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THE CLOSING EXERCISES.

Last Class of the Century Graduates.

The Commencement exercises passed off in a very successful manner. The orations were of the usual high standard. The Chancellor’s address by Hon. Whitelaw Reid was easily the feature of the week.

About 10 o’clock the seniors in cap and gown met in college chapel and followed by the trustees, faculty and underclassmen proceeded to the First Presbyterian church. On the stage were seated the trustees and the faculty while in the reserve seats were the seniors.

John Keyes Paige presided at the organ, as usual. President Raymond presided and introduced the speakers in their turn.

Leslie N. Broughton, of Delhi, was the first speaker and his subject was “Individualism.” Mr. Broughton said that the degrees of individualism vary. Some men surpass others even when placed in the same position. It is the individualist who turns the wheels of progress. We should not do as the Romans do when in Rome but do what is right. The man who does his fellows good is the person who is a benefit to humanity.

The next speaker was Mr. John D. Edwards of Northville. His subject was the “Elements of Progress” and he treated the subject from a historical standpoint. Progress has been less of a creation than of the application of already well known principles. One of the chief tendencies toward progress is innovation.

Mr. Edwards was followed by Herman B. Jones, of Himrod, who spoke on “Radicalism and Reaction.” The speaker said that every nation has contributed to the progress of the world but the dead nations have done most. Extreme measures produce greater evil than good. Every activity of the human mind is followed by a reaction in the opposite direction. Reaction always has and will follow an outburst of jealous enthusiasm.

“The Dominance of the Poetic Spirit” was the subject of Clayton J. Potter’s oration. He spoke of the lack to-day of such poets as Milton or Tennyson and said that the world is full of petty versifiers. The poetic spirit prevails in everybody. Not only does it stamp its influence on the poet, but on every artist.

The next speaker was Philip L. Thomson, of Schenectady, whose subject was “Public Ownership and the Trust Question.” Mr. Thomson spoke of growth of the trusts and their advantages and disadvantages. The only way to remedy the evils of trusts without impairing their usefulness is by having public ownership.

The last speaker was the valedictorian, William D. Brown, of Lawyersville, whose subject was “The Spirit of Conquest.” He claimed that since the world began the spirit of conquest, has prevailed. The true spirit of conquest is the spirit that conquers self and subdues the passions.

The engineering theses were “Plans for the remodeling of the Cayadutta creek station of the Johnston Electric Light and Power Company,” by Arthur H. Lawton and Charles H. MacCulloch, and “Storage Test” by Leroy O. Ripley. These theses were excused.

After an inspiring selection by the orchestra, President Raymond introduced the honorary chancellor, the Hon. Whitelaw Reid, of New York. He said in part:

We stand at the close of a century which in the splendor of its discoveries and the rapidity of its progress surpassed all that went before it; at the dawn of a century that is to surpass the present one still more. The Republic closes the old century with a continental pop-
ulation (apparently) of eighty millions, and ten or fifteen millions more in its dependencies. The new century before its close must see that population, even if the ratio of increase be reduced to a third or a fourth of the present average, rising to the almost incomprehensible number of three hundred millions. The Republic enters this new century with the control of the continent of the future, of the ocean of the future, and of the two richest archipelagoes of the world. It will pass no self denying ordinance against growth. It faces the dazzling prospect with un dazzled eyes and scorns to shrink back from greatness through craven fear of being great. From insignificant beginnings it moved to the head of the material progress of the nineteenth century. Gentlemen and scholars of the American Universities, your field is not merely material, but intellectual and moral.

Dr. Raymond in brief but inspiring remarks addressed the graduating class and awarded the following degrees:


Bachelors of Philosophy.—Archibald Lamon Anderson, Melvin Thomas Benner, Leland Lowell Boorn, Will Clyde Campbell, Carl Porter Dalton, George Elwood Pike, Stephen Smith Reed, Erskine Clark Rogers, Clarence Donald Stewart, Wagner Van Vlack.

Bachelor of Science.—Clinton Jones.


