## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

THE 45th ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

Largest Graduating Class in the History of the Institution-Rev. W. H. Hiller and Senator Benjamin R. Tillman Deliver Addresses to Alumni and Societies-Commencement Day Exercises. Medals, Prizes and Diplomas Awarded. The Board Passes a Resolution.

day morning. Rev. S. S. Rahn, of sions by Martins: Jacksonville, Pla., had been chosen, but on account of the fire which destroyed his home some time ago, was prevented.
Mr. Hiller was introduced by Mr. And though my arm has taken his body A. O. Matthews, president of the association, and after a few introductory remarks Mr. Hiller spoke as follows: ALUMNI ADDRESS.

"The Sovereignty of Mind as Related to the Higher Life."

The greatest gift of divinity to humanity is the incarnation of a master affairs of men by proxy. Jehovah is beings, as the archangels do his special bidding in the unseen realm. The ets, with ever increasing force, is penetrating the chaos of ignorance and vice takes; Abraham erred; David grievof earth making it rich in the hope of ously sinned and gricvously bore it. a better and higher life.

The orator, with soul aflame with breathe in words that burn, multi- strength in vain. The truth is incartudes hang upon his utterances, and nate at last and walks among men. men are made to feel, determine, act! The philosopher teaches, and the race sits as children at his feet. The hero spurns death and converts the simpertouches his harp, and nations stand ening between the then and the future! the sure guides of mortal destiny. The sway of the monarch's scepter, the power of the king's command are feegress. Thus then, how inexhaustable, blush. the resources of this treasury of sixty centuries! What a rich legacy is our inheritance! What an age has dawned vancement has struck. The materials world into a paradise of God! Touched | ceive the benefit of His dying. by the spirit of the age, the universal heart exclaims:

"We are living, we are dwelling, In a grand and awful time In an age, on ages telling, To be living is sublime."

It is interesting to notice some of the chief characteristics of great men by which we may explain their influence on civilization. They never die. They obliterate time and space. They belong to every and all ages. They cannot deserve credit. They must be great. They do not intend it. They are humble; they are simple. Indifferent alike to condition, circumstance, position, climate. They live in the present; indeed to them there is no past, no future. Each day is infinite. They "can crowd eternity into an hour, or stretch an hour to eternity."

Though dwelling in mortal form, thy live immortal in our very midst. Though this poor vision cannot see, yet we feel them, we think them.

Their soul's estates make us

Owners of the sphere. "Of the stary world, the solar year, Of Ceasar's hand and Plato's brain

Of Lord Christ's heart and Shake speare's brain.

above all things true to themselves-Indeed they are truth. Plato in his passion for the science

supreme master of thought. We appre-This makes hero worshipers of us all. activity. Truth, there was in heathenabandon to fate; with serene contem- divinity appointed leader the Bolts of thority was destroyed. The earth colleges, outside of South Carolina human brains that connot undergo

The Rev. W. H. Hiller, of Prosperity, | plation of death, these with Sophoeles, delivered the annual address before the duke of Athens, taught the Romans Alumni Association this year on Tues- how to die. Hear the Roman confes-

This admirable duke, Valerius,

here, His soul has subjugated Martius' soul; By Romulus, he is all soul, I think; He hath no flesh, and spirit cannot be

Then we have vanquished nothing; he And Martius walks now in captivity."

When paganism had brought forth its perfect fruit, the fullness of time spirit. The sovereign will rules in the had come. There had been conflict, sharp and grand among the elect of the represented in the world by superior Most High, with error, ignorance, superstition and vice. Sinai had thundered with voice more terrible than God-marked man is the atlas of the ages Delphi. The vice-gerents of high bearing a lost world back to its Maker. heaven in that most wonderful Theoc-The truth-ladened voice of the proph- racy had failed to unveil truth in all of her pristine beauty. Moses made mis-But out of the chaotic darkness, there flamed forth a light divine. The 40 divine fire, speaks from thoughts that centuries had not rolled on gathering

