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FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

Central College for Women Closes A Successful Year With Brilliant Exercises.

The forty-third annual commencement exercises of Central College for Women, which began Saturday evening with the Art reception, and closed Wednesday morning with the graduating exercises, terminated one of the most successful and satisfactory years in the history of the college. The work of the past year reached a very high standard. The literary department which has a reputation of long standing for the excellency of its work, finished the year with gratifying results, covering as it does four full years of college work, gives Central College a prestige among the women's colleges of the west.

The music department under the directorship of that most capable and efficient musician, Delano F. Conrad, has attained an enviable reputation among the conservatories of the country. The requirements of this department are such that its graduates are not mere mechanical performers, but are imbued with a thorough knowledge of the history, harmony and technique of which Mr. Conrad is master.

The vocal division of the music department receives the same careful and intelligent supervision as does the instrumental. The work of Mrs. Allen has withstood the criticism of unfriendly critics. She has established a system of voice building which in results has brought to this department a distinction which is recognized by everyone at all familiar with her work. She believes, and works upon the theory, that the fundamentals of the art of singing with the greatest degree of ease and accuracy, are of supreme importance, more so than a hurried preparation for the vocalization of a song.

Art, Expression and Domestic Science, with their severe requirements, correlatively with the other departments, completes the curriculum.

ART RECEPTION.

The first of the commencement entertainments was the art reception, Saturday afternoon. A number of local connoisseurs attended and admired the handsome displays of work done by the pupils. Under the direction of Mrs. Rose the art department has accomplished excellent things during the past year and the exhibits at the reception reflected much credit upon it. Punch was served in the hall adjoining the art room.

Among the noteworthy exhibits were the following: Miss Vivian Warner, china; Miss Rybie Wing, china; Miss Clifflie Dillingham, miniatures; Miss Josephine Shelton, china; Miss Rosalie Yates, charcoal, china; Miss Rose Lutz, clay modeling; Miss Pattie Clark, china; Miss Ward Matthews, china; Miss Una Chambers, fine arts.

EXPRESSION RECITAL.

The recital given by the Expression Department Saturday evening was well attended and highly enjoyable. It was the initial formal entertainment of Commencement week, and represented the degree of proficiency attained by the Expression pupils, during the year of work and study. The three seniors, Miss Clark, Miss Shelton and Miss Smith were again respectively presented and each

acquitted herself admirably; each selection was especially suited to the style of the reader. Miss Kathryn Clark deserves special mention for the intelligent reading of Mary Johnson's "Lewis Rand," and for her apparent talent and natural ability.

The well given pantomimes, though short, were much enjoyed. The evening closed with a play-let, "The Mothers of Edward," by Myra Kelly.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE.

Sunday morning there was one of the most impressive baccalaureate services ever held at the college. The choir furnished excellent music. It consisted of Mr. D. F. Conrad, choirmaster; Miss Pauline Sellers, Miss Jo Hinesley, Miss Marian Clark, soprano; Mrs. A. W. Allen, Miss Ruth Field, Miss Fay Brill, contraltos; Mr. Wm. Anll, Jr., Mr. H. K. St. Clair, tenors; Dr. T. B. Ramsey, Mr. John Price, basses.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon of San Antonio, Texas, delivered the sermon. He spoke on the authority and duty of the individual to interpret the scripture and to propagate it. Bishop Mouzon is one of the most earnest and eloquent preachers of the Methodist church and his sermon was all that could be expected of such a man. All who heard it were uplifted.

At the evening service the quartet gave "He Watching Over Israel" from the Elijah, and Marks "Now the Day is Over." Bishop Mouzon preached another eloquent sermon fully as inspiring as the one of the morning.

CLASS DAY.

On Monday at 10 o'clock the Class Day exercises were held on the walk donated by the class. The class prophesy by Mildred Mae Musser, and the class history by Josephine Deane Shelton, were read. A loving cup was dedicated for the use of future classes. The college spirit which has been much in evidence in years past, received new impetus during this commencement. A more loyal class than that of 1912 was never graduated from Central College.

ALUMNAE MEETING.

On Monday afternoon the Alumnae Association held their annual business session in the parlors of the college. After the usual routine work, the class of 1912 was formally received into membership in the association by the President, Mrs. C. T. Ryland, who extended a hearty welcome to the eighteen young women upon whose work the college has set its seal of approval. In behalf of her class, Miss Isabel Rader recognized the new relationship, and pledged for the class, continued love and loyalty.

The discussion of plans for future association work was followed by expressions of purpose to have a large part in the movement looking toward the greater Central College for Women.

After adjournment an informal social hour was enjoyed. 'Tis needless to say that the topics of conversation were mostly of matters pertaining to Central's past record, her present prosperity, and her bright outlook for the future.

ALUMNAE BANQUET.