The Warner prize awarded by the faculty to the senior of the highest standing in the performance of collegiate duties, and in moral deportment was given to Willard D. Brown of Lawyersville, N. Y.

The Ingham prize to the senior of at least two years standing who presents the best essay or an assigned subject in English Literature or History; committee, William H. McElroy, LL. D., '60, of New York; Prof. John F. Genung, Ph. D., '70, of Amherst; Rev. Tunis S. Hamlin, D. D., '67, of Washington; to Lester T. Hubbard of Cohoes.

Allen prizes (three) for the best essay on any subject, seniors. Committee, Colonel Charles E. Sprague, D. D., '60, of New York; Rev. Gideon P. Nicholas, '60, Binghamton; Rev. George E. Taimage, of this city; to E. L. Winterberg, of Tioga; Melvill T. Bender, of Albany, and Leslie N. Broughton.

The junior oratorical prizes were awarded to Leopold Minken, of Albany, and Arthur S. Golden, Rensselaerville. Of the sophomores, Addison H. Hinman, of Albany, received first prize and Raymond R. Crim the second award.

The Allison-Boone prizes (two)—one for the literary society presenting the best debate and the other to the best individual debater, regardless of society relations. The society receiving the prize was the Philomathean, while Stephen S. Read received the individual prize.

The Blatchford oratorical prizes for the two best orations given by the stage honor men were given to Clayton J. Potter, of Glenville, and Philip L. Thompson. The committee were J. Newton Piero, '67; D. W. Beattie, Rev. Dr. Rankin.

The John K. Porter memorial scholarships were awarded to A. C. Fenton, Leland L. Boorn, Lester T. Hubbard.

The Gilbert M. Spier memorial scholarship was given to W. Dewey Loucks.

The Joseph Daggett prize for the member of the senior class who in the judgment of the president of the college was most deserving was awarded to E. G. Brownell of Ballston.
Special honors were given in the following subjects: In Greek, John D. Edwards; in Latin, E. G. Brownell, John D. Edwards; in English, William D. Loucks; in mathematics, Will C. Campbell; in biology, Carl P. Dalton.

A new prize of $25 to take effect next year for three years has been founded by Francis E. Holleran, '95. This prize is to be awarded by the faculty to the senior of the engineering course who attains the highest standing.

THE REGISTRY LIST.

The 1900 Commencement proved to be a banner one in at least a single way. The attendance was a record breaker for several years past. Considerably over two hundred and fifty alumni registered at the college office and there must have been at least one hundred more that delayed in so doing. The registry list is given:

'42.—S. W. Jackson.
'44.—W. H. Moore, W. Lamoreux.
'46.—J. Dunham, J. L. Swits.
'52.—S. B. Brownell.
'54.—P. R. Furbeck, A. A. Yates.
'57.—J. A. DeRemer, C. C. Thorne.
'58.—J. B. Gwewan, F. V. Van Vranken.
'62.—S. B. Howe.
'63.—A. J. Parker.
'64.—A. P. Strong.
'66.—W. Loucks.
'67.—M. G. Planck, W. H. Murray, A. B. Olney.
'68.—W. L. Pearson.
'70.—G. F. Gemburg, J. Verbeck, R. B. Stiles, R. P. Orr.
'73.—W. T. Clute, W. F. Rost.

'74.—L. A. Servies.
'77.—S. M. Adair, C. E. Akin, G. Fairless, W. B. Rankine.
'78.—L. Cass, W. C. Vrooman.
'82.—S. M. Griswold.
'84.—E. S. Barney, H. C. Young, A. McFarlane, H. V. Mynderse, J. H. Stoller, J. F. Eneros.
'85.—P. Cadly.
'86.—E. C. Angle, A. H. Jackson.
'89.—T. Moore, E. T. Carroll.
'91.—R. Clements, J. W. Ferguson.
President Bailey, in his opening address, gave a glowing tribute to Old Union. The college he claimed, is the most democratic institution of her kind. He introduced Trustee Brownell, who made a short speech in which he presented the memorial tablet in honor of the memory of Dr. John McClelland, '32. Dr. McClelland was always a firm friend of his alma mater and at his death divided his wealth between her and the College of Physicians and Surgeons. This generous gift, eighty years after the founding of the college, was the first legacy of any amount. The inscription on the tablet is as follows:

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A USEFUL LIFE WITH A NOBLE

GIFT OF LEARNING.

