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The Mount Vernon Literary Society of Washington College celebrated the 50th anniversary of its organization with a brilliant programme brilliantly executed.

The first of the series of enjoyable occasions was a charming reception tendered the sister and brother societies of Mt. Vernon, the Pieria and Philomathean, on Friday afternoon in the college chapel. The history of this, the most venerable as well as the most honored in its fifty years of zealous, fruitful work among the college literary societies of Maryland has already been given in the TRANSCRIPT; the splendid record of this nestor in point of age, champoin in point of argumentative ability, and pioneer in placing its banner upon the highest summit in an unexplored and unoccupied field of literary work, has been known, and since it would receive no added ustre by a further reference in this article historical data will be omitted and a description of the enjoyable reception will be hurried into.

THE RECEPTION.

The guests were received upon entering the handsomely decorated and brilliantly lighted hall by the following committee: Mr. E. F. Webb, Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, T. Howard Fowler, Miss Lottie V. Woodall, George C. Graham, Jr. Miss Caroline Stewart, L. A. Davis and E. E. Cruikshank, president of the society. Ushered into the room the first thing to attract the eye, (aside from the charming daughters of the Pieria) was the decorations. Over the rostrum were the significant dates "1847" and "1897" and the mystic name frought with so much meaning to the American heart, Mount Vernon forming a semi-circle over the handsomely framed announcement of George Washington's death, from the Ulster County *Gazette*. Around the walls and from every other available point hung graceful festoons of evergreen. A pretty compliment was paid the guests of the occasion, the Pieria and Philomatheans in the work of decorating the windows. The seal brown curtains, representing the colors of the Mt. Vernon, were daintily caught back, the curtain on one side with purple and white, the colors of the Pieria, and on the other side with green and white, the colors of the Philomathean. Over each window of the hall was a shield bearing an inscription. On the first, was: "W. C.," on another, "Oldest College Society in Maryland," on still another the old motto of the society, "*Facta non Verba*," which being translated is "Deeds not Words," on another shield was the new motto "*wie die arbeit so der Lohn*," which translated is, 'As the Work so the Reward.'' Another shield bore the words "Debate Champions of Maryland," and on another was Semi Centennial with the monogram M. V.

After an hour spent in delightful social intercourse, the guests were invited into the gymnasium where a splendid collation of fruits, cream, ices, cake, nuts etc. was enjoyed. Returning to the reception hall a Literary Guessing Bee was the feature of the occasion. A quotation from some well-known poet was written on a slip of paper, the slip was cut into four pieces and distributed among those present. These pieces were to be matched and the quotation completed. Mr. L. A Davis read the number of each set of slips, and some member of the quartette read the quotation and each one present guessed the author. The result of the guessing was that Mrs. J S. W. Jones, Prof. Jones, Prof. Hall, Miss Witworth, Miss Peregoy and Mr. Horace Beck guessed thirteen out of eighteen correctly and tied for the prize offered, a box of fine chocolate confectionery. The tie-contestants then drew and Mrs. Jones secured the slip entitling her to the prize which she generously distributed to those present.

The literary and musical features of the occasion were: a finely rendered declaration by Mr. Pardee, "Old Kentucky Home" sweetly sung by a quartette composed of Messrs. Burris, Davis, Pardee and Wheatley, the inimitable "Discourse on the Apple" given by Mr. Horace Beck, and a charming declamation by Miss Amye Russell. Miss Clara Downey's solo, "The Sweetest Story ever Told" was beautifully rendered.

