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RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME AT SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN CONVENTION, GREENSBORO, N. C.

By Rev. I. W. Johnson.

Mr. President:—There are three great fields which invite man to the employment of his genius and the improvement of his talents. These may be termed the trinity of human endeavor. They are commonly designated as the material, the mental and the spiritual; and they are represented by the purse, the head and the heart. Man as an individual, or society in the aggregate, may be concerned in any one, or in all of these. But man has not reached his highest privilege, nor has he hope for the noblest development of his God-given faculties, until he has committed himself to the service of God, in keeping with the laws governing the kingdom of God. Herein lies the greatness of the church of Jesus Christ. Other institutions appeal to some special line of development, usually in the material, sometimes in the mental, rarely in the spiritual realm. The world has accused the church of being narrow; we respond to this accusation, in the words of the great Head of the Church: "The field is the world." The world is narrow; the church is broad, in its scope of work; the world is selfish; the church is altruistic. The policy of the world, in the material, is to get all you can; the true spirit of the church is to give all you can. The world has the spirit of investigation, in the great field of truth, the church adds to this the injunction of Jesus; "Teaching them to observe all things which I have commanded you."

The great problem of the human family is to meet the demands of a common brotherhood; to make provision for the advancement of the human race. This shall be one of the gravest questions for our consideration during the session of this Convention. As our minds review the present conditions of this fair Southland, we are brought more and more to realize the imperative necessity of calling for more men and more money to enter the inviting fields, which are white unto the harvest. We must lay larger plans, and more effectively in-

crease our contributions to the Orphanage, that institution which is dear to the hearts of all people who have an interest in the uplift of the homeless child. Here the church must feed, clothe, educate and save the children, and make them worthy citizens. This Convention will consider problems connected with the conduct of our college,—the institution which seeks to develop the minds of our young people, and train them to think right, and make honest investigation in the field of truth. But the great problem of this Convention will be the best means of advancing the spiritual interests of our Brotherhood. There are many fields which need financial help; there are other places unoccupied by us, and they are asking for churches and pastors. So we can readily see that this Convention, which has steadily grown in size and importance, now considers work weighted with tremendous responsibilities. We are to consider matters which are of common interest to the children of men, but of particular interest to the Christian Church. It is the great desire of all the leaders in the various departments of our work, that the fruitage of this session shall be of mutual profit to all who may honor us by their presence.

This Convention has met upon historic ground. On March 15, 1781, one of the great battles of the Revolution was fought at Guilford Court House, a place five miles from this city. Cornwallis, in command of 2213 men of the British forces, was waging terrific warfare in the Carolinas, and met General Greene and his army of 4404 gallant Americans, an army composed mostly of North Carolinians and Virginians, in battle on the above mentioned date. For five hours the bloody conflict was waged, and one sixth of those engaged fell upon the battle-field wounded or dead. The losses were: Americans, 400, British, 600. At the close of the battle, the honors were about evenly divided, but the result was such as to force Cornwallis to withdraw his forces from the Carolinas, and retreat to Virginia. The victory was really won by Greene who outgeneraled his enemy. Upon the soil of the Old North State the first declaration of Independence was made; upon her soil one of the great victories of the resultant war was won; and her sons were among the

last to surrender at the close of the Civil War. This great state has won many noble victories for liberty, union, peace, progress and purity during the past century. And she will win many more. The great centers of this state are now being swept by a tidal wave which is going to cleanse this state of much impurity; the forces are gathering from farm and store, office and legislative hall; the learned and the ignorant, the rich and the poor, from every walk of life are enlisting under the white banner of peace, sobriety and temperance. And it is safe to say that this state will stand for the peace and safety of our homes, and drive the cursed liquor traffic from her confines at the coming election in May. As General Greene won that glorious victory at Guilford, and thus gave further assurance of success to the movement for liberty and independence, so will this victory be won. There are many loyal citizens of this great commonwealth, who, willed with the the spirit which actuated our ancestors at Mecklenburg and Guilford, will ever be willing to bear the heat and burden of any battle in behalf of moral and civic righteousness. Our press and our pulpit's are with you in this call for service.

The city of Greensboro was settled in 1808. Just one hundred years ago. In one century a trackless forest has given place to a beautiful, progressive city. Many great movements were begun during that eventful year. That was the year which marked the establishment of the first religious newspaper in this country. The Herald of Gospel Liberty, the property of the Christian Church, and the Oldest Religious Newspaper in the world was established by Elias Smith the same year Greensboro was founded. Those two events alone are enough to make that year famous in the annals of history. The present power of the religious press for good, and the growth of your city justify and magnify the wisdom of the pioneers of these two important movements of a century ago.

To our good friend, the Honorable Mayor of Greensboro, who has so happily welcomed this Convention to this city: We wish Sir, to say that we are profoundly grateful for your words of welcome. We feel that you are justified

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THE GREENSBORO CONVENTION A SYMPOSIUM.

The following questions were addressed to members, and some interested visitors at our recent Convention:

1st. What is your estimate of our Greensboro Convention?

2nd. What do you regard as the most important steps taken by the Convention? We have received the following replies:

Dr. G. S. Watson: I have attended several Conventions, but regard our Greensboro session as the most aggressive so far held. We are now doing in our conventions what we should have done thirty years ago. I regard the steps taken in behalf of our Home Mission interest as the most advanced and as likely to result in most good in future. The Committee on Publications also took advanced ground, and many of their suggestions, if carried out, will tell mightily in results.

Rev. P. H. Fleming: The deep spiritual tone of the Convention, the brotherly love that prevailed, the literary merit of the addresses delivered, the advanced steps taken upon the great questions of the day—such as Education, Missions, Sunday Schools, and Moral Reform—and the splendid personnel of the body, places the Greensboro Convention, in my estimation in the fore-front, betokening better things.

I regard the advanced steps in Missions and Publications as being the most important taken by the aforesaid Convention.

Rev. C. C. Peel: My estimate of this Convention places it in the front rank of all the conventions I have had the pleasure of attending. The first time I attended a session of the Southern Christian Convention was in Suffolk, Va., in the year 1890, and I have been present at every session since and, as I see it, no session has taken higher rank than the recent one in Greensboro.

The second question is "What do you regard as the most important steps taken by the convention?"

My estimate of the Convention is not based on any one, two or three things done by the Convention, but on the advance all along the line. In the first place the attendance was better, and that of itself I regard, not only as favorable, but vital. I want to see the day come when all of our people, both lay and ministerial, will be enough interested that when the church calls to duty that nothing short of Providential hindrance will be offered or considered as a valid excuse, or reason, for not responding. I trust that the good atten-

dance upon the last session means that we are coming to that point.

Again, I notice that every subject was given close attention by all. No pet schemes or special subjects, but deep interests in all subjects and on all lines. True, more interest was manifested with regard to the young people, and larger plans for mission work, but that is only in keeping with the spirit manifested all the way through. Now if this interest shall continue through the entire two years, we shall see our church advance as never before in our whole history. I close these lines with the proud hope that a brighter day is dawning upon us.

Rev. J. W. Holt: The late session of the Southern Christian Convention was a pleasant and harmonious meeting of the leading men in the church, and the various reports showed good work during the two years past. Some most excellent addresses and papers were presented to the body. Convention Home Missions showed creditable work done in this department. The election of a Mission Secretary was a new step in this field but the wisdom of such a step is questionable, in view of existing condition in the field before us, however it is hoped that it may prove to be wisely taken.

K. B. Johnson. I think the Greensboro Convention was one of the best, if not the best, I ever attended, and I think I have attended every session but one, in the last fifteen years or more. I regard the election of a home mission secretary as one among the most important steps taken.

H. V. Simpson: 1st. I think the Convention was above the average in attendance and interest, there being very little opposition to any report.

2nd. (a). I think the greatest steps taken were those relative to The Home Mission work. (b) The systematic training for Sunday school work.

Rev. W. G. Clements: The Greensboro Convention was the best I ever attended. I am not in a position to tell what were the most important steps taken. I did not reach the Convention until the night of the second day; therefore I do not know all that was done. But will mention two things that made me feel good all over:

First. The Christian Spirit that controlled the brotherhood. It was so Christ like, it made me feel like praising God.

Second. The unanimous vote in favor of prohibition. That was a long step in the right direction.

Rev. L. F. Johnson: The members of the Greensboro Christian church and prominent members of other churches

have frequently spoken to me of the success of the Southern Christian Convention since the late session.

I regard the action taken for the appointment of a Home Mission Secretary the most important of all.

Rev. I. W. Johnson:

The Greensboro Convention, in my opinion, was one of the best we have ever held. The work was well organized, each subject was well provided for, and the Addresses were far above the average. Some valuable information was condensed into the various addresses, and there was a larger outlook, for the work of the Convention.

Among the most important steps taken, was the provision made for a Convention Mission Secretary to be elected by the Mission Board. There is beyond question a general awakening looking towards the enlargement of our work in the South, and this spirit was manifested in the Convention in a forceful way. The Convention has passed through the period of long resolutions, and is laying foundation for larger and more effective work.

