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COMMENCEMENT—MAY, 1914.

The year 1913-14, the 77th of service, of Davidson College, came to a close Tuesday evening, May 19th, when President Martin delivered diplomas to fifteen graduates in the Bachelor of Science courses, to twenty-six graduates in the Bachelor of Arts course, and to three in the Master of Arts course.

Saturday evening was given over to the reunion of the Literary Societies with excellent addresses by Dr. Reed Smith in the Eumenean and Rev. Wm. E. Hill in the Philanthropic.

Sunday the Baccalaureate Sermon was preached by Dr. Theron Rice, a timely, excellent, impressive discourse, and listened to with profound attention by the graduates and entire audience. In the evening, Rev. Wm. E. Hill, of Atlanta, delivered a splendid sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association.

SECRETARY DANIELS.

Monday at noon we had the pleasure and privilege of hearing "our own" great Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels. With telling effect, he appealed to the College to prepare young men for their country's highest service and to the young men to accept such service.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S MESSAGE.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Daniels read a message from President Woodrow Wilson to his old college which was enthusiastically received and warmly appreciated. The note was as follows:

The White House, Washington, D. C., May 16, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Secretary: I understand that you are to speak on Monday at my old Alma Mater, Davidson College. Will you not be kind enough to convey my cordial greetings and to say with how sincere an interest and affection I remember the college and wish it the best possible enlarging fortunes?

Cordially and sincerely yours,

(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

Honorable Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy.

ORATORICALS.

The evening of Monday, and Tuesday morning were given over to the speeches of the Societies and Senior Class representatives. As usual with Davidson, these speeches were excellently delivered and, in matter, of high order.

SENIOR STUNT HOUR.

Monday afternoon the Senior "Stunt Hour" was packed full of huge enjoyment over an "open" Faculty meeting. Those who were not present missed a good time and many a hearty laugh.

ALUMNI MEETING.

The same afternoon was held the Annual Meeting of the Alumni, at which Mr. William T. Bailey, of Greenwood, S. C., was elected an Alumni Trustee. It was a splendid selection, for Mr. Bailey is one of the best young business men and an enthusiastic supporter of his old college. What an impression it would make, what splendid changes it would bring, if ALL our Alumni were as deeply interested and as ready to back the college with outspoken word and rendered service! There are many such, but the college needs every one of you in this class. Dr. Robert S. Lafferty was re-elected President and is taking great interest in the extension of the Association's influence.

ALUMNI ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

In this meeting was formed an Alumni Athletic Association to help the undergraduates in financing and promoting the good of all Athletic Activities. Through their officers, Mr. F. L. Blythe, of Concord, being chairman, associated with Dr. Hamilton McKay, Mr. W. T. Bailey and Mr. Charles Taylor as a committee, they will co-operate most cordially and helpfully with the Faculty Committee in promoting athletics in every proper way. Further, they express themselves as ready to help, not alone in athletic matters, but in everything working for the promotion of the best interests of Alma Mater.

Among other things, it was determined to form a large number of local Alumni Associations. Only two are now in existence, so far as is known, one at Greensboro, N. C., and a splendidly enthusiastic one at Atlanta, Ga., the members of which meet once a month at the luncheon hour.

A notable feature of Commencement was the large body of Alumni present; especially was 1909 well represented. The old students will come in larger numbers yet, we are certain. Arrangements were made this year, and will continue to be, to give them furnished rooms and make them comfortable. A cordial welcome on the part of the students and Faculty always awaits them.

TRUSTEES.

The Trustees met as usual and heard the various reports of the College. They expressed themselves as pleased with the work of the year and especially commended the full and detailed report of the Southern Audit Company, of Atlanta. For the first time in the history of the College, it is thought, such a thorough audit has been had. Mr. W. J. Roddey, of Rock Hill, S. C., a member of our Executive Committee, and an enthusiastic, clear-headed

worker for the best business methods in the institution, not only paid the bill of the Audit Company, but likewise paid for the installation of a new set of books, drawn up to suit the needs of the college, to be used by the Treasurer and Business Manager, Mr. F. L. Jackson. Mr. Jackson's work was commended heartily and we confidently expect the business public will show increasing confidence in the management of the financial and business side of the College.

Y. M. C. A. AND GYMNASIUM.

Before I close I must frankly state two great and pressing needs of the College, which we must have supplied and quickly. I want each one of you to know this, to think about it, talk about it, pray about it, HELP about it. The young men need at once ten to twelve thousand dollars to enlarge and completely renew their Y. M. C. A. building. The need is great and imperative for a Christian and Student community center worthy of our Student Body and College. Some man or woman desiring to serve in molding the future leadership of Church and Nation along Christian lines could not invest this sum in a better and more lasting way. Davidson has never appealed for ornate structures costing large sums simply to delight the eye. That is worth while, of course, but all we ask is permanent efficiency.

Another and equally pressing need is a new Gymnasium. Both Y. M. C. A. and Gymnasium are now in the same old building, put up in 1890 at the cost of about \$4,000. Our ability was small and our student body was only about one hundred, and at that time we had nothing for either service. The ability of our people is greater now and our student body is over three times as large. We need thirty thousand dollars at least for a new Gymnasium. When we see the state and private institutions receiving large sums, hundreds of thousands, for these purposes alone, is it not possible that in our Church are men and women of Christian statesmanship sufficient to see that Christian Education is a vital necessity and that if it is to be effective, these needs **MUST** be supplied? The Y. M. C. A. to make the student Christian work far more effective, and the Gymnasium to enable us the better to build up the bodies of our developing young men into such strong, efficient machines as God intended they should be to give effective expression, in their contact with the world, to their highly developed intellectual and spiritual powers.

Davidson has done a great work for the Church. Not in pride, but in thanksgiving for the past, and to make Davidson's service in the future, more effective still, will not **ALL** of **YOU**, but especially **YOU**, to whom God has entrusted larger means, make these two buildings possible and do so at once? God grant it.

Yours in His service,
WM. J. MARTIN, President.

Post Script—Will not every one who reads this, interest himself or herself in sending the College good students for the new Freshman class this Fall? College opens September 3rd.