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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 1910.

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**Large Crowds Attend Commencement of Kingstree High School.**

erals are richer in the South than anywhere else in the United States, but are only in recent years begun to be developed. These mines will require the services of educated young men—where are we going to find them? Shall we import them from the North or educate our own boys to hold these responsible positions?

Educational conditions in the South are improving, but are still far from ideal. A bottle washer at the dispensary got bigger wages than the average teacher, and even the street sweepers in Charleston are paid \$364 a year while the average yearly salary of a teacher is less than \$300. Until we are willing to pay better wages, we will not be able to find better teachers, for which there is a crying need. The school is the loom and the teacher the weaver; on their skill and competency depends the quality of the product.

Our country is now facing a great epoch—the construction of the Panama canal will give an impetus to Southern industrial development the magnitude of which no man can foretell. We need educated men to take the lead in these large affairs and it is the mission of the school to provide them. The speaker then made an earnest appeal to the young men to equip themselves to take advantage of the magnificent opportunities that are bound to come. If he had to live his life over he would not stop with an ordinary education, but would study and learn till his means gave out.

A great deal is heard about conservation of our natural resources, but the greatest of all our resources are too much neglected—our health and intellect. Men of mental and physical strength are what is needed to develop our country.

The speaker enlivened his address with a number of spicy anecdotes, which held the attention of the audience, and at the same time emphasized his points of argument. He closed his speech with a peroration that was truly a splendid flight of oratorical eloquence.

Mr Daniel is a pleasing speaker, a man who has something to say and knows how to say it. His popularity as a commencement orator is equaled by few public speakers in the State, as we understand that he has been invited to make addresses at about ten school closings the present season.

**GRADUATING EXERCISES.**

Monday, May 23.

Every year the High school commencement becomes a bigger and



FACULTY OF THE KINGSTREE GRADED AND HIGH SCHOOL, 1909-10  
 Miss Estelle Campbell Prof. Olin S. Lea Prof. G. Colbert Miss Alice Campbell  
 Miss Leah Townsend Miss Lorena Ross Prof. R. N. Speigner Miss Sadie Carver Miss Agness Erckmann

more important event and around the graduating exercises the liveliest interest centers. Especially was this the case on the present occasion, the Class of '10, with its fifteen members, being the largest in the history of the school. Monday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, the school auditorium was filled to overflowing with eager spectators. Every available seat was occupied and a considerable number had to remain standing. The crowd Monday evening was conservatively estimated at 500 people, besides those seated on the platform, which numbered a score or more.

The graduating exercises began with the invocation by Rev W E Hurt, followed by an instrumental solo by Miss Blooma Kennedy.

The Salutatory, by Mr Thomas McDowell Gilland, was delivered with ease and fluency and the subject-matter of the young man's paper was very creditable indeed.

The "Class History," by Miss Emma Estella Coward, gave a character delineation of each member of the class and some very clever hits were perpetrated by the "historian" at expense of her class-mates.

Following the "Class History" an instrumental solo, "Les Muscadins," was prettily played by Miss Louise Barr.

In the "Class Prophecy," Miss Minnie Ruth Bryan foretold the destinies of the various individuals comprising the Class of '10, and should the prophetic vision of the gifted seeress prove measurably true, great things will be achieved by these young men and women "in the world's broad field of battle."

A duet, "Le Cariflou," by Misses Baker and Kennedy formed a pleasing interlude, then came the "Class Will," by Mr Samuel Pendergrass Stackley. This was a fine paper indeed for a school-boy's effort and the liberal applause that greeted the young speaker was worthily bestowed.

The "Valedictory" by Miss Blooma Frances Kennedy, contained excellent thought well expressed and the bright young valedictorian delivered it with the aplomb of a practiced speaker.

A solo, "Reverie," by Miss Minnie Bryan closed the regular programme, but Mr Colbert announced that among the papers handed in by the other members of the class was one by Mr Theo Barr Rogers entitled "The History of Williamsburg County." It had been suggested to him that as this paper contained so much of local interest, Mr Rogers should be especially requested to read it. It was still early and as the exercises were nearly over the audience would not be kept too long by this amendment to the programme. Mr Rogers obligingly acquiesced and read his paper, which was received with much interest by everyone present. Williamsburg county, so rich in historic material, has had but a meager portion of it preserved in printed or written form and any contribution in the way of local history is always interesting to all who love the dear old

mother county. Mr Rogers' paper showed the result of praise-worthy effort to outline the early history of our town and county, and considering how difficult it is to get authentic historical data pertaining to the early history of Williamsburg, he did his work very thoroughly, bringing his narrative up to the present time.

