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CLINTON COLLEGE CLOSES THIS WEEK

Baccalaureate Preached by Dr. Frazer.

FINALS OCCUR TO-DAY

Annual Address Before Graduating Class to be Delivered by Rev. Mr. Richardson of Greers.

Clinton, June 7.—The college commencement has been the event of engrossing interest this week. For ten days past various social pleasures have been planned for the students, so soon to leave, and their friends.

On Sunday morning the other churches were all closed and the First Presbyterian church was filled to overflowing with the vast crowds who wished to hear the baccalaureate sermon. The faculty and students occupied reserved seats in the main body of the auditorium. The Rev. Dr. Robert Adams, who presided over the service, the Rev. Dr. Frazer of Anderson, who preached the baccalaureate sermon, the Rev. Henry H. Sweets, of Louisville, Ky., and the Rev. Dr. Jacobs, all occupied seats in the pulpit. The choir had prepared special music for commencement.

Dr. Adams extended a cordial invitation to the public to attend the exercises of commencement Monday and Tuesday evenings and Wednesday morning. He said that it was a peculiar pleasure to him that his personal friend, Dr. W. H. Frazer of Anderson, was to preach on this occasion. The scripture lesson was read by Dr. Sweets from the ninth chapter of John's gospel. Dr. Frazer chose his text from the fourth verse of this chapter, "I must work the works of him who sent me." He brought out the idea that Christ's was the ideal life and that it was animated by a consciousness of the duty of performing his divinely appointed mission. He emphasized that Christ used the word "must" at every great crisis of his life on earth. He laid down the principle that to every one born on earth there is a divinely appointed task and that the man who does not feel in his heart the imperative "must" of God calling him to its performance has no right to a place in the world. He urged on the graduating class the necessity of entering upon the active duties of life with a definite aim and purpose, and held up to them the example of Christ's life on earth as their one perfect model.

Sunday evening a large audience greeted the Rev. Mr. Sweets, who delivered the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. He preached from a clause in the apostle's benediction, "The communion of the Holy Ghost," found in Second Corinthians, 13:14. Among other introductory remarks on the nature of the apostle Paul's prayers he said that in the twenty words of this benediction he had comprised all the cardinal points of the Christian religion. He brought out that the word communion meant in derivation partnership and that the text implied the possibility that man may have the spirit of God as his silent partner through life. He passed from this to the possibilities and the obligations in a human life of service to God and to mankind, supported by this unseen spirit of God, the third person of the adorable trinity.

The exercises on Monday evening consisted of an orators' contest participated in by representatives of the two literary societies, the Eukosmian and the Philomathean. Mr. J. S. McGregor presided over this contest. The speakers with their subjects were as follows:

W. L. Lathan—Our Country's Call; B. M. Schlotter, the Hand that Rocks the Cradle; M. M. Sellers, The Modern Barons; W. C. Addison, The Mission of America. All of the speeches were very creditable.

The Rev. S. P. Fulton, Prof. E. H. Hall, and the Rev. J. R. Hooten were the judges. Their decision will be announced Wednesday morning in connection with the regular exercises of commencement, and a medal bestowed on the winner.

The College Glee club under the direction of Miss Grace Briggs rendered delightful music between the speeches and afforded much pleasure to the audience.

Tonight the exercises will consist of a declaimers' contest.

Tomorrow will be the big day, when the Rev. Mr. Richardson of Greers, S. C., will deliver the annual address, the graduates will receive their degrees, the announcements of honor, conferring of degrees, and announcement of the action of the Board of Trustees will be made.

TAKING PASTEUR TREATMENT.

Popular Young Man Who was Accidentally Bitten by Canine.

Mr. Fred W. Greene of this city left early Monday morning for Atlanta to take the Pasteur treatment for a dog bite received last Tuesday. Saturday the head of the dog was sent to Atlanta to be analyzed and a telegram received Sunday stated that the dog had rabies. Mr. Greene left at once for treatment.