Rev. H. E. Rountree:

The Greensboro Convention was the greatest I ever attended in our church with relation to general interest and the class of speeches made. The most important step taken was the creation of a Home Mission Secretary.

Dr. J. W. Manning:

1st. I consider it highly successful. The local management was good, the spirit displayed fine and the work conducted expeditiously.

2nd. I think the most important steps taken were with reference to putting a man in the field for Home Missions and the step forward in regard to Sunday-school work.

Secretary P. J. Kernodle:

With regard to the recent session of the Southern Christian Convention, as it appears to me, the following points may be noted:

(1) The addresses on the assigned topics were the best doubtless in the history of the Convention.

(2) That new plans were projected for Home Missions looking to the employing of a field Secretary by the committee and the organization of Missionary Associations one with each conference.

(3) The work of the college was emphasized, and provision made to extend the interest by increasing the number of Trustees.

(4) In general the Convention emphasized the enterprises of the Convention, thus strengthening the cords and the stakes already set.

Rev. W. S. Long, D. D.:

In reply to the questions you submit

would say that the session of the Convention held last week in Greensboro, N. C. was a very successful meeting. The representatives from the Conferences were nearly all in attendance and the reports showed that all departments of our church utilities are in a healthy condition, and growing in strength and usefulness.

The Convention took no very advanced step however, seeming to be satisfied with present conditions and attainments. It proposed to put a mission secretary in the field that this department may be stimulated to greater activity.

The sermons were good, and the addresses on the various reports were so long that no time was given for discussion by those not assigned to places on the program. Our Conventions and Conferences too often hear opinions from a few only; while many never give expression to any view on any question. A little too much machinery it would seem. A little more latitude would doubtless prove more helpful and awaken greater interest. It would certainly enable the body to leave the situation and sentiments of its members and thus prepare it to take wise and intelligent action.

Rev. A. P. Barbee:

The convention held at Greensboro was a grand success. The brethren who did not go as delegates missed an inspiration for the work in their local churches and community. It was a benediction to my soul. Oh! what a joy comes to us by mingling together in the Master's work in unity. It is like the ointment upon the head, that ran down the beard even Aaron's beard." It is as the dew of Hermon. All the papers that were presented by our loyal and devoted brethren were to my mind simply grand and inspiring. If there was one thing above another in all the work of the Convention it was the Sunday-school work. I am sure when the nursery is constantly nursed that the Master will give to our churches fruit bearing trees that will be known throughout his Kingdom. I am sure that a body of men were never more elegantly entertained than were the brethren at the Convention. My home was all that could be asked, and more than was really necessary. Sister Mayner and her husband spared no pains in making the guests comfortable at their home. The little girl of their home was the joy of our stay. She is a lovely solo singer, a delight of all who have become acquainted with her. May the good Lord send his richest blessings on the City of Greensboro and build up our beloved Zion there.

Rev. J. W. Wellons.

I want to say for the benefit of the

readers of The Christian Sun who were not at the General Convention at Greensboro, I have never missed a Convention since 1856, and I must say I do not think I ever attended a more harmonious and pleasant session and one in which feeling was more in accordance one with another in every thing.

The report on the college work was very satisfactory, showed every thing getting on well under its present administration. The report of the publishing agent was very full, and satisfactory about The Christian Sun, its present form and make up; but needing more new subscribers. The sale of Bibles and religious books was exceedingly good. The report of the Orphanage was very clear and full and very satisfactory, showing a great deal of work had been done about the premises, new buildings and so forth; the Orphans well cared for, and that they attended the Sabbath school, preaching and other exercises at the College and that ten or twelve have united with the college church during the year. The reports and papers prepared for the Convention were fine, of a high grade and full of information. Most of them will appear in The Christian Sun. The putting an agent in the field on Home Mission work was well considered and discussed and decided upon as soon as practicable. I think the work of the Convention showed very clearly the progress in all the enterprises of the church work.

Prof. W. P. Lawrence:

My impression of the Convention is that it was one of the best sessions for ten years. Ability in the personnel of the membership, and purpose in the proceedings, purpose to move the Master's work forward impressed me as never before in the Convention.

To my mind, the most important step taken was the movement to put a home mission secretary in the field of the Southern Christian Convention. It is the step I have wanted for ten years to see the Convention take. It means the widening of our borders in the Southern States as no other movement has meant or can mean.

President E. L. Moffitt:

Our recent Convention was one of the busiest and most harmonious sessions I have ever attended. It was not a convention of "features," but was worked by good practical reports and addresses, general enthusiasm prevailing from start to finish.

The most important new steps that were taken were:

1. The provision for a Home Mission Secretary who shall endeavor to arouse our churches in behalf of missions.

2. The appointment of a committee

to get up a teachers' training course for our Sunday schools.

3. And the adoption of a plan looking to the organization of our young people for more active Christian work.

The ultimate value of any or all of these new movements will of course, depend upon the vigor and faithfulness with which they are carried out.

All the reports were characterized by a hopeful spirit, and everything points to a period of progress during the next quadrennial.

Prof. W. A. Harper:

The Greensboro Convention was a great one—one that will count for much when the historian arises who is to give the proper estimate of our doings and progress and development as a people.

The Home Mission report was a great one, and the decision to put a Home Mission Secretary in the field was probably the most important step the Convention undertook. Home Missions contain in them our success or failure—success if prosecuted, failure if neglected. This movement seems to indicate that we are to succeed in this important matter. The Publication report also was a good one—reached the high water mark, when it emancipated the Christian Sun. The Convention bought the paper at the Berea, Norfolk Co., Va. Convention 4 years ago, but was charging the editor rent on its capitalized value—fining him for giving us a paper. The Convention upon the recommendation of the Committee on Publications released the editor from paying the rental and so emancipated the Sun.

The Convention also did well when it decided on a revision of the Principles and government and Directory for worship with Dr. Staley, Dr. Atkinson, Rev. P. H. Fleming, Dr. Moffitt, and Col. West as the revision committee.

It was a great Convention—worthy of the great church whose interests it met to conserve.

I. A. Luke:

I think the Greensboro Convention a success in every way, and one of the very best sessions I ever attended. Every one present seemed to be filled with the spirit, with perfect harmony prevailing, ready to do the Master's business. It was really "good to be there." As to the most important steps taken, I am in doubt, yet as I am heartily in favor of home missions, what was done along that line, very forcibly impressed me.

Rev. W. C. Wicker:

The last session of the Southern Christian Convention was decidedly the best ever held, because of its large delegation; intelligent membership, progressive spirit, harmonious feeling; and busi-

ness like policy. While larger plans may have been projected at other sessions, this Convention gave attention to the development and enlargement of plans already projected. Every enterprise of the church will receive a new impetus, a larger outlook, a higher ideal and a new awakening from the work done in this Convention. The most beautiful thing in the Convention was the freedom of debate, the studious consideration of church problems, the wisdom and counsel of the wiser heads of the church freely mingled with the aggressive prospective, progressive spirit of the younger leaders in church with the broad spirit of fraternal loves overruling all for the highest good of the kingdom of God.

The greatest and most important step taken in the Convention was the provision for the organization and training of our young people for Christian service. This includes the authority of the Christian Endeavor Committee to call a Convention of all the young people of the church for better organization and the co-operation of the Committee on Sunday schools with this committee and the preparation of a Teacher training Course for Sunday school teachers. In short, the organization and training of our young people for Christian service is the problem of the church and the Convention has provided for the solution of this problem.

Rev. W. W. Staley, D. D.:

I think the Greensboro Convention was characterized by three important features.

1. The attendance and spirit from start to finish were the best in its history. All seemed to have the cause at heart and themselves in the background. This means much, whether looking backward or forward, and indicated attainment and promise.

2. Real work in the Convention. Members and committees manifested earnest concern in all that was considered and that was done. Nobody seemed to tire or relax interest. It was a working body "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

3. The most important steps taken were to increase the efficiency of the Sunday-school and young people's departments. The future of the church is in the care and development of the children and young people. Minority is the period of education, formative of principles, fixing of the theological opinions, and identification with the church. This field is white unto the harvest and the steps taken in this field are both inclusive and exclusive, planting the good and preventing the bad.

Mr. J. W. White: Like the last Amer-

ican Christian Convention, it was the best I ever attended. The brotherly fellowship was perfect and the addresses so strong and very impressive to the faith. In my opinion the plan to place a field agent out in the interest of the Home Mission work was by far the most advanced and important work of the Convention, while many matters adopted were in advance of all former efforts before as I can recall.

Rev. O. W. Powers, D. D.:

The Convention at Greensboro impressed me favorably in several particulars. It seemed to be a thoroughly representative body, yet not too large for the prompt and easy transaction of business. The larger proportion of the delegates were present at the opening session, and remained until the close—a marked contrast to many of our Conventions and conferences. The lay delegates took an active interest in the proceedings instead of leaving all the discussion and committee work to the ministers. The discussions themselves were generally to the point, and the sermons and addresses were of a high order.

There was a spirit of hopefulness and progress in the Convention work which added to the value of the proceedings. A careful survey of the field of activities revealed things accomplished, or in successful operation. A willingness to undertake larger things and to do better work was apparent. The three Home Mission centers—Norfolk, Greensboro and Columbus, Ga., made an excellent showing, and seemed to encourage the Convention to look for further opportunities.