Dr. Raymond accepted the gift in his characteristic brilliant through simple manner. He also mentioned the three other memorial gifts of the day. One, a picture of Rev. John L. Zabriskie, a member of the first class ever graduated, is the gift of his son, Nicholas L. Zabriskie, '57. Another is a memorial tablet in honor of the late Judge Henry J. Cullen, '60, and is in position by the Cullen alcoves in the library.

Gilbert K. Harronn, the next speaker, announced as treasurer of Union College that for the first time in forty years Union College is entirely free from debt. The announcement was greeted with a great deal of enthusiasm.

The other responses to toasts were made by the Rev. S. Mills Day, '50; Charles E. Sprague, '60; Prof. John F. Cenung, of Amherst College, '70; Henry T. Thomson, '80; and George H. Dudley, '75. Every response told of the loyalty of every man to his alma mater.
CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Interesting Program Pleased the Large Audience That was Present

The class day exercises were held in the First Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon and were well attended. W. D. Loucks, president of the class, presided and introduced the speakers. He spoke of the glories of the class and thanked the people of the town for their hospitality.

President Loucks was followed by the class poet, L. N. Broughton, who told in verse the regret that the class feels to leave the dear old college and the familiar scenes.

Stephen S. Read next delivered an oration on "Co-operation." Mr. Read spoke of the advantages derived from working together and said the class of 1900 intended to work together as they had done in the past.

G. W. Featherstonhaugh uttered the prophecy, laying the scene of his return to college in the Turkish alcove of the library. An old manuscript revealed many humorous incidents and anecdotes of the members of the class.

Lester T. Hubbard traced the history of the class and told of its bequests to the college.

Commencement Concert.

Given at the Van Curler, Tuesday Evening

The concert at commencement time is always an attractive part of the exercises, and in spite of the warm weather a large audience was present at the Van Curler to listen to glee and instrumental music and witness the dramatic efforts of the boys.

Because of an accident to one of the members, the number by the quartet was omitted. This was regretted by many but was an unavoidable omission.

The musical numbers were all good and received rounds of applause. But the magic banjo solo by Mr. McClure kept the house in a continual uproar. He put his banjo in every conceivable position and still the music went on. But, although he received a most hearty encore he would not respond.

The farce, "The Bicyclers" by John Kendrick Bangs, was bright and entertaining and well done. John Hawley Cook, who represented a bicycle expert, was very clever in his part and as usual kept the audience laughing. The other expert was by no means lacking in ability to interpret his part and he and Cook were a match. Leroy Orman Ripley, a beginner, was a typical one but the affection for his wife, Erskine C. Rogers, was what caused shouts on the part of the onlookers. Mr. Rogers and Clayton J. Potter made nice looking women but their voices were a trifle too masculine. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, the scoffer, received his just deserts for ridiculing the use of a machine which has proved of so much benefit to mankind, and took his punishment bravely.

The whole farce was bright and catchy and much praise is due Harry L. Crain, director, for its success.

THE GROVE EXERCISES.

The Ivy Exercises were held under the Old Mott Elm on Monday afternoon. The pleasant weather permitted a large number of people to assemble, all of whom seemed to take much interest in the program.

The Seniors in their caps and gowns lay around the foot of the big elm sending a cloud of smoke from the class pipes into the branches. President Loucks began the exercises with a few timely remarks, and then introduced the Ivy Poet, Leslie M. Broughton, who read a poem of good length, touching upon many incidents in the class history. The Pipe oration was delivered by Erskine C. Rogers and the Ivy oration by Clayton J. Potter. Mr. Potter spoke of smoking as an original American custom for the Indians had learned the soothing effect of tobacco long before the white man reached this continent. Mr. Potter spoke in his usual well polished style and brought out some fine thoughts suggested to him by the ivy plant. At the conclusion of the program the class planted ivy in front of North College.
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With this issue the new board of editors assumes control of this paper. The constant endeavor will be to put out a better paper than ever before. Support and criticism are earnestly desired.

