

THE FIRST SKIRMISH

Of the University Graduates in the Battle of Life.

WELL EQUIPPED FOR THE FIGHT

They Now Start Out to Carve Their Way to Fame.

MOST BRILLIANT COMMENCEMENT

In the History of the West Virginia University - Many Distinguished Persons Present - Congratulatory Speeches Made by Governor MacCorkle, Senator Elkins and Congressman Dayton - The Question of the Prostitution Not Yet Settled. Law Alumni Organize and Condemn the Movement Looking Towards the Displacement of Professor Brook - Contest of the Literary Societies - Commencement Ball a Brilliant Social Function.

MONROETOWN, W. VA., June 12.-This town is full of visitors to-day, who hail from all sections of the state, being drawn here to witness the closing exercises of the university commencement. Business is practically suspended and the town wears its usual holiday appearance which commencement always brings. The cool weather which has prevailed until to-day has made it enjoyable, but to-day's sun has driven the mercury up near the 100 mark; but this did not prevent the town from being crowded with people from the country and surrounding towns.

The commencement hall was packed with people long before the hour set for the opening of the exercises, so that numbers of late comers were unable to find seats, or even to gain entrance to the hall. Many distinguished persons were present, among them being Senator and Mrs. S. B. Elkins, Governor MacCorkle, Col. Robert S. Carr, Hon. A. G. Dayton and Hon. Virgil A. Lewis. The regents assembled in a body with the faculty upon the stage to participate in the conferring of the degrees upon the graduates.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Barr, of Fairmont, after which Mr. Charles E. Carrigan delivered an excellent oration, the subject of which was "The True Fountain of National Safety." He is regarded as one of the best orators of the university, and he never did better than when he delivered this well prepared production to-day.

Mr. T. M. Lavelle then spoke upon "Engineering as a Profession." His speech gave evidence of deep thought and much study, and was devoid of all attempts of the flowers of rhetoric.

Mr. C. N. Ridgway had chosen the subject of "Industrial Strikes," and he convinced the entire audience that he was easily the master of the subject. He received the closest attention from beginning to end, which brought a storm of applause.

Miss Stella White read a well written paper upon the subject "Looking Backward." Mr. G. B. Scott, on behalf of the law class, spoke upon "Law, the True Basis of Government." His oration was logical and eloquent, and his allusions upon the noble deeds of the legal profession were loudly applauded, especially from the distinguished lawyers who listened to his effort.

The Gleaner Orchestra, of Pittsburgh, kept everybody in good spirits by interspersing the exercises with pleasing selections of music.

At the close of the exercises Dr. Reynolds delivered the diplomas to the senior classes, after which he gave them a short talk, filled with encouragement and good advice. Scarcely had he finished when a call was started and taken up by the entire audience for a speech from Governor MacCorkle, who had stepped into a back seat to enjoy himself for the hour. But nothing but a speech would satisfy the crowd, and at last he reluctantly picked his way to the front of the stage and spoke for about ten minutes. He said that he had no idea West Virginia had such a magnificent university as she has, and promised that so far as his influence could go there would be no more parsimonious appropriations by the legislature; that the university must be provided for by liberal allowances, so the great work which has been begun may be continued under more favorable circumstances.

After he had finished there was a signal for a call for Senator Elkins, who occupied a seat just in front of the stage. He was assisted upon the platform, and, after paying Governor MacCorkle a graceful compliment, he, too, expressed himself highly pleased with the university, and said he desired to see the management kept free and above partisan politics. Congressman Dayton, an alumnus of the university, was called for and spoke with warm feeling for his old alma mater, and assured all that its interests would always be guarded by him. This closed the exercises of the day, and thus ended one of the most successful years' work in the history of the university. While the visitors were speaking the ushers were busy collecting the floral offerings and other presents which were given to the seniors by their friends and relatives. During the time the audience was retiring a scene of general hand-shaking and congratulations ensued, and was kept up for almost an hour.

