

2,160 GRADUATES COMPOSE BIGGEST COLUMBIA CLASS

Woman for First Time in History of University Honored With LL. D.

PARTING ADVICE GIVEN BY PRESIDENT BUTLER

Columbia University graduated 2,160 students yesterday, the largest number in its history.

More than 2,000 relatives and friends of the graduates were crowded into the gymnasium and at least half that many more were invited to the building because the building was filled to overflowing.

Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler, one of New York's foremost philanthropists and the only woman Columbia has ever honored with the degree of LL. D., marched by the side of Dean Virginia C. Gilderleeve of Barnard College.

Ex-Governor Myron T. Herrick of Ohio marched with Prof. Munroe Smith, senior professor of law, and was later presented for the LL. D. degree by Prof. Smith.

Benjamin N. Cardoso, Judge of the Court of Appeals, marched with Dean Stone of the law school and Gen. Hugh Lenox Scott, Chief of Staff of the United States army, with Dean George W. Pery. Both received the LL. D. degree.

Charles Ransom Miller, editor of the New York Times, who received the degree of doctor of letters, was with Dr. Talbot Williams, director of the School of Journalism, and Prof. Brandon Matthews, accompanied by Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson, candidate for an honorary master's degree.

Near Admiral Robert Griffith and Arthur Louis Day, candidates for the degree of doctor of science, and the Rev. Ralph Brauer, formerly of the class of 1898, marched with members of the university council.

With a band playing Miller's Festival March the graduates took more than three-quarters of an hour in passing to their places. The long line of black gowns was broken when the Barnard College seniors came into view with their white frocks.

The procession was led by Walter W. Dewey, president of the class of 1915, and the last one in line was President Nicholas Murray Butler.

It was when the candidates for the M. A. degree stepped into view that the seemingly endless stream took on its most picturesque aspect. Thirty graduates of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, who have completed a year of graduate engineering work at Columbia, were in full dress uniforms.

Their good faces and cocked hats making a striking picture. Dr. Butler for the first time in years discarded his flaming red Cambridge gown and wore the simple Columbia doctor's garb.

With the decennial class of 1905 and the class of 1910 marching just ahead of the graduates, the faculty members, Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler.

Copyright by B. H. ... Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler.

After the Rev. Raymond C. Knox had read the invocation Dr. Butler delivered his address to the graduates, making what many believed to be a hidden threat at the German Emperor.

Dr. Butler's Address.

"In what spirit and in what attitude of mind the problems of practical life shall be approached by men and women who have had the benefit of the discipline and the instruction of a university are matters of grave concern to those charged with the university's oversight and direction.

"The closed mind is not of itself conservative or radical, destructive or constructive. It is merely a mental attitude which may be any one of these or all of them in turn.

"To the closed mind the world is a finished product and nothing remains out of its interested contemplation. The closed mind may be jostled, but it cannot be changed.

"There is another type of mind equally to be shunned. To be sure, this type of mind is not closed, for unfortunately it

is quite open at both ends. This is the type which remembers nothing and which forgets nothing. To it the name of no historic family has yet been given. There is every prospect, however, that some contemporary name may, through constant association with this type of mind, yet become as distinguished and as familiar in the speech of our grandchildren as the name of the house of Bourbon is distinguished and familiar to us.

Trait to Be Desired.

"Open mindedness is a trait greatly to be desired. It differs from the closed mind and from the mind which consists wholly of openings. The open mind is ready to receive freely and fairly, and to estimate new facts, new ideas, new movements, new teachings, new tendencies; but while it receives it does not assimilate them. It does not yield itself wholly to the new truth. It has assured itself that the new is also true. It does not reject that which is old and cast aside the new. It is certain that it is also false or futile.

"The open offers a third dimension to the intellectual area, of knowledge that each individual possesses through his own experience. When one proclaims that he is not bound by any trammels of the past, he is in reality saying that he is both very young and very foolish. Such a one would, if he could, reduce himself to the intellectual level of the infant. It is not his own intelligence as his wisdom is wanting. Such a one possesses neither an open mind nor a closed mind, but a mind open at both ends through which a stream of sensation and feeling will pour without leaving any more permanent conscious impressions behind than the lapping waves leave on the sandy shore.

"There is a great difference between being intelligent and being intelligent. Not a few intellectual persons are quite unintelligent, and very many intelligent persons would hardly be classed as intelligent. One of the chief manifestations of intellectual unintelligence is the intelligent man is open minded enough to see the point of view of the other side of the question. He is able to enter in some measure into their feelings and convictions. He is able also to view the conflicting arguments and positions in their proper perspective, and to rank the less significant of these below the more significant. It is quite possible to be intellectual and to manifest a closed mind, but it is not possible to do so and to be intelligent.

"It is the constant aim of this college and university to hold up the value of open mindedness and to train students in ways of intelligence. This university is the product of the American people, and is dedicated to liberty. It finds in liberty the justification and the ground for open mindedness and also the source of those dangers which threaten the soundness of the educated man to avoid.

"Open mindedness in the university teaching is a habit of open mindedness in later life. Genuine open mindedness grows to progress based upon wisdom. That each one of you may have caught something of this spirit and may manifest it effectively and effectively manifest it in the years to come is our earnest wish and hope."

Degrees Conferred.

The conferring of degrees took place in form only, after the candidates from each school had been presented to the university by their respective deans. Dr. Butler awarded the degree and added that the diplomas would be ready after the exercises in the afternoon.

In this way degrees were conferred on 190 Columbia College seniors, 149 Barnard graduates, 133 from the law school, 85 graduates of the School of Engineering, 19 architects, 3 graduates in music, 22 in Journalism, 509 from the Teachers College, 13 from the School of Business Administration, 1 master of laws and 70 doctors of philosophy.

