

## MEMORIAL SERVICES HELD

IN HONOR OF PROF. GORE AND  
MRS. SPENCER.

Beautiful Tributes Paid to the  
Memory of Friends of  
the University.

Since the last issue of The Tar Heel appeared services have been held in Gerrard Hall in memory of two people, a man and a woman, both of whom did much for the University of North Carolina. Sunday, May 10th, the memory of Prof. Joshua Walker Gore was honored. A large crowd of students and townspeople was present and the Senior class attended in a body. Dr. Venable in a feeling manner spoke of Prof. Gore in his connection with the University, a connection extending over a period of twenty-six years, and told of the many things the deceased had accomplished for the institution he loved so well. Mr. W. P. Stacy spoke for the students and paid an eloquent tribute to Prof. Gore's character as it was viewed by the students. The sentiments expressed by Mr. Stacy are those of every student who ever studied under the great teacher. Prof. M. C. S. Noble spoke of Prof. Gore as a citizen. The speaker knew the deceased intimately and was well fitted to speak of this side of his life. Rev. C. E. Maddry, of Greensboro, spoke of Prof. Gore as a Christian man and paid a beautiful tribute to the religious side of his character. Music was furnished by the University Orchestra.

Sunday, May 17th, services were held in Gerrard Hall in memory of Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer, friend and benefactor of the University. The services consisted of the singing of the hymn, "Eternal Source of Light and Truth," which was written by Mrs. Spencer for the reopening of the University September 16th, 1875. This was followed by Scripture reading by Rev. LeRoy Gresham, after which came speeches as follows: "Introductory Remarks," by Dr. C. Alphonso Smith; "The Woman," by Prof. Collier Cobb; "Reminiscences," by Dr. K. P. Battle; "Life and Services," by Mr. James H. Southgate of Durham. The concluding feature of the services was the singing of the University hymn, written by Mrs. Spencer in the summer of 1881.

Prof. Cobb said in part:

"The brilliancy of her intellect, her unparalleled services to the State and to the cause of education, her marked influence upon passing events in North Carolina, have all been dwelt upon in the public prints; and while we can never overlook the part she played in the making of our history, it is the distinctively feminine side of her character for which she is loved in Chapel Hill, and it is to Mrs. Spencer, the woman, that we are met together to pay our tribute of love today.

"She was fond of flowers for their sweetness and beauty, rather than from any scientific interest. She used them with exquisite taste in her own home, in the decoration of this hall, and in beautiful water colors given to her friends in remembrance of birthday, wedding, and other anniversaries. Of flowers, too, she wrote in her verse, but rarely for publication. Her life was marked by uniform courtesy, by loving kindness and generous benevolence. In the service of her church she was ever active. In the late forties she organized a sewing circle which is still in existence. Into this she gathered many young women from the neighborhood of Chapel Hill as well as from the village. She read to them oftener than she sewed with

them. She made her church money by lettering the college diplomas, and with money saved from this source she gave to the Presbyterian church of our village the iron gates it now has.

"The negroes before the Civil War attended the same churches with the white people; but the war left them with no church homes and no religious instruction, or worse than none. In 1874 Mrs. Spencer gathered the negro children of the neighborhood into the Presbyterian church each Sunday afternoon where she and some of her friends instructed them in the Bible. Her articles in *The Independent*, got Northern people interested, and led to the establishment of a school for them here.

"She got the young girls in some of our towns interested in raising money to buy scientific apparatus for the revived University. She took a wagon load of girls to Hillsboro to attend a concert given by a French music teacher at the Nash and Kolloch school, to raise money to help pay for this centennial banner that hangs above the rostrum of Gerrard Hall. She took a deep interest in the love affairs of the young girls, who always made a confidante of her. The children of the country around our village knew her by reputation when they did not know her personally. They had all read her little history. A sentence from one of her last letters reveals her beautiful spirit: 'I have been going slowly and quietly down hill for three or four years, a painless old age for which I am truly thankful. One day at a time, and thank God that is all.' Such was the woman whom we love for her very womanliness!"

