

FINAL DAY AT DAVIDSON

MANY HONORS ARE CONFERRED

Day's Programme is Crowded and the Events Prove the Most Interesting of the Present Commencement—Senior Speakers Acquit Themselves Well and Their Speeches Are Highly Pleading—Fifty-Seven Receive Degrees—Honorary Degrees Conferred Upon Revs. H. M. Parker, A. R. Shaw and H. A. White—Recently Elected Professors Inaugurated—Prof. M. G. Fulton, of Central University, Elected to Chair of English.

Special to The Observer.
Davidson, May 26.—Prof. Alexander Graham, an authority in Charlotte and elsewhere in matters historical and academic, literary and scholarly, who was again today an interested spectator and auditor in the large assemblage of commencement celebrants and visitors, remarked within the hearing of this extensive scribe to a Davidsonian, "I get better and better every year in your commencement exhibition; to-day's programme was fine." Another, a moment after, not close enough to have heard the remark, ventured the assertion that the exercises in commencement hall to-day were the finest he had ever listened to. Such statements are here repeated by way of evidence that the scribe, not a wholly disinterested party and altogether impartial judge, in saying that the programme was surely a good one, is not doing violence to the truth or indulging in extravagant eulogy.

There were six speakers from the senior or graduating class, three honor men and three selected with reference to their oratorical talents. The six acquitted themselves in grand style and save for too much length and multitude of words (where the programme is necessarily long) pleased in a high degree the large auditory seated before them.

The procession in honor of the graduating class formed in the quadrangle at about 11:30 o'clock this morning and headed by the Charlotte Band marched in civic order to the Chambers Building, Faculty, students, trustees, alumni and others all joined the ranks to lend dignity, size and honor to the marching column.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. W. L. Linker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and delivered by J. J. Murray, of Graham, subject, "The Voice of Nature." The philosophical oration (third hour) was assigned to Richard D. Dodge, of Jacksonville, Fla., subject, "The Philosophy of the Future." "Woman's Debt to Christianity" was portrayed by Samuel A. Linley, of South Carolina. Claudius C. Beam, who proved to be the orator medalist of the hour, spoke on "The Dream of the Astronomer," and Henry A. Whener described in vivid style "The Ascent of Man." He was followed by Hugh A. Query, who told of "The Ideal, a Dynamic."

CONFERRING OF DEGREES.

President Smith at the conclusion of these orations rose and proceeded to the announcement of and bestowal of degrees. Twenty-one young men were awarded the degree of B. S., 26 came forward for the A. B., and 6 for the A. M. degree. Honorary degrees conferred: Doctor of Divinity, Rev. H. M. Parker, of Matthews, and Rev. A. R. Shaw, of Charlotte; Doctor of Laws, Rev. Henry A. White, D. D. Ph. D., of Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C.

Following these announcements came the inauguration of the three rather recent additions to the Davidson faculty, whose formal induction into office had somehow never taken place and which on the principle of "better late than never" was now carried through. These professors were: Rev. E. Sentelle, A. M., D. D., of the chair of Bible and philosophy; Joseph Moore McConnell, M. A., Ph. D., of the chair of history and economics; and John W. McConnell, M. A., M. D., of the chair of biology and physical training. The interesting ceremony and induction into office was made by Dr. Lingie, president of the board, who propounded the questions that called for formal subscriptions to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church as embodied in the Confession of Faith.

BIBLICAL MEDAL AWARDED.
The Biblical medal, founded by Rev. William Banks, and first given in 1890, the medal to-day being the 20th in the list, was presented by Rev. W. E. Hollingsworth, of Morganton, who, Dr. Shearer introduced, introduced him, was the winner of the first of these medals (1890). Mr. Hollingsworth was in both a serious and humorous vein, combining the two elements in a happy manner and winning rounds of applause in his speech of presentation. The medal was won by J. W. Todd, Jr., of Laurens, S. C., his father, a member of the board, being present to see his son honored.

