

**The Initial Alumni Day.**

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States run by generations of one family which touch three centuries. The connection of family and University is paralleled only by that of the Adamses and Harvards. Mr. Bingham was then presented to the audience. He delivered an interesting review of the traditions which the country has undergone since the college days of the class, including the beginning and end of the great civil struggle with the ensuing years which were for the South fought with so sad a tragedy.

Following came the reunion exercises of the class of 1882, graduating 25 years ago. Rev. S. Skinner, of Fayetteville, and Mr. Chas. W. Worth, of Wilmington, spoke for this body in an entertaining yet feeling manner. The other members present were Messrs. S. C. Bellamy, of Enfield; Dr. Geo. W. Whitsett, of Greensboro; Rev. D. S. Kennedy, of Warsaw; A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro; Prof. H. H. Williams, of Chapel Hill and J. W. Jackson, of Chicago.

Of the class of 1897 which commanded attention, this being the tenth anniversary of its graduation. There were present Messrs. W. W. Bodie, of Louisburg; W. D. Carmichael, of Durham; W. A. Crinkley, of Macon; H. H. Edgerton, of Goldsboro; P. D. Fletcher, of McColl, S. C.; I. N. Harvard, of Oxford; J. D. Lentz, of Concord; J. A. Long, of Haw River; Donald McIver, of Burlington; W. H. McNairy, of Chester, S. C.; Wingate Underhill, of Wilmington; Joe S. Rae, of Gastonia; R. V. Whitener, of Hickory; Lionel Weill, of Goldsboro; S. Brown Shepherd, of Raleigh; J. H. Andrews, of Raleigh. Prof. Carmichael delivered a brief but appropriate speech, after which the assemblage gave attention to things more material.

**ALUMNI LUNCHEON.**

The Alumni Luncheon in Commons Hall at 1:30 was unquestionably a record breaker. Between 350 and 400 guests partook. Hon. Walter Murphy, of Salisbury, was toastmaster and kept things going. Brief and timely speeches were delivered by Bishop Hendrix, Governor Glenn, ex-Governor Aycock, J. Y. Joyner, Dr. V. E. Turner, of Raleigh, Chambers Smith of Raleigh, Colonel Woodruff, of the United States army, Congressman W. N. Kitchen, Dr. B. F. Dixon, Mr. George Stephens, Judge Winborne, J. J. Parker, and President Venable.

**UNDER THE POPLAR.**

At 4 o'clock the Seniors held their last exercises as an undergraduate body. Clad in their caps and gowns they formed at the well and marched to the ancient Davie poplar. There they formed a circle about the gnarled old giant while sisters, sweethearts, mothers and fathers crowded close to catch every detail of the last and most picturesque rites of the graduating class.

First the class statistics were read by Mr. T. Holt Haywood, amid much merriment. The honors, of the biggest hat, the biggest shoe, etc., were dispensed with and then the results of the voting were announced. Miss Daisy Allen was unanimously declared the best looking graduate, likewise Mr. Henry Lee Sloan the prettiest. Messrs. J. J. Parker and Charlie Weill outclassed all competitors as politicians, and Mr. Q. S. Mills was unquestionably the biggest liar, although closely pursued by Tom Sutton and Vic Williams.

At the close of the statistics the members of the class seated themselves in a circle and the be-ribboned peace-pipe was passed from mouth to mouth. All, not excepting Miss Daisy,

drew deep draughts of the sweet smoke which rose to form a cloud of incense in the branches of the poplar. The pipe dead the Seniors rose, and, gathered close around the poplar's base, sang for the last time on their sacred ground their songs merry and sad which had so often rung through the evening air across the campus.

Then, in time with a lively march, they bore their benches to the front of the South building where they were reduced to splinters by the husky athletes of the class, Messrs. Wiley Pittman and Freddie Stem. Quickly the oil was poured, and the matches flashed; upward swept the flames of the Senior benches in a royal bonfire while once more the graduates gave voice to their songs. But there were lumps in many of the throats, for this was indeed their last act as college men. With the burning of their benches they turned over to 1908 the Senior ground beneath the Davie poplar.

