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114TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

COMMENCEMENT DAY

GRADUATION EXERCISES

Ninety-eight candidates for degrees marched into Memorial Hall Tuesday at 10:30. After a lengthy program the degrees were conferred. Four degrees LL.D. were conferred.

Tuesday June 1st dawned hot from the start. Despite the weather a large crowd of visitors from near and far assembled early. At 10:15 the line of march formed at the Alumni Building, the Bachelors of Arts leading the procession. Never in the history of these young gentlemen had so many eyes been turned upon them.

Through the heat of sun and through a cloud of dust they made their way to Memorial Hall. On all sides from vantage points of the inviting shade of campus their march was followed by the eyes of friends, relatives, and sight-seers.

After reaching the Hall exercises were opened with a short prayer. The Mangum medal was then contested for by Messrs. H. C. Barbee, C. W. Tillet, Jr., S. V. Bowen, and Kemp D. Battle. Their subjects were respectively, "Democracy and Education," "The Meaning of History," "International Arbitration," and "Democracy and the Trusts." K. D. Battle won the medal by the best speech of four good ones.

PROFESSOR WELCH'S ADDRESS

President Venable announced as speaker for the occasion Dr. William Henry Welch, M.D., LL.D., professor of Pathology in Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Welch began by paying his respect to the University and to the students from here at Johns Hopkins. His theme he gave as the modern, especially preventive medicine, with particular reference to society.

He spoke more particularly of the general progress of medicine. The advance of medicine, he said, is usually reckoned from the individual's view point. He showed that the greatest progress of medicine has been in the prevention of disease, such as the handling or extermination of epidemics.

This has been made possible only by study of individual phenomena, but its practice is general in effect. The black plague has been almost annihilated. Smallpox is controlled by inoculation, and has entirely been exterminated where all the people are vaccinated. Segregation has reduced the spread of leprosy, and has confined its ravages to a very limited area.

Dr. Welch showed how yellow fever is being controlled. How it has been practically exterminated from Cuba. He said that its widespread occurrence in America would be a disgrace to the nation. Not alone are the infectious diseases now prevented but the others are guarded against. Sanitary conditions result in a lowering of the death

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SENIOR CLASS DAY

The graduating Senior class mustered their numbers in caps and gowns for the first time Saturday morning. At 9:30 eighty black-robed Seniors formed in line in front of Memorial Hall. Headed by their president, Frank Graham, with Dr. Thomas Hume, professor emeritus of English language, they were ushered into Gerrard Hall by Chief-Marshall John M. Reeves. In chapel Dr. Hume read a selection from the Bible and addressed a few touching remarks to the graduating class. Dr. Hume closed the exercises with a prayer for the future of the men before him. Deeply affected and solemnized by this prayer the Seniors left the Hall chastened and uplifted.

After the Seniors had vacated the Hall the waiting students, alumni, and visitors began to fill the seats leaving room for the Seniors only. After the Hall had been well filled and Carolina had gathered here her beauty and her chivalry, the Seniors again filed into the Hall to the accompaniment of music from the University orchestra. The platform was occupied by Frank Graham, president of the class, John W. Umstead, Jr., class historian, Chas. W. Tillet, Jr., who was to present the class gift, F. E. Winslow, who was to read the last will and testament of '09, and W. Lunsford Long the class prophet. President Graham opened the exercises with an address. Mr. Graham's speech was an honor to himself, his class, and to the University.

After the speech by President Graham, Mr. J. W. Umstead, Jr. read the class history. Mr. Umstead recounted briefly the many deeds that stand to the credit of the class of 1909, deeds of which any class might well be proud. Only twice in their college career had an athletic team of their class been able to wrest a championship from their fellow classes. In their freshman year they won the championship in baseball. In their Senior year they won it again in tennis. However '09 has contributed many a good man to both varsity and scrubs. She has furnished men for debate and for the Phi Beta Kappa. The glory of 1909, however, lies in the stand she took on college morality.

After a selection rendered by the orchestra Mr. F. E. Winslow arose to read the last will and testament of his class. The many valuables and otherwise of the Senior class were distributed with a free and generous hand. The Juniors came in for their share of the heirlooms. The other recipients were many and varied from Elon College to Doc. Kluttz.