The center of light! The focus of the ages! the dream of human history! wisdom from eternity revealed, dazzling the world with its brilliancy! ing coward into a martyr. The poet the source of being disclosed! Nature touched as by magic and its hidden tranced. These all, with a heavenly secrets brought to light! The choir mission. Lights among the breakers invisible breaks forth in symphonics on life's stormy sea! Sentinels stand- divine and hymn the praises of the matchless one. The wisdom of the The mount in peaks of human history; ages gracefully approaches and lays its richest trophics at the Nazarene's feet. The learning of the past is silent when He speaks. The storm at sea is ble things compared with the soul- hushed as a babe in its mother's arm. power of these demigods, who reign at the majestic command of His voice. supreme in the march of human pro- The conscious waters see its Lord and

He teaches men not only how to die secret chambers of the soul and sets the upon us! The supreme hour for ad- captived spirit free. But alas His fate! More criminal we than Antony. We are at hand with which to transform the who take part in His death and re-

Though far removed from master minds, yet there is correspondence between us and them. As all life responds to the vivifying influence of the sun's rays, so we from our inmost being to these master spirits. There is no clear line of demarcation between us and them. As twilight imperceptibly passes into night, so our lives into theirs. Correspondence universal; action and reaction If we empty here, we must condemn there. An inevitable dualism bisects all life so that each thing is a half, and suggests another thing to make it whole; as spirit, matter; man, woman, subjective, objective, in, out, upper, under, motion, rest, yea, nay.

Here we find nature most hopeful and economical. Lower life conspiring, wo see in this correspondence between genius and mediocrity the redemption of the race. In the light of this truth coming from the Eternal One, threading human events with the golden chain of promise:

There is no great, no small, To the Soul that maketh all And when it cometh, all things are, And it cometh everywhere.

There is one mind common to all individual men. Every man is an inlet to the same, and all of the same. He These great souls reveal the race at that is once admitted to the right of its best. Like flowers, love and music, reason, is made a freeman of the whole they appeal to what is noblest, purest estate. What Plato has thought, he and greatest in the soul. They are may think; what a saint has felt, he may feel; what at any time has befalhence cannot be false to their fellows. len any man, he can understand. Who hath access to this universal mind, is a party to all that is, or can be done, for of being was representative of Oriental | this is the only and sovereign agent. thought; in his love of lines, limita- The heaven born leader speaks in words tions, definitions and explanations, he burning with celestial fire, consuming is all that is great in Occidental cul- the dross of human nature, and the ture. This duality in him, makes him | heart universal responds. Every great modern, complete. For 2,200 years the reform; every advancement; every eppoch-making event in the world has clate assimilate truth in the concrete. been the result of the call of the master mind, answered by its obedient sub-Truth in the abstract is too far removed | jects. When great necessary truths from the heart to warm it into life and are uttered by representative men, we are astonished at our own stupidity. dom. It had dreams of divinity and However, great the thought, there is immortality; of responsibility to a su- room in every rational Soul to receive perior being and this faith found ex- and assimilate it. Our capacity for pression and exemplification in civic suffering is immense. We endure the virtue. But it took 38 centuries to burdens of a wrecked world in silence produce Socrates and Plato; men with for generations! The storm gathers sugar convictions on these questions with the friction engendered by human of eternal interest. With callons misery! Then leaps from the soul of a

the heart of the burdened masses. The olution. Heaven with its saving faith deavored as far as I could to get away fountains of soul are broken up and shaped into a uniform mass with an struck the death blow to absolute tyirresistible purpose. The outcome is ranny. The middle class grasped the inevitable. Man is freed from the thraldom of cruelty and injustice.

Men will not make brick without cry. The philosophers of this class straw always, nor bend their backs supinely to the rod of the tyrant. A Moses shall arise, an Aaron shall come to lead them against their foes to victory into a land flowing with milk and and honey. Under the guidance of such peerless elders, the walls of the mightiest strongholds of evil shall its utility! He has swept the heavens crumble to dust, the sea of opposition shall roll back its waves, a divine light its celestial treasures! The marvelous reflected from the skies shall direct the advance, darkness and confusion shall cover the retreat, the giants of wrong shall disperse as mist before the ad-

The progress of civil liberty among and instructive in this connection.

