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## COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12**  
 10:30 P. M.—Senior Banquet.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14**  
 11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon, Rev. R. H. Bennett, D. D., Lynchburg, Va.  
 8:30 P. M.—Address before the Y. M. C. A. Rev. Emmet Thompson, D. D., Charleston, W. Va.

**MONDAY, JUNE 15**  
 6:00 P. M.—Boat Race.  
 9:00 P. M.—Final Celebration of the Literary Societies.  
 11:00 P. M.—Cottillion Club Cotillion.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16**  
 11:00 A. M.—Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
 11:30 A. M.—Band Concert on the Campus.  
 6:00 P. M.—Band Concert on the Campus.  
 9:00 P. M.—Address before the Alumni Association, Senator Robert L. Owen, Oklahoma.  
 11:00 P. M.—Alumni Banquet.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17**  
 11:00 A. M.—Commencement Exercises, Address before the Literary Societies, Hon. William A. McCorkle, Charleston, W. Va.  
 11:00 P. M.—Final Ball.

## Annual Commencement Exercises

### Address Before Literary Societies — Presentation of Diplomas

With impressive and pleasing ceremonies the annual Commencement of Washington and Lee university took place in Lee Memorial chapel beginning at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, June 17. A most imposing array of graduates appeared representing in all a total of 89 to receive a sheepskin. Of these 21 were bachelors of science; 37 were bachelors of arts; 26 were bachelors of law; one was master of arts; one was a graduate in the school of commerce; two received the degree of civil engineer and one the degree of bachelor of philosophy.

The chapel was in its best holiday dress and was packed to the doors. The platform on which were seated the faculty in academic robes, the members of the board of trustees and some alumni, was decorated with flags and plants. Immediately in front sat the graduates in their flowing black gowns. A large audience of friends of the students filled the seats above and below. Music was supplied by Schroeder's band of Washington which furnished the music for Commencement.

Following the invocation by Dr. E. C. Gordan of Lexington, Mo., came the delivery of certificates. The names of the recipients were read by Professor D. C. Humphreys and the students received them in front of the platform from President Denny. The President then announced the list of endowed scholarships as follows.

Howard Houston Fellowship, John Laurence Daniel, M. A., Farmville, Va.; Mapleson Scholarship, Robert Samuel Keebler, Bristol, Tenn.; Vincent L. Bradford Scholarship, George Robert Burtner, Chrisman, Va.; Luther Seevers Birely Scholarship, William Theodore Delaplaine, Frederick, Md.; Franklin Society Scholarship, divided between Albert Smith McCown, Lexington, Va.; Andrew Byron Conner, Lexington, Va.; James J. White Scholarship, Amos Lee Herold, Frost, W. Va.; Taylor Scholarship, Levi Thomas Wilson, Jonesboro, Ark.; Young Scholarship, William Edmond Moreland, Homer, La.

The names of the recipients of

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## Final Ball

Opened by Mr. Roscoe B. Stephenson and Miss Lucy Bagley

The final ball in the gymnasium last night was the climax of the social functions of the Commencement. It was one of the most brilliant ever held and was graced by the presence of more beautiful young ladies than on former occasions. The decorations were also prettier and enhanced the brilliancy; consisting of gigantic fraternity badges with colored electric lights, arranged around the walls; rows of red, white and blue tulips with interior lights, radiated from the centre piece; a large cone of white and blue with interior lights; streamers of the various university and college pennants also centred from it.

Supper was served in the lower floor of the new library building at 8 o'clock. The function was opened at 11 o'clock by 24 couples, the young ladies carrying American Beauty roses, who executed an intricate figure which brought forth great applause from the large concourse gathered.

The couples were led by Roscoe B. Stephenson of Meadow Dale, Va., final ball president, and Miss Lucy Bagley a beautiful lady of Fayetteville, Tenn., who wore a handsome dress of Nile green spangled gauze over green messaline silk and pearls and rubies.

Miss Gladys Heald and Mr. G. McP. Minette were the second couple and assisted in leading the figure.

Miss Lucy Patton, Lexington, Va., dressed in white messaline with pearls and emeralds, with Mr. Beach M. Chenoweth of Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Pauline McCordell of Frederick, Md., dressed in white lace yoke, with diamonds, with Mr. Strassell, Kentucky.

Miss Nana Davenport of San Antonio, Tex., dressed in white satin with



Mr. Roscoe B. Stephenson, President of the Final Ball.

pearls, with Mr. Abram P. Staples, Jr., of Lexington, Va.

Miss Annie Keith Royall of Richmond, Va., dressed in white lace, with Mr. William McMurran of Lexington, Va.

Miss Louise Haskins of Lexington, Va., dressed in white lace, with pearls, with Mr. Park Lamberton, of Lelienople, Penn.

Miss Helen Gray Wattson of Richmond, Va., dressed in white lingerie with pearls and Kappa Alpha pin, with Mr. B. White of Lexington, Va.

Miss Alice DeLancey Zard of Roanoke, Va., dressed in white swiss and embroidered with pearls, with Mr. Devan Gwathmey of Norfolk, Va.

Miss Nan Logan of Salem, Va., dressed in white lingerie with pearls, with Mr. H. J. Phlegar of Christiansburg, Va.

Miss Maude Caskie of Lynchburg, Va., dressed in white lingerie trimmed in Irish lace with pearls and sapphires, with Mr. Summers Davis of Louisville, Ky.