The degrees were conferred as follows: Graduates and those--Bachelors of Arts, Charles Edgar Carrigan, of Marshall, "The True Fountain." William Bernard Utricht, of Upshur, "The Greater United States." Thomas Lansing Davis, of Mason, "Socialism." Michael Eugene Gorman, of Monongalia, "Blessing Brighten as They Fly." William Jackson Hoblen, of Harrison, "A National University." U. S. G. Kendal, of Marion, "State and Municipal Regulation of Transportation Charges." George H. A. Kunst, of Taylor, "Geology on Cheat River." Jesse Boardman Protzman, of Monongalia, "The Old and New Education." Charles Nelson Ridgway, of Monongalia,

"Industrial Strikes," Judson Floyd Strader, of Randolph, "The Teutonic Idea."

Bachelors of Science--Samuel Sprigg Jacob, Jr., of Ohio, "Modern Social Evolution." Philip Brinton Martin, of Preston, "Hereditary and Environment." Bancroft White, of Monongalia, "Bethlehem and Avon." Stella Sexton White, of Monongalia, "Looking Backward."

Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering--Thomas Monahan Lavette, of Wetzel, "The Engineering Profession." Russell Love Morris, of Putnam, "The Whipple Truss Bridge." Silas Clifford Stathers, of Ohio, "Engine Friction."

Graduates in Law--R. E. L. Allen, L. H. Barnett, L. D. Beall, F. C. Cox, R. L. Clark, S. R. Davis, A. Grabiachoff, L. G. Reynolds, W. J. Holden, A. D. Ireland, L. M. Jacob, H. M. Lockridge, T. Masano, G. W. McCaulley, J. T. McDonald, C. S. Morrison, Agnes J. Morrison, W. E. Patterson, C. J. Poe, D. C. Roay, H. Shaw, E. J. Somerville, R. F. Sterling, W. T. Talbot, J. M. Turner, J. T. Wilson, G. B. Scott.

Mrs. C. S. Morrison, of Wheeling, is the first woman to receive the degree of law from the university, and she will be admitted to practice before Judge Hagans to-morrow. She stood almost at the head of the class.

The commencement ball to-night was an elegant affair and was attended by about one hundred couples of well-known society people from over the state.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Nothing Definite Known as to Who Will Be Selected.

MONROETOWN, W. VA., June 12.-Rev. Dr. Goodnight and Rev. Dr. Davidson, who have been suggested in connection with the university presidency appeared by invitation before the regents to-day that the board might have their views with regard to university management. The same kind of an interview was had yesterday with Rev. Dr. Riker. The matter of the presidency will be taken up to-morrow, but it is not known whether the board will decide on any one of those names.

LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Effect an Organization--Condemn Prof. Brook's Detractors.

MONROETOWN, June 12.-The law alumni met to-day and elected a permanent organization by electing Mr. W. B. Cornwell as president; Mr. C. W. May, of Lincoln county, vice president; Mr. J. E. Galford, of Weston, secretary, and L. G. Lazelle, treasurer. Mr. Cornwell who was the prime mover in organizing the association delivered a short speech in praise of the law school of the university and he predicted a more brilliant record for its future than it has enjoyed in the past.

A committee was appointed to draft resolutions to be submitted to the regents condemning in strong terms the movement which has been on foot to remove Prof. Brook from the chair he occupies.

LITERARY CONTEST.

The Honors Equally Divided Between the Parthenon and Columbian.

MONROETOWN, W. VA., June 12.-Last night was the occasion of the annual contest of the literary societies, which never fails to bring a crowd of old students, who have in days gone by fought in the ranks. The contest this year was perhaps the hardest fought in the history of the societies. The halls and galleries were packed with a surging mass long before 8 o'clock. The music was excellent and was furnished by Gantner's orchestra. Messrs. C. B. Hart, George F. Evans and W. E. Raymond were selected as judges, which on this occasion was a delicate task, because the performers were so evenly matched that nobody felt over confident who would win until the final decision was announced.

The Parthenon performers were Harry Shaw, declaimer; W. J. Bruner; orator; W. O. Parsons, orator, and M. E. Gorman, debater. The Columbian's representatives were C. J. Poe, declaimer; T. W. Haight, essayist; W. E. Baker, orator, and W. B. Courtright, debater. Each performer met a foe man worthy of his steel, and the performances were almost perfect. After due deliberation the judges gave the decision in favor of Mr. Gorman and Mr. Shaw, for the Parthenon, and Mr. Baker and Mr. Haight, for the Columbian, which equally divides the \$100 between the two societies. Mr. Charles Burdett Hart announced the decisions of the judges, which he prefaced with one of his usual felicitous speeches. He pronounced the efforts of each performer as being far above what is usually heard in a contest. The decisions were well received, and the members of each society expressed themselves as satisfied with the result.

