STILL SPLIT ON RENTAL.

FIVE PER CENT AND NO LESS FOR THE WEST-ST. FRANCHISE.

THE RAPID TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS REPLY TO MR. GOULD'S LATEST COMMUNICATION—RUSSELL SAGE ATTACKS THE BOARD.

The conclusions reached at Thursday's meeting of the Rapid Transit Board regarding the West-st. franchise proposed by the Manhattan Railway Company were drafted yesterday in the form of a letter which was signed by Alexander E. Orr, president of the Commission, and sent to George J. Gould yesterday afternoon. Lewis L. Delafield, secretary of the Commission, said that the Board regarded the propositions made in this letter as an ultimatum beyond which the Board was unwilling to go.

The letter refuses to make any reduction from the rental of 5 per cent of the gross passenger receipts. This is the rock upon which the negotiations seem most likely to split. The Board has, however, granted several of the changes proposed in the original franchise by Mr. Gould. It has extended the time in which the consent of the municipal authorities is to be obtained from three months to six months, and made other less important modifications.

The letter in full is as follows:

MR. ORR'S LETTER.

June 23, 1898.

George J. Gould, Esq., President Manhattan Railway Company.

Sir: In behalf of the Board of Rapid Transit Railroad Commissioners I beg to reply to your letter of June 21, in which you express the views held by your company regarding the West-st. franchise. As the suggested modifications were numbered in my former letter and as this numerical designation is followed in your reply I will still adhere to it in this communication.

1. THE OBLIGATION TO CONSTRUCT.—The Board notes that your company will accept the modifications of your proposed franchise suggested by the Board, although you appear to make the acceptance of this modification conditional upon the surrender of the privileges proposed to be reserved to the Board of the right to intervene in obstructive litigation, a matter hereafter referred to.

2. GRADE CROSSINGS.—The Board also observes that you are willing to concede that no crossings shall be at grade, "provided the power be conferred upon this (your) company to make such additional connections as may be necessary to meet the varying demands of its traffic." The Board assumes that by this proviso your company seeks only to secure the right to make hereafter suitable physical connections with its existing railroads by curves or elevators at points where the new lines cross at a different grade, and as this seems to be both reasonable and proper the Board is quite willing to accede to this, provided the exact connection which it may be desired to make be submitted for the approval of this Board or its successors.

3. INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER RAPID TRANSIT.—Upon this head you write that your company "cannot accept a franchise which will limit the policy of this company in the future in the manner proposed by your (our) Board." The Board can find nothing in the franchise heretofore prepared by it which would limit the future policy of your company. The Board feels that, although no franchise granted by it can confer an exclusive right to occupy the streets, your company should be absolutely secured by the terms of the franchise in the uninterrupted enjoyment of the rights conferred by it, and of the structure erected and the property acquired upon the faith of its terms. Upon this your company may justly insist as a right, and, if there is anything in the terms of our proposed franchise which can be viewed as limiting or curtailing this right we will willingly amend it so as to obviate the objection. But if your company is thus secured in the enjoyment of the franchises sought by it the Board feels that it is only just that your company should bind itself not to oppose or impede the construction of other railroads which do not interfere with the rights conferred upon your company or with the structure erected by it.

4 and 5. RENTALS AND READJUSTMENT OF RENTALS.—The Board will not recede from its demand that if the West-st. route be alone accepted your company shall pay a rental equal to 5 per cent of its gross receipts from that route, but if adheres to its former statement that if your company will construct the other lines and additions proposed the Board will make concessions in the matter of the compensation to be paid by your company for this and for the other proposed routes.

8. STATIONS.—The Board understands that you accede to its proposition that the stations shall be located by the terms of the franchise; and, with this understanding, it will grant your request that stations so located may be afterward abandoned, and that new stations may be constructed, provided that such abandonment or location shall be subject to the approval of the Board or its successors.

12. DETAILS.—Your company accedes to our modifications under this head "provided the maximum distance between columns be agreed upon in advance." The Board accepts this proviso and will agree with you upon a maximum distance, with the distinct understanding that you shall not be permitted to locate columns within the prolonged curbs-lines of intersecting streets or avenues except by the special approval of this Board.

13. RIGHT OF THE BOARD TO INTERVENE.—Upon this head you state that your company will not accept a franchise which reserves to our Board the right to intervene for the sake of expediting any litigation which, under the terms of the franchise, prolongs the period within which you may construct the proposed extension. Our Board regards this provision as being essential to the protection of the public against indefinite delay. For, in the absence of the right to intervene, an injunction obtained by any property-holder might (if your interests did not lead you to move to vacate it) extend for many years your privilege to construct. We do not assume that your company will seek to retain a mere option to construct by inciting collusive litigation. The existence of litigation of this character, incited for the purpose of extending the time within which railroads may be constructed is, however, a fact so notorious that we are unwilling to omit a clause which will enable us to eliminate that particular danger to the present enterprise.

