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Adjourned to Friday before the first Lord's day in June, 1884.

R. L. DASHIELL,
Chairman.

J. B. REDFORD,
Secretary.

I will say further, brother editor, that we had a very good county meeting, all things considered. We will try to secure funds to put an evangelist in the field in this county. Eight were received into the church; six by letter and two by confession and baptism.

Fraternally yours,
J. B. REDFORD.

Annual Commencement of Christian College.

On Sunday, June 17, began the exercises of the commencement week. Elder J. F. Floyd, read a Psalm and then lead the people in prayer. After music by choir, led by Prof. J. M. Powell, President Thomas Van Scoy of the Willamette University, was introduced by President Stanley.

President Van Scoy began by saying.—It is the custom on such occasions as the present one, for the speaker to dwell much on scientific topics. But science is only a means to an end—it is useful for happiness; it is not happiness itself. Knowledge is a means to happiness; it may be used to advantage in pursuit of it, but can not be substituted for it. A feeling of approbation of one's self for having done right is of more consequence than scientific accomplishments. To the subject—Man should do right though he should not live in the future. He should do right because he is a man and not on account of future judgment. Present life pays for itself. The more in earnest we are, the more we live. The more earnestness the more happiness.

Though we should live for duty's sake, we may so live as to be rewarded here and in eternity.

Though we should live as best we know without seeking reward, we may nevertheless receive returns for our actions.

The martial spirit of the ancient Greeks and Romans caused them to train themselves so they could endure strain upon their muscles without fatigue. They enjoyed good constitutions from their methods of training and were able to enter the race-course with knots of muscle and dash with eagerness for the goal. If they won, they were

honored; if they lost, they were disgraced. So in our life if care what we do shall be happy here and fortunate in the life to come. We should live a purpose of service. The greatest thought of Webster was accountability. Man educates himself for power.

MONDAY EVENING.

Doctor Irvine, of Albany, began his remarks by stating very pleasantly that he noticed on one of the programmes the motto, "Palma non sine pulvere." He said, *no palms without dirt*, was meant to be taken figuratively, to convey the idea that there is no reward without pains, but the literal meaning would be experienced in traveling in a buggy from Albany to Monmouth.

After other pleasant remarks he took up regularly the subject of discourse—"Christian Evidence." He plainly demonstrated the fact that the growth of the Christian religion is a miracle. The apostles had not power, money, influence, title, dignity or learning. They had none of the factors that we should expect to find upon looking at the production of a great system of religion. Some societies of the times have a system of ceremony that gives strength to the organization, but the apostles had nothing of the kind. Instead of using double superlatives, it was simply "Call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter." The Doctor is a spirited and entertaining talker.

TUESDAY EVENING.

This evening was the annual meeting and entertainment of the Associate Alumni, of Christian College. The exercises were good, consisting of music, essays and orations. Invocation by H. M. Waller. W. D. Fenton gave a good address upon the habits of Americans in money getting and pleasure taking. We should have more relaxation, for we cannot stand so much hard work without rest, and more, our work is not so good as it would be by variety.

A song was well sung by Prof. J. M. Powell. He has a trained voice. "Life's Furrows," were nicely depicted by Miss Clara Gard in a neat essay.

Prof. W. E. Richardson read an interesting poem. "Odds and Ends" of life were spoken of, in an oration by O. D. Butler. The analyst, Miss Maggie Butler, gave a pure and Modest account of the members of the Association which was not without humor. Benedic-

tion by President D. T. Stanley.

Then reunion supper at Judge Butler's residence. Such times are pleasant.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Literary Entertainment of the Societies on this evening consisted of the following. Opening address by P. O. Powell; recitation by Miss Allie Butler, entitled "The Burning Ship," good representations of characters; "Intellectual Powers" were highly spoken of by Mr. B. L. Murphy. S. M. Daniel declaimed in a charming manner the piece entitled "The Polish Boy;" Miss Millie Doughty read with ease and distinctness a well written essay upon the subject, "Night brings out the Stars;" the paper, edited by Misses Clara Gard and Etta Davidson was highly appreciated; "Satisfaction" was the subject of a thoughtful oration delivered by Mr. Jay Butler; a comic recitation showing a boy's troubles and curiosity was well executed by Miss Lena Dicus; "The Wedding Fee" was well recited by Miss Bertha Powell; the recitation entitled "The Heroine" was well received by the audience, being delivered in the usual good manner of Miss Paradine Doughty; closing address by Mr. Allen McQueen. The exercises were interspersed with excellent music.

THURSDAY EVENING.

The graduating exercises were begun by solo by Miss Lottie Montieth of Albany. Invocation by Rev. J. S. McCain. Music—Anthem by choir. Essay—subject, "Bitter Sweet," by Miss May Hawley. The subject was made the basis of many well expressed thoughts concerning the good and bad sides of life. Plainly and nicely read. Glee by choir. Oration upon the subject, "Credit," was smoothly spoken by Mr. Allen McQueen. Mr. Kaspar Velten sung another German solo in his happy manner. Miss Millie Doughty spoke at length without manuscript upon the subject, "Decision of Character." Good. Quartette, Old, Old Home. The annual address was given by President D. T. Stanley. He spoke upon the very important question, "Educated Labor." Two kinds of labor, mental and manual. All laborers better by training. In educating the youth of the country we have to be governed by circumstances. In this country we cannot have specialists, in the strictest sense. We have to give good broad educa-

tion that fits one for a speciality afterwards. Culture for all is best now. The President is a good thinker and live worker. Song by choir. The music of the Commencement was unusually good through the efficient drill of Prof. Powell.

Presentation of Diplomas. Misses

May Hawley and Millie Doughty and Mr. Allen McQueen receiving Commercial Diplomas. Miss Hawley receiving in addition, the Normal Diploma granted by the State Board of Education, signed by them and the Faculty. Benediction by H. M. Waller.

Thus closed a very successful year for the school. The prospects for the coming year are flattering. Many are writing for information from all parts of the State.

Minutes of the Eleventh Annual Reunion of the Associate Alumni of Christian College, June 20, 1883.

Meeting called to order by F. W. Fenton, Pres. *pro tem.* C. M. Shelton appointed *pro tem.* to act in the absence of the regular secretary.

Roll called by the secretary showed to be present Misses Rosa Bentley, Maggie Butler, Cassie Stump, Estella Rowland, Clara Gard and Mildred B. Riggs; Messrs F. W. Fenton, J. E. Murphy, Jay Butler, J. Monroe Powell, C. M. Shelton and W. E. Richardson.

Report of the Treasurer made and accepted.

Executive Committee report amended and adopted.

Motion made and carried that when we adjourn the society meet at 3 o'clock P. M. the same day.

Motion made and carried that the chair appoint a committee to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the society. The report to be made at the evening session. Committee appointed Misses Rosa Bentley and Maggie Butler, Messrs J. Monroe Powell and W. E. Richardson.

Motion made and carried that we suspend the Ruler and elect officers for the ensuing year by acclamation.

Motion made and carried that the nominations made by the Executive Committee be adopted.

Officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Pres. G. H. Burnett; Vice Presidents, Cassie Stump, C. E. Wolverton and H. J. Murphy; Cor. Sec., Maggie Butler; Rec. Sec., W. E. Richardson; Treasurer, W. D. Fenton; Exec. Com., Maggie Butler, chairman, J. B. Stump, M.