Dr. Battle began by giving his recollection of Mrs. Spencer when a maiden of seventeen, especially popular with Seniors and Law students. He then described James Magnus Spencer, "with the seal of uprightness and intellectual power on his brow" in his marriage and his early death in Alabama, the return of the bereaved widow and only child to Chapel Hill in 1861, the sorrows and privations of those troubled days and the devotion of Mrs. Spencer in alleviating the sufferings of her neighbors. Three beautiful verses of a poem she composed on the burial of two student brothers were read.

When the University was closed she kept it and its work before the public, and then after the doors were reopened she assisted in procuring apparatus, in reviving the love for the institution, and writing odes and hymns for its exercises.

Perhaps her greatest work was for the eight sessions (1877-1885) of the Summer Normal School which did so much to arouse the spirit of education in our State. This was the first Summer School in America connected with a University and has been extensively imitated. Mrs. Spencer attended all exercises and without compensation made full reports to the public press.

Dr. Battle then gave specimens of her poetry, of a high order of merit. He closed by reading extracts from a letter written him by her when on her death-bed, showing her strength of mind and interest in our University to the last.

Dr. Battle also read the following prayer from Dr. Betts:

"I praise God for sending James Phillips and his wife to North Carolina, I praise Him for the children He gave them, I specially praise Him for the life and work of Cornelia Phillips Spencer."

A. D. BETTS."

Shallotte, N. C.

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Mr. James H. Southgate in speaking of the "Life and Service" of Mrs. Spencer paid a beautiful tribute to

## FIVE SUCCESSFUL DANCES

HELD IN COMMONS HALL TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Many Favors Given Away—The  
"Rag Scene" Very Beautiful.

The ball managers succeeded in making the dances this commencement among the most successful ever held here. An unusually large number of young ladies were here and, with beautiful ladies, beautiful dresses, good music, artistic decorations, and vari-colored lights, the scenes at Commons Hall will long be remembered.

The dances were ushered in with the Sophomore dance Tuesday afternoon, under the direction of C. O. Robinson, of Elizabeth City, and S. S. Nash, Jr., of Tarboro, the class leaders. Then followed in rapid succession the Senior ball Tuesday night; the Freshman hop Wednesday morning, which was led by D. S. Crouse, of Lincolnton, and G. F. Whitney, of Bessemer City; the afternoon german Wednesday afternoon, and the grand finale Wednesday night. The feature of the final dance was the presentation of regalia by the marshals and ball managers.

### RAG SCENE.

Led by Chief Ball Manager Manlius Orr; Sub-Managers Woodard, Banks, Muse, Fountain, Hanes and Ruffin, Chief Marshal Masten and sub-Marshals Eames, Montgomery, Wilson and MacRae entered in single file and paced slowly around the hall. Once around, eyes slipping in swift review of each anxious feminine face, the all important regalia men were more closely watched than the newest belle of the ball. Then they filed to the lower end of the hall, where a huge question mark had been traced on the floor, the significance of which was most obvious. A moment's pause, and they broke, each showing to the lady of his choice the highest honor of a commencement finale. Chief Orr selected Miss Blandina Springs, of Charlotte, to rule the remainder of the prettiest final ball of years, which she carried to a most successful close in the "wee sma' hours of the morning after." Mr. Woodard honored himself by presenting his regalia to Miss Louise Venable, of Chapel Hill; Mr. Banks to Miss Robinson, of Elizabeth City; Mr. Muse to Miss Linden, of Athens, Ga.; Mr. Fountain to Miss Kethlan, of Tarboro; Mr. Hanes to Miss Carter, of Winston-Salem; and Mr. Ruffin to Miss Kimes, of Burlington.

Chief Marshal Masten sought out Miss Henry, of Durham; Mr. Eames, Miss Graham, of Wilson; Mr. Montgomery, Miss Dalton, of Winston-Salem; Mr. Wilson, Miss McArthur, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. MacRae, Miss Cantey Venable, of Chapel Hill.

Then at the whistle of Miss Chief Ball Manager Springs these couples formed for the "rag figure." The lights were switched off, a red signal light shone its ruddy glare over the scene, and amid the hearty applause of the spectators the prettiest figure

that wonderful woman. He spoke of her noble and useful life, of her great service to the University—a service equalled only by that of Dr. Battle, of the young people—almost myriad in their number—that she helped in ways that only a tactful woman can help, and of her old age made peaceful by the consciousness of duty well done.