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## Harry Lee Crew Victorious in Annual Regatta

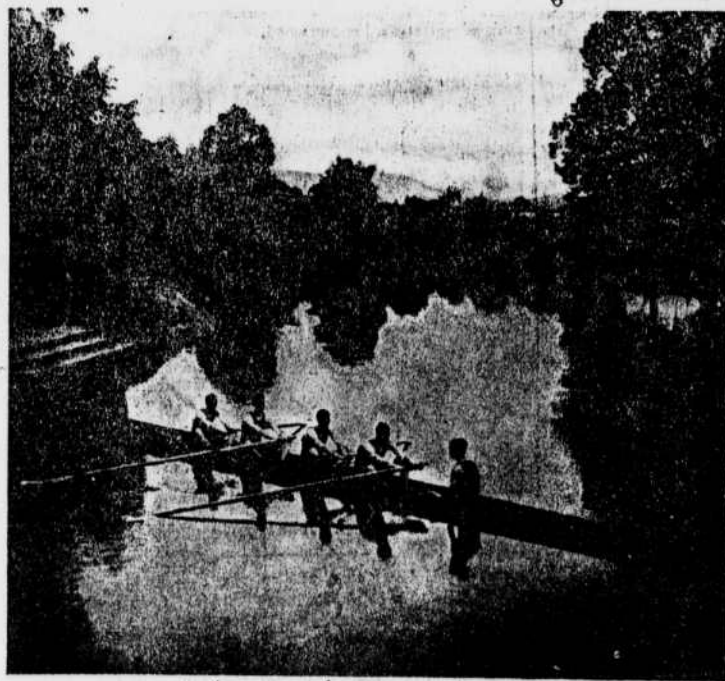
### Reds Win for Fourth Successive Time

The Harry Lee has again won, as the melancholy news to which the friends of the Blue had to listen as the boat race was ended on the North river course Monday evening. So close were the boats at the finish that it took the judges looking along the wire to determine who was in the lead. A scant half boat length was the measure of distance ahead accorded to the Red. Last year it was even shorter.

The race in other respects paralleled that of last year. The clouds intermittently spilled rain during the earlier part of the day and the occasion was most unpromising. But about the time the boats went up the river standers on "The Island," near the goal, saw the sun emerging and one of the most beautiful scenes in nature, with House mountain in the background, greeted the onlooker as he watched for the boats to come back down the river.

The Reds at the start moved somewhat ahead, and when the bend above the boat house was turned and they came into view had a fair lead and the advantage of the inside course. But as they bore down stream the Blues mended their hold just above the boat house, and made decided gains and their stout antagonists had to contest vigorously for the victory until the pistol shot sounded. The race proved a beautiful contest, each boat moving smoothly under the strong even sweep of the oars, and the result

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Harry Lee Crew, Winners of the Annual Regatta

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the University scholarships were then announced. They are:

In the Department of Chemistry Charles David Mason, Henegar, Ala.; in the Department of Civil Engineering; Robert William Dickey, Covington, Va.; in the Department of Economics and Politics, Robert James Denny, Fredericksburg, Va.; in the Department of English, Opha Arlington Chidester, Clarksburg, W. Va.; in the Department of Geology and Biology, Hamilton Arthur Derr, Cumberland, Md.; in the Department of History, James Nelson Montgomery, Birmingham, Ala.; in the Department of Latin, Herman Abraham Sacks, Berkley, Va.; in the Department of Modern Languages, Benjamin Franklin Luker, Proctor, Tex.; in the Department of Physics, Owen Dyer Colaw, Monterey, Va.

The Santini prize medal, for the best essay in the Southern Collegian, was conferred upon Robert S. Keebler of Bristol, Tenn., and the orators medal of the literary societies upon Raymond Kenny of Grafton, W. Va.

The president announced that the Edward Thompson company law prize had been conferred upon Louis S. Epps of Lexington, Va., and the Early English Text Society's prize upon Wilfred Eldred of Norfolk, Va.

## Governor McCorkle Delivered an Address

Former Governor William A. McCorkle of West Virginia, was then presented by President Denny and delivered an address to the literary societies. President Denny spoke of him as one of the faithful men Washington and Lee had sent out to serve their day and time, and who had rendered distinguished service. He came back to the home of his boyhood and land of his fathers as well as to the institution that had nurtured him. He knew of none of its alumni who had stood by it more loyally and generously. Governor McCorkle made an earnest plea to the young men to work for the preservation of states rights as the safeguard of their liberties. Governor McCorkle said in part:

Where more sacred soil to speak of love of country! Where more hallowed fans, on bended knee to pray for guidance! To what temple do more thronging memories of loving sacrifice for country cling like the lichens and mosses of time than to these venerable walls! Christened at thy birth with the very name of liberty, glorified with the thought and regard of the Father of our Country, hallowed with the gentleness and the love of him who was part of our sacrifice, we reverence thee for what thou art. Where in all of this broad land of lake and river and fertile field is such inspiration for liberty and holy love of country? I would call on thy sons from Yorktown and Kings Mountain and Valley Forge, from New Orleans, from Chepultepec and Vera Cruz, from Gettysburg, Antietam, Port Republic and Appomattox, and pray that their exaltation of love of country supreme to all thought of self or earthly care would descend upon thy children today assembled in this thy Holy of Holies.

Guarded by the spectral hosts of thy sons, "all the knees of which have not bowed unto Baal and every mouth which hath not kissed him," may thy power, partaking of the life of thy encircling mountains, on whose altars the beacon fires of liberty in every crisis of our country have flamed wide and clear, inspire for great and holy things those who walk under the watch and ward of thy towers. May peace linger around thy walls, from whose wide portals no one was ever turned, although clothed in sackcloth of poverty, and whose broad democracy demands only integrity and character as the requisites for thy sons.

Here in this old state, my native land, under the portal of this hoary university, listening to the heart throbs of those whose blood flows with mine, feeling the touch of unseen hands and hearing the music of a voice tuned to the choir of the blessed, I am surrounded

ed by the tender memories of the days that are gone.