Nothing much was thought of the matter at first, hence the delay. It was on Tuesday of last week that the dog, a pet, belonging to Mr. J. A. Copeland, appeared sick. Mr. Copeland thought it was only some common ailment and called in Mr. Greene, who is quite a dog fancier, to assist him in doctoring the animal. Both Mr. Copeland and Mr. Greene were bitten, the former's hurt being only the slightest scratch though, while Mr. Greene's right hand was severely lacerated in two places. Mr. Copeland will take treatment at home.

There seems to be considerable danger of an epidemic of rabies among the dogs right now, for Sunday night a dog, certainly mad judging from his actions and the number of fights it precipitated, passed through the city. The negroes state that it passed through "Possum Hollow" and bit a number of dogs; it came on the public square and the policemen, while quite sure it was mad, had no opportunity to shoot it without endangering the large plate glass of the store windows. It went on to the factory hill and bit more dogs, one of which has been killed by way of precaution.

At the Opera House.

The Fagg lady minstrels will hold down the boards at the opera house Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. This is one of the best attractions on the road and deserves a packed house every night during their stay in the city. The company comes under the auspices of the Traynham Guards and is a strictly first class attraction. A levy of pretty girls that wear pretty costumes. They sing and dance well and will please all. Popular prices.

MRS. LUCY KENNEDY HUDGENS.

Widow of the Late Mr. Ambrose Hudgens Dies in Spartanburg.

News was received in Laurens Monday morning of the death in Spartanburg Sunday afternoon of Mrs. Lucy Kennedy Hudgens, widow of Mr. Ambrose W. Hudgens, a native of this county who died a few years ago at Easley where he had resided for a number of years. After her husband's death, Mrs. Hudgens came to Laurens, making her home here until last fall when she removed to Spartanburg with the family of her son, Mr. T. K. Hudgens. She was sixty-odd years of age and was a sister of Messrs. J. Hilliary, Hugh S., J. Henry and Clarence E. Kennedy, and Miss Lilly Kennedy, all of Laurens.

The funeral and interment of Mrs. Hudgens took place Monday afternoon at Easley, her former home.

MISS MARY T. NANCE TO WED.

Will Become Bride of Mr. W. L. Daniel on June Sixteenth.

Cross Hill, June 7th.—An expected event of much interest in Cross Hill is the approaching marriage of Miss Mary T. Nance to Mr. W. L. Daniel of Saluda. The bride-to-be, Miss Mary Nance, has a host of friends in Cros Hill, her home town, and she has made many friends all over the state in her splendid work as president of the School Improvement association, all of whom are much interested and will wish her much happiness. Mr. Daniel is a noble young man in every respect, related to some of the best families of Edgefield and is now a member of the legislature from Saluda county.

They are to be married in the Presbyterian church of Cross Hill at 11 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday, June 16th, 1909. Loving hands will make old Liberty Springs church a bower of loveliness for the occasion and that prince of the art, Mr. James T. Bacon, will be here to play the wedding march.

LAURENS CITY SCHOOLS COMPLETE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR'S WORK

Annual Commencement Exercises Were Held on Friday in the Auditorium of the New School Building With Large Crowds in Attendance.

LITERARY ADDRESS BY DR. HARMS; ANNUAL SERMON BY DR. MOFFATT.

"The Qualities That Win," was the Subject of President Harms' Speech, While Dr. Moffatt Used the Scriptural Injunction of Solomon, "Remember Thy Creator in the Days of Thy Youth."

Last week saw the closing of possibly the most successful session in the history of the Laurens graded schools. The occasion was particularly auspicious owing to the fact that the number of graduates this year is the largest ever sent out from the school, and because the exercises were held in the elegant, new building on Laurens street. No exercises were held at the East End school, hence interest was centered entirely in the city school.