Among those present were: Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Micou, Prof. and Mrs. J. S. W. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Reid, J. F. Anderson, Mrs. Wm. H. McFeely, Mrs. M. E. Boston, Mr. C. C. Hopper Dr. A. S. Hall, Prof. A. B. Burris, Miss Caroline Stewart, Miss Catherine Wicker, Miss Emma McFeely, Miss Lottie V. Woodall, Miss Elora Paradis, Miss Ellyn Longfellow, Miss Lydia Witworth, Miss Emma Cooper, Miss Marie Adams, Miss Nannie Walls, Miss Laura Letty, Miss Anita Downes, Miss Grace Price, Miss Lillie Benton, Miss Hope Wallis, Miss Ethel Maslin, Miss Minnie Peregoy, Miss Rose Frazier, Miss Clara Downey, Miss Claudia Thompson, Miss Amye Russell, Miss Susie Belle Culp, Messrs. Ernest C. Cruikshank, Geo. C. Graham, Jr., E. F. Webb, J. I. Coulbourne, T. Howard Fowler, Gordon Nicholson, L. A. Davis, Horace Beck, Mark E. Flounders, S. E. Pardee, J. M. White, Wm. N. Sherwood, Harry Anthony, J. H. Anderson, W. L. Wheatley, D. C. Gullett, John Toulson, S. C. Coursey, Howard Clogg, A. T. McDorman, R. E. Jones, H. S. Brown, C. C. Gum, J. Wilson Sutton, P. T. White, Thomas Hudson, Dudley G. Roe, C. Guy Lecompte, Geo. W. Longfellow, William Harrison, Milton Peregoy, Geo. McFeely and William McFeely, Jr.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

The exercises of Saturday consisted of the oratorical and declamation contest, which was as creditable to the members of Mt Vernon as was the reception of the evening before. In spite of the disagreeable weather a large and appreciative audience crowded the college auditorium. Miss Adams most acceptably presided at the organ, and during a march sweetly rendered, the contestan's mounted the rostrum in double file.

The declamation contest was given precedence, and Mr. J. W. Sutton, of Black's station, delivered the "Impeachment of Warren Hasting," and was followed by Mr. D. C. Gullett, of Federalsburg, who gave "Webster's Reply to Hayne." Mr. T. Howard Fowler, of Chestertown, declaimed "William Tell," and Mr. Wm. N. Sherwood, of Chestertown, the next speaker in order, delivered "A National Monument to Washington." Mr. S. E. Pardee, of Sudlersville, the last speaker on the programme declaimed ...

The ... handsome gold medal offered by an ex-member of the Mt. Vernon Society. The judges, James A. Pearce, Esq., Prof. J. R. Micou and C. C. Hopper, after duly considering every point of merit, by unanimous vote awarded the prize to Mr. Sherwood. As was stated by Mr. Pearce in awarded the prize, where all had acquitted themselves so well, the regret of the committee was that it was not possible to give a prize to each contestant. Comparisons would indeed, be out of order in this case. The work of the gentlemen gave evidence of excellent judgment in the selection of subjects, decided natural ability, in their rendition and careful and conscientious preparation.

After the delamation contest, came the oratorical contest, in which Messrs. G. C. Graham, Jr., of Talbot, and J. I. Coulbourne of Snow Hill, participated. Mr. Graham's subject, "Science and Religion," was a strong defence of the supremacy of religion and religious thought as opposed to the assaults of the higher scientific critics. It disclosed deep research and a thorough comprehension of the subject treated.

Mr. Coulbourne's subject was, "As ye sow, so Shall Ye Reap." This too was a splendid effort, and though Mr. Coulbourne failed to secure the prize, a hand some gold medal, offered by an old member of the society he, as well as Mr. Graham, is to be congratulated upon a strong and convincing argument of the subject under discussion. Rev. W. P. Compton, James A. Pearce, Esq., and Prof. J. S. W. Jones were the judges.

Messrs. David B. Ford, on the autoharp, and Mr. Warren Hurlock, on the violin, gave several beautiful selections.

THE SOCIETY SERMON.

Rev. W. P. Compton, pastor of the Chestertown Methodist Episcopal Church, preached an eloquent sermon to the members of the society on Sunday morning, from First Peter, third chapter, tenth verse, "He that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile." The students attended the services in a body, and the members of the faculty were also present. This sermon was declared by many who heard and enjoyed it, to be one of the most profound and eloquent discourses ever delivered in the church in which beauty of diction, sublimity of thought and eloquence of speech have on frequent occasions characterized the sermons delivered.

