

# REUNION OF ALUMNI OF MERCER UNIVERSITY

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MERCER UNIVERSITY, MACON, Ga., June 5.—The alumni banquet took place yesterday evening in the gymnasium building, beginning about 7 o'clock. A large body of the alumni formed line on the campus and marched in by sweet strains of music made by an orchestra on the inside. In that line were auspicious men; men occupied in all vocations of life such as lawyers, preachers, journalists, physicians, farmers and business men. The body of men seated themselves at tables already set with edibles. Governor Northern, a distinguished alumnus, and president of the alumni association, took charge of the occasion, and stated to the men the reason for their reunion.

One of the most significant features of the occasion was the arrival of Judge W. D. Lundy, the oldest member of the institution. He was received with shouts and yells, and the scene was a pathetic one. He was at Mercer in 1842 when it was at Penfield.

President P. D. Pollock entered in a few minutes, and all arose, and received him in the midst of vociferous applause.

Governor Northern then introduced the class of 1901, who arose in a body and was received with applause.

W. D. Upshaw, better known as "Earnest Willie," then led a song of his own composition, "There'll Be a Hot Time in Atlanta Tonight" and the body joined him in the chorus.

Dr. B. D. Ragsdale then took charge of affairs and called upon various members for speeches.

The first speaker called upon was R. T. Asbury, of the class of '47. He spoke to comrades of the scenes of old days.

The next speaker was B. D. Lumsday, of the class of '60. He follows the art of farming, and spoke of the great part the educated farmer is taking in the affairs of the country.

Hon. Pope Brown was the next speaker. He was interrupted by the arrival of Governor Candler. Governor Candler was

greeted by the audience rising. Ex-Governor Northern called for three cheers for the governor of Georgia, and the welkin trembled with shouts. Order was resumed and Mr. Brown continued his speech.

Mr. Brown was followed by Governor Candler, who told of his early trials. He was the second man from Franklin county to go to Mercer. Forty-two years ago he was a member of the institution. He delivered an interesting and inspiring speech.

Hon. B. D. Evans, of the class of 1881, was the next speaker.

Rev. T. W. O'Kelly, of Atlanta, was the next speaker.

In the course of his speech he plead with the alumni to raise a sum of money for Dr. Brantley, the former instructor of English in the institution, and who is now financially bankrupt. Dr. Ragsdale asked the alumni for such contribution, and the members responded liberally.

A. E. Keese was the next speaker. He had in his possession, a badge belonging to an alumnus, given by the alumnus towards the \$50,000, which Mercer is now raising. This one was unable to donate money and gave the badge which he prized highly. The alumni raised the amount equal to the cost of the badge, and the badge will be returned to its owner.

Jordan Sanford, of class '97, spoke Lamar Simms, of 1901, and Mark Bolding, of 1901 law class, also spoke.

About ten or twelve deaths have occurred since the last reunion.

The committee on appointments consisting of T. W. O'Kelley, C. P. Stead, J. F. Eden, and W. E. Godfrey nominated the following men to hold the association office for the ensuing year, W. J. Northern, president; B. D. Ragsdale vice president, W. H. Kilpatrick, secretary; H. M. Willet, treasurer.

C. P. Stead, A. W. Lane and M. A. Clark, executive committee. The body elected the ticket.

Two gospel songs were sung by the body, being led by Rev. W. W. Landrum.

After an evening of great pleasure and enjoyment the association was dismissed with prayer by Rev. R. W. Eubanks.

# CLOSING EXERCISES OF GRIFFIN SCHOOLS

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

GRIFFIN, Ga., June 5.—The commencement exercises of the Griffin public schools are proving to be a fitting finish of a year which has been more successful than any previous one in the history of the schools. The scholars have taken unusual interest in their studies and Superintendent J. Henry Walker and his able corps of teachers have labored faithfully in their several positions, and the results have been highly gratifying to the patrons.

The commencement exercises began Sunday morning with a sermon by Rev. J. F. Mixon, of Thomaston, which was one of the best ever delivered upon a similar occasion in this city. The sermon was delivered from the Baptist pulpit and the building was taxed to its full seating capacity, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches closing their doors that all might have an opportunity of hearing the distinguished divine.

Last night the Olympic theatre was crowded with friends and patrons of the schools and the following program was rendered in a manner which showed careful training by the teachers and marked ability on the part of the pupils:

Cantata, "In the Time of Roses"—West Griffin school.

Recitation, "Knee Deep in June"—De-Forrest Taylor.

Speech, "A Tribute to Lee"—J. P. Hammond.

Drill, Shaking Quakers.

Recitation, "School and Home"—Miss Ruth Safford.

Song, "The Boy Guessed Right"—Miss Mary Hunton.

Recitation, "Long Time Ago"—Miss Louise Lynch.

Recitation, "Rich Man and Lazarus"—Miss Margie Johnson.

Recitation, "I've Pullin a Bastin Thread"—Miss Irene Pickering.

Recitation, "The Bell of Innesfore"—Miss Genie Parmalee.

Chorus—Medley.

Recitation, "Molly"—Miss Mathilda Brown.

Speech, "The Bivouac of the Dead"—Arthur Hammond.

Song—"The Cornfield Cadets."

Recitation, "His Highest Young Pucker"—Miss Hattie Kelley.

Song, "Say You Love Me, Sue"—Roswell Hall.

Recitation, "The Telephone Message"—Sallie Fannie Garland.

Pantomime—The Lotus Eaters.

Vocal Duet—"Similar Twins."

Recitation, "Daisies"—Miss Emmie Lella Head.

Recitation, "Essay on Boys"—Miss Elsie Johnson.

Gypsies' chorus.

Recitation, "His Sweetheart"—Miss Fannie Gordon Kimbrough.

Song, "Dem Chickens, De Roos Too High"—Hewitt Kelly.

Recitation, "A Boy's Conclusion"—Miss Nell Parmalee.

The butterfly drill.

Chorus.

Good night.

Tonight at the Olympic the exercises of the graduating class will take place. Essays will be read and Dr. N. B. Drewry, president of the board of education, will deliver the diplomas. A feature of the evening's entertainment that is being looked forward to with great interest by our citizens generally is the literary address of Mr. Lucien L. Knight, of Atlanta, one of the most polished speakers in the state, and he will be greeted by a large and cultured audience.

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