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CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

ITHACA, June 20, 1878.

The tenth annual commencement exercises of Cornell University took place here to-day. At fifteen minutes of nine A. M. the graduating class, to the number of sixty-seven, met at the Clinton House, and preceded by the trustees of the University, members of the faculty and alumni, marched to the Library Hall, where the exercises were to take place. The hall was filled to overflowing, not even standing room being obtainable. The audience was so large and the heat so intense that several ladies fainted during the exercises. Howe's orchestra, of Ithaca, furnished the music. The delivery of the essays was marked by an earnestness and self-possession far beyond that of previous years.

THE EXERCISES.

The exercises were as follows:—

First—Oration, "Inspirers and Organizers in History," Eugene Cary, Dunkirk.

Second—Thesis in agriculture, "Rotation in Crops," Bento de Almeida Prado, Itu S. Paulo, Brazil.

Third—Thesis in natural history, "The Native Races of Central America," Fred Baker, Norwalk, Ohio.

Fourth—Thesis in civil engineering, "Design for a Railroad Bridge," David Marx, Toledo, Ohio.

Fifth—Thesis in mechanic arts, "The Reynolds' Eight-ton Hoisting Machine," Arthur Falkenan, New York city.

Sixth—Essay in literature, "Superstition Among the Men of Letters in Ancient Rome," Ruth Putnam, New York city.

Seventh—Essay on technical education, Robert Henry Treman, Ithaca.

Eighth—Oration, "The Elevation of Labor," Watson Weed, North Rose.

Ninth—Essay, "Theodore Winthrop and His Writings," Heywood Conant, Wilmington, Del.

Tenth—Thesis in mechanic arts, "The Steam Engine Indicator," Frederick Arthur Halsey, Unadilla.

Eleventh—Thesis in architecture, "Swiss Architecture," Quintiliano Nery Ribiero Minos Geraes, Brazil.

Twelfth—Oration, "The Evolution and Power of Ideas," Joseph Ness, Hoopeston, Ill.

Thirteenth—Thesis in chemistry, "Malt Liquors and Their Chemical Relations," Clayton Crandall, Ithaca.

Fourteenth—Essay, "The Economic Conditions of Railway Location," Cornelius Stephens Thacher Hopewell.

Fifteenth—Thesis in Scandinavian literature, "Tegners Frithiofs Saga," Arthur Middleton Reeves, Richmond, Ind.

Sixteenth—Oration, "Communism in America," Arthur Cooper Wakely, Omaha, Neb.

Seventeenth—Literary essay, "Woman in Tennyson," Charles Myron Rexford, Watertown.

Eighteenth—Thesis in civil engineering, "English and American Iron Bridges," Frank Edward Bissel, South Bend, Ind.

Nineteenth—Thesis in modern languages, "The Origin of the Italian Language," John Wesley Babcock, Jamestown.

Twentieth—Thesis in ancient literature, "Aristophanes and Roman Satire," Arthur Ludwig Karl Volkmann, Arch. B., New York city.

Twenty-first—The Woodford oration, "Individual Manhood as an Influence in History," Charles Wilberforce Ames, Germantown, Pa.

Thesis of candidates for second degrees:—

First—"Experimental Researches in the Stability of Arches," Irving Porter Church, B. C. E., Ithaca.

Second—"The Influence of Political Events Upon National Literature, Illustrated by the History and Literature of England," Mary Holman Ladd, A. B., New York city.

Third—"The Bulkhead Wall, New York City, Leroy Street Section," Charles Ward Raymond, B. C. E., New York.

THE DEGREES.

The degrees were conferred as follows:—

Bachelor of Arts—John W. Babcock, Daniel W. Cady, Bessie B. Dewitt, Margaret Hicks, Kit McEbright, William L. McKay, Charles M. Rexford, Elias H. Sellers, A. L. K. Volkman, Arch. B.

Bachelors of Philosophy.—Jacob S. Lehmaier and Mary E. Oliver.

Bachelors of Science.—Franklin W. Mann, Eugene Baker, Alfred H. Ballard, Samuel T. Ballard, Philip Barnard, Eugene Cary, Heywood Conant, Clayton Crandall, Frederick Baker, George P. Eaton, Charles B. Everson, Lizzie J. Giddings, Lissette F. Jones, Franklin M. Kendall, Frank O. Meeker, Samuel G. Dewsnap, Joseph Ness, William B. Pattin, William P. Pickett, Arthur M. Reeves, Harvey J. Van Norman, Watson Weed, William Keith and Arthur E. Beardsley.

Bachelor of Agriculture—Bento De A. Prado.

