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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Chancellor Kirkland Delivers a Most Impressive Oration.

The Commencement exercises of the class of 1902 took place in St. Augustine's Chapel yesterday morning at 10.30. The procession which formed at the Library and took its onward march to the chapel was the largest that Sewanee has ever witnessed. Close on the heels of the Grammar School followed the Juniors; behind these were the gownsmen of the Academic Department. The law students followed the academic and were in turn followed by the medical students who preceded the theologues. Next were the professors, trustees, clergy and bishops in the order named. Altogether the sight was singularly impressive, and made one feel strongly the progress of Sewanee.

The opening services concluded, the Vice-Chancellor introduced Mr. Horace Stringfellow, of Alabama, as salutatorian. Mr. Stringfellow's salutatory was delivered with gracefulness and a remarkable purity of accent. His felicitous references to the summer girls and bishops were particularly happy.

Following the salutatory came the Commencement oration, delivered by James H. Kirkland, Ph.D., LL.D., Chancellor of Vanderbilt University. Dr. Kirkland spoke in an easy, polished manner, with just enough of force in his delivery to impress

one most strongly with his moral earnestness. The central thought contained in his address was the necessity for the development of individuality. His oration abounded in well-chosen references to and thoughtful observations on various great writers, and was one of the most excellent ever heard here.

After the oration was concluded various certificates and diplomas were presented by the Vice-Chancellor. Then followed the awarding of prizes: Mr. Poole received the Isaac Dwight medal for Aristotelian and New Testament Greek. This medal was presented in a few well-chosen words by the bishop of South Carolina. The prize for the best work in Political Science fell to Mr. Ormond Simkins, and was presented by the Bishop of Georgia.

The prize for Rhetoric and English Composition was given to Mr. Dabney by the Bishop of Tennessee.

The Price medal for English was won by Mr. Campbell Gray, B.A., and was presented to him by Dr. Kirkland.

Mr. Ticknor secured the Van Winder Shields medal for English Poetry, and received it from the hands of Bishop Weed.

The Van Hoose medal for German was won by Mr. Seaman and presented to him by Bishop Kinsolving.

Following the award of medals and prizes came the conferring of degrees: Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Finlay received the degrees of G. D.; Mr. Cox and Mr. Werlein those of B. D.

Messrs. Simkins, Stringfellow, Carrier and Winthrop received

the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Mr. Cope and Mr. Beale received the degree of L. L. D.

The honorary degrees of D. C. L. were conferred on Chancellor Kirkland and Bishop Randolph. Honorary degrees of D. D. were conferred on the Reverend John Kershaw and the Reverend J. A. Oertel.

Following the conclusion of these ceremonies came the Valedictory Oration by Mr. Ormond Simkins, B. A., of Texas. Mr. Simkins' oration was dignified, thoughtful and excellently delivered.

Next in order were the graduating exercises of the Sewanee Grammar School. The class numbered fourteen men among whom Mr. Holmes who won the Mathematic's medal, and Mr. Hillyer who won both the English and History prizes deserve mention.

After the concluding services and the march back to Convocation Hall, the Commencement exercises became history.

The Choir Departs.

St. Philip's choir, after remaining a week in Sewanee during Commencement week, will return to Atlanta this morning, much to the regret of all true lovers of choir music. The success and the attractiveness of the chapel services is due in large measure to the choir, who under the direction of their most skilful organist, Mr. Richardson, furnished delightful music at every service. St. Philip's choir is one of the best of the vested choirs of the South and Sewanee hopes to be able to have them again. Rev. Mr. Knight is to be congratulated on his most efficient choir and the University is to be congratulated for their fortune in securing their services for the past week.

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WITH this edition of the DAILY PURPLE the present board of editors rest from their labors, labors which have not been at all lightened by the harassing search for copy and by the irate remarks of subscribers who failed to receive the papers due them. In remarking that the printing office will see us no more, we do not wish to create the impression that THE DAILY PURPLE ceases to exist, but that following a well-established principle, the good wine has been left for the last. To-morrow witnesses the appearance of the Summer Girl Edition of THE PURPLE, an edition which, with the present capable board of editors, cannot fail to be a brilliant one. To-morrow's paper will give an opportunity to every gay Lothario to see himself as the fair sex sees him, and we make no doubt that many a cavalier who thought himself irresistibly clever and fascinating will have his illusions rudely shattered.