Following the reading of the essays, Superintendent Colbert, with pleasant and appropriate remarks presented diplomas to thirteen members of the class and explained that two others would be awarded certificates on mathematics, English, history and science.

The class roll and the titles of the graduating essays appear on the programme as follows:

- Maude Baker—The Blight of Idleness.
- Minnie Ruth Bryan—Class Prophecy.
- Emma Estella Coward—Class History.
- Margaret Emma Cooper—The Progress of Education in the South.
- Thomas McDowell Gilland—Salutatory.
- Walter Haskell Harper—The History of Education.
- Blooma Frances Kennedy—Valedictory.
- Junius McFadden McIntosh—Our Duty.
- Bessie Almira McKenzie (Certificate) Anglo-Saxon.
- Virture Tyson McClary—Influence.
- Theo Barr Rogers—The History of Williamsburg.
- M O'Gilvie Rogers (Certificate)—What Our Country Needs in the Way of Development.
- Frank Judson Rodgers—Forestry.
- Samuel Pendergrass Stackley—Class Will.
- Vivian Jacqueline Wheeler—Character Building.

The scholarship medal presented each year to the member of the tenth grade making the highest average was presented to Miss Blooma Kennedy. Miss Minnie Bryan was a close second, the difference between their general averages being only one-half of one hundredth, it was explained.

Other prizes presented by the kindred and friends of the pupils were announced, some of them as follows: Maudaline Kinder, highest average first grade; Serena Lee, highest average second grade; Hampden Montgomery, second highest, second grade; Helen Kennedy, highest average third grade; Claude Jones, highest mark in spelling, fourth grade; Olivia Chandler, fourth grade, highest mark in drawing.

The highest average for the year was made by Miss Florence McIntosh, of the ninth grade, 97.37

Several other announcements were made which, owing to the fact that there were no facilities for reporting the exercises, we were unable to obtain. No one has been intentionally slighted and we hope this is sufficient explanation and apology to any and all who have been overlooked.

off smoothly and the beauty and excellence of the occasion really exceeded the expectations of many who take great interest in the school's welfare. The rostrum which formed the stage setting for the graduating exercises was appropriately decorated with choice exotics and spring flowers; the "sweet girl" graduates looked fair and winsome in their fresh young beauty and their pretty commencement dresses, while the young men were handsome and dignified as befitted the occasion. All the essayists received liberal applause and were showered with floral offerings by admiring friends.

We shall miss them all, teachers and pupils, from our community, where they have labored long and faithfully. As "ships that pass in the night", along life's voyage we meet and speak one another and are gone. Some linger longer but, after all, only for a little while, before we shall all meet again, to part no more, perhaps, across the bar in the great harbor of eternity.

**STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.**

Timmonsville is building a \$22,000 school house.

Mullins and Beaufort are each to have a new newspaper.

A Markley Lee, Esq, a prominent Charleston lawyer, died Saturday morning.

Col Charles Newham of Columbia has announced that he will be a candidate for Adjutant General in the State campaign.

A Chester county hen laid an egg last week with an exact reproduction of the comet outlined on the shell, so it is reported.

The Charleston Consolidated Railway & Lighting Co has been chartered by the Secretary of State with a capital stock of \$2,000,000.

Clara Morris, one of the best known actresses of the American stage and a writer of no mean ability is dying in New York.

Frank Rikard, a young white man living near Edmonds, Lexing-

ton county, accidentally shot himself fatally at his home Friday afternoon.

Gallagher & Burton, a Pennsylvania whiskey house, has refunded \$11,000 to the State, representing overcharges for liquor bought by the old State dispensary.

A "special" from Darlington to the News & Courier says that Bessie Sanders, a negress living near Society Hill, got up one morning last week to see the "comic." As soon as she reached the yard and sighted the celestial wanderer, she fell dead—literally frightened to death.

Senator Tillman is ill again, being troubled with rheumatism. A de-

spatch from Atlanta says that he will soon return to the sanatorium in that city where he recently received treatment while convalescing from the paralytic stroke that he sustained while attending to his duties in Washington.

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