This Board assumes that your objection to this provision of the proposed franchise springs only from the apprehension that this Board or its successors might intervene unnecessarily in litigation affecting your interests, and might conceivably interfere with your proper plans or jeopardize your interests in important controversies. This Board does not, however, desire to intervene in any litigation to which your company may be a party unless such litigation is relied upon by your company as extending its time to construct. In such cases it is essential to the public interests, and cannot be harmful to you, that, if occasion should arise, the Board should intervene in the public interest. The Board will so modify its former proposition, therefore, as to limit its right to intervene to litigations in which that right shall be voluntarily tendered by you, but with the proviso that no litigation of which your company shall fail to give notice and in which it shall fail to tender to this Board the right to intervene shall operate to extend the period of construction.

14. DELAY OF MUNICIPAL AUTHORITIES.—This Board cannot consent that your company be afforded one year within which to obtain the necessary consents of the municipal authorities. Three months, the period originally suggested by us, seemed ample to secure action by the Municipal Assembly and the Departments of Parks and Docks, especially as power was reserved to the Board to extend the time if due cause were shown. But upon further consideration, the Board has concluded that it will be justified in extending to six months the period for obtaining the consents of the local authorities. If this period proves insufficient by reason of any delay not attributable to your company power to extend the period is reserved to the Board.

In the foregoing the Board has sought to meet your views in so far as it could do so with due regard to the public interests, and the Board desires me to express the hope that your company will accept the conclusions thus reached by it.

The Board also notes your suggestion that your counsel meet the counsel of the Board. But as the views expressed in your letter differ from the views of the Board in several essential matters, the Board is clearly of the opinion that no conference of counsel could be useful at this time. If your company is not prepared to meet the views of the Board in respect to the matters above stated, as to which the Board has now reached and expressed to you its deliberate and final conclusions, it would appear to be futile to continue the present negotiation.

I am, sir, yours very respectfully,

A. E. ORR,
President.

SAGE ATTACKS THE BOARD.

Russell Sage, whose interests in the Manhattan Railway Company are well known, came out yesterday with an attack upon the course pursued by the Rapid Transit Commission. He said:

The Rapid Transit Commission should be abolished by Legislature. It has outlived its usefulness, and it must now be apparent to every citizen that it has wasted $500,000 of the people's money without accomplishing anything except to prove its own inefficiency. During the time the Board has been in existence the Metropolitan Street Railway Company has gone on steadily making improvements in its service utterly without the Commission's aid. If the Board were abolished Manhattan could make desirable extensions which are impossible at present. We anticipate nothing from the Commission. It parades the "hole-in-the-ground" scheme in the face of all reasonable proposals for the benefit of the city's transportation facilities. The Commission evidently thinks to continue its evasive tactics in the hope that it may be able to force its ideas upon the taxpayers, but the time has come when the interests of the people demand that they be legislated out of office. This method seems to be the only one whereby the city's transportation facilities can be improved.

TRANSATLANTIC TRAVELLERS.

Among the passengers booked to sail on the Umbria to-day are Mrs. C. C. Brokaw, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles R. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Siegel and Baroness Amalie von Nesselrode.

On the Chester, of the International Navigation Company, the list of passengers includes Mrs. Hughes-Hallett, Mrs. Bainbridge-Hoff and Mrs. F. M. Britton.

Peter Doelger and family will sail on the Kaiser Friedrich.

Among the passengers on the Pennsylvania will be William Sowerbutts, German Consul at Mazatlan, Mexico, and C. J. den Tex Bondt, of San Domingo.

Among the passengers who arrived yesterday on the steamer Fürst Bismarck, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg, were Major H. J. Bulwer, A. W. Kelsey, Alfred J. Osthelmer, Austria-Hungarian Consul at Philadelphia; C. J. Loeb and Harry I. Oppenheimer.

NOYES-DANA DECISION UPSET.

THE UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS HOLDS THAT JUDGE BROWN'S RULING WAS UNTENABLE.

In a decision handed down yesterday by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals the decision of Judge Brown in the Noyes-Dana libel suit, as to the power to remove Charles A. Dana to Washington for trial, was held to be untenable. The case decided yesterday was that of John Price against ex-United States Marshal McCarty, of this city. Price stole $2,000 in the Vatoldi Restaurant, Washington, about a year ago, and was arrested by the United States Marshal in this city. He was arraigned before Commissioner Shields and indicted by the Grand Jury under the special statute of the District of Columbia providing for offences committed in the district. Application for a warrant of removal was denied by Judge Brown on the basis of the Dana decision.