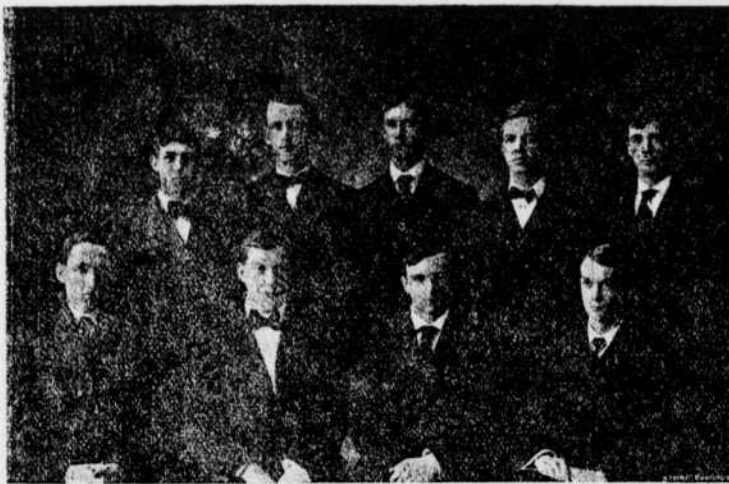
This crisis of our country demands, as never before, for its corrective, the vigorous life of the local ideal of patriotism. In this day of trial we appeal to the pristine unit of patriotism, the state, holding its chief power in the South no longer naked and powerless, but under God's blessing thrilling with life and energy and supported by a wealth of material power never surpassed by Old England or Imperial Rome. The South's material power even in this day of mighty accomplishment and feeling, can dignify any sentiment and give potency to any demand for a return to the faiths of the Fathers. Its credit is restored, great cities, the seats of vast commerce in every part of our Southern land are growing with energy unsurpassed. The fertile fields are laughing with the perennial harvests growing into fatness under our sunny skies, and the waving grain bows its heavy head under the benediction of plenty. From our mines our uncounted millions of the diamonds of commerce. By Southern sea and broad river the trip hammer beats a steady hallelujah of praise. Southern life is no longer wrapt with ceremonies of mourning, but crowned and glorified with the lilies and roses of prosperity and contentment.

Mr. Noble D. Smithson of Lewisburg, Tenn., a recipient of the degree of bachelor of arts, delivered the speech for the students and the valedictory of his class in a pleasing and effective speech which excited much interest. He pointed his fellow graduates to the work of the future rather than to the past, and to the call their Southern country made for the work of graduates from this peculiarly Southern institution. Its important work of education, he impressed, must



Mr. N. D. Smithson; President Academic Class, 1908, Valedictorian

be done by its own sons, and not by the Ogdens and Villards, however noble their intentions, for they did not understand it. Saying his farewell he called on Lexington to shed tears, for soon the



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quiet of its night would cease to be interrupted by the midnight song. In bidding farewell to the faculty he expressed fears over their throwing out on an unprepared world this flood of learning.

The concluding part of the program was the delivery of degrees. Professor Humphreys as dean of engineering announced the lists of graduates in the engineering department, Professor Campbell as dean of the college announced the list of graduates in the academic department, and Professor Burks as dean of the law school, announced the list in the law department. President Denny then presented diplomas as follows:

## GRADUATE IN SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

James Thaddeus McCrum, Lexington, Va.

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## MASTER OF ARTS

John Edgar Corley, B. Ph., Greenville, Tex.

## CIVIL ENGINEER

James Burnside Akers, B. S., Danville, Va.; Daniel Chambers Miller, B. S., Norfolk, Va.

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Mosby Garland Perrow, B. A., M. A., Lynchburg, Va.

President Denny referred regretfully to no official function having been provided for the entertainment of visitors and explained it as due to the recent tragic death of Students Dun and Sutton.

He next announced the honorary degrees, and with appreciative words presented a diploma as Doctor of Laws to Senator Robert L. Owen, who sat upon the platform. The other degree men announced were:

Doctor of Laws: Philip Alexander Bruce of Virginia.

Doctor of Divinity: Rev. Collins Denny of Vanderbilt university, and Rev. John Yates Downman of Richmond.

Doctor of Literature: John L. Williams of Richmond.

The audience was dismissed with a benediction by Rev. A. T. Grahm, D. D.





Baseball Team, 1908

## Baccalaureate Sermon in Lee Memorial Chapel

### DR. THOMPSON ADDRESSES Y. M. C. A. IN EVENING

The Baccalaureate service Sunday morning and the address to the Young Men's Christian association Sunday evening as usual opened the annual commencement at Washington & Lee. Large gatherings, sweet music and beautiful decorations of the auditorium of Lee Memorial chapel well fitted in with notable addresses delivered in the morning by Rev. R. H. Bennett, D. D., of Lynchburg, and in the evening by Rev. Ernest Thompson, D. D., of Charleston, W. Va. The morning was distinguished by the attendance of the faculty and graduates in cap and gown, the latter presenting a most imposing appearance in the center block of pews.

The music feature of both services was furnished by a student choir composed of Students Gassman, H. W., Gassman, J., Leith, Caskie, Moreland and Lamberton, with Students Derr and Parades as violinists and Miss Krause as organist.

#### Dr. Bennett in the Morning

Dr. Bennett made an eloquent appeal to the graduates to take immortality into account in their life work. They could not afford, he said, to confine their energies to a horizon limited by 70 years. The plea of the speaker was based on the words in Genesis II: And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Dr. Bennett described the universal but often dim belief of all peoples of all state of civilizations in immortality. Mankind with one voice refuses to die and voices his ownership in some kind of immortality. "This universal consensus of opinion," admits Herbert Spencer, "implies that the human soul is immortal."

of God and knows no dissolution. God is too good to fail to bring a realization of the cravings of spirits. A Guiton or a Czolwicz would not be permitted in one moment to snuff out the possibilities of a life fitted for the highest usefulness. But not until Jesus came did the dream become a reality. Even the old Testament gave small hope of immortality. But the Christ life of the new was the logical conclusion from the old. Jesus Christ cleft the darkness, revealing the other side.

