

DR. PRICE PREACHES SUNDAY

PREACHES BACCALAUREATE
IN MORNING—REV. SHANK
IN EVENING

Dr. Price Speaks on "Elements of Christian Character"—Rev. Ernest F. Shank of Cherryvale, '10, talks on "True Greatness."

Sunday, June 5, marked the beginning of the commencement activities in the Baptist church. In the morning, President Price delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class and in the evening Rev. Ernest F. Shank '10, delivered the sermon before the Christian Associations.

Dr. Price spoke on "Elements of Christian Character," taking his text from numerous places in the New Testament. He began by emphasizing the place and importance of character in general, showing it to be one of the most important things in life.

Dr. Price then went on to discuss the marks of a Christian character, as the highest type possible. He said that there are three general marks of the true Christian character, teachability, persistent eagerness for integrity, and a reverence for personality. The Christian must always be teachable for it is one of his fundamental doctrines that he is not self-sufficient but dependent upon higher help. The discussion of his second point may be summarized in "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." In discussing the topic of personality, Dr. Price emphasized the greatness of personality for man is made in the image of God.

In conclusion, Dr. Price spoke of the consequences of Christian character and the places such character must occupy in the world today. "Ye are the salt of the earth" and again "Ye are the light of the world." Finally he admonished the class to remember that in the fight for character a person must endure as seeing Him who is invisible.

Dr. Price was at his best in this sermon which made a deep impression on the minds of all who heard him.

Rev. Ernest F. Shank, '10, pastor of the Baptist church at Cherryvale, preached the sermon before the Christian Associations on Sunday night taking as his subject "True Greatness," and his text "He shall be great in the sight of the Lord." In his introduction, Mr. Shank said that men are not on a dead level and God does not see as men see, and stressed the fact that there is a really lasting greatness.

Mr. Shank said that true greatness is founded upon recognition of, and obedience to, a life purpose. Life is a sacred mission and obedience is the path to true greatness. Many opportunities are open for achieving true greatness in the world today. Life is full of open doors. There is a chance for service in all lines of endeavor. He said that the largest challenge to young people today is in the mission field and in the field of Christian service. And finally greatness has its reward. This reward may come from the world in the form of honors during the life of the person, but in a vast number of cases there is no such reward. However, there are two rewards which come to everyone, the heart satisfaction and peace of mind which comes when work is well done, and the reward in the future which is promised in the Bible.

The sermon was well delivered and was of such a practical nature as to compel attention and thought. Ottawa may well feel proud of her graduates who come back for the sermon before the Christian Associations.