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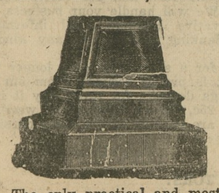
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A Notable Week In History Of This Venerable Institution — Dr. C. P. Gould Retires As President — Gov. Ritchie Speaks On Government — Large Class Of Graduates—Fine Addresses —Elegant Music.

The 141st Commencement of Washington College will be recorded as a great event in its long history. Everything conspired to make it notable and the outlook for the venerable institution of learning is indeed favorable. Mention was made in last week's News of the debate on Thursday evening. Friday afternoon an interesting declamation contest took place for the Dr. H. G. Simpers medals. The contestants were C. M. Wingate, of Wingate, Md.; Gilbert V. Byron, Baltimore; Miss Rebecca N. Brown and Charles Armstrong, Chestertown. The winners was Miss Brown with Mr. Armstrong second. The judges were Rev. T. J. Sard, Prof. L. C. Robinson, T. D. Bowers, Chestertown Orchestra, C. A. Bacon, director, furnished good music. At night a play was given by the Dramatic Association.

Saturday afternoon more than two hundred persons attended a reception in Reid Hall to Col. and Mrs. Hodson. This was a grand success under the skilled eye of Miss Anna Brown assisted by ladies of Chestertown.

In the evening more than a hundred of the alumni sat down to a splendid dinner in Reid Hall dining parlors served by that prince of chefs, Mr. Gunning. The tables were beautifully decorated with pink roses by a special committee. Dudley G. Roe, of Sudlersville, presided. Col. Staunton Brown, President of the Board of Visitors and Governors, was introduced, and after a few preliminary remarks, referred in an appropriate manner to the departure of Dr. Clarence P. Gould and presented him on behalf of the Alumni a gold fountain pen. Dr. Gould appreciated the thought back of the gift and in a short address reviewed the progress of the college during the five years he has been the President. He also gave some friendly advice as to retaining the beauty of the campus, one of the institution's big assets.

The new officers of the Alumni are Prof. Edwin M. Noble, of Caroline, president; vice president, R. H. Langsdale, of Baltimore; secretary-treasurer, Dr. J. S. William Jones; member of executive committee, E. Lester Baldwin, of Baltimore.

Sunday morning William Smith Hall was filled with an interested audience to hear the Baccalaureate sermon delivered by Dr. Walter E. Gunby, presiding elder of Dover District, and a former graduate. His theme was "Investments." He forcibly presented the importance of service and investing in the things worth while. He couched his thoughts in most ornate diction and delivered it in an impressive and oratorical manner. Revs. C. L. Atwater, T. J. Sard and N. O. Gibson took part in the service. A delightful feature of the program was the excellent music rendered by a choir made up of select singers from Chestertown and the College under the skilled leadership of Mr. William Walter Chapman, and Miss Louise Russell, accompanist. The title of the authors of renditions will impress music lovers with the high class of the music—Gounod; Donizetti-Dressler, Dudley Buck.

The Commencement proper took place Monday morning in the presence of a large audience. Rev. R. B. Matthews opned the program with invocation, followed by second honor oration and salutatory, "Specialization and Government" by Clarence G. Peregoy, Towson. The first honor oration and validictory was made by Miss Mary E. Simpers, of Chestertown, whose theme was "What the Community Owes the University." It was a splendid address.

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie graced the occasion with his presence and made one of his unique addresses on "Government." It is the purpose of good government, he declared, to give every one an equal chance in this country. That was what had made America so great and so attractive to the people of other lands where other kinds of government existed. That when two youths started in life, they should be given the same opportunities through a suitable education to fit themselves for life. That oftentimes it was not the rich man's son, but the poor boy who had ambition who reached the highest goal, and that it was the duty of government to see to it, that the poor boy had such an opportunity. In this connection the Governor spoke of the public school system, how it had been reorganized in Maryland and what it meant to the citizens of his State.

The conferring of degrees and awarding of prizes was as usual an interesting feature of the day. This duty was performed by Dr. Gould assisted by Profs. Hall and Howell. Another notable event was the presentation and unveiling of a portrait of Dr. James W. Cain, President of Washington College 1903-1917, by Prof. Thomas F. Garey, Jr., a former graduate, on behalf of the Alumni. Dr. Cain was also presented a gold watch by the Alumni through Mr. Langsdale, of Baltimore.

