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## GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT IN KINGSTREE A SPLENDID SUCCESS.

ATTENDANCE BROKE ALL RECORDS--EIGHT SWEET GIRL GRADUATES--PUBLIC DEBATE BY WEE NEE LITERARY SOCIETY--OTHER INTERESTING FEATURES OF A NOTABLE OCCASION.

The sweet girl graduate has been very much in evidence in our town's midst during the past week.

The commencement of the Kingstree Graded school—Kingstree's pride—is always an event of more than passing interest, and this year the interest was more marked than ever before. Whether this was by reason of personalities of the eight young ladies comprising the graduating class or on account of the expanding reputation of our school, or both combined, we are unable to say; but the fact remains that on Monday evening, when the commencement exercises were held, the attendance was record-breaking. The school auditorium was crowded beyond standing room and at least a hundred people were unable to find even standing room and returned home. A conservative estimate places the total attendance at not less than seven hundred people including those who were turned away. Among the latter was the writer, who arrived at the hour scheduled, but was unable to find a seat or even get in earshot of the fair readers of their graduation essays, hence we ask that they will pardon us for failing to comment upon the said papers. In giving the printed programme, which is appended to this article, we have, like the "poor benighted Hindoo, done the best we kinko."

The commencement exercises were ushered in Friday evening by the anniversary celebration of the Wee Nee Literary society, which took the form of a public debate, the query being: Resolved, That the Immigration of Foreign Peoples to the United States is Desirable. The debaters were: Affirmative, Misses Mamie Montgomery and Mary Swann; Negative, Miss Clara Montgomery and Mr David Scott. The judges were: Messrs. Hugh McCutchen, Ollie Epps and A C Hinds.

The address to the literary society was made by L W Gilland, Esq., of the Kingstree bar, and was replete with good thought clothed in scholarly diction.

The debate was on a live subject and the audience present appeared deeply interested and entertained by the argument presented by the young speakers. At the conclusion of the debate the judges retired and announced their decision as in favor of the affirmative.

Sunday, May 19, at 11 a. m., the commencement sermon was preached in the school auditorium by Rev D M Fulton of Darlington and the large congregation present listened with profound interest to the eloquent and edifying discourse of this gifted young divine.

On Monday morning, May 20, the exercises were continued in the school auditorium, when it was expected that an address would be delivered by Dr J L Mann, superintendent of Florence city schools. It was a distinct disappointment to the audience to learn that on account of illness in his family this distinguished educator would not be present. At this juncture Rev

Mr Fulton came to the rescue and the school and its friends present were entertained for about three-quarters of an hour with an address that, although impromptu, was well worth listening to. Mr Fulton's theme was Higher Education, and while emphasizing the importance of mental training he argued that it was of far less moment than spiritual training. The man or woman best educated is the one whose head, hand and heart are trained in proper proportion.

One of the pretty numbers of these exercises was the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by a chorus of small girls, combined with a kind of flag drill. These little pupils acquitted themselves most creditably.

The final scene of the commencement took place Monday evening and of course this was the occasion around which was centered the greatest interest.

In addition to the regular programme three prizes were awarded, as follows: Miss Eleaor Epps, a copy of Tennyson's Poems for the highest general average in the tenth grade; Miss Mary Swann, a copy of Scott's Poems, for the highest general average in the ninth grade. The above prizes were offered by the superintendent.

Miss Clara Montgomery, a white silk parasol, for the highest general average in the High School department. This prize was offered by the Kingstree Dry Goods Co.

The regular programme is given in full at top of this page.

### GREELYVILLE GLEANINGS.

#### School Closing—Death of Popular Barber—Personal.

GREELYVILLE, May 22.—Our graded school celebrated its commencement on last Thursday night. Quite a crowd attended the exercises. All seemed to be very much pleased with the programme and were loud in their praise of our young professor.

Miss Annie McKnight of Lynchburg is the guest of Mrs Henry Johnson. This is not the first visit Miss Annie has paid our city and her host of friends are always glad to see her.

Many of John Mishaw's patrons will learn with regret of his untimely death. John has been our barber here for about one and a half years, and in this time he has won the respect of both the white as well as our black population. John's death was not altogether unexpected, as he has suffered for the past eight months with an aneurism. He went up to Columbia a few days ago and after consulting the physicians at the city hospital decided to have his arm operated on. He lived only about four hours after the incision was made, the doctor being unable to take up the arteries.

