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THE TAR HEEL each year devotes an editorial to asking the students to stay to the next Commencement. Apparently these editorials are of no avail. The students simply cannot be made to realize that Commencement is a splendid opportunity for them. But it is not the purpose of this piece to speak of these men. There are other men in the University who stayed this year and whose presence was a drawback. These men took no interest in commencement, and, instead of giving their aid and support to the events that depended upon the students for success, used their influences against such events. Unfortunately for themselves, they refused to mingle with their brother students and unfortunately for the University they had some influence. By all means, gentlemen, if you are so foolish as to refuse to be University men yourselves do not use your pernicious influence on the newcomers who are ignorant.

THIS ISSUE completes the current volume and ends the work of the present editorial board. The editor desires in closing his connection with the paper to thank the Athletic Association for the honor done him and to gratefully acknowledge his indebtedness to the members of the board who have aided in the editorial work. The most conspicuous of the latter are Messrs. Ross and Reynolds.

COMMENCEMENT.

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terial welfare made by the University since his student days. The closing part of the address was taken up with a mention of the problems that confront University men as men of the nation. Mr. Thomas was very eloquent.

THE ALUMNI LUNCHEON.

This was, as always, one of the happiest times of commencement. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd present. Col. Kenan, President of the Association, knew how to preside over a dinner, where, he said, there must be a mixture of eating and of business. Toward the close of the dinner he called on

President Venable, who made his yearly report to the Association. One of the most interesting statements in this report was the remark that \$27,000 of the \$50,000 necessary to be raised to receive Mr. Carnegie's gift is now in sight. The first payment toward this was received from a woman graduate of the University. Dr. Venable requested that a committee be appointed to have charge of raising this money. The following committee was appointed: Dr. Venable, Dr. Smith and Dr. Alexander from the faculty and Messrs. Geo. Stephens and E. M. Andrews from the alumni.

Mr. S. M. Gattis was then called upon to act as toastmaster. He was a capital one. The following responded to toasts: Fred Carr, Col. Killebrew, J. C. Horner, J. C. McNeill, Dr. Battle, J. A. Lockhart, Jr., Congressman J. L. Gudger, L. Patterson, J. Y. Joyner, Rev. A. L. Betts, J. S. Hill, Dr. C. D. McIver, H. Weil, Maj. J. W. Graham, C. C. Barnhardt and Congressman Boutell.

The officers of the Association were re-elected.

THE DEBATE.

The commencement debate was won by the Phi, and Mr. Kerr won the Bingham medal as announced in another column. Lieut.-Gov. F. D. Winston presided and L. W. Parker, of Hertford, was secretary. The query was: Resolved, That Congress should confer on the Interstate Commerce Commission full power to regulate railway traffic rates, subject to review by a Court of Transportation.

The debaters were: Affirmative—Phi, J. S. Kerr and J. A. Parker; negative—Di, W. L. Mann and V. L. Stephenson.

The judges were A. W. Haywood, of Haw River, George Connor, of Wilson, and J. C. Horner, of Oxford.

After the debate the President's reception was held in Commons Hall. The rain caused the absence of many who would have been present. There was a good crowd present, however, and all evidently enjoyed the occasion.

GRADUATION DAY.

The academic procession Wednesday was the most imposing that any student now in the University ever saw. The list below shows the large number of graduates. These as well as most of the members of the faculty wore caps and gowns and they made a long line as they marched two and two from the Alumni to Memorial Hall. The class was so large that it was impossible for them to find a seat on the rostrum. They occupied the two front rows of seats on the main floor.

By a wise change in the programme the speeches were put second. After prayer by Rev. A. L. Betts, '80, Mr. Boutell delivered the commencement address. This gentleman had already been on the Hill for several days and had made friends of the University. Something good was expected from him and no one was disappointed. His address showed the devotion of a patriot and the master mind of a statesman.

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