We wish the edition all the success that the untiring efforts of its editors deserve.

FROM this time on we shall witness a rapid exodus of visitors and before long Sewanee will have settled down into its normal state of tranquillity. We hope that every one who has visited Sewanee will leave with a mind well-stored with pleasant recollections of the time spent here. It is the University's boast that even transients catch a part of her indefinable charm, are filled with some measure of that love for her which overflows from the hearts of her sons. We trust that this may be true of our present visitors and that they may leave the Mountain pledged to the noble fraternity of Sewanee men.

BEFORE the activities of Trinity term are fully entered upon we wish once more to urge the importance of a series of inter-society debates and the urgent necessity for prompt communication with some university or college on the subject of inter-collegiate debates. The benefit to be derived from an inter-collegiate debate is so apparent as to need no indicating; an inter-collegiate debate, together with the inter-collegiate oratorical contest will assure to Sewanee that prominent intellectual position among Southern colleges which her position demands. Prompt action may possibly secure this debate for some time before the close of the Advent Term. If Sewanee wishes to compete successfully in an inter-collegiate debate she must train for the event, since training and practice are just as necessary for an intellectual as they are for a physical struggle. Let us begin this term then with an inter-society debate, and at the same time endeavor to secure an inter-collegiate.

Commencement Hop.

The Commencement Hop was held in Forensic last night with about thirty-six couples. The grand march was led by Mr. Ormond Simkins with Miss Katie Belle Peters. After a hop of eighteen dances, two-steps and waltzes, the dancers proceeded to the dining room of the Hoffman where supper was served. The menu was delightful, and the place proved to be an admirable one for such functions. The tables were covered with flowers and evergreens. After supper the party returned to the hall and a cotillion was danced until 4 o'clock, when just at the break of day the ball was over. Old Forensic was beautifully and tastefully decorated in purple and white, and the new championship banner was artistically suspended from the ceiling in the middle. The dance was thoroughly enjoyable. Miller's Orchestra furnished the music. Among the alumni present were Messrs. Lea, Parrott, Ford and Williams.

A Rough House.

At the appointed time yesterday afternoon all those who were going to indulge in dancing at the Hop gathered to arrange their cards. At the moment the chimes tolled two the word "go" was given, and there was a huge turmoil and rough house. After much changing and swapping the cards were finally filled. There were a great number of stags present, and, owing to the kindness of those who had partners, they fared not at all badly.

The lightsome hop doth now begin,
In mystic mazes see them spin,
While youth with youth doth vie to win
A love-lit look or gladsome grin.

Personals and Locals.

Bishop Capers, after attending the meeting of the Board of Trustees, left Sewanee yesterday for South Carolina.

Rev. Mr. Glass, of South Carolina, returned to that state this morning after a week's stay.

Colonel W. S. Simkins, of Austin, Texas, will return to that city tomorrow.

The fence hits absorb the attention of each passer-by.

Right Rev. George Kinsolving, of Texas, left the Mountain yesterday after being in attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Miss Fuller, of Fairmount College, has been spending a few days at Sewanee during the week.

The Hop is a thing of the past, now for the German.

W. H. Poole left the Mountain yesterday afternoon for Philadelphia. Mr. Poole is one of the old landmarks among the students and his loss will be greatly felt among the student body.

The Literary Societies divided honors this year. Sigma Epsilon won the essay cup and Pi Omega the orator's.

Gowns were more in evidence yesterday than ever before in the history of the University.

Mr. Shaver, of Austin, Texas, who has been the guest of Ben Robertson during the past few days returned to his home this morning.

Bishop Weed returned to Florida yesterday.

Reverend and Mrs. deOvies are spending their honey-moon at Birmingham.

The Choir Sings from the Tower.

Breslin was again invaded by the St. Philip's choir last night and much beautiful melody was poured forth upon the midnight air. Many of the most popular hymns were sung with beautiful effect. The chanting was particularly attractive. On account of their early departure, those who missed the choir's music last night will not have another opportunity to hear them.

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