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McMINNVILLE COLLEGE.

A Summary of the Events of Commencement Week.

The current week has been characterized by the usual activity at the Baptist college. Trustees, old students and visitors have been numerous, and have mingled with the student body, now grown larger than in any former year in the history of the institution. The good cheer which is annually manifest at commencement should be an inspiration to any citizen who visits the college, and speaks louder than words to parents who have children to educate the beauties of higher education and the many pleasures which surround its acquirement.

The week this year opened with a concert by Miss Glen, dean of the music department, assisted by Prof. Flock of Willamette university, as pianist. The occasion was well attended and the ability displayed by the two artists has been a common theme for the highest laudation.

Sunday morning a large audience gathered in the chapel to hear the educational sermon by Dr. E. K. Chandler of Bishop college, Marshall, Texas. The churches of the city adjourned for this service. Dr. Chandler is a son of the first president of the college, and is a highly educated man. He spoke from Prov. 23:23, and his theme was the mission of the christian scholar. His sermon was divided into three divisions: First, the breadth that should characterize christian men; second, the spirit of growth; third, Christ centered christian culture. He emphasized the necessity of keeping in touch with humanity—not allowing education to exalt above the field of work, for if effective work is to be done it must be wrought as Christ wrought, among the meek and lowly. The truth should be purchased at any cost and wherever found. The Dr. returned to McMinnville after 19 years' absence, and naturally experienced mingled emotions of sadness and joy. His aged mother, of Forest Grove, was present to hear her son preach. The sermon was among the very best ever heard here on a similar occasion.

In the evening President Boardman gave the baccalaureate sermon with his usual power and grace. The text was from Romans 8:19, supplemented with Heb. 10:13. The idea was that the whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. There is a state of unrest because of sin. Individual christian service will bring the manifestation and aid in making Christ's enemies his footstool. The sermon was filled with good advice to the young student, which should not fail in any case to be heeded.

On Monday evening the Philergian society gave a program consisting of a piano solo by Miss Helen Calbreath, recitations by J. S. Wallace, and Miss Estella Noll, a song by Miss Glen and an address by Rev. Ray Palmer, on "America Justified in the War with Spain." The attendance was not as large as usual, an admission fee of 25 cents being charged. The program was well rendered, the song by Miss Glen being especially appreciated. Rev. Palmer, with fervid dramatic eloquence rehearsed all the reasons up to date justifying the war, and like a good Baptist did not overlook the main chance of establishing a mission station on the Philippines as one of the future probabilities.

The students' reunion Tuesday evening drew a larger crowd. In the chapel the program was opened by Miss Areta Barrett with a piano solo. J. S. Wallace followed with an address of welcome on behalf of the students. He spoke of the domination of the reminiscent spirit as beneficial in teaching how to shun the pitfalls and obstacles of the future, and as bringing encouragement from contemplating successes of the past. There was the danger, though, of becoming morbid by magnifying the past and distorting the future. Yesterday was not better than today. Life is what we make it, and no time should be better than the present. His warm welcome was responded to by H. B. Blood, '97, now of Forest Grove. The memories of the past were pleasant to him because of the acquaintances formed and principles taught. He took pride in seeing McMinnville college students occupying positions of trust and honor, which indicated mental growth, and the medals won in oratory and triumphs in debate accentuated the fact. Neither had the spiritual training been small, nor the physical. He prophesied a change of name in ten years to "McMinnville University," because of an enlarged scope of action, and assured the trustees and faculty that the alumni had the college at heart. In the ability of the response, Mr. Blood is showing growth himself, especially since he was filling a vacancy on the program.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thompson of Albany sang a song, and were encored. Their rendition of "The Photograph" was true to life, and highly pleased the audience, as did also their medley later

in the evening. They are splendid vocal entertainers, and with a sister who can sing so well, is it any wonder that Judge Magers is something of a singer, himself?

Prof. W. J. Crawford, of Willamette university, read an interesting paper on the Subject "The Hidden Path." He spoke of it as lying before, and when a life is once launched there is no returning. Strong personality and indomitable will are the elements of great achievement. Man is doomed to shifting fortunes, but the hero welcomes the surges of the sea and holds his course as the needle to the pole. No one would want to know the future—it would destroy hope. Divination and necromancy are unsatisfying, but a faith in God and in the voice that speaks to the weary heart from the arch of heaven, saying, "There is a balm in Gilead" will bring the highest peace throughout the struggle of life.

Then came an innovation. Mr. Reuben Thompson advanced upon the stage, and bringing an enlarged picture of President Boardman from hiding, called Rev. Rugg from the audience and presented it to the trustees in a neat speech, Mr. Rugg replying that it would be an ornament to the room in which it was placed, and he was proud of the loyalty displayed toward the president. A ladies' trio by Miss Glen, Miss Dorris and Miss Snyder closed the program in the chapel. In the dining hall was prepared the usual feast of good things—strawberries, cake, ice cream, lemonade and cherries. The blessing was asked by Father Hoberg. Judge Magers was toast master, in the absence of J. H. Smith of Astoria, W. S. Thompson responded to the toast "Old McMinnville" in a very happy manner, telling of pranks of 16 years ago, as well as indignation and "heart trouble." Prof. Barker responded to "The Faculty," who had no cases of heart failure and had never been locked out. His remarks produced great mirth, and he closed with excellent advice to students on the subject of work. Mr. Chas. Converse responded to "Class of '98," and though he wasn't funny, said some mighty solid things about the bond of sympathy and attachment between the school and the class. President Boardman spoke on "Our Boys in Blue." His remarks were feeling. Miles of separation make us closer in spirit. He was glad they were our boys in blue, representing the college and locality in the fight against the foes of liberty and right. We want them to come back, but if they do not, we will still glory in the fact that they were brave and strong and good enough to enlist in the cause of liberty. Rev. Ray Palmer on the subject of "Looking Forward" spoke great expectations for the future in the next 50 years, and especially for the Pacific coast territory.