In the Dana case, in which the late Mr. Dana was sued for libel by Frank B. Noyes, of the Associated Press, in Washington, for an article which appeared in "The Sun" and was circulated in Washington, Judge Brown held that a warrant of removal could not be issued for an offence against the United States which was covered by local statutes. Price was subsequently indicted by the Grand Jury under the general statute of the United States providing for offences committed against the United States. Upon this indictment Judge Brown granted a warrant of removal. Prices attorneys then appealed the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. In this court Max J. Kohler, Special Assistant United States District-Attorney in the case, admitted that the indictment under the general statute of the United States was untenable, and pressed the charge under the original special statute of the District of Columbia. The Court of Appeals held that the decision of the Dana case was unauthorized and that Price shall be removed.

Under this decision persons can be removed to the District of Columbia for offences committed under the statutes from other States, even if the offence is covered by the statutes of the State in which the person is arrested.

COUNT D'ESTERHAZY, EDITOR.

SUMMONED TO A POLICE COURT BY AN EMPLOYE, WHO CHARGES HIM WITH SWINDLING.

Lewis Egan asked in the Centre-st. court for a renewal of a summons for Count Paul d'Esterhazy, editor of "The American-Hungarian Gazetteer," at No. 34 Wall-st. He said that the editor had employed him and then had failed to pay him, and had got him to cash a draft on the Harbor and Suburban Building and Savings Company, of No. 34 Wall-st., for $50, saying he had $250 on deposit there. Egan said that the president of the company, Ino Reynolds, had told him that D'Esterhazy had no money there, but he also said that the president refused to stamp the draft not good. Vice-President Rudolph Bachel, of the company, also said in the court that D'Esterhazy had no money in the concern. The summons was continued. D'Esterhazy was exiled from Hungary about forty years ago.

TO CELEBRATE THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

ST. LOUIS TO HOLD A CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION.

St. Louis, June 24.—It has now been definitely decided that the centennial of the purchase of Louisiana from the French Government is to be celebrated in an appropriate manner by the citizens of St. Louis in 1903.

Preliminary steps with this end in view have been taken at a meeting of representative citizens, who adopted resolutions providing for the appointment of a committee of fifty to effect a permanent organization to carry out the celebration. It is proposed to celebrate the occasion with an exposition similar to that at Chicago in 1893.

THE ARCOT'S LIVELY VOYAGE.

CHASED BY SPANISH WARSHIPS, EMBROILED IN THE SAN DOMINGO REVOLUTION, AND FIRED ON BY AN AMERICAN BOAT.

The American brig Arcot, which arrived yesterday, had an exciting voyage, which began with the Canary Islands, where the captain of the brig feared trouble, and ended with the attempted revolution in San Domingo. At times the Arcot encountered Spanish warships, and was fired on once by an American boat. The Arcot is commanded by Captain Cates, and hails from Machias, Me. She arrived here yesterday from Monte Cristi, San Domingo.

Captain Cates says that he was at the Canary Islands when the war broke out, and although not knowing that actual hostilities had begun he feared the Spaniards would give him trouble. He sailed from Las Palmas on April 21 for Monte Cristi, and kept a lookout for Spaniards. Coasting along one of the islands the same night, he sailed quite near two Spanish war vessels, near enough to see the men moving on the decks, but supposes they did not recognize him as an American, as they did not notice him. Off Monte Cristi the United States tug Wampatuck fired a shot across the bow of the Arcot, and held her up. While at San Domingo, Jimines landed with his ill-starred filibustering vessel raid. Captain Cates said it was "a foolhardy raid of a crazy Dutchman."

"Why, I was consigned to him," said the captain, "and the authorities were going to give me a lot of trouble, but we managed to adjust matters. This crowd landed and attacked the Governor's house, and took him by surprise, making him a prisoner. There were only twelve men landed. The gendarmes awoke and chased them to the beach, where they embarked in a boat, which none were able to manage, while the soldiers peppered them from the shore, wounding several. Some were captured and executed. One fellow who came aboard the Arcot had five bullet wounds. Jimines vamoosed, and they could not find him."

LIBERTY ISLAND FERRY ILLEGAL.

CORPORATION COUNSEL WHALEN SAYS IT MUST NOT BE RUN WITHOUT A FRANCHISE.

At the meeting of the Dock Board yesterday a communication was received from Corporation Counsel Whalen in reply to a reference to him by the Board of a protest which had been made by the American Committee of the Statue of Liberty, in which it was represented that the tax for the ferry to the island was excessive, and that for three years the ferry had been run at a loss. It was said that the ferry had not been intended as a money-making scheme.

The Corporation Counsel said that the ferry was an illegal one, as it has no franchise.

He cited numerous Supreme Court decisions to support his opinion, and said that whether the proceeds of the ferry, when there was a profit, were devoted to public purposes or not, the committee had no right to maintain a ferry unless it secured a franchise from the Municipal Council. He recommended that the Council be applied to. The Dock Board decided to inform the committee that the ferry should be suspended until a franchise was obtained.

THE ORIENTAL OPEN FOR THE SEASON.

