

# MERCER CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR; GRADUATING CLASS SMALL BUT TALENTED



## GRADUATING CLASS AT MERCER UNIVERSITY.

Reading from left to right: Top row—C. F. Clark, O. C. Griner, W. B. Garner, W. T. Smith, Henry Tift, Jr., Warley A. Nall. Center row—J. T. Roberts, T. N. Henson, R. L. Bolton, C. A. Wells, James P. Craft, James W. Norman. Last row—S. J. Underwood, L. J. Bernd, J.H. Brown, G. T. Lee, C. H. Westbrook, Jr., A. M. Walker, Jr.

(Special Dispatch to 'The Journal')  
**MERCER UNIVERSITY**, Macon, Ga., June 2.—The Mercer commencement for '06 promises to be one of the most interesting in its history. Carnegie has promised \$20,000 to build a well-equipped library on condition that an equal sum be raised by the friends of the institution. There is a strong possibility that the supplementary fund will be raised among the alumni during commencement day. A new impetus will be given to the dormitory. At the last state Baptist convention it was decided to build a \$50,000 dormitory. Plans for this building will be presented and discussed among the trustees, and the work for materializing their plans will be immediately begun.

The program in full follows:  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 3.**  
 11:00 a. m.—Commencement sermon by Rev. L. R. Christie, of Valdosta, Ga., First Baptist church.  
**MONDAY, JUNE 4.**  
 5:30 p. m.—Annual champion debate of literary societies, city auditorium.  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 5.**  
 10:30 a. m.—Annual contest in oratory or the Hardeman medal, city auditorium.  
 Noon—Annual alumni reunion and dinner, Hotel Lanier.  
 5:00 p. m.—Senior class exercises, Magdolia Terrace, college campus.  
 8:30 p. m.—Literary address, Dr. Shaffer



Clifford Groover. T. B. Youmans.  
 Two Members of the Mercer Graduating Class. Mr. Youmans is Class President.

Mathews, of the University of Chicago, city auditorium.  
**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6—COMMENCEMENT DAY.**  
 10:30 a. m.—Academic procession from First Baptist church to city auditorium. Delivery of diplomas and presentation of prizes, city auditorium.

Twenty-two names make up the register of the graduating class. This is one of the smallest classes that has graduated from Mercer in the last decade, yet this fact should give no harm to the friends of the institution, for it is a "truthful saying and worthy of all acception" that small classes always make their alma mater famous. The small classes of Yale and Harvard have won national and international repute for their intellectual mothers. The small classes of Mercer in the past have sent out men to fill the executive chairs of four states—Texas, Florida, Alabama and Georgia—and to win applause in the greatest legislative body in the world—the American congress. If there is any virtue in smallness of number, then the class of '06 will add luster to nearly every profession, for nearly every man in the class has a different ideal in life.

**Macon Man's Record.**  
 L. J. Bernd, of Macon, Ga., entered sophomore class in 1903. He did his preparatory work at Gresham High school. Bernd has always been a faithful and ardent student. He has curly hair and never walks like he is going to a fire. He is me-

dium in stature and weighs 135 pounds. He will receive the B. S. degree at the age of 22. After graduation he will enter business with his father, who is a prominent merchant in Macon. He is the only Hebrew in the class, a member of the Ciceronian society and the Non-Fraternity organization. R. L. Bolton comes from Milner, Ga. He did his preparatory work at Gordon Institute. Having passed through the junior class at Gordon, he came to Mercer in 1903. He is the only member of the class who has been "labeled" as a freshman, sophomore, junior and senior in three years. Bolton is tall and weighs 150 pounds before examinations. He is a member of the Phi Delta society. In his freshman year he represented the Phi Deltas in the Hardeman contest. In 1905 he was treasurer of the athletic association, and represented the Phi Deltas in the annual debate against the law class. During his senior year he has been associate editor of the Mercerian, and will deliver the class oration in the senior class day exercises. He is a candidate for the B. S. degree, and will graduate at the age of 22. He will go to the seminary, Louisville, Ky., in September, and after a two years' course will enter the ministry. He is a member of the Non-Fraternity organization, and delivered the opening address of that organization in 1904 and 1905.