#### Dr. Thompson in the Evening

##### DR. THOMPSON IN THE EVENING

His words, "Behold, a Sower Went Forth to Sow" the text and "life the sowing time" was the theme of a masterly address to the Young Men's Christian association Sunday evening by Dr. Thompson. The speaker pointed to Christ's parables like the choicest literature representative of the experiences of the human heart. The present was indebted to the past for the sowing of generations that had lived through 6,000 years. For our institutions, with all their usefulness and privileges, we were indebted to many who through the long years of the past had gone forth to sow. Sowing was not only the story of the past but the sure promise of the future. Men should not be merely reapers, but sowers. The true sower is the man who gives care to the selection of seed. This selection the college man through his broad culture is able to make. The law of sowing is that "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Men cannot afford to play with this work. It must be done now. One may concentrate his life selfishly upon himself or may devote it to the service of God and his fellow men. In the one case he ends his life; in the other he gives it life more abundant.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Miss Robinson of Winchester, Mrs. Lippett and Miss Lippett of Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. and Miss Mills of Norfolk, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Effinger of Harrisonburg, Mrs. Osburn and son of West Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Piece of New York, Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Rose of New York, two guests of the Misses

### HARRY LEE CREW VICTORIOUS

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was watched with breathless interest by a fair sized crowd.

The score of the races for the last seven years was broken in favor of the Reds by Monday's result. For three successive years the Blues won; then for three successive years the Reds won. This odd year the Reds are again victor.

E. A. C. Hoge, the Albert Sidney stroke of last year, again occupied that seat, and DeVane, D. A., was again No. 2. The new men were Morales, R., No. 3, and Bledsoe, R. P., No. 1. Dickey, R. W., was coxswain.

The Harry Lee crew were Osbourn, C. S., stroke, Leap, A. H., No. 3, Powell, R. E., No. 2, Glasgow, C. S., No. 1, Hannis, H. E., coxswain. Osbourn and Leap rowed on last year's winning crew.

Following the address of Senator Over Tuesday night the usual presentation of the Pinckney prize cup to the winning boat crew took place. The presentation was made by Former Governor William A. McCorkle of West Virginia, who said in so doing "memory brought back that dear old man and great man too, John Randolph Tucker," and told that the cup had been presented for the present purpose by Bishop Pinckney of Maryland, on the condition Mr. Tucker should each commencement make the presentation to the winning crew, which he long did in his inimitable way. Governor McCorkle next recalled humorously what is about a fact when he said: "I will tell you, just between you and me and confidentially, and not to be published in the newspapers, that I was a Harry Lee, and was the best stroke that ever pulled on the river." The alumni around laughed when they recalled how for three seasons, "Fireman Billy," as the boys knew him, pulled masterfully at the front of "The Reds."

Governor McCorkle presented to the stroke of the winning crew a medal given by Mrs. Hall of Mobile, Ala.

Senator Parks of Pa., and Delegate

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Rockbridge County News Print

The closing of the present session marks the most successful period in the history of the University. There has been a material growth along every line. The attendance this year was larger than ever before, and the graduating class was the largest in the history of the institution, eighty-seven degrees being conferred at the annual commencement exercises.

The annual income of the University has increased \$20,000 in the last five years; the total assets have increased \$400,000 in the same period, and there has been an increase in physical equipment, including buildings, of about \$200,000.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, as noted elsewhere in this issue, the office of Dean of the University was created and Dr. H. D. Campbell was elected to that position, while Dr. Livingston W. Smith was elected Dean of the Academic department.

The sum of \$1500 was appropriated for assistant instruction in the various departments, and \$1000 was appropriated for re-furnishing various class-rooms. Among other appropriations was one of \$200 to the salary of the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

The new Carnegie Library, which is fast nearing completion will be in occupancy at the opening of the next session in September, and the School of Commerce will occupy Newcomb Hall, the former home of the

**Address of Senator Owen Before the Alumni**

**Prominent Alumnus of Washington & Lee Arraigns American Monopolies**

The grinding evils of monopoly, might be named as the subject with which Senator Robert L. Owen, senator from that giant young commonwealth, Oklahoma, entertained a fine audience in Lee Memorial chapel Tuesday evening as orator for the alumni. It was a singularly forceful address and the serious subject, discussed often with intensity, was brightened by a touch of humor and the pleasantries which early association with Washington and Lee necessarily recalled. Mr. Owen, a native of Lynchburg, has a distinguished career at Washington and Lee. On the platform on which he spoke Tuesday night he had received just 31 years before the master's degree in the university and at the same time the debater's medal of the Wash. society, then a much sought prize conferred by the vote of the students. Following his graduation he settled in Indian Territory, and his career in active life has been marked and honorable, in keeping with what his college days promised.

He received a flattering reception Tuesday evening from an audience, few of whom recalled him, but all of whom knew him by reputation, and welcomed him as an alumnus that had done credit to his alma mater.

Professor D. C. Humphreys presented Mr. Owen on behalf of the alumni. He recalled that the college days of the senator and himself ran for a time together, and told that he remembered him as one who was apt to accomplish anything he undertook to do.

Mr. Owen feelingly expressed the pleasure it gave him to be once more within those venerable walls with old companions, and at his alma mater where he had spent perhaps the pleasantest days of his life, years most happy and profitable.

I remember the kindness I received from the faculty, said he; from Professor Nelson, a man whom I have always venerated, and worthy of veneration by the thousands of alumni who have sat under him. I look back and remember the kindness of Professor Harris, of Professor White and of Professor Eddie Joyner, and others. And of the many students who were generous and kind to me, and gave me their love which I returned.