Monday evening the alumnae with their friends had a most enjoyable banquet in the college dining room. The repast was served by the students, between which the refreshments were delightful in form and variety. On various guests, Dr. Ryland acted as toastmaster. Mr. C. T. Ryland on behalf of the alumnae welcomed the class of 1912 and Miss Lucile Reagan for the class respondent. Miss Pauline Sellers favored the assembly with two vocal selections and Miss Nettie Marvin gave two readings, which were much appreciated. The class sang several college tunes.

At midnight the assembly broke up with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

CLASS BREAKFAST.

Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock the Senior Class entertained the whole college at an outdoor breakfast. It was served on "The Point," one of the beautiful hills in the campus park, that overlooks the Missouri river. The affair was

GRAND CONCERT.

The grand concert Tuesday evening marked the culmination of one of the best years in the musical department of the college. The pianists were up to the high standard of the college, but three such singers as Miss Brill, Miss Reagan and Miss Field are seldom found at once in a school of music.

On the program this year were only seniors and they showed the same ability and finish which they had displayed in their graduating recitals. Every number was well done and received rounds of merited applause. The songs of Miss Brill and Miss Field and the piano number of Miss Wettendorf, however are deserving of special commendation.

The program follows:

- Sonata Pathetique (first movement) *Beethoven*
- MISS MINNIE ROTHROCK
- "O don fatale" (Don Carlos) - Verdi
- MISS FAY MARVIN BRILL
- Piano Solo:
- La Nalade *Thomé*
- Berceuse *Rijinsky*
- An den Frueling *Grieg*
- MISS RUBY SMITH

"Night Hymns at Sea," by Goring Thomas. Dr. Williams made a very touching and eloquent talk to the graduates before conferring the degrees. Then Misses Clark, Reagan and Field sang "Lift Thine Eyes" (Elijah) by Mendelssohn, the benediction was pronounced and the year was closed.

The scholarship medal was awarded to Miss Lillian Starr, of Hardin, Mo. Miss Ivy Macy of Gallatin, Mo., received the housekeeper's medal, and the medal for the best essay printed in the College magazine was awarded to Miss Marguerite Clarke of Sunnyside, Virginia.

The gold medal, offered by Miss Elizabeth Smith of the faculty, for the best college song, was won by Miss Madge Taylor.

The announcement was made of a new department to the college curriculum, that of Domestic Science. A graduate of Chicago University has been secured to head this department.

The organ fund has grown to such proportions that Dr. Palmer, president of the board, assured the audience that a new pipe organ would be installed before another commencement.

Another pleasing and important announcement made by Dr. Williams was that he had added to the members of the college household for the coming year a registered nurse.

The degree of A. B. was conferred on the following:

Pattie Elizabeth Clark, Marguerite Hobson Clarke, Donatill Caridad Mesa, Mildred Mae Musser, Isabel Craig Rader, Agnes Lucille Reagan, Jessie Agnes Sharp and Josephine Elizabeth Smith.

The graduates in piano were: Marian Ball Clark, Nettie Wilson Fredendall, Minnie Viola Rothrock, Ruby Elizabeth Smith, Jane Groves Wettendorf.

Voice: Faye Marvin Brill, Ruth Jeannette Field, Agnes Lucille Reagan.

Expression: Marguerite Hobson Clarke, Josephine Deane Shelton, Ruby Elizabeth Smith

Art: Irel Lessie Dillingham, Floy Margaret Russell.

Certificates in Art: Una Chambers, Rose Lutz, Rosalie Yates

COMMENCEMENT GUESTS.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon, San Antonio, Texas, Hon. and Mrs. Perry S. and John Rader, Jefferson City; Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, Cape Girardeau; Dr. W. B. Palmer, St. Louis; Dr. C. S. Austin and Rev. Frank J. Mapel, Carrollton; Dr. C. W. Moore, Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Smith, Misses Pauline and Anna Bell Smith, Lawson; Miss Vesta Peteman, Lawson; Mrs. J. T. Hurt, Lawson; Mrs. N. C. Maytum, Polo; Miss Jeanette Ward Harter, Cowgill; Miss Lucile McClure, Hughesville; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Field, Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Clark, Miss Velma Clark, Miss Anna Mac Zentmeyer, Higginsville; Mrs. W. M. Groves, Miss Lucile Reynolds, Corder; Mrs. C. M. Purnell, Mrs. J. P. Greer, Mrs. P. C. Young, Higginsville; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clark, LaMonte; Mr. Wall, Sweet Springs; L. F. Russell, Chilhowee; Mr. and Mrs. Rothrock, Sweet Springs; Mrs. A. K. Browning, Mrs. J. M. Barber, Miss Ivy Axline, Independence; Mrs. W. W. Ewing, Mrs. Otis Adams, Buckner; Mrs. T. O. Wright, Miss Bessie Bowles, Norborne; Miss Kathryn Davis, Richmond; Mrs. Wm. Parker, Miss Marie Youngs, Warrensburg; Miss Nettie Marvin, Webb

