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COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

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esteem by the student body of the school, and to the school as a whole, he bade farewell to the faculty and classmates. In closing he referred to the three years spent at the Normal and the work of training the child, which profession most of them had chosen.

Miss Dent, accompanied by Mr. Aspiazu, rendered Mendelssohn Concerto on the piano, which showed her to be a skillful musician.

The Class History was very ably given by Miss Margaret Johnson. She began the history three years ago when they bade farewell to home and parents and started out to learn the great truths of life. The work of the three years was very carefully brought out showing the class, in the estimation of its own members, to be the best and most brilliant ever graduated from the Bloomsburg Normal school. The members of the class, she stated, would never forget the faithful efforts of the teachers, and that the class would always endeavor to raise the standard of the school.

Miss Martha Herring then gave an excellent essay on the work of Burbank, possibly the most successful experimenter in the agricultural line, who ever lived. She divided his work into two parts, those which have added to the wealth of the world and those which have beautified the world. She told of the marvelous success that he has attained in making plants grow as he desires and of the creation of new species of fruit and flowers.

The Senior chorus then sang an evening song which was much appreciated, each of the parts being well taken.

The future destiny of the illustrious class of 1908 was then predicted by Miss Mary Morrow who stated that while on her way home late one dark night, she met a Will O' the Whip, which led her to the edge of a great forest where a great number of them were playing in the trees. Finally they began to throw chips of bark down and upon picking them up she found that each contained the destiny of one of the members of the class of 1908, written in bright shining letters and the inscriptions she would now read. Judging from the prediction, great things may be expected from the members of the class.

The great progress of America, the evils which are going on and how they may be remedied, was the substance of a very able oration by Darwin Maurer. He referred to the great progress made by America and stated that the average prosperity of all classes of people in this country is greater and higher than that of any other country. There are many evils going on in this country and we inherit the evil as well as the good of the those who have gone before us. He referred to some men as being money getters and others whose ideals are purely material, neither of which are good citizens working for the good of the country. He cited the evils going on in the different departments of the Government and the party boss as having much to do with the running of the government, which, instead of being of the people, by the people, and for the people, is of the people, by the people, and for the rich. As a means of minimizing the evils now going on, he stated that the children should be educated and taught the principles of the American Government and that every citizen should get into practical politics for the good of the country. The principle thing for the citizens to remember is to act and not criticize the work of others. Every citizen should feel that he should do his share for the government. If we as a nation could succeed, we must get to work and discover the evils being done and then endeavor to eradicate them.

Francesco Petrilli then gave an excellent clarinet solo, Pierre Canzetta.

The Class Memorial was presented to Dr. Waller by Miss Mary Fegley. She stated that the primary purpose of any memorial is to be remembered by others in after years. In behalf of the class she stated that as they had received much from the school they felt like giving something in return and had decided upon giving \$350 for the purpose of transforming the Normal grove into a beautiful park. The old trees are to be cut down, a fountain erected and many other changes made which will add to the beauty of the place.

The money was handed to Dr. Waller who responded in a few words thanking the class in behalf of the trustees for the gift. He stated, however, that it was not necessary

for the class to make such a gift for the purpose of being remembered for they had just begun to be known, and that they would be remembered not by what they have left here, but by what will be done in years to come.

The class presentations were made by Miss Reba Breisch and Thomas Francis. The prizes were very appropriate and created much amusement. One of the most interesting features of this part of the program was a short address in the German and Italian languages by Francesco Petrilli.

The exercises ended with a class song by the Senior class, the words of the song having been written by Miss Agnes Burke, a member of the class.

COMMENCEMENT.

All the exercises incident to Commencement week had been successfully carried out during the preceding days as arranged, and despite the sweltering weather an audience which nearly filled the large auditorium assembled yesterday morning to witness what was to be the last of the public exercises and hear the Commencement address which was to be delivered by President G. Stanley Hall, of Clark University, one of the most prominent educators in the country, and an orator and public speaker of recognized ability.

The disconcertment of Dr. Waller, president of the school, can be imagined when about an hour previous to the time fixed for the opening of the exercises he received a telephone communication from President Hall stating that he had missed train connections and was stranded at Wilkes-Barre and could not possibly get here before 12:30 p. m., which would mean that it would be one o'clock before he would be able to get to the school. To keep the large audience waiting all his time under present weather conditions was simply out of the question, and hence it was decided, after telephonic communication with several of the ministers and consultation with trustees to go on with the exercises, and the result proved that it was a wise decision, as it was the consensus of the opinion of those who have been attending these exercises that it was one of the most successful and helpful and entertaining in the thirty-nine years of the life of the school.

The graduates entered the auditorium to music rendered by the Normal School orchestra and took seats immediately in front of the stage.

Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Tinker, who with Rev. Hemingway, Heckman, Byers, Bailey and the trustees, occupied seats upon the stage.

After an overture, "Spring Song," by the orchestra, Dr. Waller stated that the school was so endeared to the hearts of the people of the community that no emergency had ever arisen but that there were friends ready to respond to the need of the hour. He then informed the audience of the fact that President Hall would not be present to deliver the Commencement address as expected, and also the cause of his not being here, but that several of the ministers of the town had kindly come to his assistance and rescue. Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas he explained in a brief and clear manner the law of the state governing the issuance of the same which was copied from the laws of England. The certificate which is given the graduates is a license to teach for two years. At the expiration of that time the teachers present a certificate signed by the school board by whom they have been employed certifying as to their moral character and the fact that they are proficient teachers. This is signed by the county superintendent, endorsed by the state board of examiners and a certificate is issued which gives them the right to teach without any further examination. Seventy-nine such certificates were issued to former graduates of the school yesterday who had taught two full annual terms. Dr. Waller also stated that when the school was first organized it was as a literary institute. Subsequently it was changed to a Normal school, its offerings differing from many others, however, in that other departments, College Preparatory, Commercial and Music, were added to the studies of which diplomas were awarded when they had completed the course.

After the diplomas had been given to the graduates of the different departments Dr. Waller called upon Rev. E. B. Bailey, pastor of the United Evangelical church, who said in part that while he was sorry Dr. Hall was not here, as the audience would not have the pleasure of hearing a connected discourse, but some disconnected remarks by different ministers. However, there was a Tinker present and he might be able to bring them together and fix them up.

He congratulated the class upon the fact that they had successfully completed the course and received their diplomas. That they represented hard work and were not given out unless the party who received them had proven that they were worthy of them. They were not given out indis-

criminally and it was an honor to obtain one. The one thought that Rev. Bailey endeavored to impress upon the graduates was that they should do their best, and do their duty under all circumstances.

The next speaker was Rev. J. E. Byers, of the Lutheran church, who after congratulating the class upon the successful completion of the course which meant study and work, urged them to go out into the world and be credited to the institution from which they graduated. The principal thought in the address of Rev. Byers, which was exceptionally appropriate to the occasion, was that they showed should "press on." While he would not have them forget what they had passed through, nor the school and what they had learned, he wanted them to "press on." Don't be satisfied with what you have attained. If you think that the diploma represents it all, and that you have attained all that is worth having, you are to be pitied. This is but the commencement—"press on." God expects it of you. Make the most of yourself. Believe and have confidence in yourself and don't be afraid of study and hard work.

Rev. E. R. Heckman, pastor of the M. E. church, after congratulating the class on what they had accomplished said that their class motto, "Deeds, not words," was enough to inspire any one. The people who have amounted to anything in the world were those who had done something and didn't talk about it. Every one could succeed if they were willing to pay the price. This was the keynote of the address of Rev. Heckman. He sought to, and did impress upon the minds, not only of the class but the entire audience, the fact that the secret of all success was a willingness to pay the price. Success is not a question of luck or environments. Every one who has attained a prominent position in any sphere of life has paid the price. If he has not it will soon demonstrate itself and he will fall to where he belongs. If you are willing to pay the price you can become great teachers. He urged the class to pay the price in order that they might achieve success. If not it would be a failure. If you are willing to pay the price you will live in deeds and not in words.

The next speaker was Rev. Hemingway, pastor of the Presbyterian church, who endeavored to impress upon the minds of the graduating class the fact that the world was a great deal better than many people imagined, and that there was a great many good people in it. Everybody has some idea of what the future holds in store for them. No matter what you have thought of it, he wanted the class to remember two things, viz: That the world is a great deal better, and also a great deal worse than they have imagined. You will find falseness beneath the veneering. Take things as you find them. Don't be discouraged. Don't forget that you are to make the worse side better. Then, too, there are thousands of people better than you thought they were. There is a large number of good people in the world. People who say kind things about you to others. The world is a charming place to live in, and is worth all the sacrifices we make for it. You can do more by loving men, women and children than you can by instructing them. Love them and they will enshrine you in the warmest place in their hearts. In order to do right, you must be right. Your heart will tell you what is right and when you have decided do it, but do it in a loving manner.

The last speaker was Rev. W. M. Tinker, formerly the pastor of the Baptist church of town now here spending a few weeks with friends. He said he desired to leave with the one thought and that was that love was the greatest thing in the world. It never fails. Everything else does. It has been the keynote to the success of the lives of many prominent men. What we get out of life depends entirely upon what we put into it.