A reminiscence recalled, and characteristic of the man, was one told of his first speech in the Wash. society, where he had entered the race for the debater's medal, simply in order to overcome his fearful diffidence as a speaker. On getting on his feet words failed him after saying, Mr. President, and Gentlemen. He had followed his rival for the medal, George J. Denis, who had just delivered a fluent speech. And one of the supporters of Denis seeing his predicament cried out in an awful voice, "Speech," to be followed by another villian, who cried "Good," "Hear him," "Applause." "I couldn't run. But I got into a violent rage and regaining my voice spoke for an hour." He did not say that he developed such force as a debater that he was awarded the medal.

Dropping to a more serious vein, the senator told the students; There is much to do for you young men in your country. There was never such splendid opportunities for men,

in the life of single men who can recall when there was no railroad or telegraph. Now a man need lose only a single day in travelling from the Atlantic to the middle of the continent. Inventions in all lines have multiplied the comforts of the race.

A great essential in utilizing opportunity was following the strict line of personal integrity, such as this institution had always stood for. Washington, whose name it bears, taught the world among other things that in diplomacy their should be no equivocation, and that words were not intended to conceal truth.

Though inventions supplied so much for human wants mankind were not getting the benefit of them. Organized interests were taking from one half of the people a fair share of the fruits of their labor. In making their constitution it had been the effort in Oklahoma to save this to the people, save from the necessity of making their living the many thousands of women who were compelled to labor, and could not perform the duties of wife and mother, because the men were being underpaid.

Men were often unmindful of the fact 1000 million dollars were paid to support the national government. No man in the audience could say what proportion he paid, but he paid full share. "Don't doubt that." The people not only pay 1000 million dollars to the government, "but you pay one half of all you produce to organized monopoly." "I have sworn never to stop fighting until this slavery is removed."

The speaker told of his experience in Indian Territory's fruitful grass fields in the cattle business, and how by a combination of packers into a trust the price of cattle was reduced in market to just the cost of production. He made nothing on 17,000 head of cattle handled in a series of years only a decade ago, and farmers dependent on this business were impoverished, in fact enslaved. The resultant privations in farm homes caused the Senator to exclaim "It is tragical."

The cattle business was but an example of what prevailed in every line. Crude oil was bought in Oklahoma at a cent a gallon and sold refined at from 15 to 20 cents. It cost the trust just one half cent to refine it. There were no independent refineries. The independents met the trust prices or perished. So-called competition was no competition. The speaker drew a graphic picture of the monopoly of corn, described in Genesis, which was organized in Egypt by Joseph, a great Jew. It enslaved the people. This enslavement was going on here, but the people had not one but 1000 masters.

The process from which they suffered was simply stealing. Larceny was a legal term for it, stealing the moral term.

The wealth these plutocrats were accumulating, under their policy of greed to declare dividends on watered stock, exceeded the imagination of man to conceive.

The speaker expressed confidence that the people had remedies for this condition, and some of them were embodied in the Oklahoma constitution, notably the initiative and referendum.

He closed with grateful words for the training he received at Washington and Lee and with a most complimentary recollection of Lexington, particularly its girls, saying "I never knew how beautiful and how lovely life was until I came to Lexington."

Senator Owen was frequently interrupted by applause and the outburst when he sat down showed how much his words and appearance were appreciated.

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## Personals

A prominent Washington and Lee alumnus who attended the commencement was Dr. G. Watson James of the Richmond News-Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Lacy of Sanatobia, Miss., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Lacy.

Mrs. McCorkle and young daughter accompanied Governor McCorkle to Lexington this week.

Mrs. Samuel P. Latane of Winchester, is the guest of Mrs. John H. Latane during commencement.

Miss Mary McPheeters of Columbia, S. C., is visiting Mrs. Frank T. Glasgow during the commencements.

Mr. Mann Page, a former Lexingtonian, who during the past session has been a student of medicine at the University of Virginia, is attending the Washington and Lee commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gaines of Chattanooga, and Mrs. W. S. Forrester and Miss Mary Forrester of near Louisville, are guests of Professor and Mrs. Alexander L. Nelson during the commencement at Washington and Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Pipes and daughter, Miss Sara Pipes, of Clinton, La., and Mrs. G. H. Caperton and daughter, Miss Mary Caperton of Charleston, S. C., are attending the Commencement and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tedford Barclay.

Among the visiting alumni to the commencement were Mr. George R. LeGore of LeGore, Md., Mr. T. Owen Bagley, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mr. E. W. Kelly, Wise, Va.; A. D. Pettyjohn, Lynchburg, Va.; William B. Morrison and Herbert Anderson.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The annual meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee was held Tuesday at which were present Dr. G. B. Strickler, rector, and Attorney-General W. A. Anderson, A. T. Barclay, Dr. E. C. Gordon, Dr. R. H. Fleming, Judge W. P. Houston, J. A. Preston, L. H. Cocke, William Ingles, Rev. A. H. Hamilton, A. W. Gaines, G. W. St. Clair, F. T. Glasgow and W. D. Lewis.

Little of public interest was transacted. The office of dean of the university was created and Professor Campbell was promoted to it, and Professor Smith elected to succeed him as dean of the college. Appropriations were made for the removal of the library and art gallery to Carnegie hall and the removal of the department of economics to Newcomb hall.

## Senior Banquet

On Friday evening 12, June, the festivities of commencement week begun with the banquet given by the graduating classes of the Academic, Engineering and Law departments at McCrum's Hall.

The hall was hung with verdent foliage intermingled with the class and college colors together with the pennants of the various universities. The long table was spread at intervals with center pieces embroidered with the University coat of arms, all of which was surmounted by large vases of American Beauty roses and lillies alternatively. The place cards were embossed with the seal of the university and on the back were spaces for the autographs of the members of the class.