Bachelors of Architecture—Edward Green and Quintiliano N. Ribiero.

Bachelors of Civil Engineering—Willard Beahan, Frank E. Bissell, Frank Bruen, James Dyson, Edward Hayes, George M. Jarvis, David Marx, Frank A. Maxwell, Cyrus H. McCormick, Thomas D. Merrill, Edward L. Preston, Francisco V. Rodriguez, Cornelius S. Thacher and Philip A. Weiker.

Bachelors of Mechanical Engineering—James M. Borden, Ellwood Burdsall, Arthur Falkenan, Frederick A. Halsey, Forbes Heermans, John F. Hill, Benjamin Johnson, William K. Seaman, Albert W. Smith, Robert H. Treman, A. C. DeVasconcellos and Wallace J. Wilcox.

Bachelors of Literature—Charles W. Ames, Ruth Putnam and Arthur C. Wakeley.

Master of Arts—Mary H. Ladd, A. B.

Civil Engineers—Irving P. Church, B. C. E., and Charles W. Raymond, B. C. E.

Licentiate in Physiological Anatomy—William S. Bothell.

In Mineralogy and Assaying—Francis M. Wilson.

PRESIDENT RUSSEL'S ADDRESS.

Acting President Russel, after conferring the degrees, briefly addressed the graduates, reminding them that their college days, the happiest of their lives, were now over forever, and counseling them to go forth into the world with the intention of doing good to their fellow men. He bade them always remember that whatever they did, good or bad, would reflect itself in some degree, at least, upon the university. In conclusion he read a letter from President White, who is now in Europe as Commissioner of New York State to the Paris Exposition, bidding the graduating class God speed, and expressing regret at his enforced absence.

THE PRIZES.

The following prizes were awarded:—

Woodford prize in oratory to Charles W. Ames, '78, and Horace K. White.

Prizes in veterinary science—First prize to J. H. Wellman, '79, $20; second prize to W. N. D. Bird, '80. Prizes of the Early English Text Society of London for proficiency in the department of English literature to Harriet Hoyt, '81, and G. L. Burr, '81.

MEETING OF THE BOARD.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees yesterday Mr. Henry W. Sage, of Brooklyn, gave the sum of $25,000 to the university. George W. Schuyler, of Ithaca, and A. S. Barnes, of New York, were elected trustees for the period of three years.

THE ALUMNI MEETING.

At the alumni meeting yesterday Judge Charles C. Dwight, of the New York Supreme Court, was elected their representative in the Board of Trustees for three years.

PRINCETON COLLEGE.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FIRST COMMENCEMENT—DEGREES AND PRIZES.

At the opening of the 131st annual commencement of Princeton College yesterday morning Rev. Dr. Stearns, of Newark, prayed that the dispensation of Providence which had so afflicted them by the death of Dr. Hodge might be sanctified to their use. While they regretted what they missed they nevertheless thanked God for what Dr. Hodge had done for the Church and for his fellow men, and that He had granted him a peaceful departure from this world.

President McCosh, on addressing the students, said they missed this day from among them an eminent scholar, who had always led in the proceedings. His first desire upon hearing of the Professor's death was to adjourn the commencement festivities, but so many had to go thousands of miles to their homes and had made preparations for departure that it was found impossible to make any change in the programme.

Albert D. Anderson, of New Jersey, then delivered the Latin salutatory, after which Dr. McCosh stated that it had been the intention of the President of the United States to be present at the commencement, but Congress had interfered with this intention. It was at first expected that that body would adjourn on Monday, and the President had ever since telegraphed every half day the hour when he intended to start for Princeton. He had first received a despatch stating that Congress had adjourned at an hour of the morning too late for the President to reach here in time for the festivities.

PRINCETON ADIEU.

After the English salutatory by George William Kretzenger, of California, numerous orations were delivered by members of the graduating class, among whom were the following New Yorkers:—Robert Atkinson Mayo, Richard Lenox Halsey, Henry Marquand, William W. McDonald, James Bliss Townsend, Willard S. McEachron and Arthur Henry Newman, of the class of 1875, who delivered the master's oration. Great interest attached to the valedictory, "Is Life Worth Living?" by David Stewart, of Maryland. The effect of this passionate adieu to old Princeton was electrical upon the vast audience, many of whom were affected to tears. General McClellan and Dr. McLane, who were seated upon the platform next to President McCosh, congratulated the speaker for his masterly effort.

THE PRIZES.