Dr. Waller closed the speaking by stating that the happiest thing manifested during the exercises was not the fact that the Bloomsburg ministry was composed of able men as was proven by their addresses, but the fine feeling which was manifested by them responding so willingly to his request for aid. He said if it had been planned, the exercises could not have been arranged better, and he was satisfied he expressed the opinion of the audience.

The exercises closed with the benediction.

ALUMNI BANQUET.

Very elaborate was the Bloomsburg State Normal School alumni banquet held in the dining room of the school yesterday afternoon. An exceptionally large number of the alumni were present and all spent an enjoyable afternoon.

The toastmaster for the occasion was Granville J. Clark, a member of the class of '83. He fully demonstrated his ability and made some very appropriate remarks, two of his epigrams being, "Leisure is the spare

time that women have to do other's work," and "Money talks,—I never had a dollar yet that did not say Good-Bye." In responding to the toast "The Class of '83," he stated that of a class of 38 members, 5 have died and of the 33 members living, 18 were present.

Prof. G. E. Wilbur spoke in a happy vein as usual, speaking upon "The Secret of Perpetual Youth." There is no secret of perpetual youth, he stated. It is in the heart and soul. It enables us to get above the cares and come into contact with the young hearts.

"Our Decennials, the class of '98," was very ably responded to by Mr. Williams, a member of the class. He stated that of the 161 members of this class at the time of graduation, 90 are still teaching.

Dr. Waller spoke upon "My Old Girls," and Prof. Sutliff upon "The Faculty." Both addresses were very good and much appreciated.

"Naughty Eight," the baby or youngest class in the association, was then discussed by Mr. Maurer.

Following is the menu served: Pine Apple around mounds of sugar Nabisco Wafers

- Olives Sweet Pickles
- Cold Ham, garnished with parsley
- Deviled Eggs Buttered Buns
- Chicken Salad in nests of lettuce
- Butter Thins Saltine Wafers
- Sweetizer Cheese
- Sliced Tomatoes with French Dressing
- Fruit Punch
- Fancy Cakes Mixed Nuts
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Oranges Bananas
- Coffee

BUSINESS MEETING OF ALUMNI.

In the absence of Geo. E. Elwell, who was attending a reunion at Trinity College, the vice president, Dr. D. J. Waller, Jr., called the meeting to order promptly at one o'clock.

The minutes of last year's meeting were adopted as read.

Upon motion the members of this year's class were admitted into membership of the Alumni without dues.

Prof. Jenkins, as chairman of the financial committee, read his report in which he stated that all moneys which were on hand had been evenly divided between the Philologist and Calliepien Literary Societies as per motion of last year. The report was adopted.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Geo. E. Elwell; vice president, Dr. D. J. Waller; corresponding secretary, G. E. Wilbur; recording secretary, S. J. Johnston; treasurer, H. G. Supplee; executive committee, Prof. O. H. Bakeless, Prof. C. H. Albert, Miss Eva Rupert, Mrs. L. P. Sterner and Mrs. J. G. Harman. There being no other business the meeting adjourned to meet at the banquet in banquet hall.

For headache Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills.

Royal Simple Life.

King Oscar of Sweden got up between 8 and half-past 8, dressing with the help of a valet. He took coffee in the breakfast room together with the Queen, with whom he settled any family matters, and read the morning papers. By 10 o'clock King was ready for business. On Tuesday he held an open reception.

On Monday, the court, official, military and civil dignitaries had the pes. The King devoted Wednesday and Thursday to reviews and military inspections, but particularly to audiences and presentation of persons promoted to offices of honors. On Friday the Swedish Council of State took place. Saturday was formerly devoted to Norway and to the Swedish Norwegian Council of State.

At half-past 2 the royal pair took luncheon, consisting of a cup of soup, a warm or cold course, a glass of ale, or a glass of Marsala. After that the King walked out or rode in the modern manner in the new royal stables, then to business, correspondence, &c., in his study. At 6 o'clock the King, Queen, and persons in attendance dined in the blue drawing room. The sort of dinner most often served was soup, fish, greens, a steak and dessert, with three sorts of wine. On feast and parade days an entremets was added and a glass of champagne. It often happened, however, that the King, with his simple taste, preferred for himself two cold courses or a vegetable and meat, leaving everything else untouched. After dinner the King was wont to attend the theatre or Freemasons' lodges, or else he stopped at home and listened to music by the Queen or the ladies in attendance. Supper was soon over; it usually consisted merely of a cup of soup. The King then retired to his study, signing incoming papers and seldom going to bed before 1 o'clock.—London Truth.

Gutters Ran with Beer.

The gutters of Rio de Janeiro ran with beer for several days recently. The municipal laboratory having discovered that practically every beer in the local market contained a dangerous amount of sulphuric acid, the authorities proceeded to destroy all stocks on hand.

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