

## Senior Class Urged to be Discreet by Mr. Eells

The Baccalaureate sermon preached by Rev. Earnest E. Eells to the East Hampton High School graduates is printed below:

"What is a baccalaureate sermon? The dictionary says it is the last address to a graduating class. I feel honored in being allowed to give this address to the class of 1935. What I have to say is the result of 20 years of recommendations of high schools to colleges, hospitals, banks, insurance companies, and business men. Baccalaureate sermons, however, are not new to this church. Dr. Buell, who was pastor here from 1746 to 1798, preached once every week to the students in Clinton Academy. Dr. Buell established Clinton Academy and also helped establish the educational system of New York State, for he was a member of the first board of Regents and appointed before their first meeting. As his successor, I would like to have the same influence just long enough to get justice for the Indian schools on Long Island. As his successor, I believe that I can claim the same authority as he did on an occasion like this, and use the same words that he used in 1775:

"I am now on an embassy divinely grand, and of the highest possible importance. Tremendous eternity is now concerned in what I am about. Not men nor angels, can conceive the vast the endless consequences of my message. If the great and mighty realities of worlds eternal are worthy of supreme regard by reasonable creatures, formed for an immortal duration, I may surely hope to gain audience, even while it is to you, O young people, young immortals, that I design more especially to make my address. Your native excellence and worth claims my esteem and regard; your misery and danger my compassion and care. The errand I come upon is in me the kindest, to you the greatest, that ever the tongue of man can utter, or your ears hear. In the name of the enthroned Savior, Christ Jesus the Lord, I enter a claim to you, both in soul and body, for time and eternity, to be entirely consecrated to His service and glory; in consequence of which you will shine, rejoice, and triumph before his throne in Everlasting Bloom of Youth."

"To enforce what I have to say after this quotation, let me take a text from the chapter in the Holy Scriptures that was read this evening: Titus 2:5—'Teach the Young Women to be Discreet.' Titus 2:6 (Weymouth) 'Exhort the Younger Men to be Discreet.'

"Have you learned to be discreet? There is no high school course in discretion. You have not passed an examination given by the board of Regents and been given a rating in discretion, but I am qualified to say that more young people will fail in life for a lack of discretion, than for a lack of educated brains. People who had glorious prospects at your age are today dishonored and discarded because they were not discreet.

"Rash people are not discreet. Young people are pictured as naturally rash. They rush in where angels fear to tread. They are careless of danger. They throw caution to the winds. They are irritated by good advice. I exhort you to use discretion, it is the better part of valor. Do not start what you cannot finish. Do not boast before you tackle a job. Do not exhibit your pep to no purpose. Use discretion.

"Choose your words discreetly. An indiscreet tongue is like a fire. No employer will trust a loose talker. Exaggerating, repeating unfounded rumors, using big and boastful words will soon get you in wrong, but a careful speech and truthful tongue will be an asset to you as long as you live. All this stir in the news about radicals in college is an illustration of loose and rash talk from college professors and students. You will find many indiscreet talkers where you are going next year. Do not imitate them. Be discreet.

"Choose your companions discreetly. A man is known by the company he keeps. Many a man or woman, on entering a new community, has joined the wrong club, or fraternity, or has made the wrong person his friend, and has likewise offended others and never been able to overcome that fatal indiscretion. You do not need to be undemocratic, but you do need to be discreet. In youth you may play with any boy or girl, but from now on, as long as you live you will be known by the type of companionship you choose. No amount of education, no financial success can overcome the handicap you will put yourself under if your friends are people of low and despicable character. You may never commit a crime or do an evil deed, but if you do not shun those who do you will rightly be classed with them. Be discreet.

"Choose your pleasures discreetly. Character is made in the hours of leisure and play. The man is a fool who says, 'It is nobody's business what I do in my own time.' It is everybody's business, and everybody will soon know where you find your pleasures. They will make you or break you. They will reveal the beast or enthrone the man within you. Your pleasures are not forced upon you. They are your own personal choice. Society rightly holds you accountable for the way you choose to spend your own time. Be discreet, choose your pleasures well.