President McCosh then made a few remarks to the students, stating that the faculty of Princeton College had decided to confer degrees in the same manner as in Europe—viz., upon those who actually deserved them—and the prizes would be given only to those who, after a rigid examination, had peculiarly distinguished themselves. Amid breathless silence he then announced that the prize for Marquand classical fellowship had been given to Robert A. Mayo, of New York; J. I. K mathematical fellowship to Isaac H. Hers, of Maryland; the Chancellor Green mental science fellowship prize to David Stewart, of Maryland; experimental science fellowship prize to Albert D. Anderson, of New Jersey; the Boudinot modern language fellowship to William J. Dawson, of Maryland; the senior prizemen; Class '59, prize in English literature, A. H. Winterstein, Pennsylvania; honorable mention, Richard A. Green, Rhode Island; religious prize, Francis S. Haines, of New Jersey. The George Pott Bible prizes to William J. Kurse, of Pennsylvania; George S. Munson, New York. The Lynde Debate Prizes—First prize, Willard S. McEachron, New York; second prize, Preston Barr, of Pennsylvania; third prize, William Dulles, Jr., Pennsylvania.

Junior Prizemen—The Dickinson prize (best dissertation on English theism), William F. Magie, of New Jersey; the MacLean prize, William F. Eilsing, of Illinois.

Junior Orator Medalists—First medal, William F. Eilsing, Illinois; second medal, Chalmers Martin, New Jersey; third medal, Anderson A. Chambers, New Jersey; fourth medal, Samuel A. Harlow, New York.

Sophomore Prizemen—Class of '61, prize in mathematics, James D. Paxton, of New York.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

It was then announced that Princeton College had conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws upon His Excellency Governor George B. McClellan and also upon General William T. Sherman, U. S. A. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Rev. Theodore L. Brylington (Class '49), in Syria; Rev. Alfred Yeomen ('54), New Jersey, and Rev. Eldridge T. Mix, New Jersey. The degree of Ph. D. was conferred upon Professor Albert R. Leeds, of Stevens Institute of Technology.

A Chair of Architecture and Fine Arts being now established the degree of Bachelor of Architecture will in the future be conferred by the faculty of Princeton.

THE ALUMNI DINNER.

Immediately after the benediction a procession of graduates and alumni, preceded by Grafulla's Band, marched from the First Presbyterian Church to Dickinson Hall, where 400 persons sat down to a sumptuous dinner. Governor McClellan responded for the State of New Jersey, Chauncey Depew (Yale) responded for the sister colleges, and post-prandial speeches were also made by Thomas N. McCarter, of Newark, and several other alumni.

BROWN UNIVERSITY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 20, 1878.

The corporation of Brown University held its regular meeting to-day in Rhode Island Hall. Mr. Francis Wayland, of New Haven, Conn., was elected Vice Chancellor in the absence of Chancellor B. F. Thomas. The Rev. Comfort E. Barrows, of Newport, R. I., class '53, was chosen by the corporation to fill the Baptist vacancy in the Board of Trustees, and Richard M. Atwater, of Philadelphia, class '65, to fill the Quaker vacancy. These gentlemen received the largest number of votes at the balloting on commencement day. President Ely Robinson presented his annual report, which was read and received. He gave a sketch of what had been done during the past year and suggestions for the future.

Assistant Professor William C. Poland was granted leave of absence for one year.

The salaries of the President and professors were continued for this year, without changes, save in the salary of Mr. Alonzo Williams, Professor of Modern Languages, which was made $2,800.

The corporation passed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Sophia Augusta Brown, of Providence, widow of John Carter Brown, for a gift of $20,000 to complete the new library building, and Mr. William F. Sayles, of Pawtucket, R. I., for the donation of $50,000 for the erection of a memorial hall. Dr. Augustus Springer Packard, of Salem, Mass., was chosen Professor of Geology and Zoology, at a salary of $2,500 per annum. The corporation then adjourned.

Candidates for admission to Brown University were examined to-day. There is a large number of applicants this year, and if the usual percentage of those who apply are admitted, the classes will be unusually large. A considerable number of the applicants are candidates for the degree of A. B.

President Robinson will leave this city in a week or ten days for a trip to Colorado. He will make an extensive tour, also, over the great plains of the West.

TRINITY COLLEGE.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES—EVENTS OF COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

HARTFORD, Conn., June 20, 1878.

The class day exercises at Trinity were held this afternoon on the college campus in the presence of an assemblage rather larger than usual. In fact events at Trinity have an interest this year more than in years past, for the old brown stone buildings which have witnessed so many pleasant gatherings of the students and their friends are to be abandoned at the close of the present term.

