

TAFT LAUDS SUPREME COURT

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His Selection of Five Members of the Honorable His Most Important Work Honorary Degrees Are Conferred Upon Many Distinguished Persons.

NEW HAVEN, June 21.—The two events of importance in town to-day were the graduation exercises and the coming of President Taft to talk to the alumni. The President talked to them pretty freely on a subject that is close to his heart—the Supreme Court.

Mr. Taft praised the distinction made by this body in its recent decisions on account of trade. He explained the policy that he had taken in filling the five places to which he has made appointments on this bench, and he said that he was willing to stand upon the record that he was short on that record had been among these appointees took their seats.

The academic procession had already formed with its dead black gowns splashed with colors from the hoods, and was twisting its way across the campus into Woolsey Hall when the President arrived. His train reached the station at 10 o'clock and Mr. Taft wasted no time on the way to Woodbridge Hall, where he dropped his high top and put on the mortar board and gown with the hood of his LL. D. degree.

President Hadley and ex-President Taft, at the head of the faculty, were addressing the President emerged. He shook hands with them, then turned back to a position with the other members of the Yale Corporation directly behind the secretary, Anson Phelps Stokes, and the treasurer, George F. Ruggles.

The ranks of the candidates for degrees opened when Woolsey Hall was reached to permit the faculty, the Corporation members and invited guests to pass through the youngsters stood with heads uncovered.

Inside the President occupied a seat in the back row off to one side. His position was determined by his length of service on the corporation, the center of the platform being held by President Hadley, flanked by Secretary Stokes and ex-President Dwight L. Davis. Blakelee was on the platform and the rest were candidates for honorary degrees and those prominent in the university's administration.

The conferring of degrees of course was much the same as it is at every commencement. The lines filed past and received their shawls and their hats and their diplomas. Then came the honorary degrees.

Four master of arts degrees were conferred. The recipients were William W. Adams, attorney-at-law, and graduate of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania.

Charles Frederick Brooker, one of the leading forces in the development of the Naugatuck Valley, of Connecticut, was conferred a Yale graduate in 91, who is known for his lectures and studies on the Blackfoot Indians, who have adopted him into their tribe, and Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the executive committee of the National Red Cross Society.

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Prof. Rice when he spoke of A. Barton Hepburn characterized him as the most distinguished of New York financiers. This description of him, said Prof. Rice, came from a man sitting next him on the platform, himself a prominent New Yorker and a friend of Mr. Hepburn.

Herbert Putnam, Librarian of Congress, a graduate of Harvard in 1881, was also made a doctor of laws. In Williams upon whom this degree was conferred was William W. Crapo of New Bedford, Mass. Mr. Crapo was graduated at Yale in 1882. When he was a student at Yale he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi.

When the business of giving degrees was done with the academic procession marched out of the church and proceeded to the gymnasium, where the alumni luncheon was waiting for them. Bliss Perry, president of the society of the alumni and recently re-elected to the board of trustees, was toastmaster at the speaking after the luncheon was ended.

He introduced President Garfield, who said that the college had received gifts amounting to \$100,000 in the last year. He spoke of the gifts by classes to the new professorship endowment fund, which amounts at present to about \$100,000. He told that the class of 1911 ought to be mentioned especially. Each of these men, he said, agreed at a class supper a year ago to give his first week's salary to this fund. The result has been that each of these men, without receiving new subscriptions from 1910. He added, however, that the endowment fund was a necessary project for it costs Williams \$100,000 a year to educate every one of its students than it receives in tuition from them.

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