

Supt. Shell's Address.

After Band Concert, Saturday evening, we had the pleasure of being entertained by Supt. Shell, who related several amusing anecdotes, and gave us some good advice.

"I did not know until I entered this hall that I would be called on to speak to you.

You know when a young gentleman has been keeping company with a young lady for a long time, and she is wondering when he will put the momentous question, and finally when she has plucked up courage to ask her, she immediately says "Oh, how sudden!"

Very often I suppose you have ministers to speak to you, and they tell you that you should improve yourselves and be good, and then you listen to some statesman and he tells you that you should be "patriotic."

However, young ladies and gentlemen I am glad to have met you, and it recalls a little experience in my own life.

When I was a boy about sixteen, back in Ohio, you know a fellow at that age thinks he can give the old gentleman pointers, and I thought I knew about as much as any man knew at forty.

I remember a man addressed us and said:

"Young ladies and gentlemen there is a great future before you. You have bright eyes intelligent looks and I have not the faintest doubt but what there are among you several, who will be our future presidents of the United States."

"I immediately straightened up and resolved to be President, and I remember looking over to the girls' side for a suitable person for Mrs. President.

Well I have grown up, but my expectations I never hope to realize.

I love young people almost without exception.

Sam Jones once said, (he was a noted preacher) "I love everybody, if you find me a man that I do not love, I will hug him until he hollers."

"And so it is with me, if you show me a

woman that I do not love, I will let Mrs. Shell hug her until she 'hollers.'

But love is the key note of all success.

Last August, I had the pleasure, and I might say the distinction of meeting down at Newport, a number of ladies and gentlemen of this institution, among them Mr. Potter and Mr. Campbell, who is with us tonight. Let me tell you, I went fishing with Mr. Campbell one day, and the reason I went fishing with him was he told me a wonderful fish story the day before.

I have no doubt but that Mr. Campbell tells the truth under all circumstances, excepting when he tells fish stories.

Seriously I repeat the assertion, I made in the beginning. I am glad to be with you.

Sometime ago I had some correspondence with Mr. Potter and Mr. Campbell in regard to bringing some boys and girls to this school.

One reason I wanted to come was that I knew it would do some good to the boys I brought.

Second to meet the employes.

And third to see how a first class Indian school is conducted.

You are here in this institution, these people are doing everything for you, and you should realize what the Great Father's Government is doing for you here. Mr. Potter or Mr. Campbell gives you advice. Sometimes you think it is good, and sometimes not, and that it is cheap and does not cost you anything.

But of all the words I have spoken this evening, wont you please treasure these few words?

"In everything you do, do the very best you can."

(Then followed a discourse on the building and thoroughness of one of the sculptors on the Acropolis.)

And concluded that the principle to be ground in each and everyone of us was to do the very best we can.

That strength of character comes from influences surrounding you every day.

[Then he described the difference between being over particular and methodical.]