The exercises this afternoon opened with an oration by William Viall Chapin, of Wickford, R. I., whose subject, "Retrospection," was most appropriately chosen. Then followed a poem, "Runnymede," a ballad by G. S. Chapman, of Hartford; the planting of the class ivy, an ancient custom of the college; the ivy oration by William Sherman Maddock, of New York city; the presentation of the lemon squeezer by the graduating class to the class of '80, the speech being made by John Dowes Hills, of Burlington, N. J. (valedictorian on commencement day), and response by D. L. Fleming, of '80. The class chronicles were read by F. De P. Hall, of New London. The usual ceremony of the presentation to the venerable janitor, "Professor Jim," was replaced by a eulogy by C. W. Boylston, of New York city, the Professor having recently passed away. The prophesies, by Charles Hunter, of Hartford, and epilogue, by R. M. Campbell, of Independence, Iowa, closed the programme. This evening a dancing reception was given, and was largely attended.

The graduating class this year is composed of W. C. Blackmer, Salisbury, N. C.; C. W. Boylston, W. S. Maddock and George F. Stewart, of New York city; R. M. Campbell, of Independence, Iowa; W. V. Chapin, Wickford, R. I.; G. S. Chipman and Charles Hunter, of Hartford; John D. Hills, Burlington, N. J.; A. J. Lyman, Raleigh, N. C.; George H. Moffett, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. B. Scott, Naugatuck, Conn.; B. F. H. Sereve, Mount Holly, N. J.; W. R. Webb, Baltimore; John Williams, Norwalk, Conn.; J. C. Duell, Pine Plains, N. Y., and F. De P. Hall, New London, the last two Bachelors of Science.

THE PRIZES.

The prizes were announced this afternoon as follows:—

Latin prize—Lorin Webster, of junior class, West Springfield, N. H.

Pascal Fencion prize—Benn. B. Gallaudet, sophomore class, New York city.

Greek prize—Henry McBride, sophomore class, Salt Lake City.

Modern geometry prize—Charles W. Freeland, freshman class, Savannah, Ga.

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD.]

BETHLEHEM, Pa., June 20, 1878.

University day at the Lehigh University was observed with unusual brilliance to-day. The drawing room of Packer Hall was densely crowded. The exercises commenced at ten o'clock by Bishop de Schweinitz, of the Moravian Church, reading the Scriptures and offering prayer. Besides President Leavitt, the founder (Judge Packer), the alumni and Board of Trustees, there were present upon the stage Dr. Cattel, president of Lafayette College, Easton; Professor Du Bois, of Yale College; Dr. Hopkins, of Williamsport; General Fitz John Porter, of New York, whose son was one of the graduates; Dr. Parel, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. John B. Garret, of Philadelphia, and other prominent gentlemen. The salutatory was delivered by Mr. H. Fitz John Porter, and the valedictory by Mr. Robert H. Reak. The other orations were delivered in the following order:—"Influence of Machinery on Society," by Charles C. Bull; "Constantinople," by Benjamin B. Nostrand, Jr.; "Origin and Progress of Language," by William K. Randolph.

The Wilbur Scholarship ($200), established by E. H. Wilbur, for the student of the sophomore class having the best record, was awarded to Murray M. Duncan, of Washington, D. C. The degree of Mechanical Engineer was conferred on Charles C. Bull, William C. Hazlett, Nathaniel Lalon, Jr., H. Fitz John Porter, B. B. Nostrand; the degree of Civil Engineer on James E. Gilbert, Milner P. Paret, William K. Randolph and Henry C. Wilson; the degree of Engineer of Mines on Frank P. Howe; the degree of Bachelor of Arts on Robert H. Read. Five students pursuing a special course in the school of analytical chemistry received certificates of scholarship.

The magnificent university library building was then formally opened. The presentation was made by Mr. Robert A. Packer, son of the founder, and the keys were received on behalf of the Board of Trustees by Mr. R. A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, in a fine speech. After an inspection of the building by the throng a lunch was served in the basement room. This building has been erected at a cost of $100,000, and has a shelving capacity for 100,000 volumes. It is a memorial by Judge Packer to a beloved daughter, late the wife of Dr. G. B. Linderman. A very valuable collection of books has already been placed in the building.

A large meeting of the alumni was held this afternoon, when W. A. Butler, of Mauch Chunk, was elected president. R. B. Yates, of Rochester, N. Y., and F. L. Clerc, of Bethlehem, were elected trustees, to represent the alumni in the Board.

The alumni dinner took place this afternoon, and was a fitting close to the university exercises.

THE GIRLS' NORMAL SCHOOL, OF PHILADELPHIA.

PHILADELPHIA, June 20, 1878.