In conferring the honorary LL. D. degree on President Nicholas Murray Butler, following formulas after Prof. Edward D. Pery had delivered the presentation oration.

Lee Schuyler—A pioneer in the service of noble woman to the State, founder of the State Charities Aid Association and of a system of visiting nurses of State institutions by volunteer committees of citizens.

Hugh Lenox Scott—Graduated at the United States Military Academy, Major-General in the army of the United States and chief of staff.

Benjamin N. Cardoso—Bachelor of arts of the class of 1893, Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York.

Johnston Forbes-Robertson—Chosen Governor of Ohio and later designated Ambassador to the French Republic; carrying the obligations of high office with the faithfulness, the good nature and the generosity of a true American gentleman.

Among the Barnard College graduates was Miss Sarah Schuyler Butler, daughter of President Butler, who led her class and received the degree of bachelor of arts magna cum laude.

Among those who received master of arts degrees were many Oriental students, Joshua Zau Tsung Nye of Hanoi, China, won the Einstein prize of \$200 for the best and most original work in American diplomacy.

AGED TWO AND A HALF SHE GRADUATES WITH 22 FROM MONTESSORI SCHOOL



A group of pupils, the youngest two and a half years of age, at the Montessori Children's House.

The youngest graduate in New York City yesterday was Miss Marquitta Marquis, aged 2 1/2, who took an important part in the commencement exercises of the Montessori Children's House, 532 West 187th street.

Technically speaking, Marquitta was not really a graduate. One isn't actually graduated from the Montessori schools—at least one doesn't get a diploma—but after one has learned to tie colors and make mats, to wash one's

face and brush one's hair, tell one's letters and even read a bit, sit quietly while other people are talking and respond gracefully when one is spoken to, then one's parents think one has taken the first important step in education and begin to talk of sending one to a real school.

Twenty-two of Marquitta's little classmates did all this yesterday afternoon, and many other things, such as rhythmic chanting, singing, and dancing, in the Montessori commencement exercises were over yesterday afternoon.

Height class has perhaps made more progress than any similar school in the city, and when the mature graduates of seven were turned away for their summer vacation, they clung to their teachers, all in fluffy white dresses and pink and blue bows, asking to "please let us come back and play some more."

Seldom have college graduates parted from their Alma Mater with such tears and wails, and it was only when stern but loving parents appeared and dragged them away that the Montessori commencement exercises were over yesterday afternoon.

COMES TO MARRY, BUT IS LOCKED UP INSTEAD

Eloper From Connecticut Held on Charge of Sending Threatening Letter.

Stanley Trojan, 25, and his sweetheart, Theresa Gianouch, 26, came here yesterday from Litchfield, Conn., to be married. Theresa having neglected to inform her parents of her plans.

The elopement, however, got no further than the Grand Central Terminal, where Trojan was arrested by Post Office Inspector Pitch on a charge of sending a threatening letter to Miss Rose Johnson, superintendent of the Mount Sinai Convalescent Hospital, at East View, N. Y.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Houghton Trojan consented to return to Hartford, Conn., where the warrant was sworn out. As he was unable to furnish \$500 he had been sent to the Tombs until tomorrow, when he will make the trip in custody.

His sweetheart, Theresa, insisted on going with him, but the Commissioner told her to go back to her parents as fast as she could or take the alternative of being escorted back on the arm of the law.

Trojan admitted having written a letter to Miss Johnson, in which he told her it might be a matter of life or death with her if she neglected to send him \$500 with which to buy a little field, where he was residing.

The letter was written from Litchfield, where Trojan has been living since he gave up his job as driver for the hospital, where he was employed by Miss Johnson, while in the employ of the hospital, was treated with apparent success for certain mental manifestations, which first exhibited themselves after a fire at the hospital last January.

Trojan, it is said, was instrumental in saving the lives of several patients. Trojan told Assistant United States Attorney Edwin M. Stantoff that Miss Johnson had failed to help him get released from the Tombs, and that he had a foundation fund for a broken arm which he suffered in a runaway accident while he was driving for the hospital.

Miss Johnson received the letter on May 26. She was instructed by the post office authorities to give the writer the impression that she would pay the money in this way. Trojan, it is believed, intended to combine business with pleasure when he arrived here with his bride-to-be.

SHORT TERM BONDS PRENDERGAST'S PLAN

Comptroller Urges the Pay as You Go Policy for Cities of the State.

They, June 2.—Comptroller Prendergast of New York City was the principal speaker to-day at the conference of the Mayors and other officials of the cities in this State.

In discussing the increased cost of city government, Comptroller Prendergast said that much of the funded debt has been due to the notion that it is all right to have expensive improvements and let posterity pay the bills.

He pointed out that in the New York City budget of 1901, \$12,100,296 was provided to pay interest on the city debt and the budget of 1915 includes \$12,424,903 for the same purpose—an increase of more than 25-per-cent. He said a large part of this sum was wasted.

"We must endeavor," he continued, "to show taxpayers that they themselves are now the posterity, which it was thought ten or fifteen years ago would be the posterity of the future."

He suggested that the use of short term or serial bonds, which would make people realize that they can do without many things they think they want.

Mr. Prendergast outlined a plan whereby the city could save itself from the constant borrowing of money on short term loans in the open market. The plan involves the gradual accumulation of surplus funds by the city, the sinking funds so that the larger part of the city's current administrative expense could be borrowed from the sinking fund on short term notes.

This year we shall have to redeem from the public upward of \$15,000,000 of maturing bonds, valued at \$45,000,000. In 1917, \$15,939,000, and in the years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 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