The decision of the Board of Trustees to grant an early commencement in 1901 meets with the hearty approval of every professor and student. The innovation has certainly at least one strong point of merit in that it recognizes that peculiarly admirable college type—the young man who is putting himself through college.

SENIOR BALL.

Memorial Hall a Scene of Delight.
The last Senior ball of the century, though not a financial, was distinctly a social success. Memorial Hall looked prettier than ever before, owing to the splendid decorations. The sultry weather kept many away but those that did come enjoyed as fine a dance as the old college has ever witnessed. President and Mrs. Raymond held a reception immediately preceding it.

The patronesses were: Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. A. V. Y. Raymond, Mrs. Daniel Butterfield, Mrs. D. L. Lamont, Mrs. Wm. Wells, Mrs. Maurice Perkins, Mrs. T. W. Wright, Mrs. B. H. Ripton, Mrs. S. G. Ashmore, Mrs. J. R. Truax, Mrs. E. E. Hale, Mrs. F. S. Hoffman, Mrs. O. H. Landreth, Mrs. I. B. Price, Mrs. Wm. Loucks, Mrs. J. H. Stoler, Mrs. S. R. Brownell, Mrs. A. J. Dillingham, Mrs. H. C. Lewis, Mrs. O. C. Yates, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Mrs. C. C. Brown, Mrs. E. F. Kriegsmann, Mrs. J. W. Strain, Mrs. A. K. Rohrer, Mrs. J. R. Lovejoy, Mrs. J. W. Smiley, Mrs. E. W. Rice, Mrs. J. K. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. Pollard, Mrs. Richard Fuller, Mrs. W. E. Walker, Mrs. J. T. Schoolcraft, Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Mrs. G. W. Featherstonhaugh, Mrs. J. K. Paige, Mrs. H. F. T. Erben.


SIGMA PHI DANCE.
The Boat House a Scene of Delight.
The Alpha Chapter of the Sigma Phi of New York gave their annual commencement dance at Yale's boat house on Monday evening. The affair was one of the most enjoyable ever held. The music, furnished by Gioscia of Albany, was excellent and the floor was in fine condition. The ball was very prettily decorated in the fraternity colors and the whole presented a most pleasing spectacle. Many out-of-town guests added to the enjoyment of the evening. The supper was laid by Lucas of Troy.
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THE PRIZE CONTESTS.

Junior and Sophomore Oratoricals and Extemporaneous Speaking.

The Junior and Sophomore oratorical and the extemporaneous prize speaking contests were held at the First Presbyterian Church Monday evening. The men were closely matched and the result of the competition in each one was in doubt.

The Sophomore contestants were Addison H. Hinman, and Raymond R. Crain. Mr. Hinman’s oration was on “The Friend of the Black Man.” He spoke of Wendell Phillips from the time of his memorable speech in Faneuil Hall, and fully reviewed the life work of the great abolitionist. Mr. Crain’s subject was “The Value of the Classics,” and he dwelt on the pleasure and intellectual benefits to be derived from reading the ancient authors.

In the Junior contest Mr. Van Wormer spoke on “Immigration,” and showed the evils resulting from present unrestricted immigration. Leopold Minkin spoke on the “Classes and the Masses” and clearly pointed out that where two such states existed, their disputes should be settled, not by lawlessness and bloodshed, but by proper recourse to law. Mr. Golden outlined the life of “Alexander Hamilton” and drew attention to the great work this statesman and financier did for the young republic.