The annual commencement of the Girls' Normal School, of this city, took place yesterday. The exercises began with a march by an orchestra under the baton of Professor C. Everest, to the strains of which the graduates, the teachers of the institution and members of the Board of Education entered and took the seats assigned them. After prayer, which was delivered by Rev. William Greenough, D. D., a Scripture selection, "I Waited for the Lord"—a chorus in three parts—was sung by the pupils. The remainder of the programme was then carried out as follows:—

Essay, "Chivalry," by Miss Anna E. Lappin, read by Miss Alice Pickop. Recitation, "The Story of Some Bells," Miss Mary E. Black. Essay, "The Travels of an Atom of Oxygen," by Miss Eva Wensley, read by Miss Lizzie N. Moffet. Recitation, "Biddy McGinnis at the Photographer's," Miss Grace C. Bell. Poem, "Cromwell's Mother," by Miss Laura T. Mitchell, read by Miss Alice F. Emsley. Recitation, "The Widow Bedott Essays Poetry," Miss Elsie M. Beitler. "O Skylark, for thy Wing!" Smart, chorus in three parts. Recitation, "The Ride of Jennie McNeal," Miss Mary F. Lathrop.

Mr. James Long, President of the Board of Education, then addressed the graduates and delivered the certificates of qualification to teach in the public schools of Philadelphia, at the conclusion of which the exercises were continued as follows:—Award of the Dodd medals by Mr. Simon Gratz, Chairman of the Committee on Normal School; "Valedictory," composed and read by Miss May I. Campbell.

There were 147 graduates and eighty-nine scholars who received distinguished mention.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC—DEGREES AND PRIZES CONFERRED.

Most of the seats in the Academy of Music were filled yesterday morning with the friends and relatives of the young men who received graduating honors from the Chancellor of the University of the City of New York. Grafulla's Band discoursed sweet music and bouquets adorned the boxes and stage. The floral gifts to the graduates were unusually large. Dr. Howard Crosby occupied the Chancellor's chair and on either side of him sat various members of the faculty and distinguished visitors, among whom were Professor Baird, William Allen Butler, Dr. William Draper, Rev. Dr. Hopper, Morris K. Jesup, Dr. Henry Draper, S. O. Vanderpoel, John Taylor Johnson, George H. Moore, Dr. Willis James, Rev. Dr. A. R. Thompson, Rev. Dr. Luther Peck, Smith E. Lane, Professor Warring, Professor Richards, Dr. George W. Clark, Professor C. B. Warring, Jr., of Poughkeepsie, and the Rev. F. C. Elliott, Jr. The first row of orchestra seats was occupied by the graduates, and all the proscenium boxes up to the roof were filled with ladies. The names of the graduates may be found in the HERALD of June 11. At half-past ten o'clock the band struck up Auber's overture to "Zanetta," followed by selections from Wagner's "Rienzi." Dr. Zabriskie delivered the opening prayer and then the exercises were begun and continued in the following order:—

Greek salutatory oration, Albert Warren Ferris, New York city; English salutatory oration, Theodore Knowlson Satterlee, New York; music, song, "Les Rameux" (Faure); philosophical oration, "Science and Religion," Maximilian Theodore Rosenberg, Jersey City, N. J.; oration, "Educated Opinion," Charles Gilford Buckley, Paterson, N. J.; music, selections, "La Marjolaine" (Lecocq); oration, "The Knights of Malta," James Edgar Bull, New York city; oration, "The Financier of the Revolution," James Lispenard Cooper, New York city; music, fantasie, xylophone (Fohr); oration, the "Morals of War," Henry Hull Spies, New York city; oration, "Moods of Feeling," John Abiel Atwood, Jersey City, N. J.; music, romance "L'Eclair" (Halevy); oration, "The Transmutation of Metals," James Little Kortright, Brooklyn; oration, "Osceola," Michael William Divine, Newark, N. J.; music, waltz "Court Life" (Strauss); philosophical oration, "Science Not All," Robert Benjamin Davis, Jersey City, N. J.; oration, "Freedom," William Forbes Cooley, Summit, N. J.; music, waltz, "Artist Life" (Strauss); valedictory oration, Louis Claude Whiton, Jersey City, N. J.; music, Swan Song, "Lohengrin" (Wagner). The philosophical oration on "The Guiding Hand in History," by Mr. Conkling, was omitted because the young gentleman was ill.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES.

The award of fellowships and prizes was made as follows:—First fellowship, Louis Claude Whiton; second fellowship, Albert W. Ferris; third fellowship, Maximilian Theodore Rosenberg. The award of the Butler Euclian prizes for the best essays in English composition by members of the Euclian Society was as follows:—First prize, Maximilian Theodore Rosenberg; second prize, George Farmer Wetmore, Jr.