For almost a thousand years there was in the mother country conflict with tyrany. Wrongs grievous, cried to high heaven for vengeance. Meanwhile popular government was gaining slowly, but surely, foundations deep and of never yielding a liberty once granted, they have advanced from absolute, to constitutional monarchy. The final battle for freedom was won when Cromwell beheaded Charles and set up the people as supreme power of the

Taxation without representation forged the American mind into determined opposition to English tyrany, scorning British concessions, demanded free government. The extreme needs of the hour yield to the world that prince of men, "The father of his country." How this young nation followed this peerless chieftain with nightly blade to complete victory! But there was lurking in the constitution of the new nation two ideas destined to deadly conflict. Federalism and Republicanism were to meet in fierce combat in the public arena. Again are we saved by a great

Hear the matchless eloquence of the hero of the moment; like a god in pain. Mighty words, grand purpose! The destiny of the nation fixed for all time. The nation is his monument. With broader views of life and duty; with a common spirit of brotherhood; with the national heart in sympathy with bleeding humanity at our doors, the nation rose as one man to give oppression the greatest rebuke of modern times. The pearl of the Antilles is free. The world clime; a potent factor in commanding the peace of the world!

But let us consider that true greatness can only end in virtue; in individual character; and full of hope learn a lesson in character-building from the

little mariner of the briny deep. "This is the ship of pearl, which poots

Sails the unshadowed main, The venturous bark that flings On the sweet summer wind its purpled

wings In gulfs enchanted, when the siren sings nd coral reefs lie bare, When the cold sea-maids rise their streaming hair.

Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl: Wrecked is the ship of pearl! And every chambered cell. Where its dim dreaming life was wont

to dwell. As the frail tenant shaped his growing Before thee lies revealed,

Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt Year after year beheld the silent toll

That spread his lustrous coil; Still as the spiral grew, He left the past year's dwelling for the

Stole with soft step its shining archway then. Built up its ide door, Stretched in his last found home, and

knew the old no more. Child of the wandering sea. Cast from her lap forlorn; From thy dead lips a clearer note is

Than ever Trion blew from wreathed

hornl While on mine car it rings, Then the deep caves of thought I hear a voice that sings:

Build thee more stately mansions, C my soul,

As the swift seasons roll! Leave thy low-vaulted past! Let each new temple, nobler than the

Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast, Till thou at length art free, Leaving thine out-grown shell by life's

unresting sea! 1 Other building makes life a hugo calamity. The reformation of the 16th century set free the man from political and religious slavery. Broke down the barriers between the man and the masses. The past was obliterated. The illumination enthroned reason. The

leadership. With this shift of power and responsibility came a new discovbrought the awful conviction that matter is God! The history of the 19th century is but the record of the development of this idea. The individual alive with the weight of his powers has exercised them. He has ransacked the world of matter to explore and harness with his eye of science to materialize advance of science and invention has enthroned materialism. Whence the material universe? The answer is matter. Whence man and whither? The answer s matter. Dead, senseless matter. Persistent in the faith in matter, and the English people is both interesting the 20th century will yield a world revolution staggering to reason and moral instinct. Destroy belief in the over soul and you strike dead morality at suffering humanity's feet. Destroy conscience and the moral nature and society is chaos and ruin. There must be reaction. The materials are at broad. By that peculiar English trait | hand with which to regenerate the race The new idea of brotherhood must grow into a powerful civilizing agent. The stewardship of wealth must realize its obligations to the masses and hush the cries of millions for bread. The universal conflict sharp and stern between organized capital and labor must force the level of mutual interest. Popular education must prepare the soul. Liberal culture must bring forth master spirits in harmony with the sovereign will. Then shall be made with the ruling middle class and the masses an everlasting peace. Then shall the sovereign mind rule a kingdom of the higher life.

> The alumni association met immediately after the speech and the following officers were elected: A. O. Matthews, president; A. J. Bowers, secretary; W. K. Sligh, treasurer.

> Prof. W. K. Sligh was chosen as speaker for the next annual address and J. W. Strickland, Esq., of Walhalla as alternate.