The minister said in opening, "Young ladies and gentlemen, students of Washington college here assembled this morning, let me congratulate you upon your connection with this ancient and honorable institution, which for more than a century has been moulding the thoughts and training the intellects of hundreds of students who have gone forth from her halls to be potential factors of power in the great State under whose patronage you are, as well as in the States of our mighty nation. You bear an illustrious name. May the noble example of Washington, known as his country's father, be ever before the sons and daughters who go out from old Washington College, as they go forth, we trust in every instance,

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It is regretted that limited space precludes the full text of the splendid discourse.

THE BANQUET.

The series of delightful exercises commemorative of the 50th anniversary of Mt. Vernon Society was appropriately closed by a splendid banquet at Shuster's dining parlors on Monday evening. The dining hall was appropriately and beautifully decorated with national flags and bunting. The handsome tables however, were the crowning glories of the occasion, with their wealth of fruits and flowers. Mrs. Shuster has never succeeded in giving a more elaborate or more beautiful arrangement of the tables at a banquet, and the feast surpassed even this attractiveness.

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After the banquet which would have delighted the gods, the season of speechmaking and toasting was ushered in by Mr. George C. Graham Jr., who delivered an eloquent tribute to "The Society," and followed by Henry W. Catlin Esq., who spoke of "The Society in My Time." C.C. Hopper referred to Society Experiences and other benefits. President Cruikshank of Mt. Vernon, Messrs Nicholson, Coulbourne, Fowler, Webb, Pardee, Sherwood and Anthony all made speeches appropriate to the festive occasion.

THE TWENTY-SECOND CELEBRATED.

As is always the custom and as an interesting feature of the anniversary programme, Monday, February twenty-second was appropriately celebrated by patriotic and ever loyal Mt. Vernon. A large audience honored the occasion and enjoyed the interesting programme.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. S. C. Roberts, after which a choir composed of ladies from the Pieria and gentlemen from the Mt. Vernon, sang "America." Mr. T. Howard Fowler then delivered a declamation and was followed by Mr. Wm. N. Sherwood in declamation. Mr. Pardee then sang a solo, "Prayer of The Wanderer." Henry W. Catlin, Esq., of the Chestertown bar was the orator of the occasion, and gave a splendid address. Mr. Catlin was most happy in both the selection and treatment of his subject, "Society Life." It were safe to say that it was one of the most enjoyable productions of any similar occasion in many years.

The exercises closed with a quartette, "Mt. Vernon," by Messrs. W. L. Wheatley, L. A. Davis, Prof. A. B. Burris and J. S. E. Pardee.

The exercises throughout were of a most delightful character, and the members of the society are to be congratulated upon their splendid success. May the Mt. Vernon Literary Society live to celebrate many anniversaries in the future.

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"After all you have said I am ashamed to give my reasons," said young and pretty Mrs. H. "But I am not a W. C. T. U. woman because I do so love to spend my spare time doing fancy work and making my house beautiful.

"My dear child, I am afraid there are too many women who, if they spoke honestly, would plead your excuse. Your desire to make your home beautiful is all right and proper, and your taste for fancy work, too.

"But I am in the W. C. T. U., because life is too short, and the world so full of sin and sorrow. There are too many burdens to help lift, and too many sad hearts and homes to brighten, to spend all ones spare time in this way. Let these things be your recreation and not your life work.

"I know you will approve my reasons," said Miss. I. "for I am not a W. C. T. U. worker because I think all one's spare time should be given to mission work, and sending the gospel to the heathen."

"It is a sad fact that the fields are white to harvest, and the laborers few, but listen to the following, clipped from a late paper:

"The Rum Cure in Africa."

"The United States Consul at Sierra Leone, in a recent letter writes: I am not a missionary, nor the son of one, but I judge the present from the past. The Christian nations of the earth must set a better example than flooding this country with rum and gin, and landing it on the Sabbath day at the wharf, within fifty yards of the church. I stood on the wharf last Sabbath, and saw steamers come to the wharf from Germany and England, and they commenced to land rum and gin. There were over one hundred men employed all day, and the custom house officers had to be on duty. The native kings are petitioning the government to stop the liquor traffic. It is ruining their people. One king says if they continue they will cause him to leave his country, and go where the white man's rum can't reach his people.

