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## FINAL EXERCISES OF CITY SCHOOLS

Entertaining Programs for the Week Executed.

MANY PRIZES AWARDED

Sermon by Dr. Roper and Prof. Daniel's Address Were Especially Pleasing to All.

The concluding exercises in connection with the closing of the 1909-10 session of the Laurens city schools were held Friday night in the auditorium of the graded school building. These exercises consisted of the annual address before the senior class by Prof. D. W. Daniel of Clemson college, the awarding of class buttons and scholarship medals, and the presentation of certificates and diplomas by Superintendent B. L. Jones.

The exercises of the evening were opened with prayer by the Rev. E. C. Watson, and after a song by the senior class. Superintendent Jones introduced the Hon. R. A. Cooper, who in turn presented Prof. Daniel, who delivered the annual address. Prof. Daniel chose a broad theme, "The Mission of Schools," and after recounting some of the progress that had been made in South Carolina educationally and industrially in the last twenty years, made a most eloquent appeal for still better advantages and the improvement of these by pupils, teachers, parents; in short, let Laurens county and the State of South Carolina see to it that every boy and girl be given a chance to obtain the very best education possible. It was a magnificent address, replete with apt illustrations and effective pleas.

Other Exercises. Superintendent Jones presented certificates to those completing the seventh grade and now entitled to admission in the High school department. To Miss Bebecca Dial was awarded a handsome medal, known as the "High School Scholarship Medal," which was offered at the beginning of the session by a public spirited citizen, to the pupil in the tenth grade, who made the highest average in scholarship during the term in the High school, and completing the full course. The presentation speech was made by Dr. H. K. Aiken.

The donor of the medal, who withholds his name from the public, makes the same offer for next session.

"Physical Culture" medals were presented to one pupil in each of the following classes, the requirement being that the pupil make the highest average in physiology and hygiene, taking into account particular attention to personal cleanliness and class room neatness:

Fourth grade—Miss Bessie Barnett, teacher; Elizabeth Young.

Fifth Grade—Miss Dorcas Calmes, teacher; Sarah Bolt.

Fifth and Sixth Grades—Miss Jeanie Stoney, teacher; Mary Sullivan.

Sixth Grade—Miss Bessie Byrd, teacher; Inez Hudgens.

Seventh Grade—Miss May Del Barre, teacher; Gussie Miller.

Eighth Grade—Miss Bessie Peatross, teacher; Joe Bolt.

For the highest average in scholarship, attendance and deportment, Superintendent Jones presented handsome and suitable souvenir buttons to the following pupils: First grade, Monteith Caine; second grade, Mary Blackwell; third grade, Mildred Counts; fourth grade, Rebecca Lake; fifth grade, Roy Taylor; fifth and six grades, Mary Sullivan; sixth grade Lila Todd; seventh grade, Mamie Austin; eighth grade, Edwin Moseley; ninth grade, (boys) Leon Dodson; ninth (girls) Mary Posey; tenth, Marguerite Tolbert, as second highest, this being the condition, for to the highest in the tenth, the medal was awarded, Miss Dial, as stated, receiving it.

"Perfect attendance" buttons were also awarded this session, seventy-six pupils in both the city and mill schools receiving this distinction. To Ose Sitgreaves, of the senior class, belongs the distinction, probably unsurpassed in the State that for eight consecutive sessions he was neither absent, tardy or dismissed during the sessions. He is a son of Mr. E. Sitgreaves, and expects to study law along with two other members of the senior class, Messrs Samuel Austin and Philemon Huff.

A feature always of interest at these

## MARTIN MAHAFFEY CALLED TO REWARD

He Was an Aged and Well Known Citizen of the Rabun Section of the County.

Mr. Martin E. Mahaffey, one of the county's very substantial citizens and leading churchmen for many years, died at his home two miles from Rabun Creek church on Monday night, at the age of about eighty. Yesterday afternoon Rev. E. C. Watson conducted the funeral service at Rabun Creek church, of which the deceased had long been one of the foremost members and active workers.

Mr. Mahaffey was a brother of Messrs J. L. Mahaffey and Solomon Mahaffey of the county and Shaw Mahaffey of Anderson. His surviving children are: Mr. F. W. Mahaffey, Mrs. L. B. Babb, Mrs. M. W. Gray, Mrs. John A. Mahon of the county and Mrs. R. W. Nash of Greenville.