For two hours the occasion was one of genuine hospitality and good fellowship.

### TOASTS

William R. McMurrin, Va., was toastmaster, and toasts were responded to by the following men: Nineteen hundred and eight, A. W. Lybrand, District of Columbia, "The Faculty"; T. R. Cather, Virginia; "The Future," N. D. Smithson, Tennessee; "Athletics," C. S. Osbourn, W. Va.; "The Calic," A. S. Holz, Maryland, "Reminiscences," O. C. Jackson, Virginia; "Ambitions and Ideas," G. A. Batten, W. Virginia.

A resolution to have a reunion of the class in 1912 was passed unanimously.

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## Annual Inter-Society Oratorical Contest

### A Pleasant Feature of Finals— Raymond Kenny Wins

On Monday night, the annual contest for the orator's medal offered by the faculty was pulled off in Lee chapel. After the officers and orators of the occasion had marched to the stage the strains of Schroeder's band, Dr. Currell of the English department, in a brief address explained that the occasion was for the purpose of awarding to that member of the two literary societies who should deliver the best oration. After reading the rules governing the contest Dr. Currell turned the meeting over to H. H. Ragon of Arkansas, the president of the meeting. The president after explaining that introductory remarks were in expedient by reason of the fact that other entertainments were to take place immediately after the close of the programme, introduced Mr. Harold W. Leach of West Virginia, as the first orator.

#### Mr. Leach of Graham-Lee

Choosing for his subject "Launched but whither bound," he showed how man comes on earth unknown and unheard of. Nature is all he knows. He spends his life here, but at the end where does he go. We do not know. All there is, is faith in God, and where one has this the hereafter is not so horrible. If he will follow God's teaching he will receive an eternal reward. Mr. Leach's composition was especially fine, but his voice seemed to give him some trouble. His address was splendidly received.

#### Mr. Kenny of Washington Society

Mr. Kenny spoke on "International Arbitration." He contended that international arbitration was but following the teachings of the Prince of Peace. Warfare was a digression from such teaching. He declared that the building and maintaining of large navies was to thwart the plans and purposes of The Hague Tribunal. In connection with this he gave in a forceful manner his views of the President's advocacy of a large navy, as evidenced in his message to congress recommending the building of four new battle ships. The speaker dwelt upon the great expense of keeping a navy as a point in favor of international

arbitration. He then showed the progress made by those who are interested in the great cause. While Mr. Kenny did not display his usual eloquence, yet he delivered his address in an easy, graceful and convincing manner, at all times holding his audience in rapt attention.

#### Mr. Burks of Graham-Lee

The subject chosen by the third speaker was the "The Underlying Principles of Anglo-Saxon Supremacy." He recited the great accomplishments of Anglo-Saxons, and showed that they had been successful where the people of other nations, surrounded with similar circumstances and advantages had failed. He claimed that England and America Anglo-Saxons and were the two greatest world powers in existence. He contended that their greatness was enduring because it was backed by Anglo-Saxon institutions and that no invasion of foreign ideas and principles could ever change them. "The greatest of Anglo-Saxon institutions," he said, "is the Anglo-Saxon home" and the efforts of all those in sympathy with the progress of the country should be spent in making the home more sacred. Mr. Burks' address was well prepared and was delivered in a very eloquent manner.

#### Mr. Gabriel of Washington Society

Using as his subject "The

Twentieth Century Crusade," Mr. Gabriel compared the crusades of old to Jerusalem to the present crusade for "state wide prohibition." He said the crusaders of old drew their inspiration from the feeling that "God wills" and that the twentieth century crusade, though differing in many respects, would ultimately be a crowning success because "God wills." Mr. Gabriel gave figures showing the rapid gains made by state wide prohibition. His delivery was very good and forceful style held his audience spell bound throughout his address.

The judges, consisting of Senator Robert L. Owen of Oklahoma, Mr. G. Watson James of the Richmond News-Leader, and Mr. D. W. Pipes of Louisiana, after quite a lengthy consideration of the speeches, awarded the medal to Mr. Raymond Kenny of the Washington society.

Mr. Martin W. Turnbull of Virginia, acted as chief marshal for the occasion.

#### Morning Dances

The morning dances were given in the University gymnasium by Sigma and Theta Nu Epsilon Monday and Tuesday at 10 o'clock, a. m., respectively. Music for the occasion was furnished by Schroeder's orchestra of Washington, D. C.

The power plant which was destroyed by fire recently will be restored during the summer.

#### Commencement House Party

One of the pleasant features in connection with the University finals was the house party at "The Grahams" composed of visiting alumni and several of the visiting young ladies, under the hospice of Mr. George Randolph LeGore, of LeGore, Md., who, accompanied by Misses Clara Johnson and Pauline McCardell and Mr. Clement C. Heth, came down by automobile from Frederick, Md.

All during commencement the Graham's was the scene of many social gayeties, and frequent cross country trips were made by the party in the touring car to Natural Bridge, Rockbridge Baths and other points of interest in the vicinity.

Those composing the party under the patronage of Miss Annie R. White, were:

Miss Janet Stephenson, Miss Gladys Heald, Miss Alice Izard, Miss Clara Johnson, Miss Pauline McCardell, Miss Lucy Bagley, Miss Maud Caskie, Mr. Geo. R. LeGore, T. Owen Bagley, Herbert Anderson, R. B. Stephenson, Walter M. Hood and Charles Campbell.

The Bradford bequest of \$84,000 for the support of the law school will now become available



Graham-Lee Literary Society





## Election of Student Officers

At the last meeting of the Student Body on May 26, the following officers were elected to manage the student affairs for the next session:

President Student Body, O. C. Jackson, Va.

