

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS.

IMPRESSIVE SUNDAY

PROGRAM AT BRENAU

By Marie Alice Phillips.

GAINESVILLE, May 26.—Yesterday morning Rev. W. H. Smith, of Columbus, Ga., delivered the baccalaureate sermon in the auditorium of Brenau, taking as his text "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." It was an impressive sermon, delivered in an able manner, and was enjoyed thoroughly by the vast number of people who thronged the auditorium.

The graduates, in cream robes and caps, occupied the front seats of the orchestra circle, the student body directly behind them. The trustees of the college occupied the four lower boxes, and the teachers were seated in the four upper boxes. The Choral club, Rev. Mr. Smith, Dr. Simpson and President VanHoose occupied the stage. The auditorium was fragrant with roses and honeysuckle and brilliant with pretty women in airy summer costumes.

The sermon was preceded by a chorus from Mendelssohn, "Hear My Prayer," under the direction of Miss Annie Griswold. The solo parts were taken by Miss Mattie Tilson and the chorus by Brenau Choral club, with organ and piano accompaniment. This Choral club seems to be the special pride of Brenau and the citizens of Gainesville. It is beautifully drilled, and there are some excellent voices among them. Miss Griswold directs without a baton, but her hands are keenly expressive of her every emotion, and it is a pleasure and inspiration to watch her from the audience.

Miss Tilson and Miss Carroll gave a duet from Gounod, "O, Divine Redeemer." The service closed with a solo by Mr. Ellison Van Hoose. Quite a little flutter of pleased excitement passed over the audience when it was learned that Mr. VanHoose would sing. It had not been expected he would sing before Tuesday evening, when the grand concert will be given. Dr. Ferrara accompanied Mr. Van Hoose in his selection, "Cujus Animum," from the Stabat Mater. There is but one way to describe this solo—it was perfect and entirely satisfying. Mr. VanHoose's voice seems to grow richer and stronger all the time, and the reason is evident—he is a hard student. During the year just passed he has sung with about all of the famous artists he had not already sung with once or many times before, and has honestly won first place among American tenors, and this comes not only as the judgment of Georgia-bred critics, but as the result of a fair test of the best artists in the musical centers of the north and west. Mr. Van Hoose has a special command from King Edward to sing in the coronation concert, but was forced to decline on account of a contract to appear in the United States about that time. He will sail on the 23rd of June, however, and possibly appear in grand opera before his return.

Last night the Y. M. C. A. organization had a sermon from Dr. Smith. The service opened with a full chorus from Massenet, "Remember, Now, O Lord," by the Brenau Choral club, the solos being taken by Miss Daisy Wilson.

This morning a fine musical program was given by the graduates, followed by the annual literary address, delivered by Dr. W. W. Landrum, of Atlanta.

Tonight the school of oratory, under the direction of Miss Florence Overton, will present Shakespeare's "Midsummer's Night Dream." The characters will be beautifully costumed, costumes having been specially secured for this play from Philadelphia. The tableaux will be the most beautiful ever seen on Brenau's stage.

Following is the cast of characters:
 Theus Helen Gathheimer
 Lyander Julia McLeod

schools will be announced on the evening of the closing exercises.

ELOQUENT SERMONS

HEARD AT WESLEYAN

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MACON, Ga., May 26.—Rev. John F. Goucher, president of the Woman's college, Baltimore, preached the commencement sermon for Wesleyan yesterday. He discussed the necessity for man's adjustment to his environments, and showed how important it is for adjustment with God. He illustrated his meaning by telling of a trip through the Rocky mountains on the Canadian Pacific railroad. He could look out of his window and see the engine that was drawing his train thirty to fifty miles an hour. He soon after saw about three hundred feet below him an engine that had been derailed and fallen into the abyss. He showed that the engines were of equal strength and made one as well as the other, but one was out of adjustment with the rails, and the other was not. He said a man's usefulness consists in his adjustment to his surroundings in life, and he could fit himself only through the help of God.

Last evening Rev. H. S. Bradley, of Trinity church, Atlanta, preached at the college chapel. He created intense interest by declaring that he did not believe it was necessary for Jesus Christ to die in order to reconcile God to man. He said that he had all during his life been at war with ministers who persist in using superstition as magic, and he did not accept the theory that there is original sin. He believed every child is born with the spark of divinity.

This morning the Alethean society of the college held its annual exercises.

