—then, indeed, will this be the commencement of a mighty work of education of a higher life of the world to come.

And commencement is truly a failure if not directed to a higher life. Christ was the first great pedagogue, and the greatest text books are the first four books of the New Testament Scriptures. Christ was an up-to-date teacher. His work stirred the world. Nothing ever yet equalled it, an, if you pardon me, nothing ever will. Christ proceeded first to get the attention of the world. That is what every teacher should do. Unless he gets the attention of the pupil the teacher is a failure. Jesus got the attention of men and women by performing miracles. Everywhere it was asked, have you heard of the great teacher? Herein the wisdom of God has shown itself. "These things are written that ye might believe in Jesus, the son of God;" and these things are recorded in the first four great text books.

Therefore men and women who come with miracles are two thousand years behind. Christ's miracles came to us thru the written word, and with them all nations across the stretch of centuries have been taught until the present time. Christ was carrying out the great command, and as soon as this is accomplished he comes with a mighty message. What of the teachings of Christ? They came from the son of God, and his name was called Jesus, who came to the sons of men to save them from their sins. Christ's desire to reach the consciences of men is an evidence of the passing of provincialism. The world is conscious of the sins of the times. Our high schools are not simply to store the mind with knowledge, but to establish character—to teach boys and girls to say no—to be honest and truthful. If these lessons are not learned your high school is a failure. You gain nothing if not character. I enter a plea for the Bible school to take up the greatest curriculum of the world. The Bible school is intended for strong men and women, and not merely for weak-minded men, women and children, as some have sneeringly suggested.

The speaker here branched out to the great moral and political questions. He spoke of human slavery as one of the greatest evils of the world. When he made this statement he told the audience that he was a Kentuckian. The question was not settled simply by the abridgment of arms, but by the consciousness of a new world, and the proof of this consciousness is that no civilized nation of the world recognizes slavery. Once the speaker could easily tell when he reached the Mason and Dixon line. Now that line is disappearing. But he had something more pleasant probably for the ladies of the audience by saying that our women still know how to make biscuit and over the line they can only make lightbread. In abolishing slavery a world evil had to be eliminated. This was the passing of provincialism.

The next step was a reference to the temperance question. Those who call temperance a little wave are not big enough to see the world consciousness and the fact that temperance is disappearing before it. Men say, don't touch the question; the traffic has been here 6,000 years and it is here to stay. But the awakening of a world consciousness is pursuing the evil and it is going downward to its doom. The point is reached where we are eliminating another one of the world's great evils, and this is another sign of the passing of provincialism.

"If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." The beloved President has been wise to refrain from the discussion of war. The speaker thus addressed himself to the great European conflict: "If that is civilization then, in heaven's name, carry us back to barbarism." This is German civilization, but German civilization, with all its genius, was never equal to the civilization of Greece. Allow me to vindicate the Christianity of civilized warfare as an evidence of the want of Christianity. I refer to the belligerency of the nations and Germany merely as a figure head in the present crisis. It is the consciousness of the world protesting against the divine right of kings that has caused the volcanic eruption of war. It is one of the great world evils, and upon the success or failure of the divine right of kings depends the passing of provincialism. The reason that the allies have the sympathy of many people is from the principle that right

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