**PHI DEBATORS WIN.**

A large audience jammed Gerrard Hall in the evening to hear the Commencement Debate between representatives of the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies. The query was, "Barring constitutional objection, Resolved, That Congress should impose a progressive income tax." Messrs. P. M. Williams and T. L. Simmons, of the Di, represented the affirmative, and Messrs. O. R. Rand and J. W. Hester, of the Phi, the negative. The affirmative held that the organized basis of all taxation is the principle that it shall bear equally according to the ability of the citizen to pay; the income is the measure of ability. The negative held that when a government did more than secure equality of opportunity it perpetrated a dangerous form of class legislation.

The affirmative speakers built up a strong organic argument but the judges, by a 2 to 1 vote, decided in favor of the negative. The Bingham medal, awarded to the best speaker on the winning team, was won by Mr. O. R. Rand. Governor Glenn presided over the debate and Messrs. E. D. Broadhurst, J. S. Manning, and J. H. Vaughan acted as judges. Mr. B. L. Banks, Jr., was secretary.

Immediately after the debate followed the President's Reception in the Y. M. C. A. building, which lasted until after midnight, closing the program of the University's first Alumni Day.

**Another Landmark Gone.**

Tom Dunston is dead. The old barber passed away on the operating table at the Rex Hospital in Raleigh where he had been carried by his warm friend, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, only two days after Commencement. And with him passed one of the few remaining characters of the Hill. Will the University be the same to the alumni that have known him? Surely they will look for a face they cannot find when they return to reunion, and will miss, with a pang, perhaps, the anecdotes of the "Rogue's Gallery" where Tom cherished the photographs of his old-time Freshman, and Junior, and Sophomore customers who had grown great. Too soon has Tom followed in the footsteps of old "Uncle Bennie" Booth. The college characters are passing and there are none to take their place.

The funeral took place from the Methodist church of the village, Rev. W. R. Royall officiating, for Tom had for years been an active member of the M. E. church, South. Just so he was ever a staunch Democrat. In neither politics nor religion would he join with his race. There are few like Tom; he will be missed.

**The Final Red Letter Day.**

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Assistant instructors and fellows have been elected as follows: Latin, O. R. Rand, assistant, J. B. Palmer, instructor; French, L. W. Parker, instructor; English, W. W. Boyan, J. M. Grainger, H. H. Hughes instructors; mathematics, W. H. Duls, instructor; W. T. McGowan, assistant; physics, J. H. McLain instructor; P. H. Royster, fellow; chemistry, S. Jordan, R. B. Hardison, J. G. Jackson, W. C. Woodard, assistants; geology, H. N. Eaton, instructor; Hubert Hill assistant, zoology, T. H. Webb and C. G. Kirkpatrick, assistants; library fellows, J. J. Parker, B. E. Washburn; Miss N. S. Strudwick, assistant librarian. The board further ordered the election of an outdoor physical instructor to have charge of all class athletics.

The announcement of the president that Prof. E. K. Graham had received promotion to a full professorship in the department of English was received with much applause. It is gratifying to note here also, that, while not publicly announced, it is generally understood that the board of trustees at their annual meeting evidenced their appreciation of Dr. Venable's services by voting him a substantial raise in his salary.

**WINNERS OF HONORS.**

President Venable then announced the winners of medals, prizes and fellowships, as follows:

The Holt Medal: J. W. Speas.  
The Harris Prize: R. E. Sumner.  
The Greek Prize: K. D. Battle.  
The Worth Prize: W. A. Jenkins.  
The Early English Text Society Prize: Frank McLean.  
The Thomas Hume Prize: H. H. Hughes.  
The Kerr Prize: J. E. Pogue, Jr.  
The Bradham Prize: R. E. Kibler.  
The Henry R. Bryan Prize: B. H. Perry.  
Bingham Prize: O. R. Rand.  
The Toch Fellowship in Chemistry: F. B. Stem.  
The Sutherland Fellowship in Chemistry: G. F. Leonard.  
The W. J. Bryan Prize: R. C. Day.  
The Prizes in Pedagogy: G. F. Leonard and J. L. Hathcock.  
Certificates: Chemistry: D. B. Allen, W. S. Dickson, Hampden Hill, Hubert Hill, W. S. Hunter, G. F. Leonard, F. B. Stem.  
Economics: C. V. Cannon.  
English: N. R. Claytor, M. G. Morrison, J. H. Vaughan.  
French: C. L. Weill.  
Geology: E. B. Jeffress, Jr.  
German: J. A. Fore, Jr., E. M. Highsmith, P. H. Royster.  
Greek: P. H. Royster, W. H. Royster.  
Latin: P. H. Royster.  
Mathematics: J. M. Porter, J. W. Speas, G. F. Whitley.  
Pedagogy: J. L. Hathcock.  
Physics: P. H. Royster.