Clifford Groover calls Statesboro his home. He prepared for Mercer at Statesboro High school. He first came to college in 1902; was absent for two years and came back in 1904. "Cliff" is of very fine texture, mentally and physically. He is a member of the Ciceronian society, and will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 22. In September he goes to Chicago university for theological training, after which he will enter the ministry. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity.

#### Has Reputation as Kicker.

J. H. Brown comes from Arabi, Ga. He prepared for college at Houston High school, and came to Mercer in the fall of 1901. He was absent in 1902, but returned in 1903. He is a loyal member of the Ciceronian society and will represent the Ciceronians in champion debate during commencement. He will graduate with an A.B. degree at the age of 25. Brown has always been a faithful student, and a good "kicker" when he thought that "Tammy Hall" was about to suffer defeat. For a profession he has chosen law and will take a course at the University of Virginia.

T. B. Youmans hails from Lyons, Ga. He did preparatory work at Stillmore Military college, after which he came to Mercer in 1901. During 1902 he was absent, but came back in 1903. He is an earnest and careful student and has always maintained a good class standing. He is a member of the Phi Delta society, and the Non-Fraternity organization, and also president of the senior class. He will graduate with the B.S. degree at the age of 22, after which he will study.

C. A. Wells comes from the "hills of Habersham." He addresses his letters to his parents at Cornelia, Ga. He did his high school work at Cornelia High school, and came to Mercer in 1903. He is short of stature and weighs 150 pounds. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and president of the Non-Fraternity organization. In 1904 he represented the Phi Deltas in the fall term debate against the Ciceronians. He represented the college in the Wake Forest debate, Raleigh, N. C., last April. He will take the B.S. degree at the age of 24, after which he will go to the University of Wisconsin for two years' training in law.

C. H. Westbrook, Jr., comes from Griffin, Ga. He entered Mercer in 1903, after preparation in Griffin High school and Mercer summer school. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. In 1905, he represented the Phi Deltas in the fall term debate against the Ciceronians. He is editor in chief of The Mercerian and has the reputation of being one of the

best English students in college. Mr. Westbrook is not handsome, but he has features that indicate strength of character." He will graduate with an A.B. degree at the youthful age of 18. He will teach Latin and Greek at the Mercer summer school, after graduation.

#### Many Irons in the Fire.

J. T. Roberts left Cedartown and came to Mercer in 1903. He prepared for college at Cedartown academy and Mercer summer school. Tom has always kept many "irons in the fire," being student, preacher, club manager and debater all at the same time. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and Kappa Alpha fraternity. He represented the Ciceronians on the spring term debate last April. He will also represent his society on the Hardeman contest during commencement. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 23. He has been ordained and will go directly into the ministry.

W. B. Garner comes from Warthen, Ga. When a small boy he entered Warthen High school, and remained there until he was able to enter freshman class at Mercer in 1901. Garner is modest and conservative in manner, and always likes to have "argument" on every question before reaching a conclusion. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 21. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. In 1905 he represented the Phi Deltas in the annual debate with the law class. He is business manager of The Mercerian at present time, and after graduation will take training in medicine at Johns Hopkins.

James P. Craft lives in Hartwell, Ga. He did preparatory work at Hartwell High school and came to Mercer in 1902. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He won the gold medal last commencement for the best essay on a scientific subject. He represented the Ciceronians last April in the annual debate with the law class. He will graduate with the B.S. degree at the age of 20. After graduation he will go to the seminary at Louisville, Ky., after which he will enter the ministry.