## Injury Proved Fatal.

The second negro for the week, charged with murder, was lodged in jail Thursday when Prush Kilgo was committed by Magistrate Abercrombie of Youngs township. On Wednesday night Aaron Jant, better known as "High John," died as the result of a blow on the head with an axe received last Christmas, at the hands, it is alleged, of the Kilgo negro. All parties lived on Mr. W. P. Harris' place, in Youngs township. The case will be tried at the approaching term of the criminal court.

final exercises is the presentation of diplomas to the members of the senior class. This year twenty-five girls and boys finished the prescribed courses, and to each of them Friday evening Superintendent Jones in a few appropriate remarks presented that which they have for ten scholastic sessions striven to obtain at the hands of the school authorities.

The exercises Friday evening were interesting throughout, and marked the end of one of the most successful sessions of the school since its beginning. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. W. E. Thayer.

The commencement sermon was preached on Wednesday evening at the First Baptist church by the Rev. L. M. Roper, D. D. of Spartanburg. The senior class attended in a body, with Superintendent Jones, Principal Parkinson and Misses Peatross and Barksdale of the High school department occupying seats with them at the front. It was a splendid audience that greeted Dr. Roper, and at the beginning he expressed the very great pleasure it afforded him to come to Laurens on this occasion.

Dr. Roper announced as his subject: "What is Man?" and his text as recorded in the first chapter of Genesis, 26:27 verses. "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and the fowls of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." A synopsis of Dr. Roper's thoughtful and inspiring discourse cannot here be attempted. It has been commented on as one of the finest things of the kind heard in Laurens in a long time.

On Thursday evening, with Superintendent Jones in charge the following-entertaining programme was given at the school auditorium by members of the senior class:

Class Song; The Salutatory, Marguerite Tolbert; Against Capital Punishment, Samuel Austin; Our Ways of Wastefulness, Miss Annie K. Childress; The Spirit of Chivalry, Miss Emma Cooper, The Puritans and Cavaliers, Dick Fuller; Peary and the North Pole, Miss Shirley Hix; Debate: Resolved That the Building of Battleships Insures Peace Between Nations, Affirmative: Earle Owings, Miss Ruth Brown, Robert Roper, Miss Marie Gray; negative: Miss Nannie Burns, Phil Huff, Miss Aliene Franks, Charles Fleming; The Coral Reef, Miss Ethel Cromer; The South of Today, Miss Anna B. Childress; Opportunity of the Hour, Wm. McGowan; Peary and the North Pole, Miss Kathleen Sullivan; The Census, Russel Poole; Have an Aim in Life, Miss Ethel Langston; John C. Calhoun, Miss Bessie Childress; Is the Spirit of Chivalry on the Decline? Ose Sitgreaves; History of the Class, Miss Edmondia Garrett; Halley's Comet, Miss Alluwe Watson; The Valedictory, Miss Rebecca Dial.

## TEACHERS' SUMMER SCHOOL.

Announcement of Subjects That Will Be Taught at Wofford.

Spartanburg, May 21.—By resolution of the state board, all teachers' examinations will henceforth include questions on Agriculture.

Attention is called to our course on this subject to be conducted by a professor from Clemson college.

The following is the course: The aim in this course will be to give clearly some of the elementary principles of the subject and to show the relation of these underlying principles to the best agricultural practice. Among the subjects to be given consideration are the following: Plants—Composition, source of food and how obtained by the plant. Soils.—Origin, formation, composition and texture, water supply in soils, humus in its relation to soils, fertilizer, loss of humus, wearing out of soils, and rebuilding or improving soils, rotation of crops, tillage (methods and implements) and drainage. Fertilizers—Source of fertilizing materials, composition, mixing and use of fertilizers.

Crops—A close study of a few crops such as corn and cotton will be made, covering their culture and improvement by seed selection and breeding. Some consideration will also be given to the more important legumes, forage crops, and grasses. The germination and testing of seed will be given in this connection.

