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School Closed Again

The Year of Academic Endeavor Ended—Advancement in All Lines Apparent—Closing Events Were of Unusual Interest—Half Century Passed.

Chemawa is now more than 50 years old and during the years of the school's life many flowers of youth have unfolded here. During our closing exercises we were all pleased to welcome former graduates and students—their presence here was a testimonial of the esteem in which they hold their alma mater. Being with us on this occasion, many of them coming long distances, was in itself proof that the school has not existed in vain. The evidences of thrift and stability which our alumni presents makes one proud, indeed, of our "Dear Chemawa" and its products.

We cannot tell this story just as we would like to—just as we feel it. Some way, language fails us in the utterance of certain heart-convictions and we are obliged to lapse into a common-place chronicle of events as they took place. No doubt many of our readers will sense our feelings in this matter—as their own are kin to ours.

Although our commencement preparations began many weeks ago, the real start was made on Saturday evening, May 31st, at which time "Pickles," an operetta, was presented for our own people—students and employes. It is an attractive work and gave pleasure to all. Those in the cast devoted much study and labor to the presentation of this musical work. In order to stage it properly many departments were levied on for assistance—the engineers, the painters, the plumbers, the carpenters, all had much work in manufacturing properties and producing stage effects, and the heads of these departments and their apprentices certainly deserve great credit for the excellence of their work. The costumes were of unusual excellence and were made by Mr. and Mrs. James and their assistants; Miss Earlougher and Miss Gunn had prominent parts in the production of the stage effects. Miss White, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Turney and Mr. Kunkel had charge of the dramatics, the stage dancing and action, and the music. There was everywhere splendid co-operation, Mrs. Brickell supporting everything.

"Pickles," as given by our students was certainly most pleasing. It is a "catchy" work and the music is of more than ordinary excellence. The operetta

was supported by our orchestra.

Sunday morning was given over to an "inspection of quarters" and later to religious services by both Catholics and Protestants. In the afternoon there was a competitive drill in which the various companies of our school battalion participated. The exercises were of real merit and despite the unsatisfactory state of the weather there was a large crowd in attendance. Right after the competitive drills of the companies what is termed a dress parade was given. The work of the band and the various companies was just splendid.

After luncheon on Sunday evening Mr. Hermann A. Kunkel and his thirty or more bandboys gave the large crowd assembled about the campus a splendid concert. We cannot, owing to lack of space, give the program that the band played, but we are happy to state that it was real music and the work of the organization received endorsement on every hand, and it was merited. The band is a real asset in our school life.

Our baccalaureate exercises were held in the evening, but were preceded by a most pleasing band concert by Mr. Kunkel and his musical boys. The program drew a large crowd and gave pleasure to all, as these musicians are putting their numbers over nowadays in a masterly style. They are one of our prominent attractions. Following the band concert all repaired to the auditorium for the baccalaureate program. Rev. Father R. J. Buck of Salem delivered the address and pronounced the invocation and benediction. All listened to the Father's wise counsel and his splendid comparisons of life's value with rapt interest and were greatly impressed with the earnestness and simplicity and the ability of the speaker. In behalf of all we wish to add to our thanks to those voiced at the time by Supt. Lipps, who was in charge of the services. In addition to the baccalaureate address Miss Judd and Raymond Haldane sang the obligato parts in "Hark Hark, My soul" by Shelly when rendered by the choir, Mollie Charlie sang a solo, Mr. Kunkel played a violin solo and the orchestra contributed a number. In every way it was a memorable occasion for all.

Following the above exercises the graduating class and a few of the teachers and friends accepted an in-

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