The graduates of the school this year were: Eugene and Yates Brown, Ernest Machen, Pearl Clardy, Eva Coleman, Clara Davenport, Roberta Dorroh, Willie Dorroh, Hettie Lake, Tennie Madden, Kitty Owens, Addie Shealy, Mary Sullivan, Mary Teague, Jessie Thompson, and Imogene Wilkes.

On Friday morning, of last week, the first of the closing exercises of the Laurens graded schools were held in the new auditorium in the presence of a large number of the school patrons and friends, consisting of recitations, papers, a debate, and declamations by the members of the tenth grade, and a number of songs by the school.

Opening the exercises of the morning, Rev. J. D. Crout led the audience in prayer, following which Miss Roberta Dorroh, president of the class took charge of the exercises and with ease and dignity introduced the members and announced their subjects; this, after a brief, but well worded address of welcome on the part of the graduating class.

Miss Imogene Wilkes read the history of her class, following its course through the long years of their school life. Miss Mary Teague gave a brief history of the old school building, now vacated and being torn down; while Miss Willie Dorroh read a good description of the new building, of which the city is so proud. Declamations were delivered by the three young men of the class, Messrs. Ernest Machen, Eugene and Yates Brown. A very interesting debate was held upon the subject: "Resolved, That a young woman's education is not complete until she has taken a course in domestic science. The affirmative of this query was advocated in strong argument by Misses Mary Mary Sullivan and Jessie Thompson, while the negative was ably upheld by Misses Tennie Madden and Kitty Owings. Very wisely was it arranged that no "mere men" should act as judges on this momentous question, which doubtless would have been wholly one-sided because of natural bias; so the audience was left to still ponder the matter. The debate was quite an enjoyable feature of the program.

A pretty song was then sung by the children of the first and second grades, after which little Miss Martha Franks very charmingly recited that winning little poem, "The Goblin's Will Git You, if you Don't Watch Out." And then, young Hermann Crout, who possesses a remarkable voice, sang a catchy little ditty, assisted by the chorus.

Miss Addie Shealy, of the tenth grade, recited an excellent piece in which she evidenced quite a gift in the negro dialect; her rendering of this was loudly applauded. The class criticism was then read by Miss Eva Coleman, in which were pointed out some winning virtues of her classmates. Miss Pearl Clardy lifted the veil of the future and revealed the coming states of her friends in a manner quite well pleasing, judging from the happy smiles that wreathed the countenances of those on the rostrum. Miss Hettie Lake, who is unusually accomplished in the art of expression, then in an excellent reading which charmed her hearers. Miss Lake is gifted with a winning grace and ease of manner that accents at once, and her voice is peculiarly sweet and well adapted for readings. After the class will, which was read by Miss Clara Davenport and which caused much merriment, and a song by the school, Prof. Jones awarded to the members of the seventh grade their certificates of admission into the high school.

It was on Friday evening that the members of the graduating class received their diplomas from the high school. There were sixteen of these graduates, three young men and thirteen young ladies; the diplomas were presented by Hon. C. C. Featherstone, chairman of the board of trustees.

The feature of Friday evening's exercises was the address to the graduating class by Rev. John Henry Harms, president of Newberry college. Dr. Harms was a classmate of Prof. Jones, and the occasion was especially well pleasing to the superintendent, and the people of Laurens are under great obligation to Mr. Jones for inviting Dr. Harms to Laurens. The subject of the address of Friday evening was "The Qualities that Win", and the theme was that (1) Culture, obtained through training at our institutions of learning, leavened by (2) Kindness for all mankind and the works of God, all interwoven into a (3) Character of strength, honor and honesty, were qualities upon which a life, to be a success, must be builded. The speaker said that this problem of life was a riddle, had been always, and the way to build it was still a question with mankind.

