

THE QUEEN OF SPRING.
 There is something marvelous in the freshness and perennial youth of commencement season. Like the spring, though it comes every year and is itself with the same dress and the same garb, its face is always new, its beauty is ever fresh, its eyes are always attractive. It is enthusiasm, it stirs into activity dormant emotions, makes the heart of the old to beat faster and his life course more rapidly than its pace approves. All commencement are alike and when one has seen the programme, and heard music and listened to the youth-orator's eloquence, witnessed the distribution of prizes, has mingled with the crowd, marched in the academy procession and been deafened by the class yell, and been through the class and yet pleasing experiences and hand-shaking, the joy is ever afterwards the same, it leads through the same scenes, over the same bridges, leads under the same shade trees into you to the same personages and you at the same resting place, it is not the same story by any means. It is a new road in a sense, speeches and music and prizes are all different, that is if you are pleased to regard them and then look upon life as monotonous and old and stale, prefer to be that it is varied and young and joyous. Surely these shady roads with grass as green as any that glitens on the emerald campus with venerable oak shading elm and springing maple for a delight and never lose their charm. And then the bright smiling of the young of both sexes, the extremes of fashion and his fair complexion, robed in nature's colors and lace and feminine is a sight that never grows old. It loses its fascination, even for that have gone too far on in to play the game, or to keep with the music.
A SOCIAL SUCCESS.
 The commencement was unsuccessful by universal consent never was such a host of girls in attendance and all of along with their less favored were on the go from early till the lights went out in the six hours, concerts, oratorical, athletic exhibitions, receptions, classes, drives and promenades made card for these fair visitors and never came at all till the season and the train hurried the tired seekers to less stirring and quiet scenes.
 Reunion of the classes of '82, as pleasurable as they were would have been far more so, had the fellows to the call and have gathered in larger numbers. Those who did were richly repaid despite their regret that the absentees were so. The absentees in '87 when they did the elaborate programme and banquet that was enjoyed men who came with wives and hearts will bemoan their failure to the roll call. A very old souvenir entitled "Old '97, After" (Decennial Reunion Album), was prepared and presented by (Mrs.) Grace A. Henderson, Ed. Currie and P. F. Henderson members of the class that assembled around the banquet table on the night. The reunion at the table a charming affair as this inquest can testify and a happy life of all present. And benefit of those who stayed and as an inspiration to every one he said that the class of '97 were proudly "throughout" content, making good their motto: "glean glory." The speeches of F. Kirkpatrick in the Eulogium and of Prof. A. Currie in hand of P. F. Henderson, Esq., commencement hall all evoked thought, study, scholarship, and to hold and delight an audience these be the samples of work that Davidson College expects and sends forth as living, moving agencies in the world's up-advancement, then the more the better for the church and

concert given by the orchestra afternoons was very fine, and management succeeds in gaining the cooperation of the public as the fellow, the several States, there is that Davidson will get a fine advertising.

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ATHLETES BANQUET.

Basketball Teams Banqueted at Y. M. C. A.—Addresses by Hon. E. R. Preston, Robert Glasgow, Jr., and Others—A Delightful Social Occasion.

One of the most delightful social occasions ever given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association took place last night in the dining room of the association building. The occasion was a banquet given by the several basketball teams to mark the closing of a very successful year's work in the physical department of the association and to honor the successful team, the Olympians.

The members of the several teams met at 7:30 o'clock, the hour announcing for the dinner and after a most appetizing menu, well served by delegated members of the losing teams, several very happy and appropriate speeches were made by invited guests.

The physical director of the association, Mr. C. Horace Sebring, presided very graciously and in a happy little speech presented the Hon. E. R. Preston, who immediately won the hearts of the young athletes by playing humorously on the names of the several teams as for instance: the winners, Olympians, the Spartans, the crescents and the Tigers. In turning to the serious side of his address he also held the closest attention of his hearers by telling delightful little stories from his own personal experience and in ending his very effective address, he completely captivated his audience by his most graphic account of a dream that he had which dealt with a certain attractive but vacant city lot on which he had seen a most beautiful edifice slowly rising and on inquiry, he was told that it was the great new building of the Young Men's Christian Association, a new and a greater association building for new and Greater Charlotte. Mr. Preston was most heartily applauded.

The next speaker was the president of the Young Men's Christian Association, Mr. Robert Glasgow, Jr., who in well chosen words presented to Mr. Robert Lee Rutler, a beautiful gold association emblem for the best record as an all round athlete in the recent in-door athletic meet. The president then presented to Mr. Rutler, as captain of the victorious basketball team, the Olympians, a beautiful silver stag-horn-handled trophy cup to commemorate its victories for the season of 1907. The beautiful cup bears the following inscription: "Basketball Tournament Season of 1907, Y. M. C. A., Charlotte, N. C., Won by Olympians."