One of the most important measures agreed upon was the selection of a Home Mission Secretary for the Convention. If the committee in charge can find the right man for this important position, much good can be accomplished. He must be consecrated, energetic and have some tact and statesmanship. He must be more than a money gatherer, although he should be able to suggest methods by which the mission funds may be increased. But he should himself be a home missionary, able to render assistance on the field where needed, and having such mastery of the situation as to enable him to help the various home mission agencies now operating in the bounds of the Convention to work together harmoniously and effectively.

Rev. J. L. Foster:

The Convention was composed of able and loyal men, was wise in legislative plans, and practical in action looking to the carrying out of plans made. Able and instructive addresses by competent men.

(b) That which will bring great results if carried out, the plans of Home Mission Board, Home Mission Secretary, and authorizing the enlargement of field and methods of support for the Orphanage.

THE COLLEGE AND THE ALUMNI.

One of the chief assets of a college is the loyalty of its alumni. The natural relation between the college and its graduates is pretty much the same as the relation between the mother and her child, and this relation is recognized in the name "alma mater," mother of learning (the English meaning of the phrase) given to every college by its graduates. Now, the greatest and richest treasure a son can bring to his mother, after he has gone out from home to seek his fortune in the wide world is not so much gifts of money or things money will buy as treasure and gifts of love and gratitude, a manly defense of that mother's good name when assailed, and, above all, consideration enough for the old homestead to carry him back there on frequent visits. The mother's heart thrills with joy at the visits of a son who though in boyhood she may have reproofed often, sometimes wisely and sometimes unwisely, still has that gratitude always found in the noblest characters, that gratitude that calls him back to visit his mother even though he be poor in goods and far away.

The appeal in the foregoing paragraph may be aptly transferred to the alumni of Elon College. The commencement is a time of home coming and reunion of the children. Think about it and try to be at the commencement May 1-June 3, 1908. Come back to the old home. The marked progress will gladden your heart and your visit will rejoice the mother's heart. Every alumnus is asked by a standing vote of the Alumni Association to pay into the Alumni treasury one dollar annually. If you find you cannot be present at the annual meeting of the Association June 3 at 4 p. m. you should send your dollar to the treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Lawrence, Elon College, N. C. or to Miss Jennie Herndon, Sec., Greensboro, N. C. The sending of this dollar is one touch of loyalty and gratitude to our alma mater, because it with the other dollars goes to create a fund to aid the mother institution in whatever way the Association may direct. Your greater loyalty and gratitude is shown however by your often visiting the mother institution.

W. P. Lawrence, Pres. Alumni Association.

Elon College, N. C.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

A great Convention is the universal verdict.

Pastor A. P. Barbee writes that his Durham congregation now hope to worship in our new Main Street Christian church the first Sunday in July.

The Symposium is indeed interesting. We have invited all members of the Convention to write and other brethren will be heard next week.

They are also legislating on liquor in Rhode Island, the House of that State having passed a bill limiting saloons to one for every 500 inhabitants. If the bill passes there will be 447 fewer saloons in the State than at present.

There was genuine regret that Rev. M. W. Butler could not be at the Convention. Universal sympathy was expressed for him in the loss of his wife and the Convention sent a telegram of condolence. Bro. Butler sent in to the Convention his report and paper, both of which were read by Dr. Barrett

Owing to a funeral and a marriage Rev. N. G. Newman was detained from the Convention two days, but made the two days he was there fruitful with an elaborate and satisfactory report on Foreign Missions, and with what was pronounced one of the ablest addresses delivered before the body. The Sun will print this address at an early date.

This question was recently asked: How can we get the young people to organize in the country churches, and to attend their meetings after they have organized? One sage, sound brother replied: "Organize a ball team." There it goes again. Are we ready to have a ball team attachment to every enterprise under the sun? If so, professional? or, home talent?

Rev. O. W. Powers, D. D. went from the Convention to Suffolk, thence to Norfolk, and by ship then to Boston. Dr. Powers is earnestly seeking to build up our general home mission work and is getting the situation well in hand. His contribution to our Convention Symposium this week is of deep interest, coming, as it does, from one who knows.

If The Christian Missionary Association so elects at its next session, it will go out from under the jurisdiction of the Convention, and work after that under the auspices of the Eastern Virginia Conference. This is done with the hope and expectation that other conferences will also form their own Associations and thus a more general work be undertaken for Home Missions than is now in progress.

Why do the preachers do all the talking and planning at our Conferences and Conventions? Well, they don't—when there are laymen present who are interested and will take part. Witness the Greensboro Convention where some of the most interested and interesting members were laymen. If laymen would talk and plan more, preachers could talk and plan less.

Rev. I. W. Johnson after being in Convention one session, and working half day in committee room was compelled to retire to his room because of sickness and was not able to be in Convention regularly after that. He suffered much, being a very sick man, and his presence and counsel was missed from the Convention session. He was able to return home at the close of the Convention, but a recent letter informs that he has hardly regained his strength yet.

This comes from Rev. H. G. Cowan, our missionary at Cowan, Montana.

I am glad to tell you that spring has opened favorably and that we have had a good rain. that work on the Milk River irrigation project will soon commence, that settlers are coming into the country, and that among those whom we expect are members of the Christian Church, and I hope to have another Christian minister at work in this vicinity in the near future.

If members of the Christian Church who rent land or work for wages would like to acquire homes of their own, and will write me enclosing a stamp, I will freely give them full information as to how to get a homestead of 160 acres, and what may be raised on same. This country is being settled and developed now, work on an important irrigation project will soon commence, and now is the time to make a start for independence.

Dr. Barrett in The Herald of Gospel Liberty writes thus of our Ga. and Ala. work and workers:

"Rev. Bro. Lankford, one of the recent graduates of Elon College, has joined the forces in his native state (Alabama) and is giving his energies to the work there. All along the line the horizon is enlarging and the outlook is indeed hopeful. Twenty-five years ago our cause in Georgia and Alabama was in a struggle for existence. The grand men of that day did their work well, and today it is rising to take its place among the most active and aggressive of our conferences, and we predict that twenty-five years hence it will stand in the front ranks of the Southern Conferences, and that means it will stand abreast with our work in any section of the union, for the work of the Chris-

tians in the South is already the most progressive, all points considered of any of our work in the whole denomination.

Editor J. P. Barrett had this deserved remark in last week's Herald of Gospel Liberty:

***The report of Rev. H. W. Elder of the Georgia Christian Conference, made to the Southern Christian Convention last week, was one of the most hopeful and encouraging we have ever heard made to a similar body. He believes that when the Lord wants a church built, it is needed, and then if the effort is made, the Lord will open the way. He has found it so. Brother Elder is, perhaps, the most successful church house builder in our denomination. He has built sixteen church houses in the last fifteen years, and is now about ready to begin one or two more. Such a worker as that has a right to speak on the question of church extension, and he spoke with power, and the people heard him gladly. A new day is dawning for our work in Georgia and Alabama—and a day of hope it is too. We thank God for H. W. Elder and the noble men and women, both in the ministry and laity, who are so bravely backing and supporting this young leader in our work in those two states. In fact, the day is beyond the dawning—the sun is shining, and it is rising to its meridian splendor. May God keep the clouds away, except as they may be needful for the good of the work and the workers, till the evening shall reflect His glory in all its beauty and power in the spread of the gospel and in the building up of the church of Christ.

The Chapman-Alexander meetings in Norfolk have come to a close. The Landmark, Norfolk's most conservative daily, says that at lowest estimates 150,000 people must have, first and last, attended the meetings, that several thousand confessed Christ as their personal Savior, and that the whole religious and moral life of the community has been greatly benefited. We have not yet seen or heard a word of criticism of these meetings, from which we take it that they must have been in every way highly satisfactory and beneficial. Surely Dr. Chapman must be a great preacher and a splendid organizer, and Mr. Alexander a man mighty in gospel songs. Norfolk was indeed signally blessed in having such a series of meetings.

Rev. N. G. Newman: As to best thing done in Convention, I am not settled. I regard the Southern Christian Convention as an intelligent body with high ideals and unselfish purposes and with loyal and fraternal spirit.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

In the history and development of educational ideals and institutions and occasional period stands out as epochal, in that it works great and important changes in the thought life of the people and the administration and direction of educational affairs. Such will be the period through which this country and more especially the South, is now passing. It is a period of transition, i. e. not of revolution, in practically every phrase of our educational interests. In our public educational policies many important changes are going on, through the medium of better supervision, state appropriations, local taxes, school betterment societies, etc. In our Universities, more real university work is being done, and a better and more helpful spirit is being manifested toward the colleges and all our other educational interests.

The colleges are raising and perfecting their curricula and are co-operating with the universities on the one hand and the secondary schools on the other. The secondary schools are being improved, public high schools are being established all over the country; and in short, there is a marked advance everywhere. In the new order of things, each class of institutions must find its proper sphere and solve its own problems. This is especially true of the Church College.