W. T. Smith comes from Locust Grove, Ga. He prepared for college at Locust Grove Institute and came to Mercer in 1902. Smith has always been noted for two things: Fondness for the girls, and an intense hatred for examinations. He is president of the Y. M. C. A. and of the Ministerial association. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. He represented the Ciceronians in the fall term debate of 1904. He will graduate with the B.S. degree at the age of 25, after which he will go to the seminary for further training.

#### Blue Ridge Student.

S. J. Underwood comes from Blue Ridge, Ga. He prepared for college in his native town and came to Mercer in 1903. He is one member of the class who has taken mathematics for four years. He is a diligent student, conservative and deliberate in manner. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 27. He has chosen teaching for his life's work.

G. T. Lee lives in Parrott, Ga. He prepared for Mercer at Parrott High school, and landed on the campus in 1902. He is a diligent student and has an intense passion for baseball games. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. He represented the Ciceronians on the fall term debate in 1905, and was also alternate on the Wake Forest debate last April. He will be one of the speakers at commencement, representing the college at large. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 19. He has chosen law for his profession and will take a course in the University of Virginia.

J. W. Norman lives in Hartwell, Ga. Went to school at Hartwell for a number

of years, came to Mercer as a transfered freshman. Norman is in his physical make-up, but his physical deficiency is equipment. He has found his way in mathematics for four years, member of the Ciceronian and Non-Fraternity organization. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 21. He will teach mathematics in the Mercer summer school. He has chosen teaching as his profession, will take post-graduate work at university.

#### Will Become Chemist.

C. F. Clark lives at Bryans, prepared for sophomore class at High school and came to Mercer in 1903. He is a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity and of the Ciceronian society. He will take the A.B. degree at the age of 20. He has chosen chemistry as a profession, and will take a post-graduate course in his professional work.

W. A. Nail comes from Grant, Ga. He entered sophomore class in 1902, and will take the B. S. degree at the age of 20. Nail is a hard student and has maintained a good class standing. After graduation he will enter journalism as a member of the A. T. O. fraternity. H. H. Tift comes from Tifton, Ga. He prepared for freshman class at Tifton, and came to Mercer in 1902. He has always been recognized as a diligent and faithful student. He will graduate with the B. S. degree at the age of 20. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He is class historian in the senior exercises. After graduation he will take post-graduate work in some northern university.

S. L. Conner lives in Macon, Ga. He prepared for college at Gresham High school, and came to Mercer in 1902. He has won distinction as a student and baseball player. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. He will graduate with the A.B. degree at the age of 20.

T. N. Henson comes from Chocoma, Ga. He prepared for college at Chocoma High school, and came to Mercer in 1902. Henson is a diligent student, and has taken a four-year course in mathematics. He is a member of the Phi Delta society and Non-Fraternity organization. He will graduate with the B.S. degree at the age of 25. He has chosen post-graduate work at Johns Hopkins after graduation.

#### Ciceronians Honor Griffin.

O. C. Griner lives at Nashville, Ga. He prepared at Norman Institute, and came to Mercer in 1902. He is a member of the Ciceronian society, and has been the recipient of many honors at the hands of the Ciceronians. He represented the Ciceronians in the law class debate in 1905, and was champion debater in 1906. He represented the college in the Wake Forest debate last April. He was president of the Non-Fraternity organization in 1905, and also member of the Athletic association. He will graduate with the B.S. degree at the age of 23.

A. M. Walker comes from Tifton, Ga. He came from R. E. Lee Institute, and entered Mercer in 1902. He is a member of the Ciceronian society and of the Non-Fraternity organization. He has been a diligent student, and will graduate with the A. B. degree at the age of 20. He has chosen law as his profession.

#### K. OF P. CHANCELLOR APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

SAVANNAH, Ga., June 2.—Mr. Nickerson, of Athens, grand officer of the Knights of Pythias of Georgia, announced the appointment of all nominees. Two of them were announced last week and the others were made public today. They are:

Credentials and Reports—Walter C. Cartersville, chairman; C. B. Carter, Waycross; Max Isaac, Brunswick; State of the Order—D. Whitman.