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COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT OF 1907

The 107th Commencement a Great Success From Every Point of View. Various Exercises Carried Out Smoothly with Ideal Weather Conditions.

The One Hundred and Seventh Commencement of the College began in the Congregational church Sunday morning, June 23, with the Baccalaureate Sermon by President Brainerd. The text was taken from CXIX, 168: "Great peace have they which love thy law," and the sermon is given in part in another column.

CLASS DAY.

Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock were held the class day exercises of the class of 1907 on the college campus. Led by the junior class marshal, M. D. Holmes, the seniors forming in line in front of the chapel building marched to the library, where took place the planting of the class ivy by B. J. Mulcahy. From the library the class marched to the platform constructed on the campus and prettily draped with the class colors, where the following programme was rendered: Address by the class president, Carl Lisle Percy; ivy oration, Bernard Joseph Mulcahy; will and presentation, Thomas Howard Bartley; class oration, Chester Munroe Walch; class history, Mabel Ethelyn Stevenson; class poem, Joseph Patrick McCormack; class prophecy, Myrtle Arabelle Mosier.

ALUMNI DAY.

The exercises of alumni day commenced with a preliminary meeting of the associated alumni in the college chapter building. A committee on nominations for officers for the ensuing year was chosen as the following: William W. Gay, '76; Edward M. Roscoe, '96, and Duane L. Robinson, '03.

The preliminary meeting was followed at 11 a. m. by the public meeting of the associated alumni in the Congregational church. Ex-Gov. John W. Stewart, '46; presided at this meeting and introduced the principal speaker of the occasion, Nathan Button Smith, '63, of Pulaski, N. Y., who delivered an interesting address, which will be found in another column. Following the address, Prof. Prentiss Cheney Hoyt, '89, of Worcester, Mass., read his poem, written for the occasion.

In the afternoon at three o'clock the annual meeting and elections of the Phi Beta Kappa society were held in the college chapel. Following these came the faculty tea in the college library and the D. K. E. reception of the fraternity house.

THE PRIZE SPEAKING.

The Congregational church was crowded to its doors Tuesday evening with the usual representative crowd to hear the annual speaking contest for the Parker and Merrill prizes. This noteworthy event, taking place in the evening, has always been very largely attended by the citizens of this and surrounding towns; and this year was no exception.

In the Parker contest the order was, Belshazzar's Feast, William Hoyt Carter; The Volunteer Soldier, Richard Aiken Currier; Eulogy on Lafayette, Robert Fletcher Hunt; The Fireman's Prayer, Harlan Sylvester Perrigo; The Unknown Rider, Paul Dunton Ross.

In the Merrill contest the following was the order: Eulogy on Garfield, Raymond Millard Coleman; Toussaint L' Overture, Clifton Starr Hadley; Robert Burns, Carl Sumner Martin; Protection of American Citizens, Arthur Wallace Peach; The Grave of Napoleon, Daniel Jones Ricker; Eulogy on Grady, Leonard Dow Smith; To the South American Republics, Ray Adams Stevens; The National Flag, Philip Anson Wright.

The judges were: E. C. Hoyt, '89; Nathan D. Smith, '63; W. W. Gay, '76. The Parker prizes of \$30 and \$10 were awarded: First, Harlan Sylvester Perrigo, Jr.; second, Robert Fletcher Hunt. The Merrill prizes of \$25, \$20, \$15 and \$10 were awarded: First, Ray Adams Stevens; second, Clifton Starr Hadley; third, Leonard Dow Smith; fourth, Arthur Wallace Peach. Prof. William Burrage was the presiding officer.

TOWN BEAT COLLEGE.

The Middlebury College base ball team was defeated in a very exciting game of ball by the Middlebury town team here Tuesday afternoon, 4 to 3. Batteries, Munson and Stewart for the town team, and Gove and Ross for the college. The feature was a home run by Higgins.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The exercises of commencement day at Middlebury College opened at 8:30 a. m., when the annual meeting of the Associated Alumni was held in the college chapel.