Live Stock—Relation of live stock to soil fertility and some of the basic principles underlying the growing of the different kinds of farm animals. Horticulture, injurious insects and plant diseases will be discussed if sufficient time is available. Any textbook in agriculture may be used.

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## CLINTON PREPARES FOR COMMENCEMENT

High School and Mill Schools Will Close This Week—Presbyterian College a Week After.

Clinton, May 23.—Commencement season is at hand in Clinton. Chickens are fattening, and speeches, plays and essays ripening for the series of occasions which celebrate the close of Clinton's three schools.

On Thursday night, May 26th the closing exercises of the Lydia Mill school will be held. On Friday morning the class exercises of the Clinton high school will be held in the Utopia hall. The Rev. Dr. Robert Adams has accepted the invitation to make the address. The graduates this year are Misses Beatrice Bennett, Janie Lindsay, Iva Mahaffey, Emmie Robertson, and Masters Earle Davidson, Eugene King, and Louis Norman. On Friday night the tenth grade will present a play, "The Merchant of Venice Modernized."

At four o'clock Saturday afternoon Mrs. Baker's school at the Clinton mill will have a closing exercise in the chapel of the Presbyterian church.

The exercises of the college commencement will begin June fifth and continue through Wednesday morning.

The keenest interest centers about the meeting of the board of trustees which will be held during the week and which is expected to announce the election of a president for the college.

On Sunday, June 12th the commencement exercises of the Thornwell orphanage begin, winding up with the annual exhibition Wednesday night. A new departure this year will be graduation exercises for the pupils of the Mary Jacobs school, when certificates will be awarded those pupils who have successfully completed the ninth grade.

Many visitors are expected for the various festivities connected with these commencements.

Prof. M. G. Woodworth of the college faculty read a paper which was most favorably commented on before the representatives of the various colleges at their association meeting in Columbia last Saturday on "Proper Requirements for the A. B. Degree." Mr. Woodworth extended an invitation to the association to hold its next meeting in Clinton, and it is hoped the executive committee will accept though two other invitations were extended.

Just received another shipment of those few saving "Odorous" Refrigerators and Ice Boxes, look them over you will be pleased with the quality and price.

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## GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Was Held at Clinton One Day Last Week—Other Items.

Clinton, May 23.—A good roads conference was held here one day last week at which supervisor Humbert was present and assured Clinton people of his interest and cooperation.

Next Thursday, Friday and Saturday the daughters of the Confederacy will serve lunches and teas in Copeland's hall assisted by the Wesson Cooking Oil representatives. Excellent meals at most reasonable prices are promised.

Lumber is being hauled for Mr. Spencer's new home on Church street. It will be in bungalow style. This does not mean that Mr. Spencer will sever his connection with the college. Efforts in that direction have been made several times. Mr. Spencer desires to live in a home of his own.

Clinton lost a family which had made itself felt in the community when Dr. A. J. Briggs moved to Sumnerston. He and Mrs. Briggs and Abram left on Thursday. Miss Grace Briggs will remain in Clinton as the guest of friends until after the commencement of the Presbyterian college.

## Will Open Business School.

Prof. Robt. T. Ceell was in the city Friday making arrangements for the opening next month of a business school here. The school is expected to open about the 15th of June and will be in charge of Prof. Ceell who has had many years of experience as commercial instructor. He has just closed a successful school at Greenville. Comfortable quarters in the Enterprise bank building have been secured for the school here. For further information, see advertisement in this issue.

## Attended Good Roads Meeting.

A large and representative delegation from Laurens attended the good roads meeting in Spartanburg yesterday. The Laurens party went up in automobiles, the following citizens composing the delegation: Dr. W. H. Dial, J. E. Clary, H. B. Humbert, E. P. Minter, Dr. H. K. Aiken, R. A. Cooper, J. S. Machen, Earle Wilson, F. K. Spratt, C. M. Miller, W. H. Washington, and Master Hugh Aiken.

## After Twenty Years.

Capt. Ossian E. Simpson of Atlanta was a very welcome visitor to Laurens during the past week. While here he was the guest of his brother, Mr. T. E. Simpson, and other relatives. He left Laurens in 1867 and it has been twenty years since he was here before. Of course he noted the many changes the old town has made, and he was greatly gratified with the evidences of progress and thrift to be seen everywhere. A pleasant feature of his visit was in meeting with many of his old war comrades, survivors of Company A, Third regiment, South Carolina volunteers. Capt. Simpson was a gallant soldier, and was wounded at the battle of Savage Station, and at the close of the war was in command of one of the companies of his regiment.

