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78 YOUTHS SEEKING WORLDS TO CONQUER

113th COMMENCEMENT ONE THE BEST IN MANY YEARS

Many of the "Old Boys" on the Hill--Strong Speeches by Judge Pritchard and Dr. Knapp--Immense Crowds in Attendance.

For the one hundred and thirteenth time in the history of the University of North Carolina a commencement has been held. In some respects the most successful of those in the memory of the present generation it was. The weather was perfect, the music good, the speeches logical, and the women and their dresses indescribable in their beauty.

The ball was started merrily to rolling on the night of Friday, May 29, by the annual reception in the beautiful home of the Y. M. C. A. Though many visitors had not arrived, there were enough here to lend to the scene a decided air of foreignity. Big Rankin, the genial secretary, circulated hither and thither with a glad smile of welcome upon his big face, making his guests feel immediately at their ease. Delicious refreshments in the way of punch (No, it was not spiked) and sandwiches were served. The reception was a success.

The next day, Saturday, belonged to the Seniors and they made good use of it. The exercises in the morning, the Seniors thought, were far and away better than the average, and those under Davie Poplar in the afternoon were full of significance to the young men who were soon to leave the University and seek a few worlds to conquer. At night the inter-society banquet was held in Commons Hall, preceded by the reunion exercises in the society halls.

Sunday the sermons were preached, the baccalaureate sermon by the Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, Episcopal Bishop of Tennessee, in Memorial Hall,

and the sermon before the Y. M. C. A. by Dr. Egbert W. Smith, of Louisville, Ky. It was well that the morning services were held in Memorial Hall, for the crowd could not have been seated in the Chapel, and at the night services the latter place was filled to overflowing.

Monday belonged to the "old boys", of whom there was a goodly number on the Hill. The classes of '58, '59, '60, '61, '83, '98, and 1903 held reunions. The exercises Monday morning, when those classes that graduated before the war were holding forth, were among the features of commencement. Especially did Mr. Coffin, '59, of Arkansas, make a hit, and long will his name be remembered by those to whom he referred with comical contempt as "you kids". At the conclusion of the reunion exercises the Alumni Luncheon was served in Commons--and here again the "old boys" carried off the honors. The day was brought to a close by the inter-society debate and the faculty reception.

Tuesday was the great day, the day when the embryo alumni broke their shells, cast off their gowns, and stepped forth from the sheltering wings of their dear mother. The day was full of incident, fraught with meaning, long to be remembered. Dr. Knapp demonstrated that the University had made a wise choice, Stacy and Simmons held the great audience spell-bound, and Hon. Paul B. Means paid a beautiful tribute to Dr. Battle. And the diplomas were awarded.

Then the dances--and the session of 1907-1908 passed into history.

Phi's Win the Debate and Umstead Gets the Prize.

In the inter-society debate held in Gerrard Hall Monday night the Phi's came out victorious, and Mr. J. W. Umstead, Jr., of Stem, won the Bingham Prize, as making the best speech on the winning side. The debate was fully up to the high standard of these contests. The query was: "Resolved, That all inter-state railways should be incorporated by the Federal government." Mr. D. P. Stern presided, Mr. W. W. Michaux acted as secretary, and Mr. J. M. Costner as time keeper.

The Di debaters had the affirmative, being Messrs. O. C. Cox and M. J. Jones. Messrs. W. M. Gaddy and J. W. Umstead, Jr., defended the negative. Mr. Cox led off. He laid down the principle of State government of State affairs and national government of national affairs as underlying American institutions. Inter-State commerce is a national matter. In the evolution of commerce railroads have become national. The present condition is violative of the principle.

Mr. Gaddy held that there have al-

ways been two forces, the unit and the collection of units, individual and institution. The problem of the ages has been to recognize both in government. We alone in our dual system have succeeded. To change would be demoralizing. The proposed system would give the government control over both national and local affairs.

Mr. Jones, applying the principle enunciated by his colleague, said our present railroad system is national in character, but 46 States are each attempting to regulate it differently. Discriminations result; uniformity would secure effectiveness.

Mr. Umstead held national incorporation unwise and unnecessary. It is unwise because the two essential features of good railroad legislation are diversity and elasticity. Both would be impossible. Congress would have power to regulate and to tax. It is unnecessary because it lies outside the sphere of the national government. There should be the two phases un-

THE CLASS DAY EXERCISES TUESDAY, FINAL GREAT DAY

THE PAST AND THE FUTURE HOLD THE STAGE.

