

# The Lexington Intelligencer.

## CLOSING EXERCISES AT WENTWORTH, 1902.

Lexington has been in military array since Thursday afternoon, a week ago, occasioned by the closing or commencement exercises at Wentworth Military academy. The exercises opened with battalion dress parade and guard mount at half past two o'clock of the afternoon mentioned and the cadets in their bright new uniforms made a splendid appearance. Capt. Barnhart was the inspecting officer and the inspection was gone through with with military precision and order. On Friday afternoon the feature was a sham battle, which drew a large crowd of spectators. Nearly the entire battalion of cadets was in action with small arms and two pieces of artillery. The maneuverings of officers and men were most praiseworthy and several daring charges were made to the intense interest of the spectators. It was exceedingly warm, yet the academy soldiers faltered not and for an hour and a half the conflict raged. It was an inspiring scene and reflected credit upon Col. Sandford Sellers and his corps of able assistants. On Saturday there was a game of base ball between W. M. A. and a nine from the Manual Training School of Kansas City and Monday was field day, interesting, as usual, and a report of which will be found in the course of this sectionized story. On Sunday morning the graduating class listened to a baccalaureate sermon at the Baptist church, delivered jointly to the cadets and the graduating class of Baptist Female college by M. L. Thomas, D. D., of Little Rock, Ark. On Wednesday there was a meeting of the board of trustees, on Thursday afternoon a competitive drill and at 8 p. m. graduating exercises at the New Grand opera house and an address by the Hon. David Overmeyer, of Kansas.

On Monday of last week Lieutenant John McClintock, Fifth U. S. cavalry, aidecamp to General Bates, commanding the department of the Missouri, came to Lexington from headquarters at Omaha to inspect the academy. The bugles called out the battalion of cadets at half past nine o'clock and after dress parade and a battalion drill the officer named inspected the corps on the campus in the rear of the buildings. He expressed himself as well pleased with the way the cadets handled themselves and was especially commendatory of the cadet band that trooped off at the parade and furnished music during inspection. Lieut. McClintock also inspected the two breech-loading three-inch rifled guns and the two muzzle-loading three-inch pieces. The day was an ideally bright one and the corps of cadets appeared to advantage during all the exercises. There were near one hundred in the ranks.

Another interesting feature of the closing exercises of W. M. A. was an intercollegiate tennis tournament, an account of which will be found during the course of this narrative.

### WENTWORTH ACADEMY.

The pioneer military school of the central west is Wentworth. It was founded in 1880 by Stephen G. Wentworth in honor of a deceased son, William Wentworth, with *mens sana in corpore sano* as its motto. Since its inception the academy has continued to grow and to prosper until today it stands at the front among the leading educational and military institutions of the country. It is an honor to Missouri and a pride to Lexington. The grades of this academy are generally accepted by the higher schools and a grand and noble work is being done by the faculty, not only for the cause of education, but for nation, state, and the city in which it is located. So excellent has been the work of the military department at this institution of learning that some years since the United States government recognized its merit and a regular army officer was stationed there as a professor of military science and tactics. The entire military equipment of the academy is furnished by the national government and Wentworth can be truly called one of Uncle Sam's schools of preparation for high military duty in the service

of the country. The school is thoroughly, though not harshly, disciplined and athletic training is practiced to perfection.

As to Wentworth academy the location is an ideal one. Situated near the banks of the Missouri river in a grove inspiringly beautiful, this home for things military at once suggests itself as a proper abiding place for those who admire the gifts of nature's god. Almost within a stone's throw of Central Female college, where Mulligan in years ago so bravely defended the federal garrison against the finally successful onslaught of the intrepid Price, now one of the loveliest locations for a female college in all this broad state, inspiring reminiscence is ever present among the academy students of the dark days of the civil war to urge them on to more zealous preparatory work for similar strife should their country ever call them to arms. Aside from this feature Lexington offers inviting inducement to parents to place their sons here for education. It is a city

The commandant, Major A. W. Allen, is a graduate of Fairfield Military academy, New York, and has broad experience in the line of military instruction. He is a splendid manager and is well liked by all the cadets as well as by all the other members of the faculty.

Capt. A. J. Chalkey, a winner of the A. M. degree at Randolph-Macon college, Virginia, has the chair of ancient languages. He is both experienced and efficient and the Wentworth management made no mistake in employing him.

