

State Historical Society

CENTRAL COLLEGE FOR WOMEN AUSPICIOUSLY CLOSES 46TH YEAR

Famous Methodist Institution is Steadily Advancing in Material Equipment and Educational Ideals.

13 DIPLOMAS AND 3 CERTIFICATES GIVEN

Dr. McMurry, Who Was Scheduled for Baccalaureate Sermon, Was Detained by Washouts—Dr. Rice's Address and Splendid Music Were Features—New Chair in Bible Announced.

Central College for Women, which is one of Lexington's most valued and cherished institutions, closed its forty-sixth year with exercises extending from Saturday, May 29, to Wednesday, June 2. The exercises were interesting throughout and indicated the high attainments of the institution both in its regular collegiate work and in the special departments.

For many years it has been recognized that anything done by Central College would be worth while and this year has only strengthened the college's reputation. The work required in the literary department for the A. B. degree now extends over four years after high school and is equal to that required by the best colleges and universities of the country. There has been no tendency to mollify the requirements in order to invite increased attendance and the pursuit of the policy of adhering to the best standards has been fully justified by the results. The citizens of Lexington feel that in Central there is an air of seriousness and that nothing but meritorious work will be credited.

In the end there is no doubt that the striving for high ideals will win out and the future growth of Central College may be considered as assured. Those in charge of its affairs have a vision, and yet they are practical people capable of making their vision a reality. There is no ostentation at Central, but the institution is steadily and conscientiously doing solid work and forging ahead.

The commencement ceremonies were in accord with the spirit of Central and caused favorable comment from all who attended them.

School of Expression Recital.
The first of the exercises was

the annual recital by the pupils of the School of Expression. This recital was given in Murrell auditorium Saturday evening. The director of the School of Expression for the past two years, Miss Metcalf, has brought the department to an exceedingly high standard. She has insisted on thorough and intelligent work from her pupils and has produced several exceptionally effective readers. The merit of the various recitals and dramatic sketches that have been produced under her direction has been a matter of much gratification to the friends of the college.

The program Saturday evening presented the two seniors and several of the most proficient under-classmen of the department. It was as follows:

- Cinderella Dines
A. E. Moran and M. C. Jenison
ANNE WISDOM
- The Boy Orator of Zepata City
Richard Harding Davis
ORPHA ANDERSON
- Her First Appearance
Richard Harding Davis
ESTHER KNIGHT
- The Soul of the Violin
Margaret M. Merrill
MARY JONES NIXON
- The One-Legged Goose
F. Hopkinson Smith
MILDRED SOUDERS
- Scenes from "Rip Van Winkle"
Joseph Jefferson
PANTHEA READY

Miss Anderson and Miss Ready, the seniors, again demonstrated their proficiency, and Miss Esther Knight delighted the audience by the rendition of her number. In fact, all the readers were good and received generous applause.

Baccalaureate Services.

Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was given in Murrell auditorium. Rev. W. F. McMurry, D. D., of Louisville was scheduled to give the sermon, but the train service had

been so badly crippled by the recent rains that he was unable to reach Lexington in time. His place, however, was most acceptably filled by President Z. M. Williams. Dr. Williams presided effectively and gave an inspiring sermon to the senior class.

The choir consisted of the following young ladies: Miss Fern Delay, Miss Grace Webb, Miss Helen Clarke, Miss Virginia Pasley, sopranos; Miss Lucille Reagan, Miss Faye Marvin Brill, Miss Gertrude Van Vleck, Miss Anna Phetzing, altos. Mr. Conrad presided at the organ and directed the musical part of the service. The processional, "Ten thousand times ten thousand," and the recessional, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart," were effectively carried out with the audience participating heartily in the singing. The choir also gave Harker's "Great is the Lord" and Morrison's "O, Shepherd of Israel."

Rev. R. N. Allen read the Scripture lesson.

At the evening service Mr. Allen was the preacher. He gave an appropriate sermon from the text in Exodus 4:2, "What is that in thine hand?" He showed that the various talents that people have are useless unless turned to the services of God and showed how the humblest service would be exalted if performed in the proper spirit.

President Williams presided; Rev. F. M. Burton read the Scripture lesson; Rev. S. O. Hall and Dr. H. W. Myers offered prayer. The choir sang Shelley's "Hark, Hark My Soul."

Class Day Exercises.

At ten o'clock Monday morning the class day exercises were held on the college campus. The exercises were characteristic and pretty. Miss Dollie Catron, president of the senior class, gave the president's address and bestowed the official cap and gown upon Miss Viola Fetty, president of the junior class, who responded gracefully. The junior class was present and carried a large chain of flowers.

Miss Grace Webb read the class prophecy. Miss Orpha Anderson read the history of the class, and Miss Panthea Ready read the last will and testament. All of these documents were interesting and contained both humor and pathos. Of course the personalities provoked the most laughter.

Alumnae Reception.

Monday afternoon at three o'clock the alumnae reception was held at the president's resi-

dence. The local alumnae organization had charge of the arrangements. In the receiving line were: President and Mrs. Williams, Mrs. G. H. Bates, president of the association; Mrs. C. W. Johnson, corresponding secretary; Miss Lucille Reagan, recording secretary; Miss Martha Crenshaw, treasurer; and Miss Dollie Catron, president of the senior class.

Mrs. Bates gave an address of welcome to the class just becoming alumnae and Miss Catron responded. Dr. Williams made a brief talk and read some communications from alumnae unable to be present. In turn the alumnae gave brief reminiscences.

There were musical numbers by Misses Brill, Reagan, and Morrow. Misses Anderson and Ready gave readings. Refreshments were served in the parlor of the residence. The members of the Junior class assisted in entertaining.

On both Monday and Tuesday the art exhibit was open to the public and many visitors admired the work of the students of Miss Rose.

Students' Reception.

Monday evening was given

BRILLIANT EXERCISES CLOSE THIRTY-FIFTH YEAR OF WENTWORTH

Present Session Has Been Marked With Splendid Spirit and High Achievement Along Every Line.

