

The Graded and High School Close.

The city schools closed for the scholastic year on last Friday. There was no graduating class this year, this was due to the fact that one more grade has been added to the schools which makes a total of eleven now instead of 10 grades as before, and the present 10th grade instead of being graduated are promoted to the eleventh grade.

The graduating exercises were held in the Opera House as usual. Dr. Wilkins of the Baptist church opened the exercises with prayer. The speaker of the occasion was Mr. Hugh Haynesworth of Sumter, a former pupil of Prof. Dick. Mr. Haynesworth is a very pleasant speaker, while he does not resort to pyrotechnics yet his voice is easily heard in all parts of the theatre. He impresses one as being more interested in having something to say rather than in the manner to say it. He took for his subject "The Preservation of Our History." His speech was listened to with rapt attention and it made a most favorable impression on those who heard him. He taught us a lesson that all of us should learn. Unless we chronicle the achievements of the past, who will do it for us? Will someone from another country, fired with the glory of our past write of us so that we may not be forgotten by our posterity? It is a duty we owe ourselves and a duty we owe our posterity. Mr. Haynesworth selected a fruitful theme and handled it well.

After the orator of the occasion had finished the Superintendent introduced the contestants for the declamation medal. Mr. Cecil Cromer was first introduced, his subject was "Now." Mr. Cromer is a brother of Mr. Hugh Cromer who won the first medal offered for declamation by Mr. Allen Smith, Sr. The medal is known as the Smith medal. The second speaker was Mr. Leslie McMillan, whose subject was "America's Greatness," a great subject and was well spoken. The other speaker for the declamation was Mr. Ralph Adams and his subject was "Nations and Humanity." These young men had thoroughly prepared their pieces and spoke them splendidly. The judges in awarding the prize gave the declamation medal to Mr. Leslie McMillan. The next contest was the elocution contest. Dr. P. B. Speed offered the medal for the best elocutionist in the class. The first young lady introduced was Miss Marie Barnett, her subject was "Old Ace." She was followed by Miss Lou Ellen McFall who recited "The Whistling Regiment," and lastly came Miss Esther Graydon. Miss Graydon's subject was the "Stout Child's Daughter," a stirring piece of composition. All of these young ladies pleased the audience with their pieces. They should feel highly complimented to hear the many expressions of admiration for their part of the entertainment. The judges awarded the elocution medal to Miss Esther Graydon.

One of the interesting features of the occasion was the reading of the honor rolls. The superintendent made out five honor rolls as follows: Those pupils who were not tardy during the year; those who were not absent during the year; those who were neither tardy nor absent during the year; those who made an average of 95 and over for the entire year and those who made an average of 90 to 95 during the term. The reading of these lists was listened to with rapt attention, on the part of the pupils especially.

A notable feature was the High School Orchestra which furnished music for the occasion. The leader of the Orchestra, Mr. Alex. Dick, in addition to his many other talents is interested in music and has organized a school orchestra which has been a great addition to the public entertainment of the school.

Death of Dr. A. B. C. Lindsay.

Dr. A. B. C. Lindsay, a well-known resident of this town, died last Saturday morning after an illness of a few days. He was 70 years of age and belonged to one of the old families of Abbeville County. The body was taken to Due West Sabbath for interment, and will be laid alongside his relatives in the A. B. Presbyterian churchyard. Mrs. Lindsay has the sympathy of the people of the community in her bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Wilson, of Rome, Ga., Dr. and Mrs. Abercrombie, of Dallas, Ga., and Mrs. Davis, of Greenville, were among the residents of other towns who gathered at the home to pay the last tribute of respect to him. He belonged to the old school of gentlemen, and his friends here and in Due West were saddened when it was announced that he had passed away.

Dr. Lindsay was a son of "Squire" Jas. Lindsay, who lived near Due West and who thought to Erskine College a large part, if not all, of the land now included in the campus of that institution. He built the old Lindsay Hall which formerly stood between the College building and the Boys' Dormitory, and Dr. A. C. B. Lindsay as a boy assisted the workmen in erecting that building; he possessed for many years a trowel used in placing the brick in the walls of that old hall which many of the older people of the county recall with pleasant memories.

Forty-six years ago Dr. A. B. C. Lindsay was married to Miss Martha Clark McCaslan. Dr. Lindsay was intimately acquainted with the older families around Due West and loved to speak of the companions of his young manhood, and had many interesting experiences to relate of incidents that happened during and after the war in which he was a soldier. After the war he engaged in farming for a time in the Clear Springs neighborhood and was a planter of no mean skill, carrying off many prizes in the fairs that were held at Abbeville. He was of quiet retiring disposition, and will be missed by his friends here. No Sig.

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Cotton Mill For Abbeville.

Some weeks ago Mr. W. K. Stringer of Belton proposed to the people of Abbeville, if they would raise a certain sum of money he thought he could raise by individual subscription and by the subscriptions of his friends sufficient to build a cotton mill at Abbeville. The people of Abbeville promptly raised the required amount and a conference was arranged with Mr. Stringer. In this conference Mr. Stringer frankly admitted that he could not fulfill his part of the agreement.