We feel that this Convention has cause for gratification in the fact that Elon College, the child of the Convention, seems to be finding its sphere, and has been reasonably successful, so far in solving its own problems, under the guidance of those to whom this body has intrusted its care. The patronage continues to grow, the endowment is being increased, the plant has been greatly enlarged and modernized, and its graduates are now admitted to the graduate departments of any of the highest universities of the United States, without examination, on the strength of their diploma from Elon.

In order to preserve the history of the growth and development of the College, following the example set us by Dr. Staley, and his committee, we give below some of the most important facts covering the work of the past biennial.

Tuition collected for last Convention Period. 1905-06 \$6,509.75, 1906-07 \$8,638.96. Salaries paid Faculty 1905-06. \$6,679.50, 1906-07 \$7,575.00. Whereas in 1904-05 Tuition collected, \$4,260.39 Salaries paid Faculty, \$5,750.00.

The salaries for the present year aggregate \$9,300.00 and we had estimated that the income from tuition would ap-

proximate \$10,000.00, though, if our collections do not improve considerably during the next few weeks, we will fall below that estimate. This is due to the "money panic" which is effecting every thing.

Cash receipts 1905-06 \$9,581.77, 1906-07 \$15,200.55. Disbursements for all Regular Current Purposes, 1905-06, \$8,571.97, 1906-07 \$12,601.78.

The College Dining Hall has more than paid expenses during the past two years, and the net earnings are included in the above totals.

Since last report, we have added, approximately, \$50,000.00 to the value of our plant. These improvements consisting of a brick power house, an elegant new three-story brick Dormitory for girls, together with furnishings, and a complete central steam heating system, Electric Light Plant, and Water system for all of the College buildings. The Campus, the Orphanage, and a number of houses in the village are also lighted from the College Plant.

The above improvements have been provided for as follows:

Bond Issue \$35,000.00, Loan from Farmers Bank of Nansemond \$6,500.00, Donations and net income from regular sources \$8,500.00,

Matriculations, 1905-06, Males, 101, Females 72, Total 173, Graduates 7. 1906-07 Males 121, Females 91, Total 212, Graduates 13. The enrollment for the present year is 224 There being 88 in the regular Music Dept., besides the harmony, violin, and band pupils; 28 in Elocution and Public Speaking; and 15 in Art.

ENDOWMENT.

Our present available endowment is the same as reported two years ago: Loan on real estate in Durham, N. C., \$500.00, Western Union Telegraph Co. Stock \$30,000.00, Coal Mine stock \$100.00. The real estate loan pays 6 per cent. interest; and the Telegraph Co., stock has been paying an annual cash dividend of 5 per cent, payable quarterly. Owing, however to the financial depression, the last two quarterly dividends have been paid in new stock, instead of cash as heretofore. This fact, together with the further facts that collections for tuition have not been so good during the past few months, causes us to realize more than ever the need for larger provisions to meet the financial needs of our growing institution.

RECENT BEQUESTS.

We wish to express our profound gratitude for the two generous bequests that have been made to the College during the past year; one of a thousand dollars, by Capt. P. H. Lee of Holland, Va., and the other a residuary interest in the

estate of Bro. Jesse Winborne, of Elon College, N. C., which is indefinite as to the amount, but from which we hope to realize at some time several thousand dollars. Neither of these bequests is yet available, but will be later. These brethren were both among the best and most liberal friends the College has ever had, and these provisions which they have made give added testimony to the great love they had for the college and for the young manhood and womanhood of our church and country. It is a beautiful example that should be, and will be followed by many more of Elon's good friends as the years go by.

INSURANCE.

The following insurance is carried on the College property: Main Building and Equipments \$20,000.00, East Dormitory \$4,000.00, West Dormitory \$13,000.00, Power House, \$3,800.00.

ELON COLLEGE FUND.

We recommend most heartily the continuation and perpetuation of the Convention call for the Elon College Fund, and we would urge the Conferences to do all in their power to raise in full their apportioned part of the Fund. The full amount is very much needed to meet the increasing demands upon the Institutions; and as soon as possible, the call should be largely increased, in view of these needs and of the great benefits that the College brings to the Church. It is unquestionably the Church's best paying financial investment.

We recommend apportionments as before: Eastern Va. Conference \$700.00, North Carolina and Va. \$350.00, Eastern N. C. \$350.00, Western N. C. \$300.00, Va. Valley Central \$50.00, Ga. and Ala. \$25.00, Ala. Conference \$25.00

THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with the recommendation of the last Convention, the Board of Trustees endorsed the idea of the establishment of a Theological Department in the College, as soon as deemed practicable, and authorized Rev. J. W. Wellons to present the matter to our people. This he has been doing in a quiet way, and will give an account of his work during this session of the Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

This convention, in accordance with our Charter, will nominate ten men from which number the Board will elect five trustees at its next meeting in June. Feeling the need of a larger representation on the Board, we recommend that the President and Secretary of the College be authorized to ask the Legislature of North Carolina, or the Secretary of State, for such change in the charter as may be necessary to allow us to increase the number of trustees to

eighteen, and that this Convention nominate sixteen instead of ten—from which number the additional five may be chosen when said change shall have been made in the Charter of the College.

URGENT NEEDS.

While we feel greatly encouraged and profoundly grateful for what has been accomplished at Elon through the efforts of our people, and under the guidance and blessings of our Heavenly Father, we realize that a great deal more remains to be done. We have barely yet entered the frontiers of the world of possibilities that lie before us.

The institution is even now sorely in need of another dormitory for young men, or a considerable addition to the one we now have.

Our endowment ought to be increased to at least \$100,000.00 before the next Convention meets. We believe these investments would be wisely made, and would give an impetus to the Christian Church in all its work that would lengthen our cords and strengthen the stakes as nothing has yet done.

We recommend to the Board of Trustees that, as soon as they deem it wise, they undertake to supply these needs.

We learn with pleasure that our brethren of the Ga., and Ala., and the Alabama Conferences have united in the establishment of a church high school at Oak Grove Ga. This point is a splendid section surrounded by Christian churches and within easy reach of all the churches of both Conferences. They report that they now have a site of about ten acres of land, and cash and good subscriptions amounting to some seven or eight thousand dollars with which to begin work.

We recommend that this Convention give its hearty endorsement to the movement.

E. L. Moffitt,
J. U. Newman,
J. F. West,
W. G. Clements,
Committee.

THE CHURCH COLLEGE, AND SOME OF ITS PRESENT-DAY PROBLEMS.

[The Editor of The Sun has asked me for the "manuscript" of my address at the recent Southern Christian Convention. This I cannot furnish, as it was not written in full. At his request, however, I have endeavored to reproduce it as best I can from the notes used.—E. L. M.]

It would be a pleasant task for me to spend the few minutes allotted to me in recounting to our visiting friends something of what our people have done

at Elon College during the few short years of its history. It is a story of wonderful progress, in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles; but it is also a story of wonderful love and faith and sacrifice on the part of those who have made such progress possible. I should like to tell of the many and varied experiences through which the college has come. How its enrollment has increased from 133 to 224 during the past three years. How its equipment has been brought from its substantial but incomplete and limited condition of the nineties to its present enlarged and modern appointments. How its curriculum has been brought to a point of efficiency which brings to our graduates the privileges of post graduates work in the greatest universities of this country, without examination, on the strength of their diploma from Elon. How its faculty has greatly increased in numbers and strengthened in scholarship. How its influence on the church has quickened interest in its every enterprise. And how its little band of graduates have gone out into the ministry and the laity, into business and the professions, to the farm and to the shop, carrying with them new hope and inspiration and enthusiasm into every walk of life. But these things are well known to the members of this Convention; and hence I deem it best to spend the time allotted to me in presenting some of the problems that today confront Elon College, in common with all the other church colleges of the country. Notwithstanding the progress we have made, and the response which the college has given to every touch of interest and sympathy on the part of our people, and the ample returns it has sent back to the church and the world for every dollar invested there, we still have our problems—some of them rather serious ones, perhaps, unless the church lends a willing hand in their solution.

To the close student of these present-day educational problems and movements a most unique and intensely interesting situation presents itself. In fact, those of us especially upon whom devolves the immediate responsibility of the administrative affairs of any type of educational institution, realize the fact that we are in the midst of a period not only of great educational progress and advancement, but of reorganization and readjustment as well. The fact of the new educational impetus is patent to every intelligent man, even though he be a mere casual observer. The fact of our being in the midst of what will go down in history as an epoch of educational reorganization is not so apparent to the majority of us. The outcome of these new

movements cannot be prophesied with any great degree of certainty by any of us. Yet, most of us who have followed closely the history of educational progress down to the present, face the future hopefully. Danger lies only in a possible failure on the part of an institution or any class of institutions to realize the fact of re-organization, and to take a proper place in it.

In this process of reorganization there is no real conflict of interests. Conflict will arise only when an effort is made to direct an educational institution or interest out of its proper sphere. When one institution trespasses upon the sphere of another, then there's conflict and injury or demolition to one or both. There was a time when such a conflict existed between some of the institutions of our own state. In fact, some rather bitter fights were waged, to the injury, for the time being, of all those engaged in the fight; but happily most of these differences have been adjusted, and all seem to be striving toward an ideal organization and correlation of interests that shall result in complete harmony and in a spirit of helpfulness rather than of antagonism.