Vice-President, M. C. Deaver, Va.

Secretary, C. S. Glasgow, Va.

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### Class Elections.

At recent meetings of the Sophomore and Freshmen classes the following officers were elected for the next session:

#### JUNIOR CLASS

H. C. Alexander, La., President.

C. E. Burks, Miss., Vice-President.

J. T. Lykes, Fla., Secretary and Treasurer.

H. A. Derr, Md., Historian.

P. B. Lambertson, Pa., Exec. Committeeman.

#### SOPHOMORE CLASS

W. C. Armentrout, W. Va., President.

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K. W. Sevier, Ala., Secretary.

J. R. Saunders, Va., Treasurer.

L. W. Wilson, Md., Historian.

Edward Brown, Tenn., Exec. Committeeman.

### K. K. K. Initiation

A unique feature of commencement week was the Kappa Kappa initiation on the campus Saturday evening. Kappa Kappa Kappa is a new ribbon society resolved from the former chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon here. The initiation was public and its oddities were enjoyed immensely by the visitors.

The membership is composed

of the members of the former chapter of Theta Nu Epsilon together with the following initiates:

W. C. Vance.

J. L. Campbell, Jr.

G. E. Warren.

W. F. Pipes.

J. M. Nelson.

L. V. Larsen.

The cool weather added to the enjoyment of the Commencement.

### University Assembly

#### Freshman Rules

The following regulations for the class of 1912 have been passed by the Sophomore class and approved by the executive committee of the Student Body:

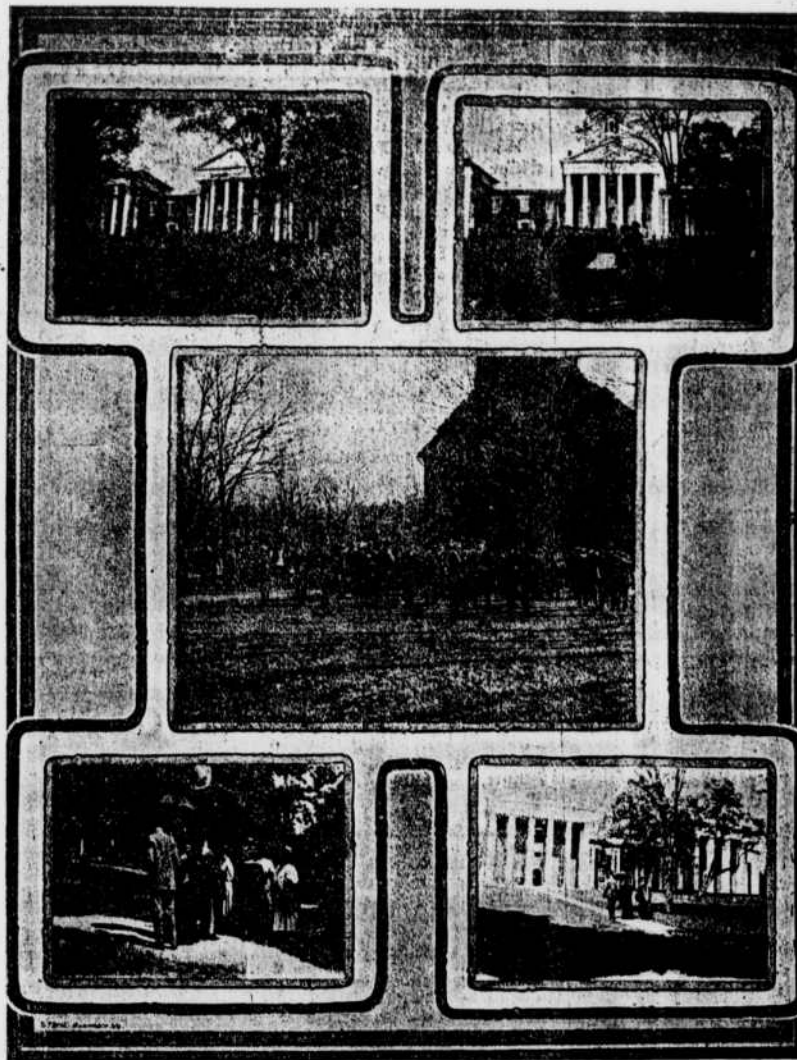
1. No Freshman will be allowed to attend a University Dance prior to Thanksgiving, 1908.

2. To provide distinction for the class of 1912, each member shall be required to secure a

regulation Freshman Cap as soon as possible after his arrival, and to wear same until Xmas, 1908.

3. No Freshman shall be allowed to call on any young lady in the city of Lexington before Xmas, 1908, unless accompanied by an upper classman.

4. As a proper mark of respect, all Freshmen shall lift their caps to members of the Faculty.



Track Team 1908

# Final Ball

(Continued from first page.)

Miss Grace West of Waverly, Va., dressed in white liberty satin, duchess lace with pearls, with M. Bob Arnold of Waverly, Va.

Miss Grace Neal of Richmond, Va., dressed in lingerie, with Mr. A. H. Chandler of Harrisonburg, Va.

Miss Bessie Catlett, Lexington, Va., white batiste, lace, pearls, Mr. J. T. McCrum, Lexington, Va.

Miss Johnson, Frederick, Md., white lace, pearls, Mr. Walter Manly Hood, Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Page Talor, Washington, D. C. white satin, pearls, Phi Kappa, pin, J. M. O'Brien, New Mexico.

Miss Sarah Randolph Pipes, Clinton, La., white lingerie, pearls, Kappa Alpha pin, Mr. Herbert Anderson, Franklin, W. Va.

Miss Nell Brockenbrough, Lexington, Va., white net, Mr. D. W. Pipes, Jr., New Orleans, La.

