

THIRTY-SECOND WENTWORTH COMMENCEMENT

Another Successful School Year Closed With Brilliant Exercises.

Wentworth Military academy closed its thirty-second year with brilliant commencement exercises from May 25 to 29. The year has been successful in every particular; the military department has maintained its high standing, though the late spring retarded the outdoor drilling somewhat, and the scholastic work has been considerably advanced. A good spirit was in evidence at all of the final exercises.

BAND CONCERT.

The band gave its final concert on the academy lawn Saturday evening. A baritone solo by L. Y. Dyrenforth was the feature of the program. Under the leadership of Captain Day the band this year has been one of the best in the history of the school. It was a well balanced organization of twenty-two pieces. Captain Day is one of the best instructors of the state and may always be relied upon to turn out a capable band.

SENIOR RECEPTION.

After the concert Major and Mrs. Cooke entertained the seniors and faculty officers with a number of young ladies at an informal reception at their residence on Main and Eighteenth streets. Mrs. Sellers and Mrs. Hoge assisted. Everyone who attended was delighted with the hospitality of Major and Mrs. Cooke.

BACCALAUREATE.

Sunday morning the battalion was marched to the Presbyterian church, where Dr. Charles Boying, President of Westminster College, preached the baccalaureate sermon. The subject of Doctor Boying's sermon was work. He maintains that this is the "Work World" and that this is the place to work. Rest is to come to the workers in the hereafter. Also Doctor Boying spoke of aptitude and zeal. These three subjects, labor, aptitude and zeal, were the points on which the sermon was constructed. All who heard the sermon enjoyed it exceedingly.

The pulpit of the church was beautifully decorated with palms and flowers for the occasion. The music, which was excellent, was furnished by a choir of eight, accompanied on the organ by that well-known musician, Professor Conrad of Central College.

FIELD DAY.

Monday morning after guard mount, the annual field day exercises were held on the campus. In every event was a good number of entries and the meet was closely contested throughout. Robert MacArthur of Monte Vista, Colorado, captured the individual honors easily by winning forty points. He took first place in everyone of the eight events in which he was entered. The 50-yard and 100-yard dashes, the shot put, both hurdles, the high jump, the broad jump and the pole vault. He thus won the gold medal and five dollars worth of pictures from J. O. Coffin. Due to his work D company won the meet. By winning the medal he was disqualified for the special prizes. Vore was second in individual honors with 24 points. The prizes awarded were as follows:

80-yard dash—1, base ball glove by A. G. Spalding, Stoops; 2, kid gloves by Schmidt, Strickland.

Shot Put—1, calabosh pipe by Barron & Sheets, Jacobia; 2, fancy vest by Wittsberg, Groves.

Half Mile—1, razor by Gillen, Vasquez; 2, shaving mug by McClelland & Cunningham, Walker; 100-yard dash—1, shoes by Gratz, Duke; 2, shirt and tie by M. Ladson, Strickland.

Discuss—1, sweater by Day & Stonestreet, Vore; 2, box of candy by V. J. C. Bour, Groves S.

High Hurdles—1, brushes and comb by Crenshaw & Young, Vore; 2, box of cigars by Stall ing, Finch.

Mile Run—1, silver match safe by Weber, Vasquez; 2, safety razor by Weis, Walker.

High Jump—1, shaving mug by Ruebel & Lale, Strickland; 2, stick pin and cuff buttons by A. C. Ferris & Co., Cook.

Low Hurdles—1, fancy vest by Sinauer, Vore; 2, cuff links by Weber, Finch.

Broad Jump—1, pipe by Hinesley, Strickland; 2, \$1.00 box candy by Hinesley, Vore.

Quarter Mile—\$3.50 hat by Stier, Vore; 2, umbrella by McCausland, Walker.

Pole Vault—1, briar pipe by Barron & Sheets, Vore; 2, pipe by Farmer, Walker.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The tennis tournament was scheduled to be completed Monday, but owing to the rain, was not finished till Wednesday morning. J. M. Sellers, the champion of last year, repeated, winning the finals from Miller 6-3; 8-6; 6-3. Miller furnished the surprise of the tournament. Though he had not figured in the school's tennis before and was considered one of the "fillers-in" of the tournament, he disposed of Magee, who was picked by everyone as a sure winner, 3-6; 6-4; 6-3.

SHAM BATTLE.

On account of the mud the sham battle was not so spectacular as had been planned. It was, however, enjoyed by a large audience. Three companies marched to the far side of the ravine back of the academy and attacked a force of one company and the artillery. The attackers, as usual, were successful. A new feature in fortifications of straw bales and ambushes of green boughs.

BALL GAME.