This ideal has not been reached, but it is being approached, and will finally be reached when each class of institutions finds its proper sphere, and stays in it.

In the working out of this ideal some sort of standardization is necessary, and several influences are already operating to bring this about. Perhaps two of the most important factors in this re-organization and standardization are the General Education Board and the Carnegie Foundation.

The General Education Board has established and continues to establish departments of school supervision in our universities and in connection with some of our state Educational Boards. These departments are just now laboring especially to bring about something of uniformity in the work of our high schools, and when this is accomplished it will necessarily bring about greater uniformity in our college work as well.

The Carnegie Foundation has undertaken the "college end" of the task, and through its system of unit requirements, is helping to bring about uniformity in the matter of entrance requirements to our colleges and universities. Whatever else may be said of these two organizations, they are certainly helping very materially in the standardizing of every class of educational institutions. It has been charged that these are embryonic forms of a gigantic educational trust looking to the preservation and strengthening of certain favorite colleges and

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THE SHOWING OF ELON COLLEGE.

Elsewhere is printed the report of President Moffitt and the educational board to our recent Convention. That report makes most interesting reading, and reveals a most creditable showing. We do not believe the most sanguine could have dared hope for such results in the brief period of less than eighteen scholastic years. It would be most interesting indeed if we had now, somewhere on record, the thoughts, hopes and wishes of those who labored and planned and prayed for this enterprise twenty years ago. Did they dare hope so much, even wish so much? We gravely doubt it. Rounding out now the eighteenth year, only a very brief space in the history of a great institution, here are three commodious brick buildings, a splendid heat and electric lighting and water plant, well equipped library and reading rooms, and laboratories, an endowment of \$30,700.00, a tuition income the present year of \$6,688.96; an enrollment of 224 students; receipts from all sources of \$15,200.55; and with an added property valuation the past two years of \$50,000.00.

Truly this is marvelous. No wonder Elon College has come to be our pride. We have put into it, and gotten from it, more than we thought ourselves worthy or capable of.

More than all this. The College has begotten in us a worthy self confidence. It has convinced us that we can do things if we try. It has not only measured our financial ability; it has reassured us as to our ability in undertaking other notable and worthy enterprises. It has revealed that we are capable of cooperation on a large scale and are willing to undertake great things for God and truth. Nor has it made us poorer.

It has enriched the brotherhood in all that makes for hope, life and progress.

The College has made us acquainted with ourselves, and with each other. It has multiplied twenty fold our fellowship and fraternity, and increased our capacity of accomplishment beyond measure.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Only a brief period remains now in which to work "Against the Manufacture and Sale of Intoxicating Liquors" in North Carolina. The election holds on May 26. On that day and date, please God, we should make one bold and determined stroke for home and school and sobriety in North Carolina.

The saloon men have had their way through the long years. They have not settled the liquor problem. They have not fed the mouth of the hungry, nor clothed the back of the naked and needy. On the other hand they have done more to fill our asylums with insane, crowd our prisons with convicts, overtax our orphanages with inmates, and rob our homes of happiness and prosperity, than any and all other classes and peoples and institutions combined. No, the saloons have not settled the liquor problem. They never will. It is not their purpose, will, or desire to settle it. Their wish is ever to deal out more damnation to our boys, our brothers, our fathers. They are not trying to settle the liquor problem.

Therefore, so help us almighty God, we shall not follow their leadership further. They have been weighed in the balances and found wanting. They are now all lined up against the present movement for prohibition in this good State. Since they have failed, we shall follow them no more. We shall not heed their deceit and treachery and hypocrisy. They have done us no good turn.

And now, by God's help, we will do good for evil, and do them one good turn—by our ballots we shall turn them out of their present ruinous business and put them to better enterprise, for which we know in the years to come even they, the saloon keepers, will rise up and call us blessed.

Will you follow the leadership of the saloon longer and yet longer, my brethren? Or, will you follow the leadership of sobriety, safe counsel, an unnumbered host of moral men and the churches of the living God?

"Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." If you think the saloon keeper means you well and will redeem you, follow him. If the church and the moral forces mean you well and will help you follow them.

The Church College.

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universities and the closing up of others. While I do not believe this to be the purpose of either, I think the inevitable result will be the reducing of some of them to discredited and secondary places in the educational world—and this will be especially true of those church colleges that do not have the large and hearty support of the churches that have founded them.

The main problem of the church college today, especially those with limited equipments and small endowments, is the problem of successful operation in this new order of things into which we are at this time emerging educationally.

Even now, questions like these are sometimes seriously asked:

"Can the church colleges successfully cope with state-aided and richly endowed private colleges and universities?"

"Does not the Anti-church provision of the Carnegie Foundation, and the apparent anxiety of the church colleges to become eligible to participate in its benefits, sound the death knell of the church institution?"

"Will not the new emphasis that is being laid on the so-called "liberal" education of the boy for citizenship and service in his state have a tendency to draw him away from the church college, and send him to a state institution or an institution without any denominational alignment, for his college training?"

There is perhaps, more significance to those questions than, at first thought, appears to many of us. They indicate the existence of certain real problems that today confront every man who has any part in the administration of church college affairs.

1. The Problem of Patronage. Is the patronage of the church college threatened?

a. By free tuition in state institutions? I think not necessarily. While it is a fact that in many state institutions the tuition is free to all in the state, and in many others, to a large percentage of the students, even then the expenses, as a rule, are more than at the church colleges. And besides this, there are a great many parents who would be willing to pay even more in order that their boys and girls might have the advantage of the superior moral and religious atmosphere of the church college.

b. By reason of better equipments in state institutions and heavily endowed private institutions? Frankly, here is a danger. Unless the churches see to it that their colleges have the proper equip-

ments as to buildings, libraries, laboratories, etc., a considerable percentage of their logical patronage will be diverted elsewhere.

c. By the growing tendency to allow the substitution of a year's work in the Professional Departments of some colleges and universities for a year of the regular academic course? This will undoubtedly attract the young man who thinks more of getting through and out into his profession than he does of the more thorough preparation that comes from completing the regular four years academic course before beginning his professional work; but I think that the majority of those who are looking to the best preparation for their life work, will not be seriously attracted by the shortened course. It is difficult, however, to tell just what the result of this shortening will be—whether the tide will turn in favor of the time-honored four years, and then the professional work, or whether practically all of the colleges will have to establish professional schools and join in the "lopping-off" process.

d. By reason of the new movement to organize and supervise the high schools of the states, through the state Board of Education and the department of school supervision in our universities? It has been thought by some that this movement would have a tendency to organize the high schools and align them with the state institutions. I do not think it will have this effect, for the reason that men occupying such positions would hardly be guilty of such discrimination against the church and private institutions of the states. And if one should so far forget himself as to do such a thing, the churches would resent the interference in such unmistakable way as would quickly put an end to it, and would cause a reaction against those who were parties to it. To any mind, the organization and standardization of these high schools will be a blessing to every educational interest in the state.

2. The Problem of a Faculty. Are the strength and efficiency of the faculty of the Church college threatened?

a. By the prospect of small salaries during active service? Unquestionably here's another problem for the church college. The average salaries of the professors in most church institutions are far below those paid by the state-aided and largely endowed private institutions. Hence if one of the latter class of institutions wishes to call a man from the faculty of the average church college, they will have no trouble in getting him—provided the money consideration outweighs his other considerations. While I feel that the members of our faculty at Elon College are true to their

church and true to the College in every way, they are entirely too poorly paid for their services; and, but for the love they have for their work and their church we could not hope to hold them in the face of the "many temptations" that come to them. They have confidence, however, in our people, and believe that there's a better day coming.

b. By the no-prospect of a pension or retiring allowance from the institution or the Carnegie Foundation when too old or infirm for actual service?

Here again is a temptation. Few church colleges are able to offer these retiring allowances; and the Carnegie Foundation, with its \$15,000,000.00 for pensioning retired teachers, expressly states that no church controlled institutions can be placed in the "accepted list"; and, as the President of the Foundation explained to me a few days ago at the Memphis Educational Conference, the mere fact of church ownership debars an institution from being on the accepted list." Without comment as to the wisdom or unwisdom of such a provision (which, of course, Mr. Carnegie had a right to make as he saw fit), it certainly puts another problem up to the church college, so far as its faculty is concerned. It is, however, a problem that is capable of solution—it is simply a question of an adequate endowment and of a just compensation for services rendered. And the churches can solve it if they will.

c. By the lack of means to take a year off occasionally for travel and study and general recuperation and improvement? In many institutions these occasional leaves of absence are granted, on part pay, at least, not simply for the benefit of the teacher, but for the renewed strength that it brings to the institution as well. Not many church colleges are able to make such allowances; hence the problem and the inevitable "financial solution."

3. **The Problem of Maintaining Its Fundamental Principles.** Is there danger of the church college's abandoning the principles upon which it was founded and built up? of swinging loose from its old church moorings, with all that means to it?