The election of a successor to Dr. T. P. Harrison, in the chair of English, was the most important matter to come before the board of trustees at this meeting. After a careful consideration of all the names presented the board unanimously elected Prof. Maurice Garland Fulton, of Central University, Danville, Ky. He has for two years past been a member of the faculty of that institution, having studied for the doctor's degree (Ph. D.) at the University of Michigan, taking the high honors and receiving to be given his Ph. D. Professor Fulton is the son of Chancellor Fulton, of the University of Mississippi. From every source, social, religious, academic and scholarly, he has the most hearty and cordial testimonials and there can be no doubt that his coming to Davidson is a strong acquisition for the college and that he is a big and important addition to Davidson's faculty.

The board accepted officially the offer of the General Educational Board of \$75,000 for Davidson on conditions already published and ordered a change in the salary of professors, making the salary \$1,000 instead of \$1,400 and house, Mr. A. Currie was reappointed associate professor for two years.

Case Against Carnival Company Dismissed.

Mr. R. J. Dempster, who on Saturday night of last week attached a portion of the property of the Carnival Amusement Company, claiming \$300 due him, allowed the case to be dismissed, finding himself unable to produce sufficient bond to demand a hearing.

Mr. Dempster claimed that the money was due him on account of the breaking of a contract with him, that covered one year's time.

Mr. A. B. Justice was secured as the attorney for the amusement company, and upon investigation learned that at the time of Mr. Dempster's connection with the company, it was under other management than the present one.

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AMUSEMENTS

THE SHUBERTS NEXT WINTER.

Messrs. Sam S. and Lee Shubert, Leading New York Theatrical Managers, to settle the Fine Line of Shows to Charlotte Next Season—Will Use Auditorium For Playhouse.

It is understood that Messrs. Sam L. and Lee Shubert have definitely decided to bring their shows to Charlotte during the theatrical season of next winter and to use the Charlotte Auditorium for their playhouse.

"Charlotte theatregoers will learn of the decision of the Shuberts with great pleasure. For sometime the Belasco and Shubert managers have desired to establish themselves in Charlotte, and for many winters Charlotte people have coveted their large companies."

Mr. James A. Decker, booking manager of the Shuberts, is now taking engagements for the coming season, and within the near future a list of their Charlotte attractions will be published in The Observer. This list will be hailed with delight. For the Klaw & Erlanger shows, as well as the Shubert attractions, to come to Charlotte assures the people of the Queen City of the very best in theatrical lines for the coming year.

Charlotte is a good town for shows of the best variety and the Shuberts, who co-operate with David Belasco in his productions, give the public many of the best productions of the American stage.

The anti-trust productions have been for the past few years trying to establish themselves in Southern cities, and have already secured playhouses in many of the larger cities of the South. The fight for supremacy has been an interesting one to those who have kept up with it, and the decision of the Shuberts to "play" Charlotte is only another stroke for them.

The summer theatrical season at the Latta Park Auditorium will begin Monday, June 7. Mr. S. A. Schloss, the leasee of the local Academy of Music, has taken charge of the playhouse at Latta Park, and throughout the summer months will offer the theatregoers of the city a list of attractions that are sure to prove popular.

Mr. Schloss has been in New York for several weeks completing arrangements for the summer season here, and has been most fortunate in securing the Mackey Musical Comedy Company to open the beautiful summer theatre. The Mackey company is headed by the well-known comedian, James Mackey, who is remembered in this city as one of the popular stars with the late Charles M. Hoyt, when that famous producer was one of the bright lights in the theatrical profession. Mr. Mackey appeared in the following Hoyt plays, "A Bunch of Keys," "A Trip to Chinatown," and several other popular successes.

A repertoire of the biggest musical comedy successes will be presented by the Mackey company. There will be a change of bill twice a week. With the Mackey company at Latta Park, this well-known amusement place will doubtless prove very popular.

Mr. John L. Crovo, manager of the Academy of Music, will be the manager of the summer playhouse.

DIRECTOR NORTH RESIGNS.
Resignation of the Head of the Census Bureau is a Direct Result of His Recent Discovery With Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel—E. D. Durand Will Succeed Him.