Huntington Citizen in Trouble.

MONROETOWN, W. VA., June 12.-J. F. Michael, a leading citizen of this city, and the owner of some of the most valuable real estate, was sued this evening by Mrs. B. J. Pritchard, who alleges that he seduced her fourteen-year-old child, and wants twenty thousand dollars damages.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

George Du Manier, author of "Tribby," has finished a new novel. Reports to the Detroit News indicate that wool prices in Michigan have fallen 50 per cent as compared with 1892. The town of Geneva, Indiana, has been almost entirely destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000, with \$10,000 insurance. Eugene V. Debs, president of the American Railway Union, turned up yesterday and was taken to prison to serve out his sentence. Governor McKinley will not be at the Republican league convention, at Cleveland, as he has promised to talk to the Kansas Chautauqua on the same day, and will keep that appointment. At the meeting of the white granite and semi-porcelain ware manufacturers at Pittsburgh yesterday they decided to send salesmen on the road and sell direct to retailers, as the jobbers have been substituting English wares to the detriment of the American product.

BOOM IN IRON.

The Most Stirring Week in the History of the Trade.

NEW YORK, June 12.-The Iron Age to-morrow will say: The past week has been one of the most stirring in the history of the iron trade for many years. It presents an unbroken record of advances all along the line. The most extraordinary thing is that the upward tendency has developed so fast without the powerful aid of heavy purchases from the principal consumers, the railroads. The central west leads in the advance, and the boom feeling prevailing there seems justified, because there is practically no reserve capacity either in furnace plant or steel works. It is really only in Chicago that such a reserve does exist anywhere west of the Allegheny mountains. It is very different in the east, and so far as pig iron is concerned in the south, and notably in Virginia.

There has been quite heavy buying of Bessemer pig and a further rise has been established, with \$11 75 bid and refused in the valleys for the second half of 1895. The market has been active in steel billets, considerable sales having been made for the third quarter up to \$18 50 and \$18 75. The eastern markets have strengthened very considerably through the withdrawal of western makers.

There is some pressure to advance steel rails in harmony with the rise in raw material, but nothing has been done thus far. The rise in steel and the difficulty in getting tin plate bars is making the domestic manufacturers of tin plate nervous over the danger of being forced to surrender a part of their market to foreign manufacturers.

The ore market has shown some curious developments lately. There have been large sales of lake Bessemer with a stiffening in prices and a perfect slaughter of iron and Bessemer ores. The railroads have demanded the clearing of the docks of non-Bessemer ores, and under that pressure they have been sold down to \$1 75 at Lake Erie ports.

There is a good deal of activity in finished iron and steel. Advances are being made all along the line. In foundry iron there have been heavy sales in Cincinnati. The southern furnaces have advanced prices 25 cents per ton, and in Chicago, local foundry iron is up 50 cents. The market is stiff and is rising in the east.

The sudden demand for forge iron, incident to the revival in puddling, has made that grade scarce all over the country.

PEACHES AND APPLES

Are All Right--Condition Better Than This Time Last Year.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.-The question of how much injury was caused by the severe frost in May to peaches and apples will be dealt with in a special article in the June crop report, which will be issued by the agricultural department next week. The damage was much less than was anticipated.

The report will say: The first report of the season relative to the condition of peaches is decidedly more favorable than that received in June, 1894. Only two states of primary importance have a low condition, namely, Ohio 22 per cent, and Michigan 50 per cent, while Maryland is the only remaining state with a percentage less than 70, the condition there being 63.

Connecticut--The peach crop was not harmed by the severe frost of May, and an immense crop will be produced if nothing unforeseen happens. New Jersey--The crop seems to be the best in years. Maryland--The peach crop is good, notwithstanding the late frosts. Virginia--About three-fourths of a peach crop expected. Georgia--Peaches are unusually abundant. The increase of peach acreage has been tremendous. Ohio--The May frosts about finished peaches in southern Ohio, but in the northern part they escaped with partial injury. Michigan--Peaches suffered as all fruits did from frosts. A light crop is looked for. California--The peaches which promise to be better than any other crop, is still below normal at least 10 per cent. Upon higher lands, however, it is about up to the average.