After the sham battle there was a ball game between the Richmond Elks and a team consisting mostly of Wentworth players. The regular cadet team had finished its season and it was necessary to reinforce it by outside players to make a good showing against the Elks. The game was interesting and ended in a spectacular finish. The Elks won 4 to 2.

CLASS PLAY.

The seniors under the direction of Captain Guinther gave a play, "Half-Back Sandy," at the opera house Monday evening. The play was amusing and went off in good style throughout. The following were in the cast: J. M. Sellers, L. H. Rosenfield, J. D. Dyrenforth, K. W. Krake,

Les, Roberts, C. L. Vivion, K. C. Huston, Captain Guinther, Volney Wortman, E. E. Evans, H. D. Adair, C. T. Williams, H. R. McClelland, C. H. Slusher, Edward Miller, C. H. Slusher.

THE DRILLS.

Tuesday was devoted mostly to military exercises. In the short time he has been here Major Cooke, the commandant, has proved himself a good instructor and the drills were all attractive.

After guard mount the company competitive drill was given. Each company had to do a number of things in both close and extended order. The prize was awarded to "A" company.

The competitive drill was followed by exhibitions of the special detachments: artillery, engineering, signal and hospital.

After dinner the board of trustees held its annual meeting and then the individual competitive drill took place. There were fourteen entries and a man was dropped on his first noticeable mistake. The squad was finally narrowed to E. H. Miller and Ferd Bates, Jr. These two drilled for some time with neither having the advantage; but finally Miller made a mistake in kneeling and Bates won the medal.

The last military drill of the year consisted of battalion parade with bayonet exercises and Butt's manual.

THE DANCE.

The reception and final ball in the drill hall Tuesday evening was the biggest social event of the year. The old hall never looked prettier with its elaborate decorations mostly in the school colors, red and white. Leather-covered programs, delicious punch, and an excellent ten piece orchestra from Kansas City contributed to the evening's enjoyment.

The grand march, led by J. M. Sellers, president of the class, and Miss Rebecca Crosswhite was pronounced by all who saw it the prettiest ever put on in the drill hall. The weather fortunately was pleasant and between dances many young people took advantage of the delightful breezes on the front lawn.

Several electrical effects were produced in the extras. A moonlight dance and one in which all the light came from the numbers "1912" in parson and gray lights were especially good.

The dance lasted from nine until two and every minute of the time was enjoyed by the participants.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The final ceremony was held Wednesday morning in the front yard. The seniors were arranged in seats at the left of the platform. Music was furnished by the cadet band.

Dr. Burris A. Jenkins of Kansas City was the orator of the occasion and he delivered a splendid address. He spoke of the real meaning of an education. "It used to be asked of graduates," he said, "what do you know?" Then came a time when they were asked "what can you do?" But now they must be asked "what are you?"

The speaker's delivery and command of language was wonderful.

Colonel Sellers spoke briefly of the year's work. Colonel Hoge gave a short talk to the class and awarded diplomas to the following: H. D. Adair, Ferd Bates, Jr., J. M. Deavenport, J. D. Dyren-

forth, L. Y. Dyrenforth, E. E. Evans, W. B. Duke, Floyd Finch, Lee Groves, Paul Garzee, K. C. Huston, K. W. Krake, Lloyd Leslie, H. R. McClelland, E. H. Miller, E. L. Nims, Raymond Payne, J. F. Postolle, B. L. Roberts, L. H. Rosenfield, J. M. Sellers, C. H. Slusher, H. E. Slusher, Walter Soller, McLeod Stinnett, C. L. Vivion, Jr., C. L. Williams, Volney Wortman.

Judge Richard Field, president of the board of trustees awarded the special prizes.

E. H. Miller of St. Louis received the university scholarship for having the highest average in the senior class. C. H. Slusher of Lexington was second contestant. The senior class averaged much higher in grades than any previous class of the academy. Six members of the class stood higher than the highest undergraduate.

Manfred Lilliefors of Omaha received the undergraduate scholarship medal with T. W. Hill of Lexington second.

E. E. Evans of Kansas City was awarded the Burnap trophy, a gold watch, for outdoor rifle shooting.

The athletic medal, the drill medal and the Schmelzer loving cup for tennis were awarded to MacArthur, Bates and Sellers respectively.

Rev. S. Boyd White pronounced the benediction, the band played "Star Spangled Banner" and another school year was ended.

COMMENCEMENT VISITORS.

