

still too fresh in the memory of all.

We are deeply grateful to him for the life-like pictures he has left on our minds, and we trust they will help to keep alive in us the traits of character which made our Southland glorious in the past: no sweeter tribute could Gordon receive than this. For not only was he of all those spacious times and knightly exploits *magna pars*; he was also, and he is today, a true exemplar of the spirit that ruled the gentlemen of the south; and surely no wish is dearer to his heart than the hope that this spirit will be transmitted untarnished to her later generations.



Commencement sermon by Rev. Dr. B. H. Carroll, of Waco, was an elegant disquisition on the moral and social obligation of the race to handle the plow and subdue the earth to the requirements of civilization. Exhaustive scholarship reaffirmed and illustrated the truth of history, that, whilst man by speculative search can never find God and the blessings of Christian enlightenment, yet man comes upon that God, finds Him, as it were, working by his side, whenever with consecrated energy he makes the desert bloom and bridles the wild forces of nature through mechanical arts. Accordingly, the first man Adam was a tiller of the soil, the last Adam, Jesus Christ, was a mechanic.

These facts settled, the doctor with great clearness indicated the lines, providentially laid down, on which the farmer and mechanic become the educators of man and the natural arbiters of a wholesome governmental and social policy. The family, the community, the state founded in and regulated by the principles of industrial law are God's own instruments for the furtherance of civilization, God's own garden-soil in which to plant righteousness of life.

By way of application, the speaker magnified the dignity and necessity of agricultural and mechanical colleges, showed