Such also can be said for Capt. C. W. Barnhart, instructor of English and history. Capt. Barnhart is a graduate of our own Missouri university at Columbia.

Capt. A. B. Albro is in charge of the department of natural science and athletics.

The musical director is Captain A. J. Stark, thoroughly qualified in every way for this responsible position. Capt. Stark received his training and education from some of the best

difficult selection, and was given in an artistic manner.

Dr. M. L. Thomas, of Little Rock, Ark., delivered the baccalaureate sermon, taking the 18th, 19th and 20th verses of the 28th chapter of Matthew as the basis of his remarks. After a few preliminary remarks on the value of mental and physical education, he devoted his time to the supreme importance of Christian education. He stated that, by the census of last year, there are 435,000 teachers in the public schools of this country, and over 17,000,000 of pupils in the public schools. Over \$400,000,000 are annually expended in the cause of education. It is claimed by some that the hope of this country is in its schools. But not only the intellect is to be educated, but the whole moral nature. The school which develops the intellect, and not the moral nature is not a good institution. Education is the development of all that is good in man. Education by the state is of great importance, but there is duty on Christians

We may grow discouraged sometimes; but when we retire to our closets for secret prayer we feel that there is some one present, and we remember that Christ has said "Lo, I am with you to the end of the world." I know that God is with you, teacher, and that He gives you strength. Let us with honest hearts accept the truths of Christianity, and be lifted above the vales and the shadows. The noblest men and women are those who live up to these truths. Lord, help us to live for Christ and the precious truths of Christianity.

At the close of the sermon Miss Gibbs sang "O, Divine Redeemer," by Gounod. She is a vocal favorite in this city, and everyone expected something good; but we believe the audience was surprised at the beauty of her voice and the ease with which she sang the most difficult parts of her splendid selection. Her words were distinct, and every note was clear and true. Her high notes were given with wonderful ease and great volume. She will make her mark as a

Sinauer. Second prize to Igenfritz, a pair of slippers, by J. F. Wian.

One hundred and twenty yard hurdles—Williams first, Igenfritz second, Brown third. Prize to Williams, a three-pound box of candy by Vaughan & McClelland.

Twelve-pound shot-put—Wattles first, Jameson second, Williams third. Prize to Wattles, a pair of patent leather half shoes and six pairs of hose by Gratz Bros. Shoe and Clothing Company.

One mile run—Davis first, Wilson second. These were the only two in at the finish. Prize to Davis by C. C. Barron, Jr.

Running high jump—Williams first, Davis second, Becker third. First prize, a pair of military brushes by Crenshaw & Young, to Williams. Second, three-pound box of candy to Davis by Trigg & Eaton.

Two hundred and twenty yard dash—Davis first, Igenfritz second, Becker third. Prize, a box of cigars by Hinesley Cigar company, to Davis.

Running broad jump—Williams first, Davis second, Wilkins third. Prize, tennis racket by Schmelzer Arms company of Kansas City, to Williams.

Four hundred and forty yard dash—Davis first, Williams second. Prize, a dozen photos by Eugene Marshall, to Davis. Second, prize by Dan Ruebel, to Williams.

Hammer throw—Jameson first, Wattles second, Brown third. Prize, silk umbrella by Fredendall & Wilson, to Jameson.

Half mile run—Davis first, Williams second. Prize, hammock, by E. G. Loomis, to Davis.

Pole Vault—Williams first, Henry second. Prize, a pair of patent leather shoes by M. D. Wilson, to Henry. Williams was vaulting against his previous record, which he succeeded in raising by several inches.

The gold medal given to the best all round athlete was awarded to Davis, A., who made 31 points. The silver medal, also given by Col. Sellers in this contest, went to Williams, who made 24 points.

One of the most amusing features on the programme was the relay race the last event of the day's sport. The contestants were recruited from company A, company B and the staff officers. Company B won the prize, offered by Dr. Chambers.

The judges were Messrs John Chamberlain, Jesse Crenshaw, Horace Ardinger and Cadet Simmons. Starter, Capt. A. B. Albro. Time-keeper, Isy Gratz.

### TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The four schools—Missouri State University (Juniors), Kansas City Central High School, Missouri Valley College and Wentworth Military Academy met in a tennis tournament on the Wentworth courts for an all day bout Monday, May 19. The games were interesting from beginning to end and skill was shown by every player in spite of the high wind and clouds of dust that constantly swept over the courts. About two hundred spectators were present regardless of the wind and dust. Among them were a large number of the young ladies from Central female college. The games resulted as follows:

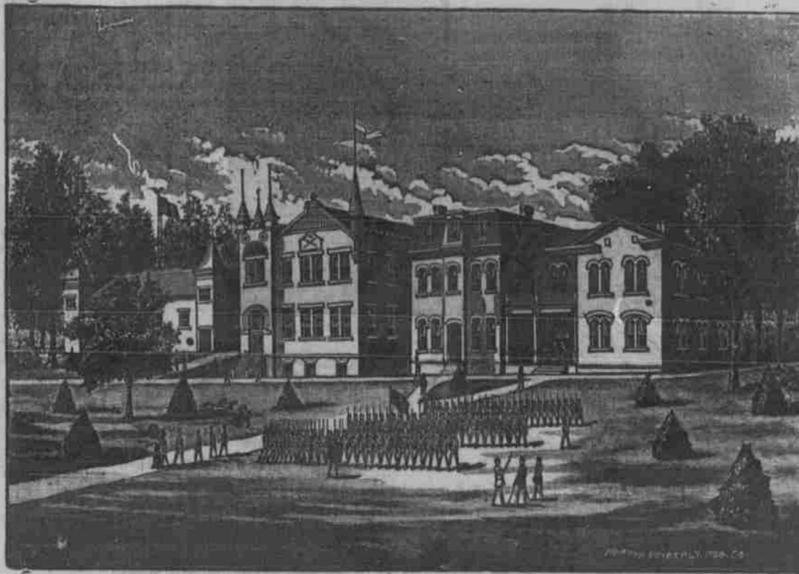
#### DOUBLES.

C. H. S. (K. C.) vs. M. U. C. (Marshall)—6-2; 7-5; 6-1.  
W. M. A. (Lexington) vs. M. S. U. (Columbia)—6-2; 7-5; 6-4.  
C. H. S. (K. C.) vs. W. M. A. (Lexington), championship—2-6; 6-2; 3-6; 11-9; 6-3.  
M. S. U. (Columbia) vs. M. V. C. (Marshall) for third place—

#### SINGLES.

Turner (M. S. U.) vs. Odell (M. V. C.)—6-0; 3-6; 6-2.  
Prentiss (M. S. U.) vs. Bone (M. V. C.)—  
Barnard (C. H. S.) vs. Ackley (W. M. A.)—6-4; 6-1.  
Graves (C. H. S.) vs. Jamison (W. M. A.)—6-1; 3-6; 6-2.  
Graves (C. H. S.) vs. Prentiss (M. S. U.)—6-4; 3-6; 6-2.  
Barnard (C. H. S.) vs. Turner (M. S. U.)—6-4; 6-3.  
Ackley (W. M. A.) vs. Turner (M. S. U.) (for 2d place) 6-2; 6-2.

The result is thus seen to be—first place in both doubles and singles—Central High school, Kansas City. Second place—in both doubles and singles—Wentworth Military academy. Third place—in both doubles and singles—Missouri State university—juniors.



THE ACADEMY BUILDINGS.

of schools and churches, away from the snares and temptations of the larger cities. The population is made up of a sterling citizenship and no town in the state can truthfully claim better society. The air is ever healthful and invigorating, even during the heated seasons, and as good health is a boon ever to be sought the inducements offered by Wentworth in this connection cannot be surpassed on this continent.

### THE FACULTY.

Col. Sandford Sellers, the superintendent, has been with Wentworth since its beginning and is eminently the right man for the place. Of strong executive ability and acute business sense, his leadership inspires confidence and assures continued success. Upon his qualification as student and teacher rests the foundation of this splendid institute. Through his acute discernment and splendid judgment he has surrounded himself with a corps of efficient assistants that would make a pronounced success of any military school in the country.

The principal of the department of literature is Prof. E. N. Hopkins, a graduate of the University of Kentucky at Lexington, a ripe scholar and a Christian gentleman. Much of the success of Wentworth is due to his splendid work. Prof. Hopkins is ripe in experience and any boy or young man is perforce bound to improve under his instruction.

Col. J. H. Kellogg, the government military instructor, detailed by the war department, is a graduate of the United States military academy at West Point, and has grown gray in the service. Years of actual service in the regular army has especially fitted Col. Kellogg for the work he has in hand here, and the cadets improve splendidly under his instruction. Col. Kellogg loves his work, which is half the battle for success with any teacher.

known teachers of high standing and is himself an artistic performer on several instruments.