"And this from another paper:

"For every missionary sent to Africa we are sending 400,000 gallons of whisky."

Is there not a little missionary work that you and I can help do immediately? May we not begin a part of our foreign missionary work on our own shores?"

"Well," said Mrs. I. "I don't have any time for fancy work or foreign missions. I would like to attend the meetings but my family is so large and I have so much to do at home it would be very seldom, if ever, that I could.

"I am glad to know that you are with us in heart," said Aunty, "I belong to the W. C. T. U. because if I cannot help much by attending the meetings, the temperance people know my interest and sympathy are with them. By paying my membership fee each year, I can help on the good work and furnish literature for distribution to interest others. While in Kansas City last summer I stepped off the cars on the corner of Main and Eleventh streets one morning, and saw a small boy with a very disconsolate face standing on the corner. "What is the matter?" I asked. "Why," said he, "I would like to sell papers like those boys on the other side of the street, but I hain't got any money to buy papers with. I know I could sell 'em if I only had the papers." I felt sorry for the lad, but thinking of my nearly empty purse, said: "Keep up courage, my boy, your turn will come by and by. A few mornings later I chanced to get off at the same corner. What was my surprise and pleasure to see the same boy with an arm full of papers, shouting them with all his might. I stepped up to him, bought a morning paper and said, "How is this? I thought you had no money to buy papers." "It's just this way ma'am," he replied with a broad smile as he recognized me. "After you left me that morning I kept goin' round till I got back nearly to where I stay. I was passing a house when I heard a rap on the window. I went to it and found a boy I knew, but he could not walk a step. He was a news-boy that had got knocked down on the street and run over. Says he "Jimmy, I can't get out to sell papers any more, but I don't want to quit. Now what do you say? I will pay for the papers and you shout 'em and we divide the money." So that's how it is ma'am, me and Tommy is in partnership. He buys the papers and I shout 'em." And away he went lustily calling his papers. So here is a hint for you, dear sister. Do you help buy the papers and literature and let some of their other sisters who can, "call 'em."

"And now Mrs. H., you come last. Tell us why you are not a member of the W. C. T. U."

"Well Auntie here is my reason. For all your Unions and organizations I don't see that you accomplish much. Liquor is still sold and men still get drunk."

"My dear, your excuse is not that of a true soldier, or a Christian soldier. It is true that results have not yet been all we have worked and prayed for. A few years ago I was traveling in the western part of Kansas. It was one of those hot, dry summers when everything is parched. We had been riding several hours when suddenly ahead I spied green grass and shrubbery. Our driver urged his horses forward, and we soon came to what I had already felt sure we would find, a little stream flowing noiselessly along, refreshing everything along its banks. Oh, what a pleasant sight after all the dreary, parched waste. The stream was small and made but little noise, but what cared we as we drank of its waters, or bathed our faces in its cool depths, or rested on the green grass. Our Lord did not say, "Well done, good and *successful* servant" but "Well done good and *faithful* servant! It is mine to do with my might whatsoever my hands find to do, and leave the success with God.

"But it is late," added Auntie, rising to go. "I have given you some reasons why I am a W. C. T. U woman. I might give you many more, but I trust you will all think of these seriously, and when next we meet may I find each of you wearing this," and she touched her white ribbon significantly.

Dear writers of the W. C. T. U. and every white-ribboner throughout the land."

"The end shall crown the work,
Ah, who shall tell the end!
It is a woesome way,
And clouds portend.

"The work is all we know,
Enough for our right;
The end, God knows, press on,
The crown—is light."

From Cripple Creek.

After the big fire in Cripple Creek, I took a very severe cold and tried many remedies without help, the cold only becoming more settled. After using three small bottles of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy both the cold and cough left me, and in this high altitude it takes a meritorious cough remedy to do any good.—G. B. Henderson, editor Daily Advertiser. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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