Candidates For Degrees

Bachelor of Arts — Gilbert V. Byron, Baltimore, Md.; Alwood C. Gordy, Girdletree, Md.; Townsend Howes, Ashton, Md.; Leonard L. Howeth, Boone, Md.; Ernest J. Langham, Jr., Cumberland, Md.; M. Louise Leaverton, Chestertown, Md.; Everett Nuttle, Federalsburg, Md.; Clarence G. Peregoy, Towson, Md.; Robt. C. Pippin, Chestertown, Md.; Harold H. Rash, Worton, Md.; William H. Ruark, Westover, Md.; Mary E. Simpers, Chestertown, Md.; Conrade M. Wingate, Wingate, Md.

Batchelor of Science — Anthony Bishopf, Kitzmiller, Md.; Charles W. Claggett, Upper Marlboro, Md.; Jos. M. Messick, Hebron, Md.; Paul A. Timmons, Bishopville, Md.; Skirven Startt, Chestertown, Md.

Doctor of Divinity (Causa Honoris) —Rev. Walter E. Gunby, Dover, Del.; Rev. R. B. Matthews, Snow Hill, Md.

Doctor of Laws (Causa Honoris)—Morris L. Clothier, Philadelphia, Pa.; James E. Ellegood, Salisbury, Md.; Major Enoch Garey, Baltimore, Md.; Thomas F. Garey, Jr., Baltimore, Md.; Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Annapolis, Md.; Reginald H. Smith, Boston, Mass.

The prizes were awarded as follows:

Philadelphia Alumni Medal for the Best All-Around Senior, Alwood C. Gordy.

Visitors and Governors Medal for Highest Average in the Junior Class, Albert Edwin Goodrich, Jr.

Alumni Medal for the Highest Average in the Sophomore Class, Mary Louise Rouse.

Simmons Medal for Highest Average in the Freshman Class, William Horace Wheeler.

Simpers Medal for Declamation, 1st Honor, Rebecca N. Brown. 2nd Honor, Charles L. Armstrong.

Samuel Towner Rogers Prizes for Debating, 1st Honor, Elias Nuttle. 2nd Honor, Thomas H. Owen Knight.

Adelphia Literary Society Medal, Conrad M. Wingate.

Mount Vernon Literary Society Medal, Gilbert V. Byron.

Honorable Mention.

The following students, having attained an average of over 90 in all studies for the year, are distinguished in scholarship—G. T. Bevan, Mary L. Rouse, Mary E. Starkey, W. H. Wheeler.

The following students having attained an average between 80 and 90 in all the studies of the year, are meritorious in scholarship — O Bischopf, Helen H. Bradshaw, A. E. Culley, F. Dumschott, W. C. Feddeman, A.E.Goodrich, Jr., A. C. Gordy, Fargaret Hammer, L. S. Heck, L. L. Howeth, Anna L. Jones, Helen B. Jones, E. L. Kaiser, Lida E. Leaverton, J. M. Messick, E. W. Nuttle, Virginia Owens, C. G. Peregoy, R. C. Pippin, J. C. Rankin, Dorothy Shriver, Helen V. Simpers, Mary E. Simpers, A. Lillian Smith, A. A. Soifer, W. S. Startt, M. B. Styer, Sidney M. Tull, W. E. Twilley, Dorothy E. Woodall, P. P. Heck.

Rev. Walter E. Gunby pronounced the benediction.

Commencement week ended in the annual ball given in honor of the Senior Class. The patronesses were Mrs. Hiram Brown, Mrs. John I. Coulbourne, Mrs. George R. Harrington, Mrs. William R. Howell, Mrs. J. Thomas Kibler, Mrs. Dudley G. Roe, Mrs. C. B. Shaughnessy and Mrs. Lewin W. Wickes. The committee in charge of arrangements consisted of Eben F. Perkins, chairman; R. Hynson Rogers, W. Earle Withgott, F. Stanley Porter, W. Frazier Russell, Jr., E. J. Langham, Jr., A. C. Gordy, David McMenamin, P. P. Heck and L. A. Cooper. The music was furnished by Peck Mill's Marylanders of Cumberland.

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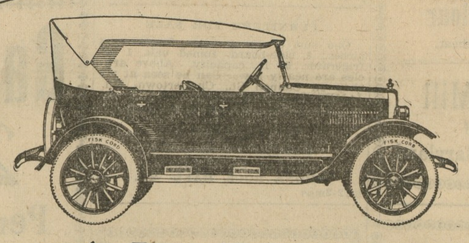
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