City; Miss Norma Comer, Lees Summit; Mrs. Frank Davis, Mrs. Geo. W. Hall, St. Louis; Miss Emille Hickerson, Moberly; Mrs. O. B. Boibitt, West Virginia; Miss Mary L. Barley, Monta Vista, Col.; Rev. E. Y. and Catherine Ginn, Miss Ona Cline, Hardin; Rev. F. E. Gordon, Gilliam; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Oliver, Dover; Mrs. C. W. Reagan, Macon; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shoop, Miss Frances Shoop, Mrs. Hale and daughter, Miss Opal Lowrey, Neodosh, Kans.; Mrs. Cathcart and daughter, Marion, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Clarke, Owensboro, Ky.; Mrs. Jas. Clarke, Sunny Side, Virginia; Mrs. Roy Rucker, Kaytesville; Miss Nell Kinkead, Gallatin; Mrs. Homer C. Yates, Kansas City; Geo. W. Musser, Kansas City; Robert Taylor, Marshall.

Miss Keith Entertains.

Miss Nadine Keith entertained Friday evening with a party at her home on Main street in honor of her guests, Miss MacGinley, Miss White and Miss Dingle from Moberly. The entire lower floor of the house was made into a dance hall and furnished ample room for the twenty couples.

Evans' orchestra furnished good music. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served. Altogether the evening was a most delightful one and the last of a week's series of social functions. Miss Stapp and Miss Corl from Richmond came over Friday afternoon to attend the party.

Crossley For Senator.

A successor to James P. Chinn senator of this, the 17th senatorial district, is to be chosen this fall. Hon. Wallace Crossley of Warrensburg, Johnson county, is an aspirant for the office. Mr. Crossley comes with considerable legislative experience to recommend him. He was a member of the 43rd, 44th and 45th General Assembly, and made a good reputation as an honest and efficient member of that body. It has been customary for the counties in this district to rotate in naming the senator and as Johnson county is now in line, Mr. Crossley should be nominated without opposition. Senator Chinn has set a high standard for those who would succeed him to follow. He, perhaps, accomplished more during his tenure in office than any of his predecessors. Mr. Crossley, it is believed, would prove equally capable and reflect great credit upon himself and the district.

A Good Rain.

At 5:30 Wednesday evening a much-needed heavy rain paid its respects. During the afternoon a great many clouds passed over going northward, so that it seemed as if Lexington would not get the rain. But the wind changed and in due time the floods descended. There was considerable wind and lightning, but not enough to do any damage.

Schroeder Released.

The hearing Friday of J. A. Schroeder, for embezzlement, held before Justice J. J. Harding, resulted in his release. The defendant paying the cost.

Miss Rheba Welsh, who has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Wilson, returned Friday to Kansas City.

Capt. and Mrs. A. A. Lesueur left Saturday for their home in Antlers, Okla., after a week's visit here with relatives.



DR. Z. M. WILLIAMS

very delightful and an innovation by this year's class

OLD GIRLS' CLUB.

The feature of Tuesday afternoon was a meeting of the Central College Girls' Club of Lexington. All old girls, whose addresses were available, were invited. Reminiscences of other days were given and the interesting leader, Mrs. C. T. Ryland, formerly Bettie Belle Perrie, happily presented the informal speakers. Some of the "girls" were at Central thirty-one years ago; their stories were eagerly listened to by a circle of seventy-five or a hundred, including girls of all ages even to one of Central's grandchild. This club is organized with a purpose to help Central College, and anyone who has ever matriculated in any department at Central is eligible for membership. There are similar clubs in St. Louis and Kansas City. The former has already established a scholarship for Central, and the Kansas City organization has many helpful plans.

Four Songs:

- In Summer *Hahn*
- From the Land of the Sky Blue Water *Cadman*
- A Pocket Handkerchief to Hem *Homer*
- Mother o' Mine *Tours*

MISS LUCILE REAGAN

Piano Solo:

- Sextette—Lueta di Lammermoor *Leschetitzky*
- (for left hand alone)
- Valse Caprice—"Man lebt nur einmal" *Strauss-Tausig*

MISS MARIAN CLARK

The Erl King *Schubert*

MISS RUTH FIELD

Second Rhapsodie *Liszt*

MISS JANE WETTENDORF

Swallows to Southward *Ashford*

Barcarolle *Hoffmann-Lyones*

CHORUS

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The graduating exercises were held Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. The address to the class was delivered by Rev. Ivan Lee Holt, Ph. D., of Cape Girardeau, Mo. He took for his subject "The Quest of Happiness." A more eloquent oration has seldom been delivered in this city. Preceding the address, Miss Joe Hinesley and Miss Marian Clark sang a duet