Mrs. A. W. Allen, for a long time at the head of the vocal department in Central Female College, is with Wentworth and her work is in every way satisfactory.

The elocution department is under the direct management of Miss Fannie Young, a splendid and experienced teacher.

All in all there is not a stronger college faculty in the country, which accounts for the high standing and efficient work of this academy of learning.

### BACCALAUREATE SERMON BY F. C. AND W. M. A.

Sunday morning the Baptist church was filled to overflowing by the pupils of Baptist college and the cadets of Wentworth Military academy and their friends, who came to hear the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating classes of these two schools. Long before the time for the exercises to begin the seats were filled, and extra seats were brought in, but many persons were compelled to go away because they could not get in the house. The programme of exercises was as follows:

Doxology, sung by the audience, led by the choir.

Invocation, by Dr. Hyde. Violin solo, organ accompaniment, by Miss Kreber. The selection was Handel's "Largo," and was brilliantly executed.

Hymn 161—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," sung by the choir and audience.

Prayer—Rev. J. C. Given, pastor of the Methodist church. Reading the Scripture lesson, by Rev. E. C. Gordon, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Violin solo—organ accompaniment—"Romanza," by Wilhelmj, Miss Kreber. This was a beautiful but

to teach the truths of Christian religion. These truths cannot be learned elsewhere. A man cannot live as well without these truths. No text book teaches us that God sent his Son into the world to save sinners; but without a knowledge of this truth there would be mists and darkness. Educate a man all you may, and tell him nothing of God, and there will be seasons of sadness, darkness, doubt. He will know that there is something greater, grander, somewhere. He will know his own startling ignorance. But teach him of God and of Christ and these doubts disappear; the mists are dissolved. Teachers, have you told your pupils of God, who is able to shed light abroad in their minds? The reason we live, and are here today, is, that we may spread the gospel. God may lay the duty on you, young man, or you, young lady, to preach the gospel, and fill your mind and heart with love and grace.

The truths of Christianity must be taught because the effect of these truths cannot be found in any other kind of teaching. Some sneeringly assert that thinking is not necessary in religion. In science it is necessary to do honest thinking; in business it is necessary to think, and in religion it is supremely necessary. The thinking of this world has been done by men who love God. Theologians have done their part of the thinking of the world. Wherever Christ goes, light and intelligence are found; the head is enlightened and the heart enlarged. No one ever saw a man of great intellect without a good heart. Men ought to go to church to get their hearts right so they could think right of their fellow men. Christianity makes men have common sense in life. Christians are not above any work or any duty that is to be done. Christianity enlarges the soul as does no other kind of teaching. It makes better men, physically, intellectually and morally.

vocalist if she so desires.

The choir sang hymn 209, "Holy, Holy, Lord, God, Almighty;" the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Mr. Thomas, and the well-pleased audience dispersed. The day was bright—neither too warm nor too cold, and the ladies looked beautiful in their white dresses and stunning hats. The graduating class of B. F. C. wore black gowns over their white dresses. The other pupils wore white dresses, with black college caps. The cadets looked well in their uniforms, blue coats, brass buttons, white pants and military caps.

### FIELD DAY.

Field day at the academy, as was usual, fraught with great interest, and attracted a large crowd to the campus Monday afternoon. There were a number of events on the programme and not one feature was a dull one. Lexingtonians and their visiting friends were out in all classes of vehicles and the students of both Central and Baptist Female colleges were in attendance.

The day was an ideal one for physical exercise. Doubtless resultant from the fall of rain or hail in contiguous territory the air was cool, even cool enough to necessitate light wraps for the ladies when hidden from the sun's rays by the foliage of trees.

When the hour of beginning arrived the following contestants showed up on the campus to be smiled upon by sweethearts and admired by fond parents: A. M. Davis, R. Williams, C. M. Igenfritz, J. F. Brown, J. Aguayo, W. O. Jameson, B. Wattles, E. Wilkins, P. L. Harrington, W. L. Ferguson, E. Jones, B. Harned, R. B. Henry and Lee Burch. All looked the picture of health and the crowd cheered the boys as they came in view.

The events were as follows: One hundred yard dash—Davis first, Igenfritz second, and Becker third. Prize to Davis, a dress suit case by H.