The Oriental Hotel at Manhattan Beach opened its doors for the first time this season yesterday. A larger quota of regular guests were registered for the first day's business this year than ever before in the history of the hotel. The Oriental appeals, as ever, to the quiet rest-seeker who appreciates the most perfect appointments and surroundings of summer luxury, while enjoying the benefits and delights of a season at the ocean-side. The Oriental is under the general management of T. F. Silleck, with J. B. Greaves as local manager. Most of the accommodations are already engaged for the season.

HOW DEWEY WON HIS FIGHT.

History will repeat itself in Pain's amphitheatre, Manhattan Beach, to-night. Every detail of the battle of Manila has been studied, so that the reproduction will have the merit of being as nearly correct as can be within the limits of the enclosure. Besides the battle and the fireworks, there will be a funny water pantomime, based on the incidents of the fight. The music for the piece has been arranged by Victor Herbert.

NAVAL RESERVES FIND A FLOATER.

While some members of the Naval Reserve were sunning themselves in the yards and on the upper deck of the New-Hampshire, yesterday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, they were startled by cries from the small boys who were swimming near by. The boys scrambled hastily to the shore, where they stood with chattering teeth, pointing fearfully to a dark object which was floating on the water about twenty-five yards away from the New-Hampshire.

The Naval Reserves, thinking that some one was drowning, quickly manned a boat and pulled off from the receiving ship. Upon coming up to the floating object they discovered it to be the body of a man. It was swollen, the face was blue and the indications were that it had been in the water for some time. The body was taken to the Morgue, where it was said that it was probably that of James McGerrigan, the fireman of the tug Olympia, who was drowned several days ago. The river had been dragged for the body, but without result.

HARVARD'S CLASS DAY.

STATUE EXERCISES SUBSTITUTED FOR THE SCRAMBLE AT THE TREE.

THE CEREMONY MORE DIGNIFIED—MANY ENLISTED SENIORS PRESENT—THE DANCE IN MEMORIAL HALL.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—There were many sad hearts at Cambridge yesterday morning when the seniors and their class-day friends awoke to find the heavens thick with heavy gray clouds, which seemed to be forerunners of a rainy day. There was joy at noon when the wind, shifting to the west, cleared the threatening clouds from the sky and left the day beautiful and warm. From the beginning to the end the '98 class day was one which can be put at the head of these ever-improving festivities. It is the great day of the year at Harvard, and one of the memorable events in the life of every student who goes through it.

Starting early with prayers in the chapel, the seniors take their friends through a whirl of exercises which last until midnight. There are the regular class parts in Sander's in the morning, spreads, music, promenades, dancing, receptions, and, most important of all, the statue exercises, which, for the first time yesterday, were substituted for those of the famous tree. This was the distinctive feature of '98 class day. It was a change from an old-established order of things which made the day particularly memorable. The wild, rough scramble after flowers fastened high on the tree by men clad in football clothes, and the excitement which attended the struggle, were to be supplanted by slow, dignified proceedings about the statue of the founder, John Harvard. These exercises were much more in keeping with the dignity of seniors, the corporation said, but many feared that without the scramble the interest in the ceremony would be lacking. The result was watched and waited with deep interest.

The yard decorations were never prettier, the grounds were never more artistic and beautiful, and the weather in the afternoon and evening was perfect. At 9 a. m. the seniors assembled in front of Holworthy Hall and marched to Appleton Chapel, where prayers were offered by the Rev. Dr. Francis G. Peabody. Then came the meeting of friends and preparations for the day. At 11 o'clock came the class parts in Sander's. The oration, was by Charles Grilk, the ode by Fullerton Waldo and the ivy oration by R. P. Utter. This year's poet, Guy M. Scull, was not there to read his poem.

Many of the seniors who are enlisted in regiments were back for the day's festivities, and the sight of a soldier's uniform under the large black gown of a senior brought out frequent applause. These men were the heroes of the day. Besides Guy M. Scull, however, ex-Captain David M. Goodrich, of the crew, was away, and his post of honor of second marshal was vacant. While their classmates were celebrating their final day at Harvard these two honor men in the class were drilling in the ranks of Roosevelt's Rough Riders. In his oration Charles Grilk spoke of the political duties of those of the class who were about to start out in life.

After the Sander's exercises came the regular spreads. There were the big Beck Hall Pudding, Φ Eta and Delta Upsilon spreads, besides many minor ones given by the seniors, either alone or by twos and threes.

The statue exercises took place at 5 p. m. The seniors formed a double column and marched about the yard, through the old buildings and around the famous tree where scrambles for flowers were formerly held. In the mean while the under classmen had marched to the Delta with a body of graduates. The three classes took their places on three sides of the statue, the graduates on the end. The seniors entered, cheered and were cheered by the younger collegians and graduates in return. Then, after a speech by E. C. Storrow, '88, in which he welcomed the class to the alumni, there was more cheering. They sang "America," then "Fair Harvard," and then the seniors walked by the statue, taking a flower from the base as they passed into the ranks of the graduates. The scene was a beautiful one, and to many made up in impressiveness what it lacked in excitement.