The general subject for extemporaneous speaking, “Colonialism and Commerce,” was announced several weeks ago, but the special topic, “Resolved, that the commercial interest in the United States will be the controlling factor in the framing of a colonial policy for this country,” was not given out until the close of the under class contest. Choice of sides was granted the contestants. Stephen S. Reed, 1900, claimed that the relation between the colony and mother country in very close commerce develops the condition of the laboring classes and that, therefore, the condition of the country’s commerce unites the colony and the mother country. Erskine C. Rogers, 1900, argued that the prosperity of a country depends not only upon the production but also upon the disposal of goods. The development of colonies will tend to increase the demand for all manufactured articles. Harry T. Crain, 1902, argued for a friendly trade between colonies and mother country. Each should in turn take heed of the inherent rights of the other. The negative side of the question was selected by Robert A. Bowden, 1901, who claimed that trade does not necessarily follow the flag and that goods of worth will sell anywhere to advantage.

A committee consisting of William Loucks, ’66, Prof. Arthur B. Marvin, Dr. Joseph B. Craig, ’80, and Rev. A. Russell Stevenson acted as judges. Chairman Loucks announced the awards. Addison H. Hinman received the first and Raymond R. Crain the second sophomore prize. Leopold Minkin carried off the Junior contest with Arthur S. Golden a close second. The extemporaneous prize was granted to Harry L. Crain, 1902 with honorable mention to Erskine C. Rogers.

FRATERNITY REUNIONS.

Alphai Delta Phi.


Chi Psi.

The members of the Chi Psi fraternity had their annual reunion and banquet at their lodge after which they serenaded their lady friends. Among those present were: Col. Charles F. Lewis, ’69; Col. Wm. F. Fox, ’60; W. F. Vrooman, ’78; Dr. W. T. Clate, ’73; the Rev. G. E. Talmage, Rutgers, ’88; W. Scott Hunter, ’68; Har-

**Delta Phi**

The Delta Phi celebrated with a banquet at the Edison hotel the evening of June 26th. The following was the toast list:


**Psi Upsilon**

The members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity gave their annual spread at which the following alumni were present; W. G. Brown, '95; T. E. Hawkes, '90; H. S. Van Vorst, '90; W. L. Sawyer, '95; S. E. Medbery, Jr., '99; W. E. Brown, '99; B. A. Burtiss, '97; W. T. Scote, Jr., '85; Charles Yawger, ex 1902; H. G. Glen, '50; Prof. T. W. Wright, W. H. Wright, '99; S. H. Turner, '98; W. H. Strong, '96; E. W. Strong, '99; Samuel P. McCollan, '79; J. H. Needler, '75; M. M. Price, '99; W. H. Hodgson, ex 1901; Dr. J. R. Truax, '79; H. A. Frey, '97; O. C. Richards, '85; F. E. Richards, '88; Frank Smith, '98; Dr. J. M. Mosher, '95; Dr. C. W. Culver, '79.

Besides those mentioned nearly all the other fraternities held reunions.

The Beta Theta Pi's gave a reception to their alumni after which a spread was served for them.

The Sigs entertained about 15 alumni at their lodge, after which they serenaded.

The Kappa Alpha at their rooms entertained their alumni as well as did the Phi Delta Theta and the Phi Gamma Deltas.

**GENERAL ALUMNI MEETING**

The Annual Meeting of the General Alumni Association was called to order Tuesday morning by President Frank Bailey, '85. The Rev. Dr. F. V. Van Franken, '58, opened the meeting with prayer. The marked feature of the meeting was the presentation to the College by the Class of '80 of a bronze tablet in honor of the late Robert C. Alexander, a member of that class. Matters of much interest were liberally discussed.

Letters of regret from Elisha Taylor, '37, L. G. Parker, '38, and John D. Mills, '38, were read. A motion that they be spread on the minutes and that the secretary send fraternal greetings to them was unanimously carried.

The following motion, after much discussion, was finally carried:

Resolved, that the General Alumni Association respectfully represents to the Board of Trustees of Union College that the Alumni would be greatly pleased by a restoration of the salaries of the Members of the Faculty to the rate formerly prevailing, as soon as such action can consistently be taken, and that they look to the Trustees with confidence to move in this matter at the earliest possible moment.

Resolved, that the Association appeals to its members to co-operate with the Trustees in their earnest efforts to advance the varied interests of the College by contributing to its general funds as generously as their ability will permit.