Washington, May 26.—S. N. D. North, director of the census, has tendered his resignation to President Taft and it was accepted to-day. His resignation is a direct result of his recent controversy with Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel.

The following statement, in connection with the case, was given out at the White House:
"Director North tendered his resignation as director of the census. It was accepted and the name of Mr. E. Danna Durand, now deputy commissioner of corporations, will be sent into the Senate to succeed him. Mr. North's resignation was based on the ground that on account of conditions existing and likely to continue, his administration of the census office would not probably be successful."

It had been supposed up to within the last few days that the controversy between Secretary Nagel and Director North had been amicably adjusted. The friction between the two continued, however, and at last, Secretary Nagel put the matter squarely up to President Taft, saying that either he or Mr. North would have to leave the service as existing conditions between them were impossible.

Director North held to the belief that the census bureau was an independent institution and that he was responsible only to the President. A congressional enactment put the census bureau under the Department of Commerce and Labor, however, and Secretary Nagel felt that in spite of the great powers conferred by Congress upon the director, that official should be subordinate to the cabinet officer in charge of the department. It was because of this friction that Director North finally was forced to step out.

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LORIMER ELECTED SENATOR.

Chosen on Ninety-Fifth Ballot by Coalition of Democrats and Republicans to Succeed Albert J. Hopkins, of Illinois, Whose Term Expired on March 4 and Who Was Candidate For Re-Election—The "Lie" is Passed.

Springfield, Ill., May 26.—Congressman William Lorimer, of Chicago, is the junior United States Senator from Illinois. He was elected on the 95th ballot in the joint Assembly to-day, by coalition of 53 Democratic and 55 Republican votes, to fill the vacancy from Illinois, which has existed in the Senate since the term of Albert J. Hopkins, Republican primary candidate for re-election, expired March 4. With votes to spare, the Representative of the sixth district of Illinois broke the senatorial deadlock, which has existed in the Forty-Sixth General Assembly of Illinois since last January.

The outward quietness with which the victory of Lorimer was brought about, testifies to the consummate political prowess of Congressman Lorimer. Until a few days ago Lorimer had not received a vote for Senator.

The breaking of the deadlock was not permitted to pass without exciting incidents. Former Lieutenant Governor Northcott, a Hopkins leader, who is now United States district attorney at Springfield, was dragged from the main floor of the House by House policemen for lobbying on the floor.

Minority Leader Lee O'Neil Browne, who advocated the election of Lorimer, characterized the words of Representative English as false, because the latter, in a speech, gave the impression by inference that improper influences had been used to procure Democratic votes for Lorimer.

"I do not know what the gentleman means," said Browne, "by his inference, but if he means that improper influence has been used, he is a liar. I hope he did not mean it. But if he did and will repeat his words to me outside of this hall, I will pledge you that one of us will never make those remarks again."

English did not take up the challenge.

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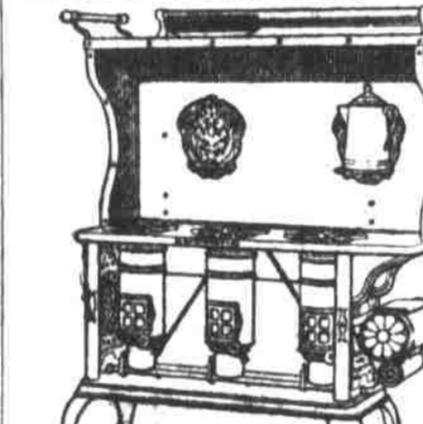


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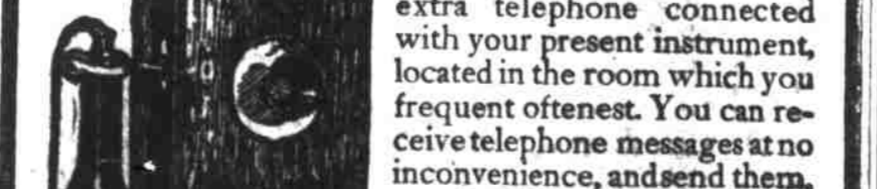
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