

# UNIVERSITY STUDENTS MAKE GREAT SPEECHES IN ORATORICAL CONTEST

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ATHENS, Ga., June 14.—The feature of the exhibition of speaking by the students of the university took place this morning at 11 o'clock in the chapel when three members of the senior class and two members of the law class delivered orations.

The present commencement has been unusual for the number of splendid speeches made by members of the different classes, and the rare eloquence and grace of delivery displayed by almost every student who has appeared before the chapel audiences.

The senior speakers were heard this morning by a large and attentive audience.

This is the first day that the weather has been good and the seating capacity of the chapel was almost entirely taken up by the friends of the speakers who acquitted themselves with such noteworthy ability.

The valedictory was delivered this morning instead of on commencement day as it is the desire of the faculty to have the ceremonies next Wednesday as short as possible, since some confusion always attends the final exercises of the occasion.

Mr. H. J. McBride was the valedictorian of his class. His farewell was eloquent and touching as he rose to a flight of stirring eloquence in his oration.

He took a hopeful view of the parting since he maintained that the members of the class were beginning the battle which each of them hoped with a pleasant expectancy to win ambition's goal.

Mr. McBride's address was attentively listened to and warmly applauded.

Mr. W. C. Thompson delivered an oration on "The Blood of the Nation," and Mr. E. A. Dukes spoke on "The Relation of Education and the State." Both of these addresses by members of the senior class were excellently rendered, and a fitting climax to the completion of their college careers with their first Alma Mater. E. N. Calhoun and J. T. Dellarte, both members of the law class, delivered addresses on the respective subjects of "The Crystallization of Law" and "The Spirit of Liberty."

The speeches showed careful thought and study throughout.

Essays were submitted by J. D. McCartney on "American Ideals," and by W. M. Davis on "Municipal Government."

The honor of writing the senior essays is regarded as a very high one, and is prized by those who win the distinction.

Chancellor Hill presided over the exercises today. These are the final exercises of the commencement in which the student body will take part, except the champion debate, which occurs Saturday night. The four days of next week will be devoted to the centennial celebration proper, which will be more largely participated in by the alumni of the university.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock will occur the ceremonies of laying the corner-stone of the new building, to be used as a dormitory, now in course of construction on the west side of the athletic fields.

The exercises will be simple. They will be conducted under the auspices of the local lodge of Masons.

Mr. Thomas W. Reed will deliver the oration of the occasion. The members of the board of trustees of the university will attend also the board of visitors, members of the faculty, the student body, alumni and visitors generally.

**MEDALS DELIVERED YESTERDAY.**

The medals to the debaters and declaimers of the different classes were delivered

fellowship that will prevail at the class reunions.

The progress of the past year, as exemplified by the commencement exercises in which the students participated, has been exceedingly gratifying to the board of trustees and the faculty.

The trustees have been busily engaged since their first session on Tuesday, hearing reports from many departments and recommendations from Chancellor Hill and many professors looking to the enlargement and upbuilding of the university.

Committees of the board have been appointed and the large amount of work to be acted upon has been parceled out to these committees and the latter will report to the board when they are ready to be heard.

Little work was accomplished by the board on Thursday, owing to the death of Hon. H. A. Denmark, whose work on the board has made that body so efficient a working one.

It is expected that the board of trustees will make some important announcements regarding changes in the university when it finishes its work. So much new life, it is said, has been manifested in the university work during the last years the board has been shown that certain changes are necessary to keep the institution going forward on the same high plane which has characterized its progress recently. No intimation of the new instructors to be appointed or the new departments to be added will be given out by the board until commencement. The members of the board, however, feel that the next 100 years of the university's life should be more remarkable for progress and advancement than the 100 years through which it has just passed.

The board of visitors, composed of William M. Slaton, Atlanta, president; C. B. Chapman, Macon; J. W. Hendricks, of Douglas; H. C. Moreno, of Gainesville, and S. V. Sanford, of Marietta, have been making a careful inspection of the grounds, buildings and apparatus used in the class rooms for several days. The committee will likely make certain recommendations to the board of trustees, but these are expected to be of a commendatory character.

The board is largely composed of recent graduates of the institution, who are thoroughly acquainted with the needs of the university.

Among the important events scheduled for the centennial proper is the baccalaureate sermon to be preached by Benjamin M. Palmer, D. D., LL.D., Sunday. Dr. Palmer is a graduate of the class of 1838. He is now a resident of New Orleans. The address before the university on Monday morning by Hon. Oscar S. Straus, of New York, is expected to be a notable occasion.

The alumni session Tuesday morning at the alumni address by Judge Emory Speer will be the climax of the centennial. At this time the alumni fund consisting of \$50,000 subscribed the last few months will be presented to the university in the name of thousands of loyal sons. The same evening the great alumni banquet will be given.

The following is the official program for the remaining days of the centennial:

**SATURDAY, JUNE 15.** Literary Societies' Day.

11 a. m. Address before the Demosthenian and Phi Kappa societies, by Hon. J. L. M. Curry, LL. D., class 1843. Hon. Hamilton McWhorter presiding. 4 p. m. prize

# WOMAN'S BODY UNDER HOUSE

## SUSIE BATTLE IS MURDERED STRIPPED AND PLACED IN SACK IN JACKSONVILLE.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 14.—The body of Susie Battle was found under a house adjoining hers on Ward street last night.

The body was nude and tied up in a burlap sack.

She was last seen Monday and the murder was probably committed that night.

William Mungen, with whom she was last seen, has disappeared and the police are looking for him.

The crime has created a tremendous sensation.

## WALLACE GIVEN FREEDOM BY JUSTICE BATEMAN

Man Charged With Wife Desertion  
Was Released as Soon as Evidence Was Heard.

J. L. Wallace, who was arrested yesterday morning at the instance of his wife, a warrant sworn out before Judge Bloodworth a month ago, charging him with the desertion of herself and five minor children, came up for preliminary hearing before Judge Bateman, in the absence of Judge Bloodworth in Milwaukee, yesterday afternoon 4 o'clock.

It appears from the evidence that about a month ago Wallace went to Dawsonville, remaining from Friday until Saturday the following week. He claims to have gone for the purpose of seeing a daughter who lives there. When he returned his wife had sworn out the warrant for his arrest, but this was not put into execution until yesterday, when, it is said, Mr. Wallace became angry with her husband for other reasons.

It also appeared that Wallace had made what provision for his family he could during his absence and since his return has been living at his home, 129 East Harris street, with his family.

Judge Bateman decided that the plaintiff had no standing in law and dismissed the warrant. Wallace was released from the tower, where he had been about eight hours.

## POLICE MATRON BEGINS WORK ON TOMORROW

Mrs. S. M. Bohnfeld will assume her duties as police matron tomorrow. Chief Ball sent for her yesterday afternoon when the young girls in the Wolf case were detained at headquarters.

It was a case in which the services of a matron were needed. The girls were young, and it was their first experience in a prison. The duties of the police matron have been outlined only in a general way, but the working of the new feature of the police department will be facilitated