With reference to apples the report will say: The general condition of apples June 1 is higher than on the same date 1894. The New England states, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, are important exceptions to this generalization, and of these New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa have percentages disappointingly low.

JOHNSON RIDES HIS FIRST

Race as a Professional at National Circuit Meet at Syracuse--Several Records Broken.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., June 12.-Kirk Park was in the best possible condition for racing this afternoon, and the throngs of crack riders that are in attendance at two days' national circuit meet of the Syracuse Athletic Association here to take advantage of the fact to reduce the two world's and one state record. All of the principal events were paced by tandem.

In the final heat of the one mile open Class A. Shaw, of Boston, made the circuit in 1:51 2/5. This is also a world's record. The Class B men made their records in the final heat of the mile open. Conlon won, beating out Ziegler, Dirmberger and the two Johnsons in 2:08 2/5. This is the fastest mile ever made in competition in this state. Dirmberger was to have ridden an exhibition mile, but owing to a fall in his heat in the half mile open the trial was postponed until to-morrow.

"Johnny" Johnson rode his first race as a professional, trying for the half mile state record. Albert Schaefer, a professional, attempted to pace him, but was left at the first quarter and Johnson rode on unpaced, making the circuit in 1:01.

A Sensational Trotter.

NEW YORK, June 12.-A sensational trotter was uncovered to-day at the Fleetwood Park trotting meeting. William Penn, starting for the first time this year, stepping three heats in 2:11 1/2, 2:12 and 2:12 1/2, without being called upon to do his best. In the first heat, the five-year-old made a burst of speed which caused old horsemen to stare and it was common talk that if William Penn had been driven out in this mile, he could have beaten 2:09. He is entered in many valuable stakes to be trotted for this year and he bids fair to hold own with the fastest horses in training.

CURRENCY NULLIFIERS

To the Number of Fifteen Hundred Meet in Memphis.

THE CONVENTION A CRAZY QUILT

Made up of Monomaniac Silver Enthusiasts from All Parties, and Some Who Don't Know "Where They are At," Except That They are There. Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, Addresses the Night Meeting. He Designates Cleveland as the "Bombastic Boomerang of Buzard's Bay," Tips up Carlisle and Vilhies Sherman--His Queer Quadruple Planked Platform.

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 12.-Friends of silver representing twenty states of the south and west began a two days' convention in this city to-day. Fifteen hundred delegates, comprising Democrats, Republicans and Populists, but with "honest money" as the slogan of all, filled the lower floor and a large portion of the balconies at the Auditorium when the gathering was called to order this morning. On the stage beside the officers of Central Bimetallic League of Memphis, under whose auspices the gathering was held, were with very few exceptions, all the leading advocates of the free coinage of silver in the United States. They included Senators Bate and Harris, of Tennessee; Jones and Berry, of Arkansas; George and Walthall, of Mississippi; Marion Butler, of North Carolina; Tillman, of South Carolina; Turpie, of Indiana; Governor John G. Evans, of South Carolina; ex-Governor Prince, of New Mexico; ex-Governor Engle, of Arkansas; ex-Congressman William J. Bryan, of Nebraska; General A. J. Warner, of Ohio; C. S. Thomas and Alva Adams, of Colorado; Alex Delmar, of California, and congressman and bankers from Tennessee and adjoining states by the dozen.

A permanent organization was effected to-day with Senator Furple, of Indiana, as chairman, and addresses were delivered by that gentleman and Alex. Delmar, of California, in the afternoon, and by Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania; C. S. Thomas, of Denver, and Aaron Walcott, of Indiana, in the evening.

To-morrow will be devoted to speeches by some of the distinguished visitors and the consideration of the report of the committee on resolutions, of which Senator Jones, of Arkansas, is chairman. Politically, the most significant incident of to-day's proceedings was the clear and emphatic statement of Senator Harris, of Tennessee, who, it has been already clearly demonstrated, is the leading spirit in the management of the convention, as to the object of the gathering and the single subject to which it is expected to confine its deliberations. The strength of the men who are for silver first, last and all the time, and whose purpose to advance the candidacy of Congressman Sibley, of Pennsylvania, for the presidency, has been frequently manifested, is formidable, and the result of the encounter between these two opposing forces, the conservative and the radical silver men, as it will be shown in the declarations of the convention, is watched with great interest.