Tonight the elocution class of Miss Ada Evelyn Lewis will give its entertainment at the chapel.

Tomorrow morning Mr. Leroy Gresham of Baltimore, will deliver the literary address at 10:30 o'clock.

The trustees will be in session throughout the week. They have decided to abolish the first and second honor system of rewarding merit. Hereafter they will give distinction so a half dozen of the deserving students can get mention.

CROWDS ENJOY EXERCISES

AT TALLAPOOSA, GA.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

TALLAPOOSA, Ga., May 26.—The excitement of the week here has been the multitudinous crowds attending the closing exercises of the public schools at which the citizens are justly proud. The schools have been more largely attended during the past year than ever before, many walking miles to attend. Others have moved from remote parts of the county and even from other counties in order to give their children the advantages herein so freely bestowed.

The culminating exercises of the week took place last night in honor of the graduating class. Miss Mary Stone, who has literally worked her way to success, overcoming innumerable obstacles, was awarded first honor, being made valedictorian.

The feast of the evening, however, was the masterful address of Hon. F. H. Richardson, of the Atlanta Journal, on "Education as the Moving Power of the World." He had a magnificent audience, intellectually speaking, and his address of just one hour aroused the profoundest enthusiasm.

TOCCOA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

END THEIR TERM

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

TOCCOA, Ga., May 26.—The closing exercises of Toccoa public schools, which took place last Thursday and Friday did great credit to the officers and teachers of the schools.

Toccoa schools. Two of the lady teachers, Mrs. Christian and Miss Hudson, who have faithfully worked for the upbuilding of this school for the last two years, declined re-election and Miss Maggie Wilson of Toccoa, and Miss Richardson of Atlanta, have been elected to carry the banner of the retiring teachers on to victory.

INTERESTING EXERCISES

AT SHORTER COLLEGE

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

ROME, Ga., May 26.—Rev. Sparks Melton, of Augusta, delivered the commencement sermon of Shorter College Sunday in the First Baptist church to a large congregation. Rev. B. F. Frazier, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city preached to the Martha Shorter Missionary Society in the First Baptist last night.

The names of the graduates are:

Bachelors of Art—Lucie Beatrice Goodman, Laura Louise Nicholson, Daisy Marshall Rudolph, Ada Lee Timberlake.

Bachelors of Letters—Katie Buckner Ellis, Mary Constance Parker, Katherine McRoy.

OFFICERS.

President—Katie Buckner Ellis.
 Vice president—Ada Lee Timberlake.
 Secretary—Daisy Marshall Rudolph.
 Treasurer—Lucie Beatrice Goodman.
 Class color—Purple and gold.
 Class flower—Carnation.
 Motto—Flinio nodum.

The commencement program is as follows:

MONDAY, MAY 26.

10 a. m.—Art reception.
 12 n.—Alumnae reception.
 8 p. m.—Grand concert.

TUESDAY, MAY 27.

10 a. m.—Recital by music graduates.
 12 n.—Reception by literary societies.
 8 p. m.—Literary address by Rev. F. C. McConnell, D. D., conferring degrees.

A large number of visitors are in attendance upon the commencement, and it promises to be one of the most brilliant in the history of the college.

HAMILTON COLLEGE

COMMENCEMENT IS ON

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

BREMEN, Ga., May 26.—The commencement exercises of Hamilton college begun here yesterday and will continue until Tuesday night.

Rev. A. G. Shankle, pastor of First Methodist church at Tallapoosa, preached the commencement sermon to a crowded house, and it was full of power and beauty, and the advice given, if heeded, will be helpful to those who heard the sermon.

Rev. Shankle is regarded by all as a coming preacher, possessing a brilliant mind, an erudite scholar and a heart just as big as the man who carries it.

There are quite a number of visitors present, among the most notable present are Rev. A. G. Shankle, wife and son, of Tallapoosa; Rev. J. M. Fowler, of Buchanan, and many others.

Rev. A. G. Shankle has been urged to stay over and preach tonight.

The citizens and visitors of this place are enjoying a good shower of rain, the first we have had in about six weeks.

Misses Maud and Mabel Boatright are entertaining friends in royal style during commencement.

Mr. John Boatright, who had the misfortune to lose a rib by the kick of a mule some weeks ago, is thought to be improving slowly.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Of Southern Pines College at College Park, Ga. Are Pleasing Fine