In the evening there were dancing in Memorial Hall and music and a promenade in the yard, which was fenced with evergreens and hung thickly with Japanese lanterns.

DEFOREST PRIZE COMPETITION.

New-Haven, Conn., June 24.—The Deforest prize medal competition was held at Yale this afternoon with six speakers, each of whom was the winner of a Townsend premium for meritorious thesis. The winner was Herbert Westcott Fisher, of New-Haven; his subject was "The Italian Plays of Shakespeare."

TWO CONVICTS ESCAPE.

Oswego, N. Y., June 24.—Alfred Millington, the most desperate criminal Oswego has produced in years, and Charles Haskings, his companion, sawed their way out of the County Jail to-night. This is Millington's third escape. He was serving one year for intoxication and was under five indictments for assault in the first degree, robbery and jail-breaking.

CHICAGO'S PRESENT POPULATION.

Chicago, June 24.—According to the new city directory, which will be issued in a few days, Chicago now has a population of 1,893,000. This is an increase of 65,000 over the figures for 1897.

GREAT DAMAGE BY DAKOTA HAILSTORM.

Grand Forks, N. D., June 24.—A hailstorm swept through the centre of Walsh County yesterday for a distance of forty miles, and from one to ten miles in width. Crops in the pathway of the storm are apparently total losses. A conservative estimate of the area of grain destroyed is fifty thousand acres, and it may reach double that amount, involving a loss of $1,000,000 to $2,000,000. In the cities of Park River and Grafton, twenty miles apart, all the skylights and windows on the west side of buildings were broken and trees were denuded of foliage.

ELM-ST. WIDENING ASSESSMENTS.

The apportioning of assessments both on city and on private and corporate property along Elm-st. was the main subject discussed at a hearing before the Assessment Commissioners yesterday at No. 89 Liberty-st. The lawyers representing individual estate-owners and corporations asserted that it was impossible to ascertain the exact amount in which each lot had been assessed. Forty lots, it was asserted, had been assessed in bulk over $200,000, thus making it impossible for those interested to ascertain definitely from the report of the assessors how much each lot had been assessed. The contention that city property, including the Educational Building, at Grand and Elm sts., the Criminal Court Building, Tombs, firehouses and the Register's office, was assessed at a lower figure than adjoining estates was again discussed. The Commissioners will give another hearing this morning.

HIGHBINDER OUTRAGES IN CHINATOWN.

San Francisco, June 24.—It is asserted that another highbinder war is imminent in Chinatown. The shooting of Chung Ying two nights ago, it is said, has been followed by threats against at least four other prominent Chinamen. A price of $500 is reported to have been put on their heads. The men are all manufacturers, and they have gained the enmity of a portion of their countrymen by employing non-union laborers. Their names are D. Wing, Kim Wah Lung, Moy Hin and Mock Foo. Wing is an overalls maker and employs about eighty hands. His factory is now closely guarded.

The killing of Chung Ying by a highbinder in Chinatown is positively stated to have been because he underbid other Chinese firms on Government work.

INJUNCTION TO PREVENT SALE OF MINE.

Portland, Ore., June 24.—A dispatch to "The Oregonian" from Spokane, Ore., says: "United States Senator George Turner, in the Superior Court, has obtained a temporary injunction restraining the sale of the Le Roi mine, at Rossland. The mine was recently sold to a British-American corporation for $3,000,000 by a majority of the Board of Directors of the Le Roi. Turner claims the pooling agreement existing between certain large stockholders was violated by the action of the trustees, whose acts, he claims, were without authority."

LITTLE GOLD IN COPPER RIVER COUNTRY.

Juneau, Alaska, June 17, via Seattle, Wash., June 24.—A party of sixty-one disappointed miners has just reached here from the Copper River country. One of the men, E. W. Hoag, formerly editor of a paper at Poplar Bluff, Mo., says it took eight weeks to get through the fifty miles over the Valdez glacier. He speaks in a most discouraging way of the country, and says, while copper exists there, no gold worth working was found.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND'S CORONATION.

The usual sleepy placidity of Holland is deeply stirred just now by the excitement attendant on the preparations for the coronation of the young Queen in September, and great festivities are contemplated at The Hague, which city is to have the honor of being the Queen's future home, and also at Scheveningen, where a magnificent drive of about two miles has been built between the hotel and the beach, which is celebrated as being one of the finest in Europe. Scheveningen is about thirty minute's drive from The Hague and contains many beautiful villas and fine hotels, of which the finest is the Kurhaus Hotel, which has every modern convenience. It has three hundred beds. The views over the ocean from the piazzas and windows of the hotel are beautiful. There is a constant service of steam, electric and horse-cars from The Hague to the beach.

AMONG THE COLLEGES.