Resolved, that the Secretary transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Board of Trustees.

A committee consisting of the President, E. P. White, '79, and A. L. Bennett, '80, was appointed to put the resolution into effect. Lee W. Beattie, '79, offered to restore for two years one $1750 salary to $2000 and was accepted.

The last alumni memorial paper was published in the summer of '97. It has been felt that this annual document should be continued. The association voiced the common sentiment by appointing Professors Truax and Lamoroux a committee to carry out the design.

The entire meeting was saddened by the terrible misfortune which had the evening be-
before attended Dr. Fred T. Rogers, '80, and it was felt that resolutions of sympathy would at least express the affection in which Dr. Rogers is held by many Union men. They follow:

Resolved, that the Alumni of Union College extend their heartfelt sympathy to their brother alumnum, Fred T. Rogers of the Class of '80, in the startling bereavement that has befallen him in the tragic death of his beloved wife while attending the exercises of this commencement and the re-union of his class and that they tender to him the support of their affection and encouragement in this hour of bitter trial.

Resolved, that the secretary transmit to him a copy of these resolutions.

The election of officers for the coming year resulted in the election of Neil Gilmour, '60, as president; William H. McElroy, '60, as vice-president; William T. Clute, '73, as secretary; and Allan H. Jackson, '86, as treasurer. Edward P. White, '79, was elected alumni trustee to succeed Rev. David Sprague, '79, Executive Committee.—Harvey J. King, '48, James Heatley, '78, Frank Cooper, '93, Rev. W. N. P. Dailey, '84, Douglass Campbell, '94, Bulletin Committee.—Edwin C. Hoyt, '79, A. L. Bennett, '87, Andrew MacFarlane, '84, Member Athletic Board.—Fred W. Hild, '98.

Resolutions by '80.

At a meeting of the class of 1880 held Tuesday evening, June 26, the following resolutions were adopted in memory of two members of the class who have died during the year, Robert C. Alexander and E. Miles Gadsden.

At our twentieth anniversary meeting the class of 1880 recalls with sadness the great loss that we have suffered during the past year in the death of Robert C. Alexander. In his passing all our college is bereaved, and wider circles still have mourned the man of strength and wisdom, but he was peculiarly our own. As we meet together again, our thoughts turn to days gone by in memories of student life, of his manifold activities on behalf of the college and the class, of former reunions and of delightful days spent with Alexander at Lake George, and the memories are all of the same true friend, devoloping from boyhood to manhood the qualities of a great life, vigorous in intellect, strong and pure in character, earnest in purpose and great in achievement, and above all, giving to his friends the unbounded riches of unselfish affection, which was returned to him in unparallel measure.

We can never tell how much our class owes to him, nor properly express the loving pride with which we cherish his memory.

To Mrs. Alexander, whom so many of us have known as the friend of her husband's friends, and to Dr. Alexander, our teacher of other days, we express our heartfelt sympathy.

As the class of 1880 meets at Union College to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of our graduation, the pleasure of reunion is mingled with sadness because of the absence of some whom at our last meeting we confidently expected to meet again at this time, and who will never meet with us again.

One of these is E. Miles Gadsden, who has passed away during the year. The formal record which we make here is but a poor expression of the sorrow which each one of us felt in learning of his death. Gadsden won our respect and affection in student days, and the years that have passed since then have only added to our appreciation of his fine and true spirit, his sincere and upright life.

To Mrs. Gadsden we tender this expression of our deep and sincere sympathy, and the assurance that we too shall ever cherish the memory of our departed classmate.

The class of 80 had more members present on alumni day than any other class. This was mainly due to the zeal and energy of Dr. F.T. Rogers, who has been class president for the decade since 1890. The class passed a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Rogers in recognition of his many services to the class during the ten years, and also a resolution in expression of their sympathy with him in the terrible affliction which has so suddenly befallen him.

The class of '80 elected Robert J. Landon, Esq., of Schenectady, president for the ensuing period of ten years.
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