

THE FINAL SCENE OF ALL.

**THE COMMENCEMENT DANCES
CLOSE DRAMA FOR 1906-7.**

**Happy Recipients of the "Rags"—
The Final Ball—A Most
Beautiful Picture.**

The Commencement dances, held for the first time in the Bynum Gymnasium this year, were, owing to the energy and ingenuity of Chief Ball Manager Hill, the most pleasant and enjoyable that have graced a University Commencement so far. The main hall of the gymnasium was attractively draped for the occasion and exquisite music was furnished by the 2nd Regiment band of Richmond.

In the grand march of the opening dance at 4:30 on the afternoon of Commencement Day, the dances were opened by Chief Ball Manager Hill, with Mrs. J. B. Cranmer, of Wilmington. The Senior ball followed at 11 o'clock that evening, and the next morning came the Junior hop. The Afternoon German, Wednesday afternoon, and the final ball that night ended the revels. During the season of these dances the Hill was thronged with pretty girl visitors who abandoned themselves to the enjoyment of the occasion, while the students did all in their power to sustain the reputation for gallantry for which University men are noted.

The Afternoon German was the prettiest of the dances. Favors consisting of Japanese parasols, reins, fans, and Carolina pennants were presented to the young ladies during its course, and the figures were faultless. One of the best had been prepared by Manager Hill especially for the occasion. At the Senior Ball card cases of imported lizard-skin, stamped in gilt on their backs with a miniature of the college well, were presented as souvenirs to the dancers.

The Final Ball on Wednesday night with 75 couples and 75 stags, formed the climax of the Commencement revels, and during its course the much-coveted regalia of the Marshal and Ball Managers were given away. Immediately after the intermission the Managers and Marshals descended the spiral stairway from the race track as the band struck up a lively march two-step and marched once around the hall, then broke to choose their favorites. These were: Miss Louise Manning Venable, of Chapel Hill, Chief Ball Manager Hampden Hill and Marshal W. C. Woodard; Miss Ellen Dortch, of Goldsboro, Ball Manager T. H. Sutton, Jr.; Miss Estelle O'Berry, of Goldsboro, Ball Manager C. L. Weill; Miss Cantey Venable, of Chapel Hill, Marshal T. M. Hines; Miss Scott, of Burlington, Ball Manager F. B. Stem; Miss Mary Henderson, of Salisbury, Marshal W. C. Coughenour; Miss Connie Fore, of Charlotte, Ball Manager L. W. Parker; Miss Lula McDonald, of Raleigh, Ball Manager W. M. Boylan; Miss Ina Weill, of Rockingham, Marshal W. E. Yelverton; Miss Bailey, of Wilmington, Ball Manager W. A. Montgomery.

Immediately after the bestowing of the "rags" Chief Ball Manager Hill turned over his whistle to Miss Louise Venable, who ruled supreme thereafter. Soon, too soon, under her sway, the eastern sky began to brighten, and then, in a glorious pink flush that swept in through the high-arched windows and flooded the hall, came the dawn. Then the lights flashed out and the band struck up "Home, Sweet Home." No more beautiful picture can be imagined than that of

the graceful figures, clad in a variety of colors that glowed rich in the delicate light of the breaking day, as they swept through the final measures of the ball. To many that picture forms a last memory of the Hill.

An Appreciation.

We could not conscientiously bring our year of service on THE TAR HEEL to a close without expressing to the force of the University Press our appreciation of the kindness which they have shown us. From the humble Freshman in THE TAR HEEL corner to the all-important manager they have humored our whims and put up with our eccentricities in a way that proves conclusively that their breasts are filled with the true Christian spirit. To the manager in particular, who being hampered in authority by his position as "boss" over his fellow students, has succeeded in running his office marvelously well under the greatest difficulties, do we wish to express our thanks for the pains that he has taken to please us. We have enjoyed our Wednesday evenings in the steamy, noisy little print shop during "make-up" times, in the course of which we have suffered our share from the sharp wit of the type-slingers, and we sincerely regret that there are no more of them in the future.

Baccalaureate Sermon.

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"In this incident are revealed illustrations of an irretrievable past and of a lost opportunity for preparations against trial. To Jesus that hour in Gethsemane was perhaps his most important hour. It made possible the cross. "The Christian Sabbath for which I plead is a day coming to us full of life and love from the open tomb our risen Lord. Its message is Christ risen from the dead and you and I share in the resurrection and the life. The second principle is that of the possible present and future. Sleep had cost the disciples dear, but intense suffering and sacrifice were still possible. They had lost their chance of saving Christ, but they still might have had the privilege of living and dying with him. The Bible never shuts a man up to a despairing consciousness of past failure. It rather incites him to a manly acceptance of a possible and available present.

"Whatever we do, let us carry into life Christ's incentive to earnestness. The College man's opportunity. Do you see it? Is it not glowing with an attractiveness?"

A pleasing feature of the service was a solo sweetly sung by Miss Lucile Withers, of Charlotte.

Y. M. C. A. BUILDING DEDICATED.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cooper's strong appeal the formal dedicatory services of the Y. M. C. A. building took place. Prof. J. W. Gore, on behalf of the building committee, made the presentation in a speech not easily to be improved on. He outlined the all-important functions it was to perform in contributing essentially to the social and religious sides of student life and in bringing together all classes and factions into a connection so close that prejudice will be removed. On behalf of the board of trustees Dr. Richard Henry Lewis accepted the edifice, expressing appreciation of the efforts put forth so energetically. Rev. Clayton Cooper, by request, told of the significance of the national college monument, of which the erection of this building is but an instance,

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