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LINCOLN DAY

Celebrated at State College with Suitable Exercises.

The celebration of Lincoln's birthday, although a somewhat new feature at the College, is yearly becoming a more and more important function and the exercises attending the ninety-sixth anniversary of the birth of the great statesman were no exception to the rule. The Trustees of the College have preferred to celebrate a Lincoln day rather than a Washington day, as is the more common custom, because the life of the former statesman was spent in a period of the country's history that is more nearly in touch with the present and because his words have a greater influence on present day thought.

The exercises in the Auditorium commenced promptly at 10 o'clock. A special train from Bellefonte reached the College about 9.30 and quite a number of Bellefonte residents took advantage of this opportunity to attend the exercises. The Faculty in full regalia, together with invited guests and the orators of the occasion were seated on the platform.

After the Invocation by Dr. Gil, Dr. Atherton introduced former Lieut. Gov. L. A. Watres of Scranton, the principal orator of the day, as follows:--

"In selecting the Anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday as an annual observance, I should be sorry to have it supposed that we undervalue in any respect the memory of that great name of Washington, which has long been enrolled among the Immortals. The College has chosen Lincoln Day, partly because the other is so sure to be continually celebrated, and partly because the latter career is nearer to our own time, and represents principles and policies which even yet are not fully settled. A Government of the people, for the people, and by the

people' has been the dream of civilized man throughout the ages. The life and work of Abraham Lincoln helped on the solution of that problem, but the men of this and coming generations must complete the work. The soul of Lincoln was cast in a heroic mould. No man saw more clearly the issues of his day; no man ever brought to their settlement a sublimer patience and courage and faith; no man stands more truly for the uplifting of humanity, 'with malice toward none, and charity for all.'



EX-LIEUT. GOV. L. A. WATRES

We are honored to day in having as our principal speaker one who has deeply imbibed the spirit and principles of the Martyred President. A Pennsylvanian of Pennsylvanians, proud of his native State and devoted to her highest interest, he has served her well. As an honored and influential member of its highest Legislative body, as Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth (elected when the head of his ticket was defeated,) as an active and efficient officer of the National Guard, as a loyal adherent of the dominant party to which Abraham Lincoln belonged, as a citizen sharing freely in every

civic duty, as a successful business man with no stain or blemish on his integrity, as a high-toned, honorable, well-rounded Christian man, he has always been a faithful exponent of the highest ideals and a worthy representative of the best purposes of the whole people of Pennsylvania."

I esteem it a privilege and honor to introduce The Hon. L. A. Watres, of Scranton. (Applause)

ADDRESS OF HON. L. A. WATRES.

Mr. Watres then spoke as follows:

"When your distinguished President honored me with an invitation to be present upon this most interesting occasion, he gave me the assurance that the audience, the students, and the environment would be an inspiration. He was right.

There is something in the very atmosphere of State College that inspires and that seems to soothe and satisfy. To have spent a quiet Sunday among you, and to have worshiped with you, is one of the compensations of travel which is most keenly appreciated. To look upon your College colors, blue and white, and into the bright faces of the students who are governed by the cardinal virtues there symbolized, courage, purity and truth, to know of your high purposes and your great possibilities is indeed an inspiration and an uplift.

I knew you when your entering Freshman class numbered but nine. I am glad to know you better when it numbers nearly three hundred. When I first became acquainted with you, but thirty-four were taking a regular four years' college course: I am delighted to know that you now have nearly seven hundred.

When I first visited your institution in 1885, I felt that the State was open to just criticism in that while she was spending money with almost a lavish hand upon the administration wings of her penitentiaries, asylums and reformatories, she was culpably parsimonious with this deserving institution of learning. I blushed for shame that this great State should be so blinded to her