While our people regret the inability of Mr. Stringer to carry through the work, they are glad to have our fellow townsman Mr. J. Allen Smith come to the rescue, and take up the work where he left off.

When the proposed mill is in operation, there will be plenty of room here for another, and we will meet another proposition from Mr. Stringer should he see fit to make it.

Mr. J. Allen Smith, who for some time contemplated building a mill gracefully, acquiesced in the movement by Mr. Stringer, and subscribed liberally thereto. He realized the importance of the mill and volunteered to take up the new subscription, and carry the mill to completion. Application has been made for a charter.

Mr. Smith is a man of wide financial experience, and with his ability, energy and abundant capital the mill will be pushed to successful completion.

A most economical and business like administration of the affairs of the mill is guaranteed.

Feeling sure that the best interest of the community will be promoted by the work in Mr. Smith's hands, the Press and Banner congratulates the citizens of Abbeville on their good fortune in his undertaking this work, which greatly tends to the up lift of the town.

Now that the work is about to be begun, let everybody put a shoulder to the wheel and help to bring it to completion.

Unless another mill is put in operation now, the town will go backward—we will not even mark time.

In the small town of Easley with a population of less than 1200, outside of the mill population, there are three cotton mills, all prospering. Will Abbeville, with a population of 6000, halt when its capacity is so much greater, and when the needs of the hour are so apparent.

New Drug Company Opens Today.

The new drug company, incorporated as the Abbeville Drug Co., opened today. They are occupying the corner store, formerly occupied by Meros, the candy man. Meros goes back to his old stand.

The young men incorporators of the company, are live business men, and in every way identified with the interests of the town.

A Preventable Nuisance.

Not long since an Abbeville Physician was called to see a patient who had contracted in some way a fever. Upon diagnosis it was found to be typhoid. The physician at once began to examine the premises for the source of infection. He analyzed the water, he examined the food supply, he went over the premises thoroughly but could detect no probable source of the disease.

The case wore out its weary length but before the patient was free of fever a neighbor only a few hundred yards up the road was stricken with fever also. Diagnosis proved this case to be typhoid also. Again the physician made an effort to discover the source of the germs but failed to find any clue to the origin of the disease. Not long afterward, a little farther on the same road another case of typhoid fever developed, and again the physician went to work to discover the cause, but his search was fruitless.

Here were three cases of typhoid fever in a row. They were only a short distance apart and yet no source of contagion could be discovered.

The physician in charge of the cases charged the spread of the disease to the house fly. The fly came and went ad libitum between these homes and thus the deadly germs were taken from one patient to the other.

The House fly is so small, so friendly, so domestic, so universal that we look on him as a part of the household, a sort of acolyte to all homes. We do not stop to meditate on his hideousness, his impudence and brass, his filthy, uncleanly, incorrigible habits or we would banish him from the home.

The House fly is an unmitigated abomination with his ugly proboscis protruding like an elephant's snout to touch and contaminate everything he comes in contact with. With his ugly hairy legs envenomed with malaria, miasma, fever, and filth he is an ogre to be shunned.

We should all chip in and have some skilful artisan construct a model of the amiable little Housefly enlarged 10,000 just as he is in all his hideous glory, proboscis, hairs, bugs, germs, microbes, micrococci, and all, and place the insinuating scoundrel on a pedestal where we might all get a look at him from time to time.

There is much for us to accomplish in this generation and one of the important things is to rid the land of the "musca do mestic."

If we could see the fly as he is we would not stop until we had screened every door and window in our homes and removed all breeding places of this plague.

Our Physicians tell us about the fly but the most of us pay no attention to what they say. We are all from Missouri, we must be shown, but from time to time the dreaded typhoid is teaching us lessons. Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little, we are all learning the lesson. Some has placed the House fly in the same category with fleas, bed bugs, snakes and other such cattle, and the sooner we all do so the better for us.

Card of Thanks.

Through the kindness of friends, I have been enabled to attend for medical treatment, the Sanatorium in Baltimore. I feel that I have been greatly benefited, I am under obligations to you my friends, that I can never repay; but most assuredly you shall not fail your reward for the master has said "whoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, in my name because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward." In as much as ye have done it to one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me."

I simply say I thank you.

A. L. Patterson.

The Civic Club.

The Culture meeting of the Civic Club will be held Monday evening, May 23rd at 8 o'clock in the club rooms. The meeting will be conducted by Mrs. C. Ambrose and the discussion will be a "Health Lines."

Candidates for Senate to Speak at Sharon.

On Friday the 10th of June there will be held the annual picnic. The speakers on this occasion will be Hon. W. N. Graydon Esq. and Hon. J. Moore Mars Esq. Both these gentlemen are Candidates for the Senate.

Deplorable Accident.

Eugene McCurry the little son of Mr. Augustus McCurry and grandson of Mr. W. A. McCurry lost a leg as the result of an accident on last Friday evening.

The little fellow was attempting to board a freight train which was slowly mounting the grade and approaching the Depot when it is supposed, his foot slipped and fell between the wheels where it was crushed off.

T. E. Keitt, Chemist S. C. Experiment Station.

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