Mr. W. L. Long closed the exercises of the class with the class prophecy. He foretold the future of each man in the class except Milo Jones. Even the divining power of such a clear-sighted prophet balked at that task. After telling each man his own future, the seer gave it as the truth of an oracle

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ALUMNI DAY

Alumni Address by Whitehead Kluttz. Class Reunions Alumni Luncheon

The chapel was filled Monday morning with the reunited classes of past years and with visitors and students. President Venable opened the exercises with the announcement that this day belonged to the alumni and that the exercises should be under their control. Dr. Venable gave over the duty of presiding at the exercises to Col. Thomas S. Kenan, President of the Alumni Association. Mr. Whitehead Kluttz of Salisbury, late Speaker of the Senate was introduced as the deliverer of the Alumni address. Mr. Kluttz gave his audience an example of oratorical beauty that has seldom been equalled in the enclosure of Gerrard Hall.

MR. KLUTTZ'S ADDRESS

Mr. Whitehead Kluttz gave as his subject for the alumni address, "The North Carolina Boy Today." In substance it ran after the manner of the following.

Something about a college grips the heart of boy and man and holds it. A college which has greatly served is greatly loved, so it is with Carolina. The history of the University is the history of the State in a large measure. Polk, Burton, Graham, King, Vance, Pettigrew, walked the campus once. Memorial Hall is full of the names of its Civil War heroes.

No lovelier place of inspiration exists than Chapel Hill. In the oasis of the hearts of the alumni it blooms forever.

Life in North Carolina is a unit, so to understand life today we must consider life of yesterday. So we consider the North Carolina boy of yesterday and his state, his part in the American drama. Two forces, unlike yet equally virile contributed to the character of the American. The puritan brought steadfastness; the cavalier chivalric ideals. Their quest for adventure led them ever westward, and the North Carolina boy has been a daring leader.

The traits of puritan and cavalier were not unmixed. Scotch-Irish, Quaker, German settlers had known persecution and perhaps gave a tendency to puritanism. But climate and slaves tended to make North Carolina conform to the spirit of the South. From the beginning the state was full of sturdy independence. The early revolutionary history shows this.

Today North Carolina is still in the van of Southern progress, and more puritan, perhaps, than New England. Yet the old South furnished soldiers, statesmen, orators, and incorruptible judges. With the passing of it seems to have passed the last of the grand manner. While this elder South was not sordid it led industrially. The first iron smelter was at Jamestown 1620; the first steamship to cross the sea went out from Savannah.

When the South led the nation North Carolina was the heart of effort and public opportunity. The North Carolina Railroad, and Alamance Cotton Mills are examples of this. In the beginning of the nation North

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THE COMMENCEMENT DANCES

Sophomore Dance, Senior Ball, Morning Hop, Afternoon German, and Final Dance

The first of the series of Commencement dances began at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon. This was the Sophomore dance. Although the afternoon was warm enough to make dancing more or less uncomfortable almost every devotee of the Terpsichore attended this initial dance. Commons Hall became the environment of a more or less beautiful gathering once more. Suffice it to say that the old hall should have enjoyed the dances, for assuredly those who are wont to frequent it are not overly aesthetically inclined.

There has been some difficulty in gathering the names of those attending the dances. There was no register kept for the Sophomore dance, so no list can be given. This fact is regretted by THE TAR HEEL, but unfortunately cannot be helped. The Senior Ball was given at 10:30 Tuesday night. The attendance was better than at the other dances. Many of the friends and relatives of the dancers, especially fathers and mothers of seniors went over to lend dignity to an occasion which already had grace.

Speaking of grace, the graces themselves would have felt at home on the floor at Commons this Commencement. A large and bright portion of the flower of the State lent charm to our little community, worn through sleepless nights of spring examinations. Not alone those who attended the dances have felt its presence. The homesick man who has been waiting for more funds, the ones who intend to be summer residents, and those who have remained behind to work for a season; all have been gladdened by the freshness, and color from the outside.

At 11:00 a. m. Wednesday came the Morning Hop. Some few, niggard of their youthful bloom, wearied from unaccustomed activity, or unmindful of the short duration of life saved themselves and did not lend their presence to the morning dance. Now they are sorry, but so not we. They should have known better. Indeed we think a few minutes head-scratching had saved them from their error. Be that as it may, the Hop was as the other as delightful occasion as the others.

Those who had rested in the forenoon and those who had considered jogging time attended the Afternoon German at 4:30 p. m. Here strains of waltzes again went out of windows, whence usually cries of "chunk the bread," etc. come. Altogether it seemed from the campus as if it were an enjoyable occasion.

When the music started for the first figure of the final dance, near 11:00 p. m. everyone was there. Those who had old soldiered during the day now came forward to try to make up for the sin of neglected opportunity. Whatever the music the refrain in the minds of most was "we wont go home till morning."

Prosaically a night was made of it, yet it was not night. True the soft lights, blended tints and shadows could not be reproduced by daylight. Still it is never night in the ball room.

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