"Choose your life work discreetly. Keep out of blind alleys. Attempt what you can give your whole life to gladly. If you choose a profession, remember a minister, a doctor, a lawyer, a teacher must be discreet. One scandalous misstep, tomorrow, or from tomorrow on, may be enough to keep you from ever being able to rise in a profession. One youthful indiscretion is enough to ruin any professional career, and as you progress you will find that the professional life is fenced around by what we call professional ethics, demands much greater and higher than those ordinary men have to meet, and if you are not ready to live on a higher plane of discretion you might just as well stop now before you disgrace some honored profession. If you choose business, or finance, or some productive field of labor, you will find the same demands. You cannot

drink and drive a bus. You can not gamble and work in a bank. You can't smoke and work in a powder factory. Your personal habits are important. The world is looking for young people who are discreet. Whatever you plan to do remember this, you must live with yourself, and probably with one other in a home of your own. Be discreet, watch your step now for some day it will pay you and those who know you to have self respect, and their respect.

"Last of all, be discreet about your religion. Don't give up prayer. A boy who graduated last year from our high school and has been away a year at college was asked, 'Have you quit saying your prayers?' I heard him say, 'No, I haven't.' He showed good sense. If you were starting on a sailing trip would you throw the life preservers overboard? The time will come when prayer will be the only recourse that is left. It may come to you often, and it may come soon, as the only hope. Don't stop praying.

"Don't give up faith. Here's a man who says he doesn't believe in anything any more, and then buys an Irish sweepstake lottery ticket. He believes it is honest and square. He has given up faith, but he still has credulity. How indiscreet. If there was only one chance in a million that the Bible was right I would gamble on that book. I would keep my faith.

"Don't give up the Church. Your church. You will never grow to be as big as the church of God. No man is as big enough to defeat it. No man is as big outside it as he would be in it. No man can do as much good alone as he can in it. Be discreet. The greatest indiscretion is not some scandalous sin. The greatest indiscretion is neglecting yourself. Neglecting your soul. Neglecting your eternal salvation. Why be indiscreet when sober good judgment alone says, 'Be discreet, choose God and his way of life.'"

## Maidstone Club Plans Busy Season of Golf

Juan Terry Trippe, chairman of the Maidstone Club's golf committee, has announced the following golf schedule for the 1935 season:

Ringer competition for men from June 29th through September 8th. One-third of club handicap as of September 8th, to apply.

Sunday, June 30th—Mixed Four Ball Foursome, against par, handicapped. Ladies' regular west course handicaps to be increased by 9. (No handicaps of either partner to be greater than 18).

Saturday, July 6th—Annual Memorial Day competition. Men's 18-hole four-ball foursome against par, scratch. Combined club handicaps of partners to equal or exceed 12. Open to members and subscribers, their house guests and guests of the greens committee. Winners to have their names inscribed on the Memorial Day Cup and to receive smaller cups to commemorate their winning.

Sunday, July 14th—Mixed Tombstone Tournament, handicapped, selected drives. Three-eighths of combined club handicap. (Team handicap in no event to exceed 12.)

Saturday, July 20th — Golf ball sweepstakes; 18-hole medal play, handicapped; ladies' regular west course handicaps to be increased by 9. (No handicap of either partner to be greater than 18.)

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 9th, 10th, 11th—Annual invitation tournament; 18-hole qualifying round on Friday. Four-sixteenths to qualify. President's reception at club house at 6:30 p. m., Friday. Starting time will be assigned and posted at the Club House at 6 p. m., Thursday evening. The first sixteen will play from the championship tees (red markers). Prizes: Winner of qualifying round, a gold medal; winner of tournament will have his name inscribed on the Maidstone bowl; winners and runners-up, in each sixteen, suitable prizes commemorating their winning. Open to members, subscribers and guests of the greens committee.

Saturday, Sunday, Monday, August 31, September 1, 2—Annual Woodhouse Cup Tournament, handicapped; two sixteen to qualify, based on scores turned in during the summer season. Two rounds Saturday. One round Sunday, 36 holes final Monday. Open to members and subscribers.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Behrens Ryan had as their week-end house guests Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rumery and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Lauderdale of Short Hills, N. J.; and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Baker of New York.

"Scribner buys Old Gold and Silver."