> > THE LITERARY ADDRESS

The address to the literary societies was delivered Tuesday evening by Senator B. R. Tillman. We give herewith a full text of the address. Senator Tillman was introduced by Associate Justice Y. J. Pope as fol-

MR. POPE'S INTRODUCTION.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I esteem s taught a lesson in love never before | it a privilege to appear before such known. How the circumstance has an audience. This is a happy week united the American people! What to us all, the Commencement week opportunities as a world power have of our college. You were delighted on thus been opened up to us! Old glory | Sunday when you heard the magnifwaving her folds of freedom to every icent baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Voigt, the pastor of St. Paul's. Wilmington. His lessons sank deep into the hearts of his hearers. And that night Dr. Watson pleased every one with his magnificent sermon. Then on Monday night when our young men in all the glory of intellectuality stood up before an audience almost as large as this and delivered speeches of which we were all proud. And then today when the alumni orator charmed all who heard him. I say this is a gala week for Newberry. And tonight we meet in order to hear the oration delivered before the literary societies of Newberry College. The gentleman they have selected as the orator is no stranger in South Carolina, nay, he is no stranger in America. He deserves all he has received and more. He is a true man and a patriot. He loves his people and endeavors in every way he can to serve them. And it delights me on this occasion to see this magnificent andience of the friends of Newberry College come out to hear wordsringing words---from this true son of his native State. I have said this much in regard to him. I will not say more. I prefer to let him speak for himself as he has always heretofore done. I have the honor, ladies and gentlemen, of presenting to you on this occasion Senator Benjamin Ryan Tillman.

SENATOR TILLMAN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen: I esteem it a high honor and I assure you it affords me pleasure to greet so many of those who represent the beauty and chivalry of Newberry, of Lexington and of Saluda counties. I have appeared in Newberry before, several times, and larger than this. But these audiences were composed exclusively men, and I have never before had the opportunity to look in the faces of the young and old, that it is with peculiar gratification that I appear beshunned and tried to make excuses discovery of the 18th century was man, and uniformly declined to accept in-

was swept away! The reign of terror from an address of this kind for the reason that the word literary carries with it a meaning which involves a kind of speech or address that my training has not fitted me for. My drill as a speaker has been in debate on the hustings where there were appeals to passion, to patriotism, to feeling, as much as to reason. To come before an audience like this involves something of an obligation to indulge in a line of thought that is more elevating, more refined, more polished, more intellectual, possibly. And while I do not pretend to say or to acknowledge the accusation which has been made against me to be true, that I am lacking in that knowledge of literature and of history which would enable my to prepare a resonably decent address; it ing out of such a speech, and the endeavor to commit it to memory, something I can not do. To undertake to get up before an audience of young men and young women, for this audience is mostly composed of young men and young women, and read a speech, however polished or eloquent or philosophical, would mean that you would feel bored and tired before I got half through and you would be sorry that I ever began it. Therefore, in accepting this invitation-and by the way, this kind of invitations came so thick and fast that I became exceedingly alarmed. Newberry's came in first and I accepted it first. Then Clemson and Erskine, and several others, and there seemed to be a conspiracy along the route of the Columbia and Greenville railroad to see whether I did have any culture or not, and already I am booked for another speech Friday at Clemson. But I have had to do with education some. what in South Carolina. I have always been deeply concerned about the educational interests of the State, and have always done all I could to help the cause of education. But I confess that I have been sorely perplexed in my own mind as to how I was going to make two speeches without any serious preparation on two similar occasions and not repeat, in part at least. I had enough amminition and have enough amminition now in the way of powder and ball to load a double barrelled gun, but I declare to you I have not been able to formulate them into two cartridges. Therefore, I am here at your mercy, or rather you are at my Sad to say, that it is often the case. of you. I sympathize with you. I mercy, thank God, and I will have The majority to ask you to bear with me while I give you a few ideas that have come to me as matters of experience and