WILLIAMS.

Williamstown, Mass., June 24.—The exercises of the 100th commencement began Saturday evening with the Graves prize speaking contest. W. F. Walsh spoke on "City Government in the United States"; James B. Pratt, on "Modern Agnosticism"; P. H. Truman, on "Belief and Reason"; H. D. Nims, on "Cavour the Statesman and Mazzini the Prophet"; C. M. Callahan, on "The Friendships of Tennyson." W. H. Matthews, who was to speak on "Louis IX., the Last of the Crusaders," was excused. S. T. Livingston presided, and the decision of the judges was reserved for commencement.

After the baseball game at Amherst on Saturday the team unanimously re-elected Ross, '99, captain, but he resigned, and J. T. Reardon, '99, of Holyoke, was chosen captain for next year. Williams finishes in second place this year, having won three out of eight games.

Dr. Franklin Carter preached the baccalaureate sermon to the seniors on Sunday morning. The Rev. Dr. Booth, of New-York City, opened the services. Dr. Carter preached from the text "Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth."

The second annual extemporaneous debate was held Monday night in the Congregational Church, under the auspices of the Adelphic Union. Francis L. Stetson, '67, presided. The question was, "Resolved, That the United States should control and govern the Philippine Islands." The speakers for the Philotechnian Society were P. M. Brown, '98; E. F. Hutchinson, '98, and A. E. Branch, '99. The Philogian Society was represented by L. R. Howard, '98; T. M. Shipherd, '99, and F. J. Bruno, '99. Messrs. Branch, Hutchinson and Bruno took the affirmative, and Messrs. Brown, Shipherd and Howard the negative. The decision was reserved for Wednesday.

Tuesday morning was occupied by alumni meetings and class reunions. Dr. Leartus Connor, '65, gave the report for the alumni visitors, urging especially properly regulated physical exercise as a part of the course, and recommending the election of a physician to the Board of Trustees. The matter was referred to the trustees. A discussion of the method of nominating alumni trustees followed. The officers for next year were announced as follows: President, W. B. Putney, '63, of New-York City; vice-president, Dr. Hutchins, '57, of Brooklyn; secretary, the Rev. E. B. Parsons, '69, of Williamstown; Executive Committee, Barton, '66; Hawkins, '81; Hoyt, '92, and Perkins, '95. The Rev. Dr. Gladden, '59, was elected alumni trustee.

In the president's annual report Dr. Carter speaks at length of the growing needs for instruction in argumentation and composition in connection with the department of English and the preparation for these needs. Carroll L. Maxcy, '87, will fill a new chair in this department, having charge of this work. E. V. Huntington will continue in the mathematical department. W. I. Milham has been appointed assistant professor of the mathematical sciences. It is expected he will go abroad at the close of the next year for two years' post-graduate study. Mr. Congdon leaves his place in the department of physics, and his duties are assumed by C. E. Mendenhall, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University. Gray Hardy, a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, will be added to the force of the mathematical department.

At 2 o'clock Tuesday the class exercises were held. The marshals were James F. Bacon and J. H. Lotz. H. W. Fifer delivered the president's address; R. C. Burr, the class oration; L. R. Howard, the ivy oration; Arthur Ketchum, the class poem; J. B. Pratt, the ivy song; C. M. Callahan, the library oration; Lewis Perry, the address to the lower classes; W. T. Quinn, the pipe oration. The Cap and Bells Dramatic Club rendered an original comedy, written by Ketchum, '98, and Conger, '99, and entitled "The House Party." The parts were taken by Osborne, '01; Whipple, '01; Oakman, '99; Birnie, '01; Ketchum, '98, and Stearns, '99.

At the trustees' meeting on Tuesday Dr. Lefavour was reappointed dean, S. T. Livingston was reappointed instructor in elocution and T. N. Dale in geology and botany. Dr. J. E. Walworth was chosen assistant in chemistry, and R. A. Budington, '96, and G. G. Scott, '98, assistants in biology.

In the evening the senior promenade was held in the Lasell gymnasium. The committee of arrangements were Denman, Barrell, Davis, A. Hamilton '99, Walsh, Moore, Newman and Towle.

The moonlight oratorical contest took place on Tuesday evening. The speakers and subjects were: G. P. Merrill, "The Power of Thought"; Boudinot Seeley, Jr., "Gladstone's Farewell to the House of Commons"; John A. Djeff, "The Policy of President McKinley"; F. W. Cross, "War as a Civilizing Power." These speakers were from the class of '00. Those from the class of '99 were: Joel Hathaway, "Nelson"; A. D. Paick, "Gustavus Adolphus"; J. M. Hills, "The Sunset of Despotism"; I. D. Wildey, "Immigration"; H. C. Whitehead, "The Anglo-American Alliance."