DEGREES CONFERRED.

Degrees were conferred on candidates as follows:—

BACHELOR OF ARTS.

Backus, Jabez.	Hopkins, Clarence.
Buckley, Charles Gifford.	Manners, Clarence.
Bull, James Edgar.	Rosenberg, Maximilian T.
Conklin, Charles Judson.	Whiton, Louis Claude W.
Ferris, Albert Warren.	Zabriskie, Cornelius B. Z.

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE.

Atwood, John Abiel.	Osborne, Warren Moore.
Baremore, Henry E.	Roebuck, John Arthur.
Cooper, Samuel Lispenard.	Roome, William Journey.
Cooley, William Forbes.	Satterlee, Theodore K.
Davis, Robert Benjamin.	Spies, Henry Hull.
Divine, Michael William.	Stickler, Jos. William.
Howell, William A., Jr.	True, Frederick William.
Kortright, James Little.	Yeaman, Stephen Minor.
Marrener, Robert H. T.	

DIPLOMAS TO CIVIL ENGINEERS.

Atwood, John.	Divine, William Michael.
Baremore, Robert H.	Howell, William A., Jr.
Baremore, Henry R.	Osborne, Warren Moore.
Cooper, Sam'l Lispenard.	Satterlee, Theodore K.
Davis, Robt. Benjamin.	Spies, Henry Hull.

MASTER OF SCIENCE.

Brush, Charles B.	Spielman, Arthur.

MASTER OF ARTS.

Burnham, Theodore F.	Russell, Isaac F.
Bull, Charles C.	Russell, Sr., William H.
Crittenden, Joel Parker.	Slade, Francis P.
Edwards, William D.	Smith, Harrold M.
Parmly, Wheelock R.	Weiner, Richard G.
Parker, James M.	

INTER-COLLEGIATE CONTEST.

Cooper, Samuel Lispenard, mathematics.
McColl, John Augustus, oratory.
Rosenberg, Maximilian Theodore, Latin.
Wetmore, George C., Jr., Greek.

HONORARY DEGREES.

The following honorary degrees were conferred on gentlemen who were former graduates, and are now known in their professional capacities in various parts of the country:—

Bermingham, M. D., Edward J., of New York, received A. M.

Freeman, Rev. Amasa S., of Haverstraw, received D. D.

Isaacs, Abram S., editor New York *Jewish Messenger*, received Ph. D.

Jaques, Professor David R., Professor of Law in New York University, received LL. D.

Peck, Rev. Luther W., of Honesdale, Pa., received D. D.

Pohrner, Rev. Wilson, of Sing Sing, received D. D.

Richards, T. Addison, National Academician, of New York, received honorary A. M.

Vanderpoel, M. D., S. Oakley, New York city, Health Officer, received LL. D.

CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY.

A certificate of proficiency in a partial course was conferred on:—

Allen, Carlton B.	Hutchinson, Franklin B.
Bunce, Albert Augustus.	Segura, Salvator.

More flowers were given to each graduate than two men could carry, and the air was heavy with their perfume. At the conclusion of the presentation of diplomas Dr. Crosby pronounced the benediction and the audience retired while the band played its gayest airs.

The university will reopen for the usual course of study on the third Wednesday of September next. Candidates for admission may present themselves for examination in the council room at the university on the preceding Tuesday, September 17. The tuition fees have been abolished in the department of arts and sciences. Students will be received without charge for tuition in those departments.

THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The forty-fourth anniversary of the Association of the Alumni of the University of the City of New York took place in the evening in the council room of the university. Mr. John Taylor Johnston presided and W. W. Stephenson acted as secretary. About one hundred members were present, among them Chancellor Crosby, Austin Abbott, Dr. Vanderpoel, Rev. Lyman Abbott, John E. Parsons, Professor Baird, Park Commissioner Martin and others. Reference was made to the death of a number of members during the past year—E. Delafield Smith, William M. Vermilye, Dr. Austin L. Sands (who was mortally wounded by a highwayman in Newport) and others. The following were elected officers for the ensuing year:—President, John Taylor Johnston; Vice President, William R. Martin; Secretary, William W. Stephenson; Treasurer, Charles W. Brush. Executive Committee—Smith E. Lane, Judge Van Hoesen, Hanson C. Gibson and A. A. Redfield.

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS.