"Many ways have been tried", said Dr. Harms, "some have thought that power was the key to a successful life, but Nero was an example of power and so were the Caesars, but none will say that theirs were successful lives. The pursuit of pleasure is deemed by some the way to success, but the pleasure of the world is empty, while God has conspired to make all mankind have a good time by providing a multitude of nature's blessings for his enjoyment. Even work is not the road to success, although it is a necessary preliminary for the qualities that do win". Pursuing the subject the speaker showed very clearly that culture, or school training, was one of the necessary qualities; defining this statement, however, he said that it must be the kind of culture that made men do things, not the false culture that made men sneer at a fellow-man. "Efficiency", said he, "is the aristocracy of today".

The second quality that wins is kindness, as Dr. Harms showed very clearly. Culture without a kindly feeling toward all mankind is cold and heartless, and aids but little in the effort to build a life. And third, character is essential to success. Culture and a show of kindness, not backed up by character of strength and honesty was useless. The combination of the three was necessary. "Culture," said the speaker, "for its own sake is a folly and a crime, but blended with Kindness and woven into character it is the road to success in life."

Dr. Harms has a most fascinating delivery, a pleasing expression, which together with his striking appearance renders him a speaker of unusual force.

At the conclusion of the address Prof. Jones awarded prizes to thirty-seven pupils who have attained the honor roll in attendance, namely, those who have neither been absent a day during the session nor been tardy, nor been dismissed from school. All the honor rolls appear on another page.

One number of the evening's program was a beautiful song by the members of the tenth grade, "Wake, Wake, Wake, and Greet the Day." The exercises were begun and concluded with prayer by the Rev. W. E. Thayer of the First Baptist church.

Dr. James S. Moffatt, president of Erskine college, preached the baccalaureate sermon before the members

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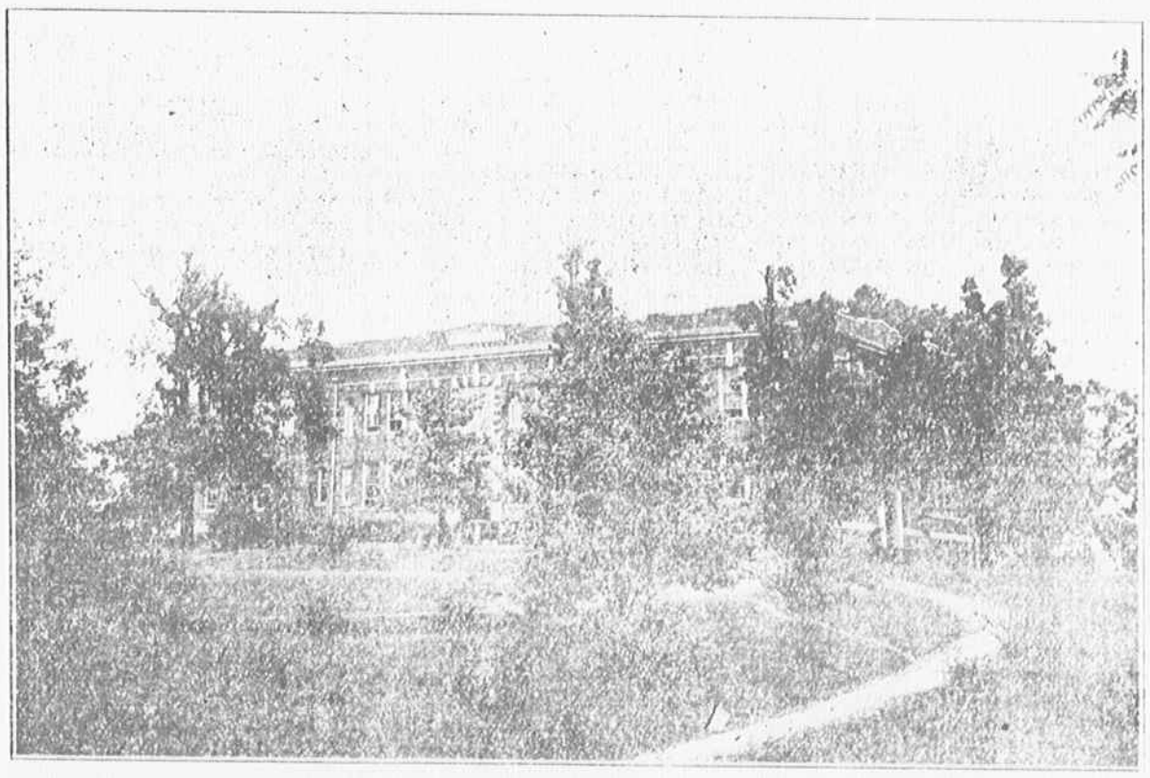

New City School Building.