> thing. The arena in which I have been working for the last six years, the United States Senate, is one where there is so much talk, such a perpetnal flow of talk, that the voriest glutton on speech making who ever ived or died would become sated with such things. I used to love to make speeches and when the conditions are of the kind with which I am familiar, when I can get out in the open and fight, so to speak, I enjoy making a speech occasionally now, but I declare I do not like the idea of preaching a sermon. I have no subject tonight. Therefore, 1 eave each one of you to interpret and try to think out for himself when he gets home, what topic I tried to discuss. I am just going to slosh around, so to speak. The literary societies are to be con-

observation in regard to education,

life in general, and all that kind of

gratulated, and the students of Newberry College are to be congratulated, upon the flourishing condition in which that institution appears to be. Your graduating class this year is larger than any you have ever sent forth. These young men are going out into the world to begin life for themselves, after careful preparation at the hands of this faculty. No doubt these young men and ladies, for I believe you have ladies in the class, feel when they get their diplomas in the morning that they will have a precious certificate or evidence of a certain curriculum through which they have passed, of a certain amount of preparation for the battle of life, through which they have gone. Of what value is that diploma to them? How far has it succeeded, or how far has your preparation succeeded in preparing them to become useful men and women? That depends en-I have addressed audiences here tirely on them. Their teachers have done their best, and the fact that they have had the tenacity of purpose to hold out to the end and to go through the mental strain necessary fair daughters of this grand old to obtain these diplomas, indicates a county. And I assure you, ladies, rather high order of manhood. The statistics of education show that of those who enter college in the freshfore you tonight. I have always man year, not more than 25 to 40 per cent. under the most favorable conditions, ever hold out to the senior Conscious of his power in society the vitations of this character. I have year. They drop by the wayside benobility and clergy as constituted au- been invited by colleges, or to go to cause there is a large per cent. of

Jove, descending with godlike fury into | trembled in the throcs of a mighty rev- | without exception, and | have on- | the continued strain usually neces- | the youth which has been cultivated, hese students drop by the wayside, and a graduating class of thirty out of fifty-four is a record that I have lina, and I doubt if it has ever been equalled anywhere else. I asked you a moment ago how

much preparation, or rather what

success would go with the ownership of a diploma, and said it depended on you. How much do you is there you do not know. My own went into a college at all. The learning, the book learning, or that part | tion. of the curriculum which has been followed and which has not been used becomes encrusted with forgetfulness. to improve the understanding. But the children who have never say this advisedly, and I say it from a knowledge of some of the words which have stuck, I could not con-And you will lose your Latin and to acquire, but your education will train the reasoning powers, to have as the muscles. The idea which I wish to impress upon you all-these young men who are graduating and and those who are in college but will never be graduates, and those who will never be in college- is that the human mind is a very wonderful machine and that the human soul with which it is interlinked and interlaced, which is its seat—that the two must be cultivated and grow together if we are to have the highest development and to have that success in

right thinking young man or old man or young woman or old woman. We come into the world we know not whence and without being consulted. We sojourn here for a period it will bring, is abroad in the land, more or less brief, within the limital pulsating every hamlet, invading tion of a century or thereabouts, the our peaceful Southland here, invitaverage much less than seventy years, and we go out of it without our ancestors as far back as we know being consulted. Nobody asks us when we are ready, nobody inquires as to whether we are fit to go, whether that are of greatest promise. And as said, the intellectual growth and development which differentiate us from the brute, can not be followed with any success unless the moral faculties shall also receive cultiva-

sary, especially in mathematics, to and in this atmosphere I know the obtain the diploma. Then the anxiety morals also have been carefully on the part of the young to enter watched and guarded, what promise upon the arena of life is so great, have you for usefulness in life? Very coupled with necessities imposed by great. You are better equipped than poverty and other adverse conditions, those who do not have college training. There is no use to deny that knowledge is not a great thing to of fifty-four is a record that I have possess. Knowledge is power. Rowledge of the right kind is money, is wealth. But knowledge alone does not give happiness. Knowledge alone, however great, is not the highest ambition that we should follow. Mere knowledge without common sense is the-oh, is a pitiful exhibition to have a man chock full, brimknow? I believe we should ask, how ming over with knowledge of books much don't you know, or how much and things that he has read and acquired, and who hasn't sense enough experience as a student taught me to get out of a shower of rain. That this, that the object of education, the is involved in this question of mental would involve on my part the writ- primary purpose of it is to train the training, the cultivation of the judgmind, to strengthen the reasoning ment. I do not know whether it can be power, to bring about a condition of cultivated er not. I believe that I mental development that will enable am almost right when I assert that the student to reason clearly and to unless a man inherits common sense, differentiate between truth and false. he never has it and cannnot acquire hood, to discover for yourselves what it. I do not want to give you any is right and what is wrong. Aside taffy (they say I sometimes deal in from the usual amount of mathema. it) but I will say this, that the ancestics or arithmetic involved in the tors of most of you, those phlegmatic ordinary affairs of life, aside from Dutenmen who smoke their pipes and the amount of knowledge of English drink their beer, have been noted as necessary to read and write an intel. far back as I have read anything igent letter, aside from a few fun- about it, for their hard horse sense, lamental facts in science and physics, and 1 do not think that the people of the average man or woman who does Newberry and the surrounding not follow up the investigation country who are their kindred are further after they leave college, in a lacking in that essential to good year, or two or three or five years, citizenship, progress, good governyou become unable to separate the ment, patriotism. The judgment college graduates from those who can be strengthened, just a little never went to college at all. You weakly child can be taught to walk. are not able to differentiate between And the human mind can be strengththe graduate and man who never ened in its most essential feature of good judgment, by timely admoni-

