

MONROE FEMALE COLLEGE HAS BRILLIANT CLOSE

Feature of the Occasion Was Banquet At Which First Graduate Was Toastmistress.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MONROE, Ga., June 2.—The art and industrial displays have been an interesting feature of commencement at the Monroe Female college. In the art room artistic hand painted china, studies in crayon, oils and water colors were temptingly shown. The industrial display contained dainty lingerie, fluffy or clinging gowns of chiffon or mull or the always-in-evidence shirtwaist finished and trim. They are also taught to make light flake biscuit, crisp waffles or wafers, desserts, creams, soups and bouillons. The displays inspired great admiration.

In another part of the building, in the society parlors, were gathered the alumnae discussing important matters of business pertaining to the good of the institution. At the triennial meeting, according to the constitution and by-laws, new officers must be elected. But so efficient have been those already in office, it was deemed advisable to so amend the constitution as to permit the re-election of the same officers.

Fifteen vice-presidents were elected, and the board of official members stands as follows: President, Mrs. H. H. Tift, of Tifton; treasurer, Miss May Cabaniss, of Forsyth; recording secretary, Miss E. L. Amos, of Forsyth; vice-presidents, Mrs. B. B. Willingham, of Forsyth; Mrs. M. C. Pate, of Hawkinsville; Mrs. A. W. Bealer, of Thomasville; Mrs. L. C. Dunn, of Atlanta; Mrs. R. L. Maynard, of Americus; Mrs. A. R. Colcord, of Atlanta; Mrs. Annie Johnson Roberts, of Fairburn; Mrs. McAndrews, of Macon; Mrs. Collier, of Griffin; Mrs. B. M. Turner, of Barnesville; Mrs. Trawick, of Sparta; Mrs. V. C. Hudson, of Marietta; Mrs. E. H. Bacon, of Eastman; Mrs. A. J. Cheeves, of Montezuma; Mrs. Simmons, of Lawrenceville.

The Atlanta chapter made a fine report of work accomplished. Treasurer's report made a showing of good work for past year.

It was decided to bend all the efforts of the alumnae for the next and perhaps for several years to the work of building up a splendid library, and it was agreed to set the minimum mark at one thousand dollars.

No more beautiful sight was ever witnessed at Monroe than when the alumnae filed out by twos from the parlors in Gibson hall down the long verandas and out across the campus to the new parlors in the new dormitory. Wistful undergraduates, smiling trustees and other admiring on-lookers watched the graceful procession. Just as the guests were about to be seated at the festal board, by request of Mrs. Tift Dr. J. L. White, president board of trustees, gave thanks, followed by a bright speech from Mr. W. D. Upshaw and President Jackson, after which a banquet in eight courses was served. Mrs. G. A. Cabaniss, a member of the first graduating class, was toastmistress.

Just fifty years ago this gracious woman was a "sweet girl graduate." Today, fifty years after, she presides at this banquet a sweet, cultured woman, whose charming graces the Monroe graduates of today may well emulate. First Mrs. B. M. Turner, of Barnesville, class of 1864, spoke to the toast "Education; its benefits, its beauties." Mrs. L. C. Dunn, of Atlanta, class of 1857, to the "class of 1904" gave beautiful words to each a souvenir book with mottoe inscribed. Mrs. Collier, of Griffin, class of 1862, spoke to "Our Presidents" in nice and loving commendation of "The Monroe Girl"; Miss Jennie Hogan, class of 1903, said, "May there be thousands of her and each as witty and wise, as bright and brave and loving as those here today. They can be no better." Miss Eva Campbell, class of 1904, gave a bit of verse in honor of "Our Hostess, Mrs. Tift," who replied and in conclusion read versified words of greeting from Mrs. Alice Pannell Tomlinson, class of 1860, on "Old and New Monroe." A call for impromptu speeches drew from Miss Amos, a toast to the many dear and beautiful grey-haired women whose presence honor us today; another from Mrs. Virginia C. Hudson, class of 1858 to "The Class of Fifty Years Ago," another from Miss Earle Wood to "Earnest Willie" the friend of Monroe Girls," another from Mrs. Tift to the graceful and gracious toastmistress, Mrs. G. A. Cabaniss, closing with one from Mrs. O. H. B. Bloodworth to the artistic fashioner of the feast, Mrs. Lancaster.

The annual grand concert closed the days program. The large stage was filled with music-making contrivances, pianos, flutes, violins, cornets, clarionets, trombones, cellos and a fair and rosy bevy of school girls directed by Prof. Wallace.

Commencement day brought the baccalaureate address by Rev. J. J. Bennett, of Griffin, introduced by Rev. B. J. W. Graham, the presentation of medals by Rev. C. W. Durdan to Miss Brinson; the Colcord-Williams medal for general excellence in Junior class. Miss Bowen, the Tift medal for neatness and Miss Nell Smith, Upshaw medal in ready writers contest.

After the conferring of degrees by President Jackson, Mr. W. D. Upshaw was invited upon the stage, who began to take up a collection for Monroe's new dormitory. With enthusiasm the crowd responded until the magnificent sum of \$4,000 was subscribed of which Mrs. H. H. Tift gave \$1,000.