Among the out of town visitors were: Mr. Tufts, Kansas City; Mr. Adair, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. Rosenfield, Miss Rosenfield, St. Joseph; Mrs. Williams, Miss Williams, Kansas City; Miss Hereford, Odessa; Mr. Krake, St. Joseph; Mr. Thompson, Independence; Mrs. Dyrenforth, Riverside, Ill.; Miss Gates, Fort Smith, Ark.; Mrs. Barnett, St. Louis; Judge and Mrs. Quarles, Louisville, Ky.; Miss Lusk, Quincy, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Finch, Miss Finch, Lawrence, Kans.; Mr. Soller, Washington, Kans.; Mrs. Stoops, David City, Neb.; Mr. Simmons, Peculiar, Mo.; Mrs. Jacobia, Mrs. Link, Mr. Babb, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Estes, Mrs. Evans, Kansas City; Mr. Baer, Monroe, La.; Mr. McFadden, Hall's Summit, Kans.; Mr. Owens, Sweet Springs; Miss Dixie Nickell, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. Huston, Will Huston, Jr., Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Miller, St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gebhart, Miss Gebhart, Miss Thacher, Miss Berry, Odessa; Miss James, Kansas City; Miss Stapp, Miss Darneil, Richmond; Mr. Hedrick, Kansas City; Miss Laughlin, Kansas City; Miss Crosswhite, Grand Pass; Miss Dingle, Miss MacGinley, Miss White, Moberly; Mr. Gordon, Jefferson City; Dr. Stokes, St. Joseph; Mrs. Egbert, Miss Egbert, Oklahoma City; Miss Hornbuckle, Kansas City; Mr. Koontz, Webb City; Miss Cottingham, Kansas City; Miss Sydnor, Higginsville; Miss Seearce, Plattsburg, Mo., and Mrs. Owen, Higginsville.

Jas. F. Catron Will Filed.

Under the provisions of the will of the late James F. Catron, as filed with the Probate Court, his daughter, Mary Elizabeth, receives a life estate in the home farm consisting of 365 acres, with remainder to her child or children or their descendants, and \$5,000 in cash for her education. His wife receives \$20,000.00 in cash and all household goods,

LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

A Most Successful Year. Thirty-six Graduates Receive Diplomas.

Yesterday morning, at 10:30 o'clock was held the closing exercises of the Lexington High School in Wright's Grand Opera House. The class this year was an exceptionally large one, thirty-six receiving their diplomas: twenty young ladies and twelve young men.

The address to the graduates was made by Walter Williams, Dean of the School of Journalism of the State University. Nearly every seat in the opera house was taken in anticipation of hearing a masterful address, and no one went away disappointed. He took for his subject, "The Reading of the Book." Dean Williams has many friends and acquaintances in Lexington who have long had great respect for his learning and piety, and through his address of yesterday he added to that number every one who heard it. He speaks in a pleasing accent, with a confidence and sympathy, which holds

Following is the roll of graduates:

Elizabeth Wilson, Nadine Keith, Nettie Fredendall, Anna Aiford, Elmira Winn, Elizabeth Burton, Helen Teubner, Laura Davis, Lillian Burton, Mary Davis, Julia Davis, Annie Lundberg, Amanda Marcks, Inez Walker, Ida Belle Walker, Izetta Gaffin, Irene Burgess, Marie Hale, Elsie Lee Ellis, Atha Dewees, Karl Petsch, Edward Vaughan, Arthur Petsch, Eugene Shelby, Henry Gelzer, Edwina Bour, Harry Steele, Louis Meier, Karl Haekker, Louis Gruber, Lester Connor, Clarence Wilson, James R. Moorehead, Jr., Milton Nigg, Gordon Starke, Joe L. Mann.

The Lexington Public Schools are unsurpassed by any in the state. The work and methods are of the highest order, the graduates being admitted to all the western universities without



Prof. B. M. Little, Superintendent of the Lexington Public Schools.

the rapt attention of his hearers. In either pathos or humor he is equally effective.

Following the address of Dean Williams, Mr. Little, Superintendent of the Lexington Schools, announced the names of the honor graduates, and then introduced Wm. H. Southern of Independence, who delivered the diplomas.

Harry Steele of Waverly, won the highest honors, with Helen Teubner and Mary Davis, close contestants in the order named.

The Westminster scholarship was awarded to James R. Moorehead, Jr.

The remainder of the estate to be divided equally between his wife and daughter. The will was made in May, 1906, and was witnessed by Walter B. Waddell and F. Lee Wallace. James A. Gordon, of Marshall, Mo., is named executor without bond. The estimated value of the estate is \$150,000.00.

Moose Organizer Arrested.

J. A. Schroeder, organizer for the Loyal Order of Moose, was arrested here Tuesday for embezzlement. He was released on bail and received his preliminary hearing Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock before Judge

Harding when the case was postponed until Friday morning.

Passed Entrance Examination.

Wm. Hoge, Jr., received word Wednesday that he had successfully passed the entrance examination to West Point. He will report in June. His brother, Ben, entered two years ago, and will be entitled to his first furlough (three months) this summer.

Mrs. B. C. Drummond went to Wellington yesterday to spend the day.

Miss Laura Davis came down from Kansas City Wednesday to visit friends and relatives.