

## DR. W. L. LINGLE DELIVERS SERMON TO SENIOR CLASS

New President of Davidson College Speaks Sunday On "Service."

Preaching the baccalaureate sermon at the University's 136th Commencement here Sunday morning, Dr. Walter Lee Lingle, who this past week was inaugurated as president of Davidson College, took the much over-worked theme of "service" and presented it from such a fresh and original viewpoint that his message was declared one of the most inspiring delivered at University finals in years.

The services were held in the large auditorium of the new Methodist church which was well filled. Dr. Harry W. Chase, retiring president of the University, presided. Dr. Lingle took less than 40 minutes to deliver his message.

He told the 350 outgoing graduates that the best way to attain immortality was through unselfish service to others.

"Cultivate the will to work for men," he urged.

Dr. Lingle took his text from the 36th verse of the 13th chapter of the Acts of the Apostles: "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep and was laid unto his fathers."

Dr. Lingle urged the University graduates to emulate the life of David. The seniors had come to the cross-roads of life where they must make a very important decision, he said. He showed how one road pointed to a life of selfishness and self-aggrandizement and how the other led to service to mankind. David chose the way of service, "and that's the way all great men and women have chosen," the Davidson president asserted.

The difference between the two roads is the difference between pagans and Christians, he said. Jesus judges men and women by the service they render their fellowmen, and the greatest service that a human being can render another is to bring him to Jesus Christ, he said.

Dr. Lingle told of reading an epitaph which said: "He loved God and served his fellowman." Dr. Lingle said he would rather have that sort of inscription as his epitaph than the most high-sounding one in Westminster Abbey.

The life of John Randolph, about whom Gerald Johnson has just written a notable biography, was cited as that of a man who was able to serve others utterly without thoughts of self. Randolph, therefore, will never be forgotten. Through service he achieved his own immortality.

"The greatest temptation of people of this present age is to think only in terms of our own little world," Dr. Lingle declared. "Let the world be your path," he urged.

Seated in the pulpit with Dr. Lingle were President Chase, Rev. C. Excell Rozzelle, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. W. D. Moss, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Reverend Rozzelle offered the invocation, and Reverend Moss read the scripture lesson.

Several excellent vocal selections were rendered by a community choir under the direction of Prof. Harold S. Dyer, head of the music department.

## BINGHAM DEBATE HELD LAST NIGHT

Representatives of Di and Phi Meet In Annual Encounter.

The Bingham medal, donated by the late Colonel Bingham in 1899, was awarded the best speaker in the Bingham Memorial Debate held last night in Gerrard hall. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved that the government of the United States should recognize the Soviet Union of Russia." The affirmative side of the question was upheld by J. A. Wilkinson, and E. L. Haywood, representatives of the Phi Assembly, while the negative side was upheld by E. R. Hamer and J. M. Little, of the Di Senate.

## Green-Black

The engagement of Miss Mary Francis Black, of Dalton, Georgia, to Dr. Fletcher M. Green of Chapel Hill was recently announced. The wedding is to take place in August.

## Trustees Select Frank Graham for President

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personal following throughout the state. He has been connected with the University for about twenty-five years and there are few men who have passed through its doors that do not know him and admire him. He has made hundreds of speeches of one sort or another throughout the state before various organizations, and the result of this activity has been to bring him in close touch with a great many influential people who never went to college. He is first and last a scholar, a teacher, and an able speaker with deep religious convictions.

## Address By Dr. Finley Concludes 136th U.N.C. Commencement Today

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lege, of the University of the State of New York, and of the College of the City of New York, has been commissioner of education in New York, has lectured at the Sorbonne in Paris, has served on the American Army Educational Commission, and has been president of the Immigrant Educational Council.

He has been editor of *Charities Review*, *Harper's Weekly*, *Nelson's Encyclopedia*, and is now editor of the *New York Times*, since 1922.

His writings, other than magazine contributions and the like, have been: *The American Executive and Executive Methods* and *Taxation in American Cities and States* (both in collaboration with Richard T. Ely), *The French in the Heart of America*, *French Schools in War Time*, *A Pilgrim in Palestine*, and *The Debt Eternal*, not including any recent publications.

