

LOCUST GROVE INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

LOCUST GROVE, Ga., May 23.—Last night's exercises closed one of the best and most successful commencements Locust Grove institute has ever had. Commencement began Sunday, when Dr. D. W. Guinn, of Atlanta, preached the commencement sermon. It was enjoyed by a thousand people. On Monday night a musical and elocution recital was given that did credit to the teachers of these two departments.

Tuesday morning the board of trustees met and unanimously re-elected each and every teacher and officer of the school. This is considered the greatest compliment that could be paid to the worthy president, Professor Claude Gray, and his able body of assistants.

Tuesday night was set apart for the contestants in oratory and elocution to try for medals, one medal to go to the young man that displayed the most brilliant ora-

tory and one medal to go to the young lady that showed the greatest talent in elocution.

The medal for the young men was won by Mr. W. T. Smith, of Locust Grove. The one for the young ladies was won by Miss Zadlee Garr.

Wednesday morning Judge M. W. Beck, of Griffin, endeared himself to Locust Grove people forever by the able manner in which he delivered his address on "Constancy."

Wednesday night the young men engaged in their annual champion debate. The subject was, "Resolved, That the United States, under its present policies, laws and usages, will collapse as have other nations." The affirmative won the question only by entrapping the negative with some of their well thought out technicalities.

There was also a medal offered in this debate for the best composed and most ably delivered speech. This was won by Mr. W. C. Ivey, of Buckhead, Ga.