The commencement exercises were held on Wednesday morning in the Congregational Church. The speakers and their subjects were: H. H. Hubbell, "Friendship"; C. M. Callahan, "The Professional Ideal in Law"; J. W. McConnell, "Future Relations of England and the United States"; G. G. Scott, "Nelson and His Biographers"; L. R. Howard, "Christian Movements in Colleges"; W. F. Walsh, "Practical Statesmanship"; F. W. Rust, "Canning and the Holy Alliance"; J. B. Pratt (valedictory), "War."

The following honorary degrees were conferred: Doctor of Divinity, The Rev. William E. Roe, '73, the Rev. Robert E. Jones, president of Hobart College, and the Rev. Paul Van Dyke, professor-elect of history in Princeton University. Doctor of Laws—Judge William B. Gilbert, '68, and Paymaster-General Edwin Stewart, '62, United States Navy. Master of Arts—Samuel Johnson and Charles S. Rackermann.

After the commencement exercises the alumni and friends dined in the Lasell gymnasium. Dr. Carter was toastmaster. Paymaster-General Stewart, '62, was the first speaker, and eulogized the Navy. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Institute, spoke in praise of General Armstrong and his work among the negroes. Ex-Governor Fifer of Illinois followed him. Judge Gilbert, of the Ninth Judicial District Federal Court, Dr. Paul Van Dyke, professor-elect of history in Princeton; C. F. Bacon, '98; the Rev. Dr. Roe, '74, Charles S. Rackermann, Dean Birge of the University of Wisconsin, and C. L. Maxcy, '87, professor-elect of English, also addressed the alumni. The class of '88, through H. W. Austin, announced a gift of $300 to the athletic fund and one of $500 to the new Young Men's Christian Association Building fund. President Carter gave the alumni a reception on Wednesday evening in the Lasell gymnasium.

The farewell banquet of the class of '98 was held at the Greylock on Thursday evening. C. W. Floyd was toastmaster, and the responses were given by H. W. Fifer, J. F. Bacon, G. G. Scott, P. H. Truman, W. T. Quinn, Lewis Perry, E. E. Hutchinson and W. H. Matthews. The Committee of Arrangements were Barrell, C. H. Davis, Hamilton, Walsh and Denman.

HAMILTON.

Clinton, N. Y., June 24.—The term and year, as far as study goes, closed to-day, and to-morrow begins the eighteenth commencement week of Hamilton College. The class of '98 is really the eighty-fourth to graduate, because in 1829 and 1830 there were no graduating students, owing to a fight between faculty and trustees that came near wrecking the struggling college. This year will see an innovation, and for the first time the commencement day exercises will be held in the chapel on the hill. The following is the programme for the week:

Sunday—11 a. m., baccalaureate sermon by President Stryker in the Stone Church; 4:30 p. m., anniversary exercises of the Y. M. C. A., with address by Professor Francis M. Burdick, of Columbia College, New-York, in the college chapel.

Monday—3 p. m., Campus Day exercises on College Hill; 8 p. m., McKinney prize declamation in the Stone Church.

Tuesday—2 p. m., class day exercises in the college chapel; 8 p. m., McKinney prize debate in the Stone Church; 10:30 p. m., senior reception in the Soper Gymnasium.

Wednesday—10 a. m., alumni meeting in the college chapel, with half-century letter by Professor Edward Orton, '48, of the Ohio State University; election of trustee; class reunions; 4 to 6 p. m., president's reception.

Thursday—10:30 a. m., commencement exercises in the college chapel; 2 p. m., alumni dinner in the Soper Gymnasium.

WESLEYAN.

Middletown, Conn., June 24.—There is great demand for tickets for the annual Glee Club concert which takes place in Memorial Chapel on Monday evening. Following the concert at 11 o'clock will come the junior promenade.

On Thursday evening the freshmen went up the river to Saybrook, where they held their banquet at Fenwick Hall.

The next evening the sopohomores had a banquet at East Haddam Hotel.

Miss A. J. Raymond entertained the freshmen delegation of Alpha Delta Phi on Wednesday evening.

On Monday afternoon the alumni will play baseball with the 'Varsity. An interesting game is anticipated, as many strong baseball alumni expect to be on hand.

The invitations are out for the fraternity receptions to come off Tuesday afternoon. Invitations are also out for the Alpha Delta Phi musical which comes off to-morrow.

RADCLIFFE.

Cambridge, Mass., June 24.—On Thursday and Friday of last week examinations for final honors were held. Final honors were awarded as follows in Germanic languages and literature: Edith Temple Horne, '98, English; Maude Wood, '98, Margaret Leonard, '98, and Inez Haynes Gillmore, Spanish; classics, Gertrude M. Flannigan, '98. Second year honors in classes have also been awarded to A. W. Davis, H. P. Fluhrer and M. F. Griffin.