For these activities and others too numerous to continue, he has been decorated and honored by the Order of the Rising Sun (Japanese) and the Legion of Honor (French); has been commander of the Order of the Crown of Italy; has been made a knight of the Holy Sepulchre; has been commander of the Order of St. Sava (Serbian) and of Polonia Restituta (Polish). He has also been crowned by the Academie Francaise and has been given a medal by the Geographic Society in Paris.

Dr. Finley is 67 years old and is a native of Grand Ridge, Illinois.

Governor O. Max Gardner, who is to award the diplomas, has been active in state politics in the Democratic party. He has served in the state legislature and as lieutenant governor. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

He was educated at State College and at the University, where he studied law. He is a trustee of State College, is a member of the American and North Carolina Bar Associations. In college he was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity.

## Commencement Dances Recall Events of Past

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Commencement ball as an official part of the program. At that event, according to Dr. Battle, two students fought with knives and were seriously cut after one of the two had trod upon the toes of the other! The first Terpsichorean activities of the University community in those primitive days, prior to 1804, were confined to cotton picking parties, which ended in hilarious frolics with reels danced to the strains of a fiddle played by a lone negro. Students were prohibited from attending such frolics. In fact, the first student to be expelled from the University was sent home due to attendance at one such event. Even that time, however, the objection was not to dancing but to the frolic, as a dancing instructor was allowed to teach students the Terpsichorean art at that time.

## Secret Duels Fought

The first dances at the University were held at commencement only, never during the rest of the college year. Commencements then were real occasions for the tiny village, with many a belle of those days coming from long distances, a hundred miles or more, in a four-horse stage-coach over roads which would be considered impassable in this day and time. Back in that gay past, the belles of the state attended and actually listened to every word of the Commencement program, for the ball came as a grand finale in the dining room of Stewart's hall, a big residence where the present Carr building now stands. In those days, the student body was made up of half a hundred students, French wines were served and secret duels fought.

And so for years, the Commencement ball grew in popularity, in numbers of attending girls and state dignitaries, until the building would not accommodate the crowds, when the Eagle hotel, situated where the incompleting Graham Memorial stands today, became the scene of the Commencement dances. It was about that time, somewhere in the forties, that the program was broadened and three dances were given at Commencement.

Back in those days, too, the position of dance manager called for many activities. Such posts were highly sought after. These men saw to it that all beauless damsels were provided with partners, and spirited contests were conducted to gain votes for such positions. One young man spent, so the story goes, over \$2,000 for whiskey to obtain votes and left the University when he could not pay that amount.

Darkies Furnished Music At that time in the history

of this institution, there were no high priced orchestras, brought in from out of the village. Negro slaves performed for the cotillions, waltzes and occasionally a reel. In 1850, upon the completion of the Smith hall, then the new library, later the law building and now the Playmakers Theatre, dancing was revolutionized. The dances were held there until 1895, on an adequate floor and between brick walls with space enough for the increased number of attendants. Dancing waned when the Civil War drew the students from the University to the battlefronts but, with the war over, Commencement dances again became even more popular. Up to that period, a supper went into the discard and the hour for ending such events was lengthened into the wee small hours.

However, sentiment in the state gradually grew in disfavor of the dances, resulting finally in enactment of a law against the holding of such events on state property. This was in 1885. But the dance went on when President Battle obtained money from alumni and a temporary structure was built just six inches outside of the campus. It was about this time also that the German Club was organized, with a fall German dance on University Day, October 12, and a Spring German.

Late Dates Then The idea of late dates is not

necessarily a modern trend, for back before the Spanish-American war it became the custom to begin such dates at daylight, after the dance was over. Back about the same time also, at many of the Germans, girls did the "breaking," an innovation which modern dances might otherwise claim as only a very recent "special stunt."

In 1920, another big step forward was made when the Order of the Grail instituted its policy of giving numerous dances during the year, open to all students. The Grail system has broken down the social barriers which had been built up and has eliminated feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity students.

Very Orderly Now Although the history of dancing here has been checkered, it has been glorious in tradition from the time, when the devotees of Terpsichorean held forth in what the modern belle would consider shabby and ill suited halls, up to the present, when a scientifically heated building will be elaborately decorated and cooled for the enjoyment of hundreds. The dances, which began almost with the University's starting, when wine and whiskey and brawls were not uncommon, have progressed until complete order is maintained through the cooperation of the various organizations interested, with the cooperation of the faculty.

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