The annual address was delivered by the Rev. Francis N. Zabriskie, who spoke on "College Life—Its Potency and Promise." The speaker, after recalling some of the striking and humorous features of college life and the friendships formed there, expressed his belief that, as a rule, distinguished men had generally stood high in their classes. He quoted Webster, Longfellow, Felton, Porter, Evarts, Woolsey and a long array of others as proof of this theory, and to controvert the popular assumption that the men who succeed in after life are not generally those who stand high in their colleges. Had New York nurtured a Harvard as Boston had done, instead of starving its university, the intellectual influence of New York State would have been as great as that of New England. He did not mean to be understood as favoring the centralization of learning. The Western colleges were often laughed at, and yet they were the most hopeful signs of intellectual progress in this country. What this country needed was an aristocracy of the mind to resist the mobocracy and demagogism which now held their sway. He trembled for a country whose Congress could leave behind it a record like the last—not inaptly described as "a cage of lunatics." The speaker referred to the American system of instruction as a mere cramming of facts, which was apt to give the people an "eternal intellectual dyspepsia," and neglected their moral and ethical development, leaving them to the perils of Communism and demagogism. He would also earnestly plead for religious culture. Let them cluster round the colleges where the lamp of the Gospel was still burning.

Chancellor Crosby was called upon to give an account of the literary productions of the alumni, but said he was not prepared to do so. Besides, he added facetiously, the evening had worn on and the (supper) table was waiting up stairs. (Laughter.)

Mr. JOHNSTON—I will inform the Chancellor that the table is not yet ready. (Laughter.)

The treasurer announced that he had collected $170 for the annual expenses of the association and was satisfied. (Laughter.) A collation was then partaken of, after which the meeting separated.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ANNUAL RECEPTIONS AND COMMENCEMENTS YESTERDAY AND THOSE THAT ARE TO TAKE PLACE.

The principals and teachers of our public schools are now busy in preparing for those interesting receptions which occur annually and to which the scholars look forward with no little pride and anxiety. So far the programmes have not been made ready in all the schools, but in many of them the necessary preparations have been completed.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 10 (MALE DEPARTMENT).

Grammar School No. 10 (male department), No. 180 Wooster street, between Bleecker and Houston, of which Mr. Thomas G. Williamson is the principal, will hold its commencement on Wednesday of next week. The exercises for the occasion will begin at eleven o'clock A. M. The following will be the graduates:—

Bird, Charles J.	Malmar, Marcus.
Beck, Henry, Jr.	Mayo, Edwin S.
Boege, Herman.	Monahan, Michael.
Burk, Francis.	Moneuse, Alphonse F.
Butler, George P.	McHugh, Joseph J.
Curran, James F., Jr.	Mumford, Louis E.
Dillon, John T.	Newton, W. C.
Dooley, John.	Preyer, Edgar R.
Fischer, Louis.	Robinson, James B.
Kuck, Charles A.	Steele, William B.
Kenney, George F.	Swain, Frederick O.
Kimmerle, Julius.	Weideman, John.

The Gerard Medals (for Exemplary Conduct).

Hogan, Thomas F.	Kenney, George F.

The Hayes Medal (for General Scholarship).

George F. Kenney.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 37.

The young gentlemen who won the highest distinctions during the year in Grammar School No. 37 (Mr. William Owen, principal), Eighty-seventh street, near Fourth avenue, were yesterday forenoon awarded their diplomas. Their names are as follows:—

Alexander, Fred., com.	Neilsen, Albert, com.
Beringer, M. M.	O'Callaghan, R. J., com.
Campbell, D. S., com.	Phillips, Lewis, com.
Cramer, Theodore.	Rosendal, W. M., com.
Gruculin, Paul, com.	Rosenthale, G., com.
Harrison, O. G.	Sanders, F. W.
Hesse, David, com.	Schappert, J. A., com.
Hillman, C. G.	Schiffer, P. H., com.
Hughes, Charles E., com.	Sheehan, J. B., com.
Meyer, T. A., com.	Sheridan, William A.
Moore, John B., com.	Sprott, A. W.
Murphy, L. M., com.	Tunisor, Charles, com.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 41 (FEMALE DEPARTMENT.)

Grammar School No. 41 (female department), Greenwich avenue, opposite Charles street, of which M. Louisa Scott is the principal, will hold its graduating exercises to-day, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. The following named are the graduates for 1878:—

Barnes, Eva.	King, Jennie M.
Brown, Carrie.	Laird, Emma L.
Crane, Annie.	Lounsbury, Lena E.
Crow, Jennie.	Little, Jennie P.
Cushman, Carrie A.	Miller, Ella C.
Dunlop, Martha.	McGloin, Grace.
Demarest, Fannie.	O'Donnell, Mary E.
Dodge, Mary J.	Opperman, Alice E.
Fullerton, Allie.	Oberbauer, Gabrielle.
Gray, Mamie.	Randolph, Nettie F.
Hillyer, Alice A.	Smith, Hannah F.
Hume, Louisa C.	Swan, Emily.
Hay, Hannah.	