At the evening session, which began promptly at 8 o'clock, Senator William M. Stewart, of Nevada, presided and introduced Congressman Joseph C. Sibley, of Pennsylvania. Mr. Sibley was greeted with thunders of applause, and in a two hours speech aroused his audience to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He made an earnest appeal for independent political action in 1896, and occupied a good deal of time illustrating the necessity of breaking away from the old parties.

His auditors were evidently with him, for every attack upon Secretary Carlisle, the president or Senator Sherman was greeted with a noisy demonstration; and every time he asked the crowd if they would remain with their old parties and continue the domination of the English money power, he was greeted with a chorus of "noes."

He paid his respects to the President and to Secretary Carlisle in very plain language, calling them "traitors" for their part in the conspiracy to demoralize silver and fasten upon the country the hardshells of a gold standard. All such outbursts as this were greeted with tumultuous applause.

Mr. Sibley expounded the four political axioms which, he said, contained the result of his study of the money question. They were:

- First, double the volume of money and you double prices.
Second, divide the volume of money and you divide prices.
Third, double the volume of money and you double the debts.
Fourth, divide the volume of money and you double the debts.

Ohio G. A. R. Reunion.

SANDESVY, O., June 12.-The annual state reunion of the Grand Army of the Republic began here at 10 o'clock this morning in Biemiller's opera house. Addresses were delivered on behalf of the city by Mayor Bouton and by Gen. M. F. Force on behalf of the McMeans and John F. Island posts. The convention was then opened in duo form and Department Commander Nutt delivered his annual address.

The grand event of the day was the parade during the afternoon. There were five divisions in the parade, and the column marched over the principal thoroughfares of the city.

The distinguished visitors who arrived during the day were Governor McKinley, Senator Calvin S. Bries and General A. A. Bushnell, the Republican candidate for governor.

MINERAL OIL EXPORTS.

WASHINGTON, June 12.-The bureau statistics, treasury department, to-day in its bulletin on exports shows that during the month of May the exports of mineral oils amounted to \$1,631,133, as against \$1,285,000 during May, 1894. The exports of mineral oils during the last eleven months were nearly \$1,000,000 in excess of the same period last year.

AT THEIR OLD TRICKS.

Huntington Democrats Will Attempt to Count Out Mayor-Elect Mathews.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., June 12.-The Democrats are doing all in their power to oust D. E. Mathews, the Republican candidate for mayor, who is elected by one majority over Dr. Enslow, and will resort to any measures looking to that end. The ring leaders claim now that there were irregularities in the first precinct of the First ward, and propose to throw out the entire vote if they can next Monday night, but the Republicans are fixed for them and will resist their play.

Council stands 6 to 0, and is supposed to be for license. The Democrats got most of the officers outside the mayor, but are surprised at the way they were defeated on the head of the ticket.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING

On Fifteenth Street Yesterday--Miss Stolle Becomes Mrs. Crow.

Yesterday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Adams, on Fifteenth street, a very pretty wedding took place, the contracting parties being Miss Eliza H. Stolle, the beautiful daughter of Mr. William H. Stolle, and a niece of Mr. Adams, and Mr. Frank E. Crow, a well known business man of Pittsburgh. The parlor was beautifully decorated with flowers, laurels and ferns, making a singularly attractive effect. Miss Dessie Kyle played the Lohengrin march as the bridal party entered the parlor, attended by Mr. Earl D. Adams and Miss Nellie Stolle, cousin and sister of the bride.

Rev. Dr. A. B. Riker performed the impressive Methodist marriage service, assisted by Rev. J. Engle, and it was followed by an informal reception, during which congratulations and good wishes were showered on Mr. and Mrs. Crow. A wedding breakfast was then served, and at 10:15 the newly wedded pair left on a wedding journey, their objective point being San Francisco, whence they will sail for Japan, where they will make their residence for some time. Mr. Crow is a member of an importing firm in Pittsburgh, dealing in oriental goods, and will live abroad as buyer for the house. He and his bride have the heartiest good wishes of all their friends in their long journey and distant home.

