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## THE CLOSING SCENES.

Salutatory and Valedictory—Conferring Degrees—Presentation of Medals—Work of Next Year—Alumni Organization—Brass Band and Annual Reception.

Wednesday morning, June 2nd, at just 10.50 nine of the ten young lady graduates from the Seminary were escorted up the left aisle and the two gentlemen graduates from the College were led up the right

Miller led in the opening prayer.

President Scherer announced Miss Virgie Shup for the salutatory. Her thoughts were quite appropriate and were clad in happy phrasology while her whole bearing was graceful and winning.

The address was brief but comprehensive.

Mr. B. M. Setzler followed: His subject was: "The Future of Our Republic."

He reviewed the advance of our nation from its infantile state to its present grandeur. He found in ours the elements of progressive greatness not found in the nations whose prestige have come and gone. He saw justification in the present for sanguine hope of continued expansion and greatness commensurate with its present material progress.

The pessimists of today he ranked with the pessimists of all ages.

He saw elements of opposing factions advancing to union. Education he thought would solve the race problem. Free coinage is sure to come and the nation will march to prosperity.

The sentences were clear and forcible and the speech was quite creditable.

Miss Willie Weimer next read a German essay.

We can only say with the woman impatient of the criticisms of her pastor's sermon, "I don't care it was good even if it had been whorsted."

Geo. F. McAllister then made the closing oration and the valedictory. His subject was, "Final Civilization."

The speaker showed the results of his close and almost health destroying application to study, by a familiarity with the world's varied phases of civilization, especially those of Greece the renowned. He marked grand movements as they rose and fell but left the foundation upon which to build still greater. Christianity now infused into and permeating the whole system of our civilization guarantees heights yet unattained from which there is no descent.

It was a learned effort and reflected credit on his alma mater.

The valedictory was less pathetic than some we have heard but was in every part a fitting expression of one breaking college ties and bidding adieu to schoolday joys and associations to face the sterner realities of life.

President Scherer then delivered diplomas to Messrs McAllister and Setzler and formally conferred the A. B. upon them.

The degree of A. M. was regularly conferred on Rev. R. L. Bame, of the class of '81, and on Dr. C. H. Barnhardt of the class of '92, also the honorary degree of A. M. on C. M. Pool, M. D., and Rev. C. C. Lysterly.

A medal for the highest proficiency in the class in bible history was

presented by W. S. Bowman, D. D. to Mr. Jacob L. Morgan.

The speaker was lofty in thought and fluent in language. He said, in the study of the bible you have struck the rock on which the universe is built. Wear this golden medal in the outside of the heart as an emblem of golden truth within the heart.

The Greek medal was presented by Rev. C. B. Miller to Mr. Edward Fullenwider in impressive words.

The Alumni medal for declamation was presented by Rev. Lysterly to Mr. T. Marvin Wiley in very appropriate terms.

Rev. C. L. T. Fisher then presented diplomas to the nine young ladies who had just finished the course.

Prof. Fisher explained the absence of one of the ten, Miss Addie Jenney, who had been called home on account of the serious illness of her mother just near the end of the term, but whose proficiency in her studies secured for her the full honors of graduation.

He then read the roll of honors which was very pleasing to note.

At this point Rev. McCullough presented the medal by Miss Jennie Cook for highest merits for progress in music, to Miss Ida Blume. Miss Ida being too unwell to be present Prof. C. L. T. Fisher received the medal and the compliments to carry to Miss Blume. This was the presentation speech of the occasion in point of literary allusions, combined with wit and humor.

The names of the class of ten are: Misses Anetta S. K. Boozer, Minna Holman, Marguerite L. Hunter, Addie E. Jenney, Jessie M. Layton, Effie M. Misenheimer, Margaret B. Muller, Addie E. Patterson, Wilhelmina C. Weimer and E. Virginia C. Shoup.

President Scherer announced that the board of directors of the College had accepted the resignation of Prof. E. B. Setzler whose connection with the College and his associations with the faculty had been such as to part with him with much regret but in conformity with Prof. Setzler's desire.

He then announced that the board had elected Prof. Edgar Bower of the class of '88 at Roanoke college, who had taken first honors and was recommended most highly by the faculty of Roanoke college and has been teaching 8 years. He also announced that it is entirely probable that Prof. Bower will enter upon the work.

Prof. Scherer said that the usual medals would be awarded next year. He also announced the acceptance of Prof. H. N. Miller, Ph. D. to be the head of Mont Amena Seminary and that he would be formally inaugurated at the opening of next session.

Dr. Miller then announced that the next session would open on the 9th of September next, and that there would be a medal given for the best English essay, also a scholarship and deportment medal given by the Vice-Principal and a medal for the best examination on Chamber's United State's History, given by Prof. Jas. P. Cook.

Interspersed through all these exercises, except those in which the Seminary ladies furnished their own music, the Mt. Pleasant cornet band dispensed excellent music.

When we consider the number that must unite to form a cornet band and the liability to changes by

the drifting of young men to other fields, this band becomes a wonder and a source of admiration. If it sometimes lulls in interest, it is but to awaken into new life and cling to the lessons it has procured from some of the best musical trainers. May it live long to impart its melodies to the music-loving throngs on these commencement occasions.

The session of '96-'97 of these two excellent schools at Mt. Pleasant are now things of the past with their happy influences just begun to ever widen over time and space.

The next term of college will open on Sept. 1st.

In the afternoon the alumnae of Mont Amena Seminary met and organized an association. This meeting was unique in that, of the 58 alumnae of the institution, 57 were present at its organization and out of the whole number no death has occurred, however there are a striking number of them that refuse to answer to the names by which they were called at graduation. Miss Jennie Cook was made president, Miss Leah Blackwelder, vice-president; Miss Alma Shirey, secretary and Miss Effie Misenheimer, treasurer.

The remainder of the evening and night were given over to pleasant associations and the soft whisperings to willing ears till gentle hearts were full enough that in the wee small hours visions of Cupid's wan beckoned to, happy climes, while Morpheus soothed the well worn frame.

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**Home Returning.**

The city was full of charming school girls, homeward bound from Mt. Amena seminary this morning. Among them were: Misses Z. Nith Layton, Jessie Layton, Hattie Boozer, Lola Haltiwanger, Minna Holman, Maggie Muller, Maude Miller, Mamie Miller, Pearl Welsh, Cora Welsh, Marguerite Hunter, Wilhelmina Weimer, Cornelia Hentz, Julia Hentz, Minnie Fellers, Ruth Cope land, all of South Carolina; Virginia Shoup, Florida; Lizzie Vose, Georgia; Belle Penland, Tennessee; Eric Caldwell, Virginia; Minnie Kuttz, Hattie Goodman, Hattie Weddington, Ida Blume, Addie Patterson, Elia Walter, Concord.

The visitors were: Miss Rosa Wyse, of Prosperity, S. C.; Miss Emma Lips, Enochville; Mrs. W. M. Miller, Jefferson, S. C.; Miss Rena Ingram, Wadesboro; Miss Pearl Evans, South Carolina.

Among the gentlemen were: Lacy Ross and Joe Sutton, Burlington; Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Bowman, S. E. Linton, Charlotte; R. E. Evans, Lancaster; Prof. E. B. Setzler, Ben M. Setzler and Dr. Setzler, South Carolina, Charlie Pless, Concord.

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