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 47 (FEMALE DEPARTMENT).

In Grammar School No. 47 (female department), Twelfth street, near Broadway, of which Mrs. Cowles is the principal, the commencement took place yesterday. There was an interesting programme of exercises, and at the close an address was delivered by Rev. George H. Hepworth. The names of the graduates are as follows:—

Class A—First.

Amerman, Louise.	Jacoby, Rachel.
Austin, Olinda A.	Jackson, Esther.
Austin, Etta C.	King, Cornelia E.
Austin, Ida M.	Lewis, Emma F.
Boker, Sarah H.	Merchant, Jennie B.
Browning, Maria A.	Meinhard, Ida M.
Carll, Agnes H.	Nulty, Harriet.
Carter, Ellen M.	Nulty, Annie H.
Davis, Harriet I.	Pollion, Lucinda S.
Donegan, Julia C.	Pringle, Belle F.
Gardner, Mary L.	Saxe, Beulah D.
Ganson, Susie M.	Silverthau, Josephine.
Grossmayer, Fannie.	Sheppard, Emma F.
Gay, Edith E.	Smith, Emily F.
Goetz, Emily A.	Sutton, Edith M.
Griswold, Carolina.	Rosenstein, Jessie.
Herrman, Hannah.	Rosenblatt, Emily.
Hopper, Sadie W.	Whitney, Lelia M.

Class A—Second.

Applegate, Mary E.	Hass, Minnie May.
Arnold, Mary A.	Lewi, Nina.
Baldwin, Mary B.	Lindsay, Rita A.
Brown, Mary M.	Murphy, Elizabeth M.
Bergamini, Rachel.	Newning, Luella.
Cochran, Mary G.	Partridge, Alice Lina.
Collins, Mary W.	Peddie, Sarah G.
Cosgrove, Jennie A.	Pechin, Marie Louise.
Dingley, Harriet E.	Rust, Lizzie S.
Fisher, Maria A.	Sisley, Emma L.
Ferris, Addie.	Salter, Mabel C.
Fitzgerald, Joanna.	Smith, Ida M.
Fridenberg, Josie H.	Sloane, Sara.
Harrison, Agnes M.	Seggermann, Louise A.
Hopps, Kate E.	Taylor, Jessie A.
Hickenbottom, Eva B.	Vatet, Ida V.
Healy, Lizzie R.	Voy, Josephine C.

Gerard Medals.

Gardner, Mary L.	Voy, Josephine C.

Scholarship Prizes.

Arnold, Mary A.	Harrison, Agnes M.
Carder, Ellen M.	Hopper, Sadie W.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 48 (FEMALE DEPARTMENT).

Grammar School No. 48 (female department), Twenty-eighth street, near Sixth avenue (M. L. Clawson, principal), will hold its regular graduation exercises to-day, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. The following are the names of the graduates:—

Ansado, Elinor C.	Hoelzle, Rosa B.
Bennett, Mary P.	Jerome, Della L.
Bagley, Louisa E.	Johnston, Catharine L.
Bussell, Jessie W.	McDonough, Isabella R.
Drew, Alice L.	Rickey, Frances J.
Devine, Mary E.	Sylvester, Belle J.
Hunter, Lydia.	Strasburger, Clara.
Harper, Mary B.	Wellner, Emeline.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NO. 50 (FEMALE DEPARTMENT).

The annual graduation exercises of Grammar School No. 50 (female department), East Twentieth street, near Third avenue (Lesilia Matthews, principal), will take place to-day, at ten o'clock A. M. The following are the graduates:—

Buckley, Sarah E.	Marx, Julia.
Brogan, Mary L.	Mathews, Mary E.
Dobson, Anna E.	Magrath, Mary E.
Douglass, Elizabeth H.	McArthur, Elizabeth H.
Doughue, Catherine.	Northshield, Adelaide.
Frank, Rosa.	Patterson, Isabella M.
Foley, Emily F.	Patterson, Hazeletta F.
Fulda, Ida.	Rothkope, Fanny.
Gillespie, Wilhemina.	Rafferty, Ada A.
Hill, Joanna J.	Ryan, Nettie C.
Heimberg, Lilian L.	Sloat, Louise R.
Kelly, Mary A.	Scheuer, Sarah.
Loader, Julia A.	Wolf, Emma.
Lachman, Rosa.	Wilson, Margaret A.
Michelson, Rebecca.	Wood, Carrie J.
Mahoney, Nora.	

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