President Rand Does Himself Proud in Discussing "Education and Democracy."

The exercises of Class Day are always full of significance to the academic Seniors. On this day they hold their final exercises as an independent undergraduate class. Thereafter in all the exercises they act somewhat as guests of the University. But on Class Day they are monarchs of all they survey, they are lords of the campus. And as they formed a line at 9:30 to march to the chapel for prayers, they felt properly dignified and solemn. The prayer service, led by Dr. Thos. Hume, who for many years has performed this holy office, was simple and brief. Dr. Hume in a few beautiful words prayed God to extend his protecting care over these young men who were leaving the University to take their places in the larger activities of life.

THE MORNING EXERCISES.

In answer to the summons of the old college bell the Seniors again at 10:30 formed a line to march to Gerrard Hall for the morning exercises. Fifty-seven were they, the remnant of more than thrice that number who four years ago entered upon their college life. Time had played havoc with the ranks. Some had married, some had taken their places in the world of action, and two had crossed the barrier between the here and the there. But those who remained, those who had weathered the storm, those who had withstood the temptation of money and love, they are representative educated North Carolinians, they are men who will make their influence felt throughout this country of ours.

Led by Chief Marshal H. P. Masten this band of brothers marched to Gerrard Hall and took their places upon the rostrum. They were clothed in solemn conventional cap and gown, but their faces were happy, these men who had fought a good fight.

President Oscar R. Rand, of Smithfield, who was recently awarded the Cecil Rhodes scholarship to Oxford University from North Carolina and who has been a leading spirit in his class for years, was in charge of the exercises. Education and democracy was the basic theme treated in his address. Since the height in the upward climb attained by a democratic government (which is that in which society governs itself) is only that attained by the average citizen, Mr.

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It was close to 11 o'clock when the judges, Mr. Paul Whitlock, Judge Crawford Biggs and Dr. J. E. Brooks, returned a decision in favor of the negative and the Phi's. The debate was very close.

A largely attended general reception given by the President and the faculty in the new library was a fitting finale of alumni day. Refreshments in the way of cream and cake were served. Levin's orchestra was present and furnished music for the occasion.

DR. MARTIN A. KNAPP DELIVERS AN ADDRESS.

Eighty-four Degrees Awarded-- Walter P. Stacy Wins the Mangum Medal.

Tuesday was an ideal day--one of those bright, sunny days so common in Chapel Hill. The campus never appeared more beautiful, with the black garb of the Seniors contrasting with the white dress of the sweethearts, with fond mothers and proud fathers beaming with happiness, with swain and lassie from the rural districts happy in this rare opportunity to court, and around all the green, green grass and the gnarled old oaks, the watchdogs of the campus since Davie and his followers camped under the poplar tree. It was a scene long to be remembered, and indelibly is it impressed upon the memory tablet of many a person. It was only one of one hundred and thirteen other days similar in many respects, but different also in many respects. And it was to the men who were on the point of throwing aside their scholastic apparel, not merely one commencement of many commencements, but it was a day set apart from all other days.

Not only does the day mean much to the Seniors and their friends, but it is also reunion day for the inhabitants of Orange County. They come from all parts of the county--wagon loads of them--with many dogs and not a few babies. Many of them do not venture inside Memorial Hall. They are content to watch the procession, hear the band, drink much water, and court.

Owing to the late arrival of Mr. Knapp it was nearly eleven o'clock when the procession, headed by Levin's band, of Raleigh, and composed of Seniors and other graduates, faculty, trustees, and alumni marched to the Memorial Hall.

The exercises proper were opened by prayer by Rev. St. Clair Hester, of Brooklyn, N. Y., after which President Venable announced the theses of the graduates in the professional schools, and introduced the commencement orators. Thomas Levy Simmons spoke on "The Need of Popular Government," and Walter Parker Stacy spoke on "American Democracy and Its Third Crisis." Patrick Murphy Williams, one of the speakers, was sick and was unable to deliver his speech on "The Function of Law in the Life of the People." Messrs. Simmons and Stacy were both in good form and held the close attention of the vast audience. Mr. Stacy won the Mangum Medal, as making the best speech.

TRIBUTE TO DR. BATTLE.

At this point Col. Paul B. Means was introduced and read a paper which he had prepared in accord with resolutions adopted by the board of trustees January 23rd, authorizing him to draw resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the board in relation to the resignation on June 2nd, 1907, of Dr. Kemp P. Battle as alumni professor of history. The paper, which contains 4000 words or more, is not only a lasting monument and high tribute to Dr.

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