Miss Walker, Bristol, Va., white point d'esprit over taffeta, pearls, Mr. J. P. Hobson, Frankfort, Ky.

Miss Janet Stephenson, Monterey, Va., white satin, cream lace, pearls, Mr. F. Owen Bagley, Fayetteville, Tenn.

Miss Emma Staples, Lexington, Va., embroidered chiffon, lace, pearls, Mr. F. F. Jones, Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Edith Waddill, Danville, Va., lingerie white, Phi Kappa Sigma pin, J. W. Anthony, Jr., Lynchs, Va.

Miss Bessie Payne, Norfolk, Va., white point d'esprit, pearls, Mr. Joe Lykes, Tampa, Fla.

Miss Gladys Heald, Lynchburg, Va., white embroidered batiste, Mr. G. McP. Minetree, Washington, D. C.

Miss Nell Jordan, Suffolk, Va., white chiffon voile, old gold, pearls, Mr. J. R. Caskey, Lynchburg, Va.

Among the other dancers were: Miss Frances Wallace, Paducah, Ky., lavender silk, Mr. Chaltuam, Dallas, Tex.

Miss Mary Caperton, Charleston, W. Va., white net over silk, Mr. John Nelson, Roanoke, Va.

Miss Blackburn, Grottoes, Va., net over white silk, Mr. Dilworth, Grottoes, Va.

Miss Ethel Almond, Lynchburg, Va., blue crepe de chine, diamonds, opals, Sigma frat pin, Mr. Hugh Witt, Lexington, Va.

Miss Frances Howe, Lexington, Va., white silk, Mr. Chalmer, Moore, Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Cora Vaughn Smartt, Chattanooga, Tenn., white lace, S. A. E. pin, Mr. Bernard Krug, San Paulo, Brazil.

Miss Archer, Lexington, Va., pink silk, pearls, American beauties., Mr. Raymond Kenney, Grafton, W. Va.

Miss Apperson, Lynchburg, Va., white batiste, Mr. Stough, Shippensburg, Pa.

Miss Massie, Lynchburg, Va., white mull, lace, Mr. G. W. Forrester, Middlesboro, Ky.

Miss Louise C. Miller, Winchester, Va., blue organdie, lace, Mr. Howard Larrick, Winchester, Va.

Miss Mary West, Baltimore, Md., blue Korean crepe., diamonds, Mr. W. Houston Barclay, Lexington, Va.

Miss Mary Forrester, Louisville, Ky., white Japanese silk, pearls, diamonds, Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity pin, Mr. L. Junius Desha, Cynthia, Ky.

Miss Lucy Lee Coulter, Richmond, Va., white organdie, pearls, Phi Delta Theta, Theta Nu Epsilon pins, Mr. Abram D. Somerville, Greenville, Miss.

Miss Virginia Page, Front Royal, Va., sorority pin, white, Mr. J. Gassman, Lexington, Va.

Miss Landonia Brock, Riverton, Va.,

pearl, gray tress, pink wreath, P. P. Page, Front Royal, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Preston, Richmond, Va., white mesaline silk, pearls, Mr. Martin B. Withers, Lexington, Va.

Miss Annie Gilliam, Lynchburg, Va., white net, Mr. Fort Pipes, Louisiana.

Miss Danial, Waverly, Va., pink chiffon over silk, pearls, Mr. Ryan, Mexico.

Miss Goendolin Howe, Lexington, Va., white voile, cream lace, Mr. J. W. Lykes, Florida

Miss Mabel Robinson, Winchester, white crepe de chine, Mr. G. E. Cary, Norfolk.

Miss Jane Moore, Washington, pale blue silk, diamond necklace, R. L. Thomas, Baltimore.

Miss Eliza Rose, New York, blue silk, Mr. T. R. Cather, Winchester.

Miss Cecelia L. Miller, Winchester, white organdie, Mr. Tucker, Pine Bluff, Ark.

Miss Lewis, Lynnwood, cream net over silk, Mr. J. R. Blackburn, Grottoes, Va.

The chaperones were: Mrs. Silas Mason, Frankfort, Ky., dressed in pink silk.

Mrs. C. L. Davenport, San Antonio, Tex., dressed in black mousseline de soie, over white taffeta, diamond.

Mrs. W. Archer Roberts, Washington, D. C., white lace over taffeta.

Mrs. John Norton Pomeroy, San Francisco, Cal., lace and diamonds.

Mrs. Samuel P. Latane, Winchester, Va., white satin and lace, pearl.

Mrs. G. H. Caperton, Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. R. L. Payne, Norfolk, Va.

Mrs. M. M. Mills, Virginia Military Institute, pink chiffon cloth and real lace.

Mrs. John Holliday Latane, Washington and Lee, black velvet jet, diamonds.

Mrs. Edward W. Nichols, Virginia Military Institute, white chiffon and real lace, diamonds and pearls.

Mrs. Greenlee D. Letcher, Lexington, white silk, real lace and pearls.

Mrs. W. Cosby Bell, Lexington, Philippine gauze over silk and real lace.

Mrs. W. LeConte Stevens, Washington and Lee, point d'esprit and pearls.

Mrs. Samuel B. Walker, Jr., Lexington, white lace over satin.

Mrs. J. W. Kern, Washington and Lee, crepe de chine and pearls.

Miss Annie R. White, Washington and Lee, white messeline.

Mrs. E. Morgan Pendleton, Lexington, black lace over old rose silk.

Mrs. M. B. Corse, Lexington, blue satin.

Mrs. W. Spencer Currell, Washington and Lee, lavender satin.

Mrs. David C. Humphreys, Washington and Lee, black net.



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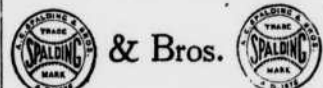
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