> Advice is a thing so plentiful, universally possessed by everybody, afterwards, soon grows rusty, soon wise, or otherwise, and ready to be offered at anytime, that I trust you The boy loses that that he does not will bear with me while I offer a few continue to use. But the mind has chunks of it. And I am going to peen trained, the drill of the reason- talk to the graduates principally, ing power has been such that there | They have ceased their college life is a growth, and the young man may and are commencing the other life. continue to grow and expand if there | Commencement this is called, and is a healthy effort along rational lines why? College has just closed for the year. It seems to be rather a I have known college graduates who contradiction in terms unless you after they left school felt that they take it to mean only the graduating were finished. It had been hard and class. Oh, how their hearts beat they had had a desperate struggle to and thrill when they say, 1 am a win their diplomas and felt that the man. Let me say to you, young time had come for fun and frolic. man, you do not know what is ahead drop back into the ordi- have been all along that road, and nary every day life and lose that grasp | looking back from my fifty three years upon those tools with which they have down the vista of struggle through been furnished by their training. They | which I have passed, I say it from drop the tools. As some wise man | the bottom of my heart, to these in the past declared that the child youths who put off their childish is the father to the man, so the things and put on the toga of manstudent is either the father of the hood and go forth tomorrow, man who will make his mark in you are to be pitied. Those of the world or he drops back among us who have the harness of life on us and who have fought and been students. Why, these young reached the point where we are men and women are just prepared tonight, will understand me and to begin the study of anything know that what I say is true. You, which they have been studying. I young men, who are just entering on your course with hearts flushed with my own experience. I was as good the victory won in your collegiate a Latin scholar of my age as you struggles, with your minds imbued can find in the State, and today with | with high thoughts and noble aspithe exception of a very dim outline rations, with the feeling that the of the principles of the language and | world is mine, is mine oyster which I with sword or with pen will open, see down that line a struggling mass strue an ordinary Latin sentence. who have to buckle to and work, work, work, if they are to accomplish Greek and Mathematics, you will lose anything. They all work, and many all that you have spent these years of them without compensation above a subsistence. And much of it to result not have been a failure because the infailure, much of it to be as Sodom primary purpose of education is to apples, turning to ashes on their lips, because again stastistics come in to the mind grow from working, just prove that of the human race out of one hundred, ten succeed. Ninety struggle along through the mire of mediocrity, some of them drop lowthose who have not yet graduated or into the mire. But ten win the prizes which we strggle for in this little battle of life, ninety fall by the wayside or only go through with comparative failure.

But what are the prizes worth living for? What are the bobbles which we set up and die to get, fighting like demons? The one which is the supreme prize, which all men want is money, wealth and life which it is the ambition of every in this day of our country's history we witness a condition in which mammon worship is supreme. The doctrine of old Huldibras, what is the worth of anything but the money ing us to repudiate the principles of

anything about them. But I am not going into politics. I said that the one thing which most set we have made the uses of our lives out to do is to get money, that otherwise they will be considered failures. How much of this is true? What is that idea worth? Money is a good thing to have if it is properly used. The wart of money is a monstrous inconvenient thing. But I say for those in this audience who Now then with the mentality of have not succeeded in getting money,