

To the Students of the
ECFSS.

It is with peculiar pleasure
that I stand before this
large body of prospective
teachers this morning to
welcome you to School
established by our State to
train young men and
women to teach in
the public Schools of
North Carolina. It is said
as you ^{at night} approach some
of the thrifty, live, wide-a-
wake towns you see
in blazing electric lights
"Watch - Grow!" We
wish you not only to
watch ECFSS grow
but to help us to grow.
This marks the begin-
ning of our third
year and the en-
thusiasm is greater

ever before in the history
of our school for the
3^d day of the fall term.

I am glad to see
so many familiar
faces with us. I am
glad so many of our
former students are
able to return to us for
further instruction.
You are twice and
thrice welcome to these
halls. May this prove to
you the very best year
you have ever spent
in school. Many of
our former students
are not with us
but are facing the
stern realities of
practical life. Of these
seventeen are graduates
of this institution. Last

May we gave diplomas
 to thirteen, during the
 summer we added
 four to the list. You
 see from this that
 this school stands, not
 for so many years
 residence here but for
 so much work
 successfully completed.
 These seventeen young
 women have the
 stamp of the school's
 approval in the form
 of a diploma. We confi-
 dently expect them
 to make severer of
 the ~~state's~~ best teachers ^{in our state}
 Many others for a lack
 of funds or for other
 causes are teaching
 in our state. All are
 doing better work than
 they could have done
 had they without the

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training they received
at the hands of the faculty
of this school.

To you young women
who are here for the
first time let me say
you are indeed welcome.
The management of the
school, the faculty of the
school, the literary societies,
Y.W.C.A. and every other
organization in the
school is glad to welcome
you.

Many of you are away
from home for the
first time. Everything
is new to you. You will
miss your home people.
I would not give much
for you if you did not.

Some of you will think
of going home. I would

not giving anything for you
 if you do ^{go}. Love your home,
 but love it with that
 womanhood that im-
 pells you to make the
 most possible of your
 life. # The safety of the Amer-
 ican Republic is based
 upon the love of the
 home that is deep seated
 in the hearts of the
 American people. Recently
 a man attempted to defame
 the good name of the lady
 of the house in one of our
 American homes and
 the gentleman of the house
 gave him a severe thrash-
 ing. The defamer took
 the case to court and
 the judge dismissed the
 case with these words
 "You deserved the ~~the~~
 beating you got." This
 means the name is

protected by the law and
should be loved by all
right thinking citizens.

To your home is the
best place on earth
and it should be May
your stay here be a
Credit to that home.
May you so live one and
all that each day here
will add honor to that
home. Many are the
sacrifices being made
by loving parents to
keep you here. May you
at all times ~~do~~ act as
one worthy of the
sacrifice and may you
have manhood enough
to bend every energy to
each duty and thus develop
for you the highest
type of manhood.
Your stay here is primarily

for the Knowledge you will acquire. "Knowledge is power!"
 But let me say to you to-day
 Knowledge alone may be
 power in the wrong direction.
 Each human being has
 an individuality a person-
 ality that colors shapes
 and enters into everything
 that person attempts. I
 have known ~~a woman~~ ^{a woman} to
 go into a new environment
 and make a reputation as
 a singer and as soon as
 her personality became
 known her reputation as a
 singer was lost. Not that
 she could not sing as well
 as before. No, the personality
 destroyed the art. I have
 known ~~the~~ people who at first
 in an unknown environ-
 ment were dismal failures,
 but when their character
 became known they became

a great power. Personality adds to or subtracts from the power that ~~goes~~ comes thru knowledge. In the spirit of the school you will find the real force that helps to make ~~a~~ successes or failures of the lives of those who attend the school.

Why are you here? Why did you not select some other school? There is springing up ^{every year} from the great field of the public and ^{the} graded schools in our state each year many who are to be transplanted to some one the institutions of higher learning that they may grow into the perfect plant intend by the Great God of this universe. Each institution stands ^{programmatically} for some one thing and it is this

that draws young men and women to it. This particular institution stands for but one thing. It has but one mission and every energy is bent to that one purpose
To Make more efficient teachers for the Schools of North Carolina. The fact of your presence here is prima facie evidence that you intend to become a teacher, than which I think there is no higher calling given to man, for was not Christ himself known as the Great Teacher. If

What is the Spirit of the true teacher? Is it to make money. Not that. The teacher's reward is not her bank account.

Is it honor and renown
 at the hands of his fellow-
 man. Not that too often
 the world speaks of us
 in sneering terms as
 "Only teachers!" What then
 is the spirit of the true
 teacher! Is it not a burn-
 ing desire that goes out of
 the soul toward young
 struggling humanity
 to help them to a higher
 and a nobler plane of
 living? It is not alone
 a desire to fight the demon
 of ignorance with bookish
 knowledge but a burning
 desire ~~to~~ on the part of one
 soul to help other souls
 to higher true nobler
 living. It is the spirit of
 the ~~Old~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ Command
 that God gave ^{to} man
 "To subdue the earth" and
 have dominion over the

fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that creeps upon the earth." The soul of the true teacher must be filled with the milk of human kindness. There must be a love for one's fellowman. The reward of the teacher is in the lives of those taught. One life turned by you into that path that enables it to reach its most perfect stage of development is worth more than all the salary you will ever draw.

As I look out over the vast sea of humanity spread out over this great state of ours and as I realize the future prosperity and happiness of our

people depends upon the
schools of our state
— Our teachers if you
will, then as I turn
to the teaching force and
see how inadequate is
the preparation offered or
required my heart aches
within me. But when
I glance back and
see where we stood
five years ago and where
we stand to day my heart
is made glad within me.
We are a great people
and in the near future
we are going to do many
great things. In this
forward movement of
our people you, young
women, are to occupy a
most important place.
You are here to prepare

yourself for the tasks
that will soon confront
you. We are here to help
you as best we may.

Enter into the spirit of the
school and let the
spirit of the school
enter into you. Put
into this year your best
self and this year will
enlarge that self.