## The New Bishops.

In the general conference at Asheville on Tuesday four more bishops were elected, making seven new members of the episcopate chosen at this quadrennial session of conference. The new bishops are:

W. R. Lambuth, Tennessee; E. D. Moulton, Texas; R. G. Waterhouse, Virginia; J. H. McCoy, Alabama; J. C. Kilgo, North Carolina; Collins Denny, Baltimore; W. B. Murrill, Mississippi.

## Miss Putnam Graduates.

Barksdale, May 26.—Many friends will no doubt be interested in the following announcement:

"Prominent among the graduates of the School of Expression, Boston, who received their diplomas on Thursday afternoon, May 12, was Miss Lillian May Putnam of Barksdale. Miss Putnam's diploma was for Courses in General Culture, in which she had a remarkable good standing. She expects to continue through the June term in advance work. Miss Putnam has appeared in a number of public recitals throughout the season and has won much favor for her ability and talent."

## Winthrop Graduates.

Misses Donie Counts and Mamie Tolbert of Laurens, Lila Ferguson of Reno, and Frances Smith of Mounsville are members of the Winthrop senior class and will graduate June 12 with the A-B degree.

## MRS. J. A. BARKSDALE PASSED AWAY SUNDAY

Close of a Beautiful and Consecrated Life—Funeral and Burial Services Held Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Gary Barksdale, wife of Mr. John Augustus Barksdale, died Sunday afternoon at four o'clock at the family residence, West Main street, after an illness covering a period of several months. Throughout her long affliction she bore her sufferings with that fortitude and patience which characterize the true Christian. Hers was a most beautiful life, one devoted to service in the Master's kingdom; and in her death the First Baptist church, the Woman's Missionary society of the same church, lose a most valued member, her family a devoted wife and mother, her friends and co-laborers one who failed them not when duty called.

Mrs. Barksdale was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hillary Gary, deceased, of Newberry county where she lived until her marriage to Mr. Barksdale twenty-one years ago April 17, last. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, John A. Barksdale, Jr., of Atlanta, Hillary G. Barksdale of Furman university, and Drayton Nance Barksdale of the city. Two sisters also survive, Mrs. A. C. Welch and Miss Eva Gary of Newberry.

Yesterday morning at 10 o'clock funeral services were held from the First Baptist church by the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Thayer. Interment was at the Barksdale family graveyard, two miles west of the city. The following were the pallbearers: Active, John A. Franks, A. B. Barksdale, J. E. Bolt, C. H. Roper, R. E. Babb, P. A. Simpson. Honorary: Major W. A. Watts, C. B. Bobo, H. Y. Simpson, F. P. McGowan, N. B. Dial, R. H. Hudgens, Dr. W. D. Ferguson, Dr. A. J. Christopher, J. N. Wright, J. D. Watts, J. W. Todd, J. P. Burton.

## Mrs. Holcombe Convalescent.

Mrs. Mary Holcombe, who has been at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. C. Watson for sometime and who has but recently recovered from a serious attack of illness, returned to Cross Anchor on Monday.

## Clinton's Delegation.

Clinton, May 24.—Clinton sent as representatives to Spartanburg at the convention there today: W. M. Myers, D. A. Glenn, W. J. Henry, J. L. Copeland, W. E. Bell, W. M. McMillan.

## Babb-Armstrong.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Babb, of near Green Pond church, Miss Sallie Babb and Mr. Laurens A. Armstrong were married Sunday afternoon at six o'clock, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. E. C. Watson.

## Rev. and Mrs. Fowler Return.

Clinton, May 24.—The Rev. and Mrs. C. Lewis Fowler, and Miss Philson, returned to Clinton Monday evening from an extended trip abroad. Mr. Fowler is pastor of the First Baptist church, and his congregation last evening gave a reception in honor of his return.

## Henry Laurens Chapter, D. A. B.

The Henry Laurens chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Elsie Shell.