Following this meeting at 10:30 a. m., the exercises of the graduating class were held in the Congregational church. The student body members of the grad-

uating class, alumni, faculty and trustees, forming in line on the college campus, led by Colonel Thad Chapman, marshal, and the Middlebury band, marched to the church, where the exercises were held. The programme was: Music; prayer, President Brainerd; salutatory address, Mary Louisa Pratt; oration, "Our Liberty," Walter Lawrence Barnum; oration, "The College Man in the Industrial World," Thomas Howard Bartley; music; essay, "Ave Caesar, Ave Christe," Marguerite Harwood; oration, "The Extension of Federal Power," Bernard Joseph Mulcahy; essay, "The Decadence of Business Integrity," Susan Beatrice Miner; music; oration, "The Worth of It," James Montrose Duncan Olmsted; essay, "Language Consciousness," Mabel Ethelyn Stevenson; oration, "Three Qualities Essential to Success," Chester Munroe Walch; music; oration with valedictory addresses, "Reason as a Characteristic of the Age," Joseph Patrick McCormack; conferring of degrees; benediction.

THE GRADUATING CLASS.

The members of the class of 1907 are: W. F. Barnum, Cornwall; T. H. Bartley, Vergennes; W. E. Bristol, Vergennes; H. L. Cushman, Middlebury; E. M. Gove, New Haven Mills; R. I. Haseltine, Waterbury; L. P. Long, Bangor, Pa.; W. S. Maggs, New London, Conn.; J. P. McCormack, Bethel; B. J. Mulcahy, Hardwick; J. M. D. Olmsted, Suncook, N. H.; C. L. Percy, Marlboro, Mass.; C. A. Perkins, Hampton, N. H.; G. A. Ratti, Proctor; C. M. Walch, Hudson Center, N. H.

YOUNG LADY GRADUATES.

The Misses K. A. Adams, Pittsford; V. W. Child, Middlebury; Marguerite Harwood, Swanton; G. T. Hughes, Fair Haven; S. B. Miner, Middlebury; L. A. Mosier, West Berkshire; A. F. Murdock, Warren, Ohio; F. A. Powers, Bennington; M. L. Pratt, Paxton, Mass.; M. E. Stevenson, Worcester, Mass.

HONORS AWARDED.

Commencement honors were: J. P. McCormack, C. M. Walch, W. L. Barnum, J. M. D. Olmsted, T. H. Bartley. Women: M. L. Pratt, M. E. Stevenson, Marguerite Harwood.

Highest honors: Greek, Chester M. Walch; Latin, Tomas H. Bartley and Mary L. Pratt; French, T. H. Bartley, Joseph P. McCormack, Gino A. Ratti and C. M. Walch.

Highest honors in history and political science were awarded to Marguerite Harwood for work in history and B. J. Mulcahy for work in political science.

Honors in history and political science, F. M. Gove; mathematics, J. P. McCormack; natural history, W. E. Bristol and R. I. Haseltine. Highest honors in chemistry to E. M. Gove, J. P. McCormack and J. M. D. Olmsted. The degree of master of arts was awarded to Charles G. Barnum, '05, in chemistry; Marie Murkland, Smith College, '06, in Greek and philosophy; Maud M. Tucker, '04, in Spanish language and literature.

Miss Marie Murkland, Smith, '06, who received the degree of A. M. in Greek and Philosophy, will return to Smith in September, having been appointed Fellow in Philosophy.

PHI BETA KAPPA.

Following elected to the Phi Beta Kappa society: W. L. Barnum, T. H. Bartley, J. P. McCormack, James Olmsted, Chester M. Walch, Marguerite Harwood, Mary L. Pratt and Mabel E. Stevenson.

New trustees of the college, his excellency, Gov. Fletcher D. Proctor and the Hon. Rufus C. Flagg, '69.

HONORARY DEGREE.

L. L. D., the Hon. Elias Huntington Bottum, '71.

D. D., the Rev. Isaac Chipman Smart of Burlington.

D. D., the Rev. John Martin Thomas, '90, of East Orange, N. J.

After the presentation of the diplomas and degrees came the corporation dinner at The Addison at 2 p. m.

This evening the annual commencement concert was held in the Congregational Church and all those present enjoyed the programme rendered by The Schubert Male Quartette, Robert Martin, first tenor, Charles W. Swaine, second tenor, William W. Walker, baritone, Dr. George R. Clark, basso, assisted by Charles T. Grille, impersonator, and Doring's orchestra, of Troy, N. Y.

Directly following the concert came the President's reception at his residence and the commencement ball at the opera house. Doring's orchestra of Troy, N. Y., nine pieces, furnished music for dancing.

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