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES.**

The conferring of degrees in course followed:

Bachelors of Arts: George Sitgreaves Attmore, Jr., Marvin Arthur Bowers, Clarence Victor Cannon, Numa Reid Claytor, Ernest Leach Cole, Edwin Erwin Connor, James Herron D'Alemberte, Roby Council Day, Thomas Wyatt Dickson, William Samuel Dickson, William Henry Duls, Francis Gillam, DeLeon Fillyaw Green, Oscar Lawrence Hardin, Robinson Battle Hardison, Oscar Vernon Hicks, Leonard Ross Hoffman, Harvey Hatcher Hughes, Norman Hughes, William Shearer Hunter, Edwin Bedford Jeffress, Jr., William Adrian Jenkins, Charles Jackson Katzenstein, Charles Herbert Keel, Thomas Cleve-

land Kerns, George Ferree Leonard, James Thomas McAden, William Tillman McGowan, George McFarland McKie, William DeRoy McLean, Quincy Sharpe Mills, Allen Turner Morrison, Stuart Grayson Noble, John Johnston Parker, Luther Wood Parker, John de Jarnette Pemberton, Wiley Hassel Marion Pittman, Samuel Wharton Rankin, Percy Hoke Royster, Wilbur High Royster, Terry Donnell Sharpe, Henry Lee Sloan, Thomas Howey Sutton, Jr., Duncan Patterson Tillet, Charles Lewis Weill, John Carroll Wiggins, Victor Williams.

Bachelors of Philosophy: Michael Penn Cummings, Thomas Holt Haywood, Ernest Clyde Herring, Edwin McKeoy Highsmith, James Burton James, Stahle Linn, John Mosely Robinson, William Smith O'Brien Robinson, Jr., Kirby Cleveland Sidbury, Stanley Winborne.

Bachelors of Science, Daisy Burrows Allen, William Jefferson Barker, Roy Pritchard Burns, Hampden Hill, Hubert Hill, Thomas O'Berry, Charles Cleveland Sharpe, Frederick Boothe Stem.

Bachelors of Laws: Benjamin Kittrell Lassiter, Bennett Hester Perry.

Graduates in Pharmacy: Charles McDonald Andrews, Donah Josiah Atkins, David Simeon Chapman, Ralph Emory Kibler, Andrew McDowd Secrest.

Masters of Arts: Thomas Felix Hickerson, George McFarland McKie, Frank McLean, Bessie Lewis Whitaker.

Masters of Science: Frank Parker Drane, Stroud Jordan, Joseph Ezekiel Pogue, Jr.

Doctor of Philosophy: Edgar Eugene Randolph.

**HONORARY DEGREES.**

Not the least important event, although almost the last, was the presentation of honorary degrees. When the period for the presentation of these arrived Dr. C. Alphonso Smith arose and in a splendid eulogy presented ex-Governor Charles Brantley Aycock, for the degree of Doctor of Laws. This was conferred by President Venable, assisted by Prof. Hamilton, after the usual impressive fashion. This done, in like manner Dr. Smith presented Governor Robert B. Glenn for the same degree, and this was conferred. The paying of both tributes of honor was attended with hearty applause.

Thus ended the exercises of the 112th Commencement of the University, the most successful that has occurred at Chapel Hill in many years. The social feature of the celebration was yet to follow, however, in the Commencement dances, which were opened with the Opening German Tuesday afternoon. And as the soft strains of the waltz music floated out through the tall arched windows of the gymnasium, buggies and wagons laden with country folk who had spent another festive day in the shadow of the University creaked and rattled away into the dusk. For the rustic swain and his maiden fair the day so long looked forward to had passed to but a memory. Now their thoughts will look forward to, and their plans will be made for another year for the gala day of 1908. Then the classic halls and class rooms of the old University will be haunted again by whispering couples, and the lecture room of the department of philosophy will re-echo with the burning words of ardent lovers which will forever disprove that memorable statement "Young man, you can't find a home on love!" For where, in another place in the length and breadth of the United States is there as much good old-fashioned "courting" done in one day's time as takes place on the University campus as regularly each year as Commencement Day rolls around?