(a) By an effort to follow the universities in the establishment of professional schools and post graduate departments in the Arts and Sciences? And so in a measure encroach upon the domain of the university? This will depend largely upon the attitude of the universities themselves. If the universities encroach too much upon the domain of the college "at the bottom" that will necessarily bring about an effort on the part of the college to make up

for consequent losses "at the top." And if the universities shorten the academic course by allowing one year's substitution of professional work for the bachelor's degree, without raising their entrance requirements one year, it will have a tendency to force the colleges—church and private to establish professional schools, and allow the one year substitute the regular academic four year's course, and give a bachelor's degree for three years' work—an alternative that few high grade colleges would adopt.

(b) By an effort at the so-called "freedom" and "independence" of university thought and life? This depends largely upon the personality of the faculty of the church college. If they are in close touch with the religious thought and activities of the church back of the college there will be the usual amount of wholesome conservatism in the thought and life of the institution, and it will remain true to its traditions and to the beliefs, principles and ideals of the church whose it is.

(c) By a desire on the part of the college to get on the list of "eligibles" who participate in the benefits of the Carnegie foundation? Unquestionably it would be a delightful sensation to a hard worked teacher who has given his life to the profession, to feel that when he is too old or infirm for active service, he will be provided for by reason of being eligible to a retiring allowance from the Carnegie Foundation; on the other hand, it is undoubtedly a sort of chilling sensation to the man who is not eligible because of his affiliation with a church college. Herein lies the temptation, as before stated, for men to seek places in the faculties of "accepted" institutions; and furthermore a temptation to the church college to swing loose from its old church moorings in order that it may become "eligible."

So far as I am concerned and I think I voice the sentiments of the Elon College faculty and the Christian church—I very much regret that Mr. Carnegie saw fit to exclude the church college; but if it is a question of swinging loose from "church ownership," and in large measure from church sympathies and church influence, or of being left off of the list of "eligibles," I say let Elon forever remain off of the "accepted list." As it is our faculty is underpaid, and the prospect of a retiring allowance would be "beautiful;" but they have confidence in the institution and in the Christian church, and believe that the present policy of increasing salaries will be continued until the point of full compensation is reached, as the income from endowment, from the Elon College Fund,

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Elon College, N. C., May 6th, 1908.
 My Dear Children and Friends:
 We present a nice report this week with interesting letters from the children. It is praise worthy in both children and friends to prove so faithful and liberal in our work for the children. Many of our children are true to the Orphan. Catawba Springs, N. C., and Linville, Va. were two of the first schools to respond and they are very faithful. Hayes Chapel comes again with a nice response, and we pray that a brighter day may come to the grand old church which has been the spiritual

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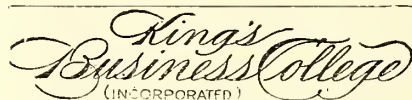
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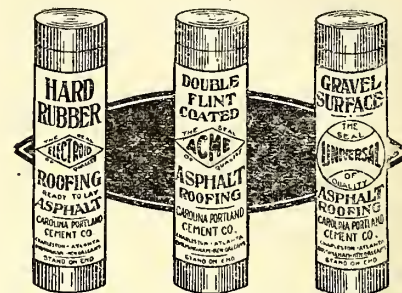
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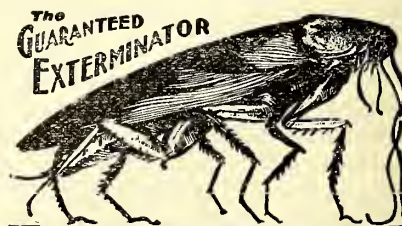
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birth place of so many. Thank you again Bro. Carlton, we are praying for 99 other friends who will do just as you are doing, giving \$5.00 per month for the support of the Orphanage. The young people of Union Virgilina, Va. were very thoughtful Easter and gave us a nice offering.. We were much pleased when we took up our sweet potatoes for bedding purposes to find they had kept so well; we bedded 6 bushels and sold \$13.27.

We have received the following donations since last report:

John R. Foster, Greensboro, N. C., 1 large sack seed Irish potatoes; Miss Annie Spencer, Elon College, 1 dress Mrs. J. O. Atkinson, Elon College, 1 cloak; 1 kitchen range by J. R. Park, Park's Cross Roads church, Pleasant Grove church and Siler City Hdw. Co. B. Jones, Holy Neck, Va. 70c gift for the girls.

We are very grateful for all these kind gifts, they help us and cheer us and make the children happy.

Now give us a full page next week from the little as well as the large folks.

Yours faithfully,
Uncle Jim.

Lineville, Ala., May 6, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here I come with my letter and quarter for May. We are having a nice rain. Hope you and the little cousins had a nice Easter.

Lovingly,
Hurd Mitchell.

Easter was a nice day, Hurd, and the children enjoyed it very much.

Cardenas, N. C., May 6, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I found my dime this time. Hope the orphans are enjoying the bright sunny days.

Your niece,
Ruth Johnson.

Well Ruth, I hope it means especially good luck for the comer.

Holland, Va., Apr. 28, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I guess you think I have entirely forgotten the little cousins I made it so late in writing this month. But not so. Mama has been so busy lately she did not have time to write for me. I hope this will find all the little cousins well and enjoying this fine spring weather. Please find enclosed my dime for April. I will close with much love to you and all the little cousins.

Fondly your little niece,
Maud Lee Howell.

Well Maud, you must hurry and grow large enough to write yourself. That will be nice won't it?

131 Lovitt Ave., Norfolk, Va., Apr. 27,
Dear Uncle Jim:

Enclosed you will find \$1.60 which pays my dues for the last six months this year. I hope the orphans had a good time Easter, wish they could see the Easter baskets, rabbit eggs and postal cards I received from my friends and playmates. I have been very ill and not able to sit up yet, or to have company. I hope you are all well.

Yours truly,
Edward J. Bricknouse, Jr.

Sorry to hear of your illness Edward, and trust you are entirely well now.

Walnut Cove, N. C., Apr. 27, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I am a little girl eleven years old and want to join the band. I go to Sunday-school nearly every Sunday at Rock Hill. Enclosed you will find a dime.

With love to you and all the cousins,
I close

Your little niece,
Sallie Matt Marshall.

You are welcome Sallie. We want 100 new boys and girls on our list this year. Can't you find some one else who will write?

Elon College, N. C., May 1, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Here are my dimes for April and May.

Your nephew,
Maryon Saunders.

Thanks Maryon. How are the little bare feet these cold mornings?

Route 1, New Hill, N. C., Apr. 30, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Guess you think I have forgotten the Orphanage. But you must not think that. Enclosed you will find twenty cents for my dues for last month and this, (Mar. and Apr.) Hope you had a pleasant Easter.

With best wishes.
Your niece,
Vada Marks.

We were not uneasy about you Vada for you have been very faithful.

Roanoke, Ala., Apr. 30th, 1908.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I wish to tell the little orphans and cousins about the snake that got into our well a few days ago. Father let the bucket down to float on the water thought perhaps it would crawl into the bucket and when I came home from school I went to look and see if I could see it in the well, and there it was almost to the top wound around and around the rope.

Enclosed is my dime for April.

Your niece,
Rillie Stephenson.

Was it very large Rillie? Most of us would have been so scared.

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JESUS AND THE CHILDREN.

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"Suffer the little children to come unto me; forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." How naturally those words seem to fall from the lips of the gracious Teacher. Just what we would expect to hear from so divine a character. When Jesus used such terms, as Hypocrites, Sons of Hell, Sons of your Father the Devil, Vipers, we feel the cause of these outbursts of indignation to be in the sins and follies of men. But when Jesus takes a little child as an object lesson, and in our mind's eye we see the beautiful picture, of a timid child with great tender eyes, large head, little hands and wee feet, being set upon his throne, and the Christ, full of love and tenderness, mingling his life and teaching with the purity of childhood, we recognize the Messiah, and do not wonder at the deification of the Man of Galilee. What greater masterpiece of humanity in all the ages than this! What profound philosophy, what depth of religious revelation was here! The Master and the Child.

These two should always be together. Sad it is when separation comes. For the purity of Jesus is not made to blush in the purity and beauty of the child. In many ways Jesus has the attitude of childhood. His trust in his Father, is like the trust of a loving child in his parent. If the thunder of destruction comes, if the lightning of adversity strikes its cruel blows, if material blessings fade away, what cares Christ? He has the confidence of believing childhood.

The teachings of children to the human race are wonderful. The foolish girl and the trifling man have been changed into the kind father and the loving mother by the advent of this small stranger. His little hands strike chords that vibrate into the divinest depths of their souls, and the music of sacrifice and fellowship fill thousands of happy homes. His arms are able to hold father and mother together. His words are interrogation that causes silence. His cries appeal to the humane which grows into the divine nature of our race.

These small prophets of Jehovan melt

the hardness of man's heart, develop the foolishness of woman into lives of angelic unselfishness.

They are burdens? Yes, but burdens of love. They are yokes? Yes, of sacrifice and pity. They are messengers of the Father, they are sunbeams of heaven. Do not despise them as revealers of the goodness and kindness of the Lord.