SUPT. PITTS GIVES FACTS AND FIGURES

The Laurens County School System---How Operated.

66 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

An Extra Levy Paid in Nearly One Half the Districts—Interesting Data Presented.

One of the greatest questions that confronts any people is the question of education. It is gratifying to know that the people are taking on new life along that line. Throughout the country they are beginning to see the need of more efficient teachers, better school rooms, and longer school terms. Almost every school has a library of its own. The books are being read by both pupils and patrons. But, as you will see from the figures below, the greatest need of the rural schools in Laurens county today is a longer school term. How is that to be brought about? This is the most important issue just now. Sixty, eighty, and a hundred school days a year are not sufficient to educate our boys and girls. Thirty districts, including the city and high schools, are paying an extra school tax. You will see from the figures below that these districts are paying their teachers well, and that they have a school term of seven, eight and nine months. The remaining thirty-six districts are depending entirely upon the public money to educate their children. Consequently their schools are not prospering as they should.

Laurens county is divided into sixty-six school districts, including the city schools. Most of the rural districts have only one white school, located near the center of the district. Each district has its own funds separate and distinct.

Below is given some interesting data from each district in the county.

Laurens School District No. 1.

Trinity Ridge school—Trustees, G. A. Fuller, J. D. W. Watts and F. J. Owings. Mr. L. D. Eleazer and Miss Bessie Hudgens, teachers. No. of pupils 74; length of school term, 8 months; special school levy, 4 mills; raised by private subscription, $74.00; received from the state board, $100.00; total school funds, $1118.10.

Laurens School District No. 2.

New Prospect school—Trustees, W. H. Hudgens, J. A. Wofford, and J. W. Martin; teachers, Mr. B. Y. Culbertson and Miss Maude E. Langston. No. of pupils, 50; length of school term, 8 months; special school levy, 2 mills; total school fund, $750.25.

Laurens School District No. 3.

Pine Grove school—Trustees, Z. B. Traynham, C. Y. Craddock, and F. H. Burton. Miss Frances Anderson, teacher. No. of pupils 23; length of school term, 8 months; special school levy, 2 mills; total school fund, $750.25.

Laurens School District No. 4.

Fellowship school—Trustees, A. [illegible] H. [illegible] and H. H. Fuller. No. of pupils, 50; length of school term, 8 months; special school levy, 2 mills; total school fund, $750.25.

Laurens School District No. 5.

[illegible] school—Trustees, A. [illegible] and Jno. D. Mills, Jr. Teachers; length of school term, 7 months; No. of pupils, 50; special school levy, 2 mills; total No. of pupils 215; total school funds, $1775.65.

Laurens School District No. 6.

Oak Grove school—Trustees, T. B. Blakeley and S. R. Sloan. Miss Bessie Burkett and Miss Sutherland, teachers. No. of pupils, 50; length of school term, 7 months; special school levy, 2 mills; total school fund, $813.65.

Laurens School District No. 11.

Laurens City and High schools.—Trustees, C. C. Featherstone, C. H. Rowe, J. J. Pluss, O. B. Simmons, P. A. Simpson, and J. C. Owings. Prof. B. L. Jones, superintendent; teachers, Miss Bessie Pearman, Miss Janie Colvin, Miss Bessie Byrd, Miss Emily Meng, Miss Julia Webber, Miss Bessie Kendrick, Miss Laura Barksdale, Miss Dorcas Calmes, Miss Bessie