MARRIED LAST EVENING.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Libbie Newby, on Eoll street, Oscar Ford, of Columbus, and Miss Daisy Newby were married in the presence of a large number of their friends. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father O'Kane, of the Cathedral, and this was the first colored couple married in the Catholic faith in Wheeling in recent years. After the ceremony elegant refreshments were served by Ziegenfelder. The presents were numerous and fine. Mr. and Mrs. Ford left for Philadelphia and the east on a wedding tour, and on their return will go to housekeeping here. The groom is a cook on a Baltimore & Ohio dining car, and the bride graduated with honor from Lincoln school in the class of '95.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

The Largest Audience of the Season at the Park Casino Last Night.

If one thing could be more complimentary to the Robinson Opera Company than another it would be the magnificent audience that was present at Wheeling Park Casino last evening in such quantity and quality that would be flattering to more pretentious organizations. But the company on its own merits fully deserved the compliment, having fairly won its popularity by the competency of its artists and ability of its chorus.

Author's celebrated work, "Fra Diavolo," which has been sung so often but never grows old, maintained its old time popularity last evening, and the company repeated the pronounced success scored on last Thursday evening--if anything exceeding in action and spirit, and this in spite of the demands made upon their energy by a matinee performance, there being scarcely three hours' intermission between the two performances. This was certainly a severe tax on human endurance where the work is of such an exacting character. It is a wonderful company in more ways than one.

Everything last night contributed to a most excellent presentation of the opera. Mr. Nelson was never in better voice, and his acting was by no means the least pleasing feature of his entirely adequate work. The opera in full of dramatic action and fire and in these essentials the cast met all the requirements demanded by the dialogue and the score.

An *Zelma*, Miss Barton again gave a happy interpretation of that difficult role, scoring her usual triumph in "Yonker's Reclining," in which, of course, Mr. Nelson, as *Fra Diavolo*, shared.

The comedy business was in good hands, the bed room scene especially commanding the approval of the audience. The chorus led the same efficient and it has always done, contributing to an ensemble of harmony that has stamped this organization as one of the best of its pretensions that has ever visited this city.

To-night Ballo's melodious opera, "The Bohemian Girl," will be sung, and those who are fond of hearing those favorite household songs, full of the sweetest harmonies, "I Dreamt I Dwell in Marble Halls" and "The Heart Bowed Down," will have an opportunity of gratifying their taste. A special motor leaves at 7:30 o'clock.

THE STATE POOL DIRECTORS.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of directors of the state penitentiary was held at Moundsville yesterday. A great deal of routine business was transacted. Mr. J. W. Bureman, secretary of the water works company, was before the board with reference to the laying of the mains in the street in front of the prison property. The board considered the matter and will make the company a proposition.

WEATHER FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For West Virginia, thunder showers; westerly winds. For Western Pennsylvania, thunder showers; stationary temperature; easterly shifting to northwesterly winds. For Ohio, warmer showers warmer in southern and western portions, westerly wind. THE TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY. As furnished by G. SCHNEPP, QUINCY, CORNER MARSH AND FOURTEENTH STREETS. 7 a. m. 78 7 p. m. 87 9 a. m. 80 11 p. m. 81 12 a. m. 81 Weather--Changeable.

OUT AT MT. DE GHANTAL.

The Forty-eighth Annual Commencement of the Academy

WAS LARGELY ATTENDED AS USUAL.

A Brilliant Event at the Pretty School Yesterday Afternoon Attracted Many Prominent People from Wheeling and Other Places--The Yearly Distribution of Prizes Accompanied by Highly Creditable Musical and Literary Exercises.

The Distribution Day [yesterday] at Mount de Ghantal witnessed a fitting close of a very successful year in this famous institution, both as to the high standard of excellence attained by the pupils and in the large attendance. As usual this event in the school's history was both entertaining and enjoyable, and the large audience that filled the spacious hall to overflowing was delighted beyond measure with the excellent programme rendered. The audience was a remarkable one from more than one standpoint. It was patiently and interestedly attentive, which involved a severe strain on the physical nature of those in the gathering on account of the warmth of the weather. It was also singularly appreciative and intelligently responsive.

The exercises were held in the afternoon. Shortly after 1 o'clock a special train of six cars in charge of Captain Charles Hall, and filled to its utmost capacity, left the Baltimore & Ohio depot and conveyed the guests to the academy grounds. Many were loath to leave the charming surroundings out of doors for the hall where the exercises were held, and for this reason the exercises were not commenced until 2 o'clock.