They are constant reminders of the practicality of the teaching of Jesus that it is more blessed to give than to receive. For every true mother is willing to risk her life for her child, and the father to toil early and late for his dear little son and daughter.

The miracle of the life of Jesus, living for others, is duplicated in thousands of heavenly mansions, when the children with their laughter and tears, their play and their fun, take possession of the hearts and homes.

The home, not the throne is the ideal of God's relation to man.

Ah Jesus of Nazareth, wouldst that thou didst live here today to point out to us the jewels of life, and show our blind eyes the beauty of the kingdom! Thou art gone from earthly sight, but we have the children with us, those relatives of thine, whose laughter makes us glad, and whose tiny tears break our hearts. May God grant that thy words and life, and thy representatives the children, shall not all be lost on us, but that the trust, the purity, the candor of Jesus and the children may be ours, making us worthy of our heavenly citizenship. "For to such belongeth the kingdom of God."

500 Pine St., Fall River, Mass.

FIELD NOTES.

Burlington:—We have been favored recently with visits from Rev. P. S. Sailer, field Sec of the American Christian Convention, Norfolk, Va., Rev. A. W. Andes of Harrisonburg, Va., and Rev. J. P. Barrett, D. D., editor of The Herald of Gospel Liberty, Dayton, O. Each of these brethren preached to good acceptance. Bro. Sailer presented the Subject of Missions and Church extensions very forcibly. Bro. Andes is a young man of promise, laboring in the Virginia Valley. He is an earnest and pleasant speaker. Dr. Barrett is editor of what is now acknowledged to be the oldest distinctly religious news paper in the world. It was established in Sep. 1808 by a minister of the Christian Church and is still published by that denomination. Dr. Barrett in his thoughts on love touched many responsive hearts.

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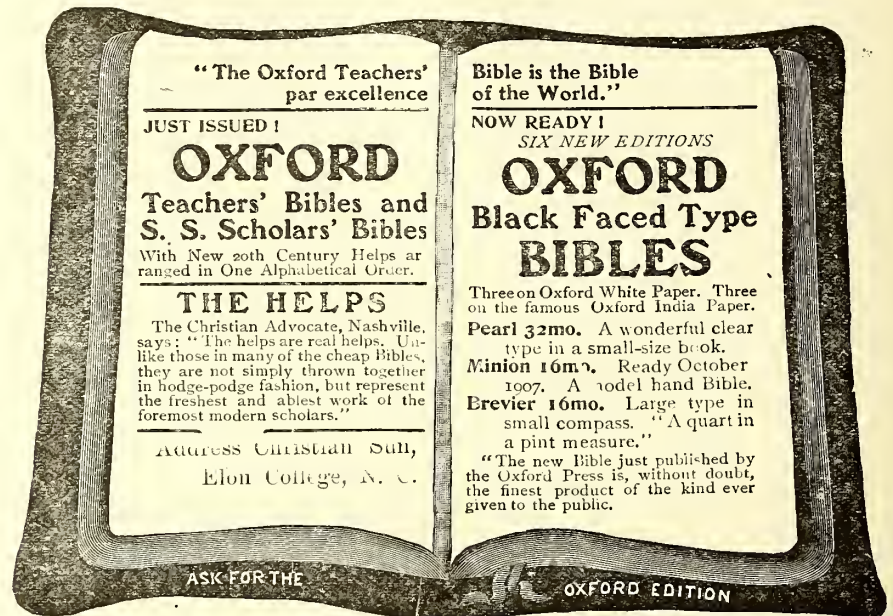
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teendance, and Christian Endeavor activity. Averaging the Sunday-school attendance for the past three Sundays, the attendance has been one hundred and ninety and three fourths. The largest attendance being two hundred and four.

Our Easter services were splendid. The decorations were beautiful, and the music was good. The offering in cash and pledges amounted to \$212.50.

P. H. Fleming.

The Conventions of the International Sunday School Association are the greatest religious gatherings of the continent. The Twelfth Triennial Convention will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, June 18-23, 1908, and it is anticipated that twenty-five hundred regular delegates,

and several thousand other visitors will be in attendance. The Program promises to be one of the most practical, inspiring and helpful in the history of the Association—whether viewed from the standpoint of the business to be transacted, progress to be reported, or methods of work to be suggested. One of the vital features of the gathering will be the consideration of the work of the Lesson Committee, and the election of fifteen persons, known as "The International Lesson Committee" to select the Lessons that are to be taught in more than one hundred and fifty thousand Sunday Schools of North America.

Our thanks are returned for invitations received to the commencement exercises of the A. and M. College, Raleigh, N. C., May 24-27.

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from gifts, bequests and other incomes shall warrant. There is a mutual confidence existing between the college and the church that cannot be shaken, and the years will serve to strengthen rather than alienate that confidence. The life of the one is so interwoven with the life of the other that the severing of the bonds would be suicidal to both.

Together we face the problems that confront us, and together we shall accomplish their solution. The history and experiences of the church prior to the establishment of Elon College, and her history and experience since its establishment, give abundant evidence of the wisdom of the church in fostering it; and the loyalty and liberality and devotion with which the church has stood by the college brings the college under lasting obligation to the church. Their interests are one. And the same thing is true of every church college. Let no church college forsake the principles upon which it was founded. When it does so, it snaps the cord that holds it to its source of life and usefulness, and its after career will be a brief and calamitous one. There is no better type of education than that offered by the church college. It educates for the highest type of citizenship, for the best kind of service to the State and nation—the service of the Christian citizen. It is not sectarian but under the guardianship and wholesome influence of the church back of it, it is broadly and distinctively Christian, and adds to the education of the head, education of the heart, as no other institution does, or can hope to do.

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in speaking so kindly of the cordial greetings of your city, for those of us who have been to Greensboro before know that there is a genuine spirit of old-fashioned southern hospitality in this city. And when we review your past history, which is replete with splendid achievements, and cast the eye of prophecy to the future, and dream of what lies in store for you and yours, we count ourselves happy to be honored guests of such generous hosts. We are grateful for the invitation to be the guests of your hospitable homes, and growing city. We wish to thank you for the honor of your presence and your address to-night, as the chief executive of this city. We hope your city, as it stands upon the threshold of a new century, may continue its prosperity, and enter even upon a new era of greater things, in the material, social, political, educational and religious life of this great state. May our days of fellowship work out for mutual good to all who have the privilege of attending the sessions of this body. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." And as God may prosper you in material things, so may you ever remember that you are but the custodians of a sacred trust to render unto man and to God such service as He may commit to you and to yours. May your educational institutions ever have the true spirit of search after the truth, ever having in view the great purpose of mind and heart, "To think Thy thoughts after Thee, O God." As the great light House stands upon the shoals with gleaming light from up-lifted tower, guiding the course of the in-

coming mariner, so may your city stand upon a hill, under the shadow of the Cross to point men and women to the higher life here and hereafter.

We are glad to meet with this church to-night. We greatly appreciate your royal welcome. Being one of our youngest city churches you have rapidly marched to the front ranks, among our most progressive institutions. We congratulate you upon being able to entertain the highest legislative body in the Christian Church in the South. This Convention has watched the growth and development of this church with pride, and we are happy to be your guests in this hour. You have proven yourselves worthy of the confidence and help of this body, in your efforts to become established; and here is heartily wishing you a continuance of this healthy growth, and vigorous advancement of the interests of the kingdom of God. This beautiful church stands here as a monument to the faith, devotion and untiring energy of a few brave hearts, and there is here an atmosphere of deep fellowship with God. We hope to be able to catch somewhat of your spirit of sacrifice and service, and return to our homes with a nobler purpose to improve our opportunities in the kingdom of God.

Mr. Carnegie, or some one, ought to give a medal to John W. Elder of Warsaw, Ind., who is fifty-two years old and has never been away from home over night. That certainly is a world's record.

—C. E. World.

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MARRIED.**Jordan-Driver.**

James E. Jordan and Mary Driver were united in marriage by the writer at the home of the bride, Driver, Va., Apr. 29, 1908. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother the marriage was very quiet only a few immediate relatives and life long friends being present. Mr. Arthur Jordan of Washington, D. C., brother of the groom was best man. The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. W. E. Driver of Norfolk, Va. The ring ceremony was used. The groom is the son of Dr. W. T. Jordan of Driver, Va., and belongs to one of the oldest and most highly respected families of lower Nansemond County. He is a young man of excellent character and worthy of the loving hand he has won. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Elliott J. and Mary A. Driver and a young woman of intelligence and culture as well as attractive personality. The life of both bride and groom has been characterized by loving care for parents now gone, and we can wish for them nothing better in reward than that their own wedded life shall be long, happy and useful.

