

MERCER'S ALUMNI ENJOYS A FINE BANQUET

**Ex-Governor Northen Presides and
Many Notable Men Are Present
With Speeches.**

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MACON, June 11.—The graduating exercises of the senior and law classes this morning were attended by one of the most notable gatherings in college chapel in years. A noticeable absentee from the occupants of the rostrum was that of President Pollock, who is not sufficiently recovered to participate in any of the commencement exercises.

At 10 o'clock exercises opened with prayer. The following program was carried out:

Senior class oration, H. D. Knowles, Columbus, Ga.—"The Basis of Liberal Education."

Senior class oration, W. P. Sewell, Roscoe, Ga.—"Child Labor."

Law class oration, James L. Guyton, Parks, Dawson, Ga.—"Popular Education."

Senior class oration, M. L. Keith, Trans. Ga.—"Honorably Executed."

Music.

Delivery of law class diplomas and baccalaureate address by Olin J. Wimberly, Esq.

Music.

Delivery of senior class diplomas and baccalaureate address by Hon. W. J. Northen, L.L.D., Atlanta, Ga.

Class of '53.

Music.

Delivery of medals by Hon. J. D. Kilpatrick, Atlanta.

Class of '88.

Announcements by board of trustees.
Benediction.

A reunion of the alumni of the college, followed by a banquet, was the program at Mercer university last night. Gathered around the banquet board was some of the most prominent men in public life in the south, all of whom finished their college careers in the old halls where they then sat in festivity.

Ex-Governor W. J. Northen, president of the Alumni association, presided at the banquet board. Ten minute speeches were allowed, and among those who spoke were Professor R. T. Asbury, of the class of '47, Rev. Edgar Jewell, of Austell, of the class of '53, Warren Sewell, of Newnan, of the class of '03, presented most eloquently the achievements of the graduating class.

Among the other speakers were J. B. Wall, of this year's law class; B. M. Calloway, of Washington, 1898; Colonel James Callaway, of Macon, 1868; Duke R. Pearce, of Hawkinsville, 1893; Stanley Bennet, of Quitman, 1888; Prof. C. T. Holmes, instructor of Latin at Mercer; Professor Holmes' address was in support of college athletics, declaring them to be a department of college training.

A movement was put on foot last night by the members of the class of 1888 to raise a memorial fund for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave of Dr. J. G. Brantley, former instructor of English at Mercer. A number of loving tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Brantley who served Mercer so long and faithfully.

Barrett Adjudged Bankrupt.

V. M. Barrett, a restaurant employe was this morning adjudged a bankrupt by Judge Newman in the United States court. His liabilities amounted to \$1,380.79 and his assets to \$200. The petitioning debtor was represented by Attorneys Burlon Smith and George Gordon.