Messrs. Wingenter, Kennedy and Carenbauer very gracefully looked after the seating of the guests. There were two graduates of the English course this year, Misses Birdie Wolf, of Piqua, O., and Miss Hattie A. Sinn, of New York City. A full list of the prize winners for proficiency in the various branches of study is appended below.

The hall and stage were beautifully decorated with palms, potted plants and flowers, which added much to the beauty of the scene. Seated on the stage were Bishop Donabno and Rev. Father Conner, who presented the prizes to the pupils in brief and graceful addresses. Visiting clergy from other cities occupied seats reserved for them in the front row.

The pupils were the recipients of floral tributes from their friends and admirers, while many received more substantial testimonials of admiration and esteem.

At the opening strains of the over beautiful Tannhauser march all of the pupils filed in and arranged themselves on the stage, and the exercises began. The following programme was rendered, the numbers being interspersed by the awarding of prizes:

- Entrance March.....Wagner
Piano--Miss Mary Kony, Katherine G. Grant, Ada Vankirk, Florence Umbarger.
Violins--Misses Genevieve Moran, Frances Sullivan, Grace Pollock, Katherine O'Bryan.
Welcome, Pretty Primrose.....Pinsinf
Solo--Miss Margaret Lee, Miss Katherine Brown.
Chorus--The Class.
Essay--Unfulfilled Dreams.....H. A. Sinn
Musical--The Carols.....Berthold Tons
Recitation--Miss Mary Connelly.
Violin Fantasia--Othello.....Singslet
Miss Genevieve Moran.
Recitation--Ballade of Cassandra Brown.
Solo--Miss Genevieve Moran.
Recitative and Cavatina--Inspiree Mol-La Belle de Sabi.....Gounod
Miss Mary Grab.
Elegiacs.....Verdi-Liszt
Miss Emily Pollock.
Essay--Tried by Fire.....B. Wolf
Miss Belle Wolf.
Summer Song.....Chaminade
Miss Ida Rice.
Cavatina.....Raff
Transcription for four violins.
Misses Genevieve Moran, Frances Sullivan, Grace Pollock, Katherine O'Bryan.
Recitation--The Jockey's Story.....Ella Wheeler Wilcox
Misses Katherine O'Shacker.
Impromptu op. 14.....Schubert
Miss Ada Vankirk.
Semi-Chorus--The Spanish Song.....Lassen
Misses I. Row, G. Fisher, P. Sullivan.
1st Alto--Misses K. Bruce, K. Glendon.
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The Peri at the Gates of Paradise.....Moore
Fantasia--Miss Julia Welch.
Recitation--Mrs. Sarah O'Ryan.
Musical Accompaniment--Miss Vankirk.
Duo Brilliant--Der Florentiner.....Strauss
Piano--Miss Emily Pollock, Miss Grace Sinn.

The performance of the young ladies showed rare ability. The musical portion of the programme was under the direction of Prof. H. Schoekey, and was carried out in a most artistic manner. The literary numbers, while brief, were admirable, an attractive and commendable feature being the practical character of the topics treated and the absence of the usual strained verbiage so prevalent on such occasions.

The chorus "Welcome, Pretty Primrose" was sung with spirit, and the voices well blended. The solo by Miss Margaret Lee of Pittsburgh, a plaintive ballad, formed a pretty contrast to the bright chorus. Miss Lee's voice is pure and vibrant, though delicate, and she sings in charming style.

"Unfulfilled Dreams," an essay by Miss Lottie Sinn, of New York, was a fine composition, reviewing Bismarck's career as a series of unrealized aspirations. It was remarkably well written and most creditably read. It showed careful study of the subject, was strong in thought, and concise and clear in expression. Limited to what could be read in six minutes, the young ladies had to remember that "Brevity is the soul of wit" and strength of style.

Miss Connelly's voice is a soprano of good range and volume. She sang Tours' ballad "Because of Thee," with much expression and the words were perfectly distinct. This was a delightful number.

A violin number is always received with enthusiasm. Miss Genevieve Moran's rendition of her Fantasia, was no exception to the rule. It was played with spirit and good technique. Moore's "Peri at the Gates of Paradise," always a favorite exhibition number with Del-artians, was finely read by Miss Sarah O'Bryan, of Philadelphia, Pa., and gracefully pantomimed by Miss Julia Welch, of Charleston, W. Va. While the intrinsic merits of the poem