N. G. Newman.

DIED.**Driver.**

Mrs. Mary E. Driver, widow of the late Elliot J. Driver, died at the home of her son-in-law, Dr. Legare Hargroves, Deans, Va., April 27, 1908, aged 61 years. The funeral service was conducted at the residence by the writer and the remains interred in the family lot in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Suffolk, Va. Mrs. Driver's health began to fail about a years ago and in the autumn she went to Carthage, N. C. hoping for benefit from the more genial climate. But the best conditions and the most loving and skilled care seemed of no avail. She returned a few weeks ago, not to her home, for home was no longer home, her husband having died since she left—but to the home of her daughter near by, only to tarry a brief space and breathe out her last, surrounded by her loved ones and amid the scenes where her happy and useful life was spent. She leaves three children, Dr. W. E. Driver, Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Legare Hargroves, Deans, Va., and Mrs. J. E. Jordan, Driver, Va. Mrs. Driver was a woman of great excellency of character. As a wife and mother she had few equals. She was devoted to her family and untiring in her efforts for their happiness and welfare. Her home was a model of domestic virtues—beautiful in its simplicity and sincere in its hospitality. As a friend and neighbor she was kind and

generous, but found special pleasure in ministering to those in need. She was a member of Berea Christian church and faithful to its interests. Her Christian life was quiet and modest, but marked by a calm and unwavering faith that sustained her through life and had its fruition in her last sufferings. May her virtues live in the dear ones left.

N. G. Newman.

Copeland.

Mrs. Mary Ann Copeland departed this life April 27th, 1908 at the home of her son, C. C. Copeland, near Holland, Va. aged 77 years. The funeral service was conducted at the home by the writer and the body laid away in the family cemetery. Mrs. Copeland leaves two sisters, Mrs. Wm. and Mrs. Tom Rawls, four children, Mrs. J. L. Pierce, Jas. H. John R. and C. C. Copeland and eighteen grand-children. The deceased was Miss Mary Ann Byrd, daughter of Moses and Easter Byrd, and widow of the late James Copeland. She was a good woman, devoted to her family and community, always ready to minister with her own hands to the sick or needy. She had been a member of Holy Neck Christian church from early womanhood and was a bright and happy Christian. She loved her church and found joy in its service. With her family reared and settled, her work done, and bowed with the weight of years and affliction, she cheerfully renders back the life God gave and enters upon her eternal reward. May her memory ever be blessed to the dear ones left.

N. G. Newman.

Butler.

Whereas it has pleased our kind heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to take from our midst and from our Church militant, the soul of our much loved Sister, Mrs. M. W. Butler, who departed this life April 24th, 1908. Therefore, be it resolved, by the Ladies Aid Society of the East End Christian Church, Newport News, Va.,

1st. That we shall ever remember her many Christian virtues and shall sadly miss her presence and influence in our Society, Church and Sunday-school.

2nd. That the long and sore affliction to which she was subjected and the Christ like patience with which she endured her bodily pain, shall ever appeal to us as a message from our Divine Lord and Master.

3rd. That we shall strive to emulate her Christian graces and so live that, when the summons of death shall come to us, we too may read our titles clear to mansions in the sky.

4th. That we hereby extend to her bereaved husband our much loved pastor, and his children, our most profound sympathy, and commend them to the grace of God, who alone through the love of Jesus can dispel grief and heal the wound of bleeding hearts.

5th. That a copy of these resolutions be entered upon the record of our Society; a copy sent to our pastor; and a copy sent to the Christian Sun for publication.

Mrs. W. R. Cole,

Mrs. R. E. Hockaday,

Mrs. T. F. Spencer,

J. J. Baker.

Mrs. W. B. Baker,

Committee.

Harp.

Mr. John Robert Harp passed from labor to reward May 7st, 1908, in his 61st year. In early manhood he united with the Baptist church and was active in its service for a number of years. He moved to Burlington about Aug, 1907, began to attend our services, became interested and placed his membership with the Burlington Christian Church in Dec. of that year. He expressed himself as resigned to the Lord's will, and only waiting for the coming of the messenger death. I believe a good man has fallen asleep. He leaves a wife and five children. The funeral services were conducted by the writer from his residence Sunday afternoon, May 3rd, and his body laid to rest in Pine Hill Cemetery. May God bless the bereaved.

P. H. Fleming.

Brown.

Emma, daughter of James O. and Alice V. Brown, was born Aug, 13, 1905 and died Dec. 24, 1907. She was laid away in the cemetery at Center Grove to await the resurrection morn. Her mother passed into the spirit land Feb. 9, 1906, and little Emma was taken into the home of her uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Thomas who cared for her as tenderly as if she had been their own. Her death, after only two days illness, stretched the mantle of sorrow over two homes, and made Christmas, the Christian's glad day, a day of sadness.

But Christianity has robbed death and the grave of their terror. The loving father and relatives will come early to church, visit the cemetery, look with tenderness upon the spot where loved ones rest, and enter the house of God to worship with a stronger faith, knowing that all is well with the departed child: for Jesus has said: "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God."

T. E. White.

Salinas, P. R., Apr. 27, 1908.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Second Quarter, Lesson VII. May 17, 1908. Jesus Betrayed and Denied.

John 18:1-27.

Golden Text: Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be delivered up unto the hands of men. Matt. 17:22.

Jesus had finished his farewell address to his disciples, and commended them to God in the most touching prayer ever recorded.

A startling contrast follows. The great tragedy at Jerusalem was to begin. Later in the evening the little company went out through the dark streets towards Gethsemane.

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Lesson Outline.

- I Gethsemane.
- II The Betrayal.
- III Meeting of Jesus and those who would arrest him.
- IV Peter's Rashness.

Gethsemane.

It was from 12 to 1 o'clock Friday morning. Perhaps about midnight, they crossed the Kedron to Olivet, and there, in Gethsemane, witnessed in part only by the chosen three, Jesus underwent his mysterious agony.. Three times he prays that the cup may be taken from him. Three times he returns and finds the disciples sleeping at their post. In every life there is a Rubican to cross, a critical moment in which we have to pass from the old life to the new. It will come in the shape of temptation, sorrow, or change, and the way in which this crowning trial will be met designates the contestant either a conqueror or conquered.

Jesus' was one of victory. His prayer was answered. An angel came and strengthened him. He was delivered from his fears. He received the peace and calmness of perfect faith and a submissive will. He was strengthened to go on with his work of redemption, to save millions of souls, to glorify God. The cross was changed to a crown, Gethsemane into Paradise, death into immortal glory. Every life has its Gethsemanes of sorrow, and may certainly have its victories. The most glorious victories are won in the soul.

The Betrayal.

Thither in Gethsemane, knowing his haunts, Judas led the band charged to apprehend him and with a treacherous kiss pointed out their victim; not only kissed him, but repeatedly, loudly and effusively. The Savior submitted to this insult.

What a change from the Judas as he appeared a few weeks before among the disciples! Judas grew worse under the best influences, the best teachings. Judas' life was a complete failure. Not for one moment did he enjoy his thirty pieces of silver. Soon he perished a suicide in the agonies of remorse.

Meeting of Jesus and the Soldier's Band.

Nothing came to Jesus as a surprise. He was a voluntary sacrifice. He announced to the soldiery who he was. They in turn, terrified by a guilty conscience, fell to the ground. Jesus surrendered himself willingly to God's plans, and not to man's power. This gave courage and faith to the disciples. It exhibited the power of righteousness over conscious wrong.

Peter's Rashness.

Peter was ready to fight for his Master and smote the servant of the high priest with his sword. Jesus reproved him, telling him to put up his sword. To resist would oppose the plan of God. It would fail to fulfil the Scriptures, and was all unnecessary, for if Jesus needed that kind of help, twelve legions of angels were ready at his call, with swords like those of a flaming cherubim.

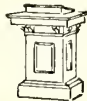
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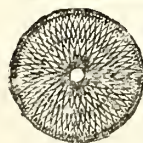
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A large number of our students went to Union Ridge last Sunday to attend the annual reunion of the membership of that church and to hear Prof. W. P. Lawrence deliver an address on prohibition. They report a delightful visit, a good time and an excellent service.

Rev. C. Brown Cox, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Burlington, preached a very highly appreciated sermon for us in the college chapel Sunday morning. We are always glad to have visiting ministers honor us with their presence and service and we were especially so in the visit of Bro. Cox for he is thoroughly in sympathy with college life and spirit and is a strong friend of Elon.

Mr. Hood, Secretary of the Students Voluntary Movement, was with us Sunday and spoke on foreign missions, the field, the needs and opportunities at both the Young Men's Christian Association and at the Christian Endeavor meeting. Mr. Hood remained over until Tuesday morning and many of our students held interviews with him relative to the foreign mission movement.

Tickets are being sent out announcing our approaching commencement. There are some changes in our commencement programme. Class exercises of the Senior class will take place on Saturday evening, May 30. Rev. W. S. Long, D. D., Graham, N. C., will preach the Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, May 31. Society representatives Monday evening. Tuesday Literary Address by Dr. Guy Carleton Lee of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md. Tuesday, Meeting of the Board of Trustees; Tuesday evening, Musical Concert; Wednesday, Graduating Exercises; Wednesday afternoon, Society reunion, Art exhibit, Band concert; Wednesday evening, Alumni Address, and Alumni Banquet. This will close one of the most successful years in the history of the institution. Its growth has been gradual but progressive, rapid but permanent, and the outlook for the future is bright for larger attendance, more liberal support and more loyal patronage. All the universities of this country admit our graduates to their graduate departments without any condition except a diploma from the college and this is a public recognition of the equality of Elon with the best colleges of the country.

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