## Cooking Demonstration.

Hundreds of Laurens people have been interested in the cooking demonstration which has been in progress this week in the Gray-Dial block under the auspices of the local chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. An announced last week the demonstration commenced Monday with luncheon and continued with luncheon yesterday and the same thing will be the programme today.

## Largest Communion Service Ever Held

In the show window of S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. is a photograph of the great communion service, held in Forbes Field, Pittsburg, Pa., last October, where forty two thousand delegates of the Christian church assembled in missionary convention. The communion service required 50 tables, and the service of 100 elders and 500 deacons.

## Respected Colored Woman.

Annie Franklin, wife of Brown Franklin, died at her home here late Sunday afternoon. She was fifty years old and was a very industrious colored woman, being respected by all who knew her.

## SEVERE WIND STORM VISITS CROSS HILL

Several Buildings Were Considerably Damaged

## SERIES OF AFFLICTIONS

Walter Bryson, Who Was Shot Some Time Ago in Atlanta, Continues to Improve.

Cross Hill, May 23.—Quite a heavy rain fell here Friday night, and a wind storm almost of cyclonic proportions passed over part of the town. The colored Methodist church was blown from its pillars and otherwise injured. Mr. W. T. Brown's stable was blown to pieces and part of the tin roof blown from Mr. J. H. Nance's dwelling and carried some distance away. A tenant house belonging to Mr. M. T. Simpson was also damaged.

The family of Mrs. Bigle Leaman has been afflicted recently. Her mother, Mrs. Bryson fell and sprained her ankle more than a month ago. She can not walk yet. Her daughter, Miss Annet is slowly recovering from a long and tedious illness. She was able to sit on the piazza a little while yesterday, the first time in several weeks. Mrs. Leaman is a sister of Mr. Walter Bryson who was shot in Atlanta a few weeks ago. Mr. Bryson is able to sit up a little now, in bed.

Materialist and others who do not believe in the sovereignty of the infinite and gracious God may speculate as to the origin of existing order, but Christians ought to be able to have an abiding trust in God. On a crowded train was a little girl. The train was going at a terrible speed and the passengers were more or less excited. A man asked the little girl if she was not afraid. She said, "No, my father is at the engine."

Mr. J. Henry Razor went to Greenville last week and came home in a splendid Buick roadster. There are now seven autos in town.

Mr. Jim Crisp and Roy Simmons who have been living in Florida for some time came home last Saturday. They brought two little alligators with them.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. H. and children of Congers, Georgia, now visiting Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth, Mrs. O. N. H. is Mrs. Hollingsworth's sister.

There will be preaching at the Presbyterian church next Sabbath the fifth Sunday.

Mr. Bill Owens lost a good young horse last week. He had it to a buggy and it reared and fell backward, the shaft penetrated the body just behind the fore leg killing it in a few moments.

## Rev. T. J. Watts Preached.

At both the morning and evening services on Sunday at the First Baptist church, the pulpit was occupied by the Rev. T. J. Watts. Mr. Watts is financial secretary of the Baptist Theological seminary, Louisville, and his visit to Laurens was for the purpose of laying before the Baptists the claim and appeal that is being made in behalf of the \$600,000 endowment for the seminary. South Carolina Baptists are expected to give \$50,000 of this amount. At the morning service he spoke of his mission, and at the evening service he preached a very able exhortation sermon.

## At the First Presbyterian.

The Rev. T. W. Langlois, field secretary for Davidson college, occupied the pulpit at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, delivering a most excellent discourse.

## Laurens Lodge, No. 260 A. F. M.

A regular communication of Laurens lodge No. 260, A. F. M., will be held Friday night in Masonic temple, visitors invited to attend.

## Several School Picnics.

On last Friday several of the schools of the county closed the session with a picnic, speaking and other exercises. At Green Pond addresses were made by Hon. J. B. Watson of Anderson and others. At Nardo Hon. F. P. McGowan of Laurens delivered the annual address. On the same day Hon. W. R. Richey and Superintendent of Education G. L. Pitts spoke at Finteraville, in Youngs township. The Byrd school also closed Friday with interesting exercises and a fine picnic dinner. All the above occasions attracted large crowds and a most pleasant day was spent.