Messrs S V and W L Taylor spent last Thursday in Sumter. While over there they had the pleasure of witnessing the game of ball between Kingstree and Sumter. I presume the manager of the home team will have the result of the game published elsewhere in this issue, so will not comment thereon.

Messrs Peter Keels and Dr Haselden took in the commencement exercises of the Kings-

## KINGSTREE GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES MONDAY EVENING, MAY 20, 1907.

SUNFLOWER DRILL. Engelmann.  
AFTER THE CHARGE, Misses Brockington and Cowles.  
ROSE DRILL. Lange.  
DREAMS OF HAPPINESS. Miss Ruth Hinnant.  
ESSAY, "Joys and Sorrows of Our School Life." Miss Eleanor Epps.  
ENCHANTED BELLS, Miss Blooma Kennedy. Rathbun.  
ESSAY, "The Dignity of Labor." Miss Mantie Coker.  
(a) AMONG THE GYPSIES, Miss Ruby Thorne. Janke.  
(b) MARCH OF THE SOLDIERS, Master Robert Kirk. Gurlitt.  
ESSAY, "Needs of Kingstree." Miss Leola Coward. Grieg.  
SOLITARY WANDERER, Miss Nita Whitehead. Grieg.  
ESSAY, "The Ideal Woman." Miss Alida Fulton. Engelmann.  
OVER HILL AND DALE, Misses Cowles and Kennedy. Engelmann.  
ESSAY, "The Decision of Character." Miss Altherc McKnight. Bohm.  
(a) DANCE IN THE GREEN, Miss Clara Montgomery. Lindsay.  
(b) NOONTIDE REVERIE, Miss Louise Barr. "Macbeth." Kenn.  
ESSAY, Miss Mary Gordon. Kenn.  
MOUNTAIN ECHOES, Miss Ada Brockington. "Class Prophecy." Woolenhaupt.  
ESSAY, Miss Nita Whitehead. "Class Will." Blake.  
MARCHE DE CONCERT, Miss Ruth Hinnant. Blake.  
ESSAY, Miss Marion Gilland. Blake.  
IL TROVATORE, Misses Whitehead and Cowles. Blake.  
DELIVERY OF DIPLOMAS.

### tree Graded school last Monday night.

Mr H D Ferrell, one of our rural sports, ran up to Sumter Saturday afternoon to see one of his numerous girls.

Miss Mamie Allen, who has been spending several months with relatives at this place, left Tuesday night, for Savannah, Ga., where she expects to spend about a month with her brother, who lives there.

JOE.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I will meet the Supervisors of Registration of Williamsburg County in the Court House at Kingstree on Monday, May 27, 1907, at 12 o'clock m. for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not one-fourth of the qualified electors of said County have signed petitions, as provided by law, asking for an election to be held on the questions "For Sale" or "Against Sale" of whiskey in said County, and all those who desire to be present at said time will govern themselves accordingly.  
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Santee Sayings.  
SANTEE, May 20.—Mr Editor, As it has been quite a while since Santee has been represented through the columns of your paper, and feeling that it should be, I have decided to give you a few items, which I trust will be of interest to your many readers.

Cotton chopping is the order of the day around here. The weather has been fine for the past week and there are but a few who have not taken advantage of the chance and almost completely routed "General Green" and his army.

Rev R W Spigner filled his regular appointment at New Market Methodist church yesterday afternoon.

We are very sorry to report the illness of Mrs M A Henry, has been critically ill for the past few days. Her condition at this writing is unchanged, but we hope for her speedy recovery.

We are also very sorry to report the illness of Mrs W M O'Bryan.

Mrs Ella Keels and son, Alva, of Sumter are visiting relatives in this community.

Rev R L Grier, pastor of Richmond Presbyterian church, is attending the General Assembly in Birmingham, Ala., this week as a delegate from Harmony Presbytery.

Well, Mr Editor, if this escapes the waste basket, you may hear again from

SANTEE.

Mr Eugene Stanley, one of THE RECORD'S "old reliable" compositors, visited his parents in Hartsville Sunday.

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