This speech and presentation by the president was roundly applauded, but not more heartily than the brief but all-together pleasing response of Mr. Rutler.

Many comments were made on the particularly beautiful decorations which had been furnished by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the association. The table decorations were of roses in profusion and the large dining room was gay with numbers of American flags in most effective groupings.

The guests of the evening were: Messrs. Robert Glasgow, Jr.; E. R. Preston, Clyde J. Walsh, E. R. Bucher, M. W. Helm, H. J. Knebel, Will Bradford, Frank Crowell, John Bradford, George King, Jenks Brady, W. B. Huntington, D. L. Probert, Marvin Ritch, R. I. Dalton, Harry Lovins, Rudolph Willmann, Locke White, Rufin Smith, Charles Manles, O. Horace Sebring, John Kirby, O. W. Montgomery, Clyde Clarke, W. C. Kirby, Robert Lee Rutler, Ernest Page, J. F. Smith, H. G. Bird, Frank Potts.

WOMAN'S MEETING NEXT WEEK.

Foreign Missionary Societies to Convene in Greensboro—Good Record of Charlotte District—Miss Buttrick to Go as a Missionary.

The ladies of the foreign missionary societies of the several Methodist churches of the city are anticipating with much pleasure the annual meeting of the conference society of the Western North Carolina Conference which will be held in Greensboro next week, beginning June 6 and continuing for several days.

It is probable that no district in the conference will present a better and more encouraging report than that of the Charlotte district.

Mrs. W. W. Hagood is district secretary of this district, and under her direction the societies of the district have raised more than \$1,900 during the past year for the cause.

Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson of Greensboro, is president of the conference society, and Mrs. L. W. Crawford, of Reidsville, is corresponding secretary. The recording secretary Miss Terrie Buttrick, of Asheville, has recently been accepted by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions for work in the foreign field. After she has spent a sufficient time in training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, she will be assigned to work in some foreign field under the board's direction.

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 J. M. Rape vs. Southern Railway Company.
 Samuel Hayes vs. A. & C. Air Line Ry. Co.
 W. Shaw vs. Highland Park Mfg. Co.
 Jane E. Strange vs. (protest) Life Ins. Co. of Va.
 A. F. Starnes vs. City of Charlotte.

TUESDAY, June 11.
 J. M. Sykes and Wife vs. (protest) Life Ins. Co. Va.
 Earl Bumbergar vs. Thomasville Spoke Works Company.
 F. H. Andrews vs. Lena Tompkins.
 W. E. Austin and Wife vs. (protest) Life Ins. Co. Va.
 W. S. Biggers vs. H. S. Phillips.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12.
 Automatic Wg. Mach. Co. vs. Mecklenburg Mills.
 Knox & Brown vs. Southern Railway Co.
 Same vs. Same.
 Same vs. Same.
 Knox & Brown vs. So. Railway Company.
 H. B. Sterrett vs. J. W. Wadsworth's Sons Co.

THURSDAY, JUNE 13.
 R. E. & C. E. Mason vs. A. E. Nelson et al.
 Thos. L. Freeland, Admr. vs. N. C. R. R. Co.
 J. W. Wadsworth's Sons Co. vs. C. F. Henderson.
 D. A. Barkley vs. South Atl. Waste Co.
 R. E. & C. E. Mason vs. The Wilson Cotton Mill.

FRIDAY, JUNE 14.
 James Williams vs. A. C. Air Line Ry. Co.
 D. C. Cathey vs. Nathan Dwiggins.
 Annie Catesy & Husband vs. Nathan Dwiggins.

A DANGEROUS SERMON.

What a Good Woman Thought of the Congregation.

"My preacher said the other day that debt was a bad thing and that he wished the clothes that had not been paid for would fall off of the persons who wore them," declared a Charlotte church woman.

"Why, that was dangerous, for if they had begun to drop off right there I'm afraid the meeting would have closed with—the good old song 'We are all smiles to-night,' or rather, 'We are nothing but smiles to-night.' I heard one man say all that he would have had left would have been his paper collar."

"I looked for a catastrophe there that night. But all the same, the preacher spoke the truth. About half the people in this congregation"

Work of Children's Home Society Grows.

After a brief stay in the city, Miss Sadie Blyea a representative of the North Carolina Children's Home Society, left yesterday for Clarkson in the interest of the work of the society. Up to the present time the society has placed 209 homeless children in good homes, and it has been organized in this State but a little more than three years. Recently eight children have been brought from the western part of the State and placed in homes in the Piedmont section and eastern part of the State, where requests had come from homes for them.

The work of the society has taken a strong hold on the State and is doing a most commendable work. The requests for children the society receives far outnumber the children available to meet the requests. The careful oversight given by the society to the children and to the homes requesting them in a large measure accounts for its success in the satisfaction given to both homes and children.

The Y. W. C. A. Committee's Call.
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