On Saturday afternoon Caroline Humphrey, president of the senior class, entertained the class of '98 at her home in Cambridge. During the afternoon the class history was read by Grace Landrum, the prophecy by Kate Berry and Marguerite Burton, and the class poem by Marguerite Leonard. Radcliffe class day was held on Wednesday evening and was a brilliant affair. The grounds were beautifully decorated with Japanese lanterns and electric lights. Near the gymnasium was a large dancing tent, and on the tennis courts at the side was held the spread. Fay House, Vaughn House and the Brown and Nichols building were thrown open and elaborately decorated, the class colors of blue and white being most conspicuous. Groups of the seniors received in the different rooms and there were about a dozen spreads. In the parlors of Fay House Mrs. Louis Agassiz received with Miss Caroline Humphrey, president of the senior class, during the first half hour. They were succeeded by Miss Irwin, dean of the college, and Miss Maude Wood, vice-president of the class. Next to do the honors as hostess were Miss Alice Longfellow and Miss Wing, and after them Miss Mary Cox and Miss Winship. During the evening the Glee Club sang, assisted by the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

Grace Landrum, Kate Griswold and Annie Shatton were on the Class Day Committee, and Florence Locke, Gertrude Hall and Kate Chase had charge of the invitations. The junior class served as ushers. A lunch for the seniors will be given by Fay House this afternoon by the class of '99.

On Sunday the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Thomas at St. John's Chapel, Cambridge.

The commencement exercises will be held at Sanders Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, after which the alumnæ will receive the class at Fay House, and later in the afternoon a tea will be given by Miss Irwin and Miss Longfellow at Craigie Hall.

WELLESLEY.

Wellesley, Mass., June 24.—The twentieth annual commencement at Wellesley College was held on Tuesday. Formal exercises began at 3 p. m., the chapel being densely crowded with guests and the college contingent. An organ postlude, played by Mrs. Willea T. Stovall, college organist, opened the exercises. The trustees, president, members of the faculty, representative guests, alumnæ and candidates for degrees entered in order. After music, reading of Scripture from the Melanchthon Bible, and an opening prayer, the commencement oration was given by Professor Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of Cornell University, his subject being "The Mission of the Peoples."

Following the address, degrees were conferred upon seven candidates for master of arts—Florence Sidette, Marcy Crofut, Eva Mattocks Denison, Adda May Gentry, Mary Hefferan, Mary Herbert Holmes, Hester Deane, Nichols and Elva Hulburd Young. One hundred and forty-six candidates—the largest class in the college history—received the degree of bachelor of arts, and two candidates received certificates.

The commencement banquet was served at 6 o'clock in College Hall dining-room, and the reception to the graduates and their friends was held immediately after. Wednesday was observed as Alumnæ Day, the business meeting occurring at 10 a. m. and the annual luncheon at 1:30 p. m. The classes of '83, '88, '93, '95 and '97 held reunions this year.

SMITH.

Northampton, Mass., June 24.—The commencement festivities began with the performances on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights of the Senior Dramatics' "Much Ado About Nothing." The production was very successful and much praised, so that the class felt fully repaid for the work it had put upon the play since Easter.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the baccalaureate exercises were held in the First Congregational Church. Though the day was stormy, the church was filled. Dr. Rose, pastor of the church, offered prayer, and President Seelye delivered the baccalaureate address.

The students and visitors of the college were invited to an organ recital by Dr. Blodgett in the college chapel on Sunday evening. He improvised upon themes of sacred music, ending with "America," in the singing of which all his hearers joined.

The ivy exercises were held on Monday morning. The class of '98 began a new custom, that of singing as the procession moved toward the main building. The song written for the occasion was by Miss Daskam. After the class had assembled upon the steps the president, Miss Vera Scott, made the address of welcome in a gracious and winning manner. The singing of "Fair Smith" was followed by the ivy oration, delivered by Miss Josephine Daskam. Then followed the ivy song, the words of which were written by Miss Milne and the music by Miss Burch. During the singing the class vine was planted by the president. After the exercises an informal dance was given in the gymnasium.

The afternoon of Monday was taken up by reunions of the various societies. The Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs gave an outdoor concert at the back of the main building on Monday evening. Though the informality of the occasion distracted somewhat the attention of the audience, the appreciation of the programme was general. Later in the evening a reception was given for the seniors and their friends. Those receiving were President and Mrs. Seelye, the members of the faculty, and the presidents of the class of '98—Miss Vera Scott, Miss Ruth Duncan and Miss Celiissa Brown.

Tuesday morning the commencement exercises were held in Assembly Hall. At 10:30 the trustees entered and took their seats upon the platform. The alumnæ filled the transept, and the senior class occupied the seats immediately before the platform. The choir sang "Whence Cometh Understanding," after which a prayer was offered by the Rev. Paul Van Dyke. The singing by the choir of "God So Loved the World" was followed by the address of the orator of the day, the Rev. Dr. Kingsley Twining, of "The Independent." His subject was, "The Relation of the Romance of College Life to the Reality of the World." The choir sang "To