The speech was a masterly effort, and as he closed every person present was brought to a fuller realization that a noble spirit had departed this life.

of all commencements was led by Miss Springs. It was the old familiar chain, circling now this way, now that, the glow of the glaring light lending a still more grateful color to the already glowing cheeks of the "rag ladies". And when the figure was ended, it was most proper that the sincerest congratulations should be offered, not to those ladies who received regalias, but to those gentlemen who gave them.

Among those present were:

T. D. Rose with Miss Frances Broadfoot, of Fayetteville; W. C. Woodard with Miss Louise Venable, of Chapel Hill; Robert McArthur with Miss Mena Davis, of Salisbury; Kemp D. Battle with Miss Covington, of Rocky Mount; George Thomas with Miss Eloise Robinson, of Elizabeth City; James A. Fore, Jr., with Miss Julia Irvin, of Charlotte; H. H. Hughes with Miss Cornelia Fore, of Charlotte; Carroll Wiggins with Miss Mary Wiggins, of Suffolk, Va.; C. O. Robinson with Miss Sadie Thomas, of Charlotte; C. A. Vogler with Miss Dora MacRae, of Chapel Hill; T. J. Hackney with Miss Gertrude Gorham, of Wilson; H. F. Boatwright with Miss Fountain, of Tarboro; R. D. Dixon with Miss Helen Liddell, of Charlotte; Wm. Heatt with Miss Kate Huske, of Winston-Salem; Fred Archer with Miss Margaret Dalton, of Winston-Salem; Leslie Perry with Miss Mary Hughes, of New Bern; W. B. R. Guion with Miss Juliette Crews, of Raleigh; W. B. Jerman with Miss Mildred Borden, of Goldsboro; F. K. Borden, Jr., with Miss Blandina Springs, of Charlotte; J. Q. Jackson with Miss Maude Applewhite, of Wilson; Robert Drane with Miss Bessie Dixon, of Edenton; C. S. Venable with Miss Annie Wood, of Edenton; Ben Dawson with Miss Nicholson, of Washington; T. F. Hickerson with Miss Pilson; S. N. Clarke with Miss Cantey Venable, of Chapel Hill; S. S. Nash with Miss Mary Kethlan, of Tarboro; Manning Venable with Miss Jean Venable, of Durham; Waine Archer with Miss Kathleen Turrentine, of Durham; Hampden Hill with Miss Ellen Dortch, of Goldsboro; J. S. Patterson with Miss Shuford, of Hickory; M. M. Williams with Miss Williams, of Rose Hill; K. Burgwyn with Miss Crosswell, of Fayetteville; Holt Haywood with Miss Helen Daniels, of Philadelphia; J. H. Manning with Miss Mordecai, of New Orleans; Foy Robertson with Miss Josephine Boylan, of Raleigh; O'Brien with Miss Ruth Green, of Durham; John Coward with Miss Barnes, of Reidsville; B. G. Muse with Miss June Lynden, of Athens, Ga.; C. A. Misenheimer with Miss Della Farmer, of Wilson; Frank McLean with Miss Finley, of Wilkesboro; W. S. Bernard with Miss Mary Graves, of Chapel Hill; W. C. Coughenour with Miss Nellie Robertson, of Chapel Hill; H. P. Osborne with Miss Betsy London, of Pittsboro; H. B. Gunter with Miss Knowlton Pritchard, of Chapel Hill; T. L. Simmons with Miss Butler, of Reidsville; Hubert Hill with Miss Annie Howe of Columbia; J. J. Parker with Miss Maffitt, of Wilmington; Chas. Weill with Miss Cecelia Henry, of Durham; F. M. Simmons, with Miss Mary Carter, of Winston; S. W. Cramer, Jr., with Miss Marguerite Springs, of Charlotte; Faison Thompson with Miss Annie Thompson, of Faison; W. Griffith with Miss Helen McArthur, of Winston.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Woodard, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Henry Daniels, Philadelphia; Mr. F. R. Borden, Goldsboro; Mrs. Gray, Chapel Hill; Col. and Mrs. Kenan, Kenansville; Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Herty;

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