The program commencement evening was opened by Misses Evelyn and Helen Calbreath with a pretty piano duet, skillfully performed. Miss Mayme Carr was the first graduate on the program, and though present, was excused from presenting her oration because of previous ill health. Miss Alice Cary spoke on "Our Nation a Nation of Conquest." It had not been America's history to seek to add to her possessions. Washington had advised against it, and for more than 100 years she had been free from international conflicts. Her attention had been centered on herself, and it had been wise policy. Now our commerce demands more ships and stations in different parts of the world, and the prospective Anglo-Saxon alliance for liberty, progress and civilization seems to be the demand of the hour. Miss Cary closed with a plea for the strict enforcement of the Monroe doctrine, that no nation might be oppressed by another.

Chas. W. Converse spoke on "Education for Citizenship." Citizenship, he said, embraces the whole race of man; it means education for service. Education is important in America because of the great possibilities of development and the need of keeping pace with progress. Morals determine what our nation shall be tomorrow, and a great need is a higher standard of morality. Voters should be taught that it is wrong to vote for a man of doubtful character. Woman should be educated, for in her hands are the noblest possibilities of the race.

Dotha May Daniels spoke on "True Friendship." It is a brighter and more divine possession than love. Friends are self-elective. To have a friend is to be a friend. Three elements were necessary; truthfulness, kindness and duty. Deceit is to be guarded against; it loses every friend. A true friend can open the heart, and those people who cannot be great or famous in the world's estimate can be a good friend and thus perform a noble mission.

"The Southern Darkness" was Miss Isabel Grover's subject. She told of the thralldom and oppression withstood by the negro race, and contrasted the devel-

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opment of the white race with that of the black. After 250 years of bondage, the white man awoke to the crime he was inflicting and removed the shackles. The development has been slow, but to expect anything else would be like expecting a world created in one day instead of six. Heredity and environment are the factors in the development of man, and these factors will lift the negro to a higher plane of life. The mists of southern darkness will be dispelled when the black man's education makes him equal to the duties of citizenship.

Miss Jessie Manning treated the subject, "We are the Creatures of Our Environment." The term comprises all opportunities that go to make up one's circumstances. Like water, life, character and feeling are dependent upon external surroundings. The principle of life is the organic structure; the development is the environment. We are moral chameleons; home, climate, learning and individual example are the influences that make or mar manhood. We should make our surroundings what they will make us.

"Notes from the Scrap-book of Life," was Miss Estella Noll's subject. She represented as picked up by chance, stray bits of wisdom, first of which was: "Life hath here naught so dear, as the loving friends around us." She advised against carelessness in choosing friends. Next to these in good influences were pleasant books. They are immortal and never perish. Another scrap was to go forth and learn from nature's teaching. He sees little whose eye is uneducated by science. It develops all faculties of reasoning. The wonderful achievements of the present era were rehearsed with good effect and with evident acquaintance with the progress of the age.

Miss Pauline Rossner told of "Woman as an Inventive Genius." Carlyle had conveyed the impression that in her Asiatic dreaminess she didn't possess any, but her progress denies it. Her work was on a common plane one hundred years ago, but now it is done in a larger and brainier way. A great round of household duties and estimates depend upon her. She is competing worthily with her brother in invention, as shown by the accomplishments of Mary E. Beesley and Mrs. Green with the cotton gin. While it is not certain that woman can be as great as the greatest man, it is certain that some women can be as great as some great men, which was a statement well put.

Mr. LeForest Sawtelle had the interesting subject, "Our Nation's Defenders." He said each century has its character. The 17th was literary, the 18th, theological, 19th, scientific. The next will be sociological. It will need wise men, who know themselves and have sound judgment, who act, stand alone, do not vacillate, can prove their manhood, who are too brave to kill and brave enough to die. We boast of our free institutions but we are more in need of free men. Party spirit digs the grave of freedom. People should think rather than follow. Men make or mar themselves in the use of their God-given rights. Mr. Sawtelle reached the highest grade in his class, and his oration was in keeping with his scholarship.

Miss Fern Stout spoke of "Norman Influence in the Making of England." The secret of Norman domination was the fact that they conquered the country, populated by immigration, added to and popularized the language, and made wise and just laws. Miss Stout's oration indicated research, and was delivered in good voice.

Mr. Herbert Toney spoke of "The Discipline of Experience." Practical wisdom is to be learned only in experience. Character to be of value must stand for itself in the daily world of temptation and trial. Toil belongs to every person, and practical experience comes from mingling with the people, not from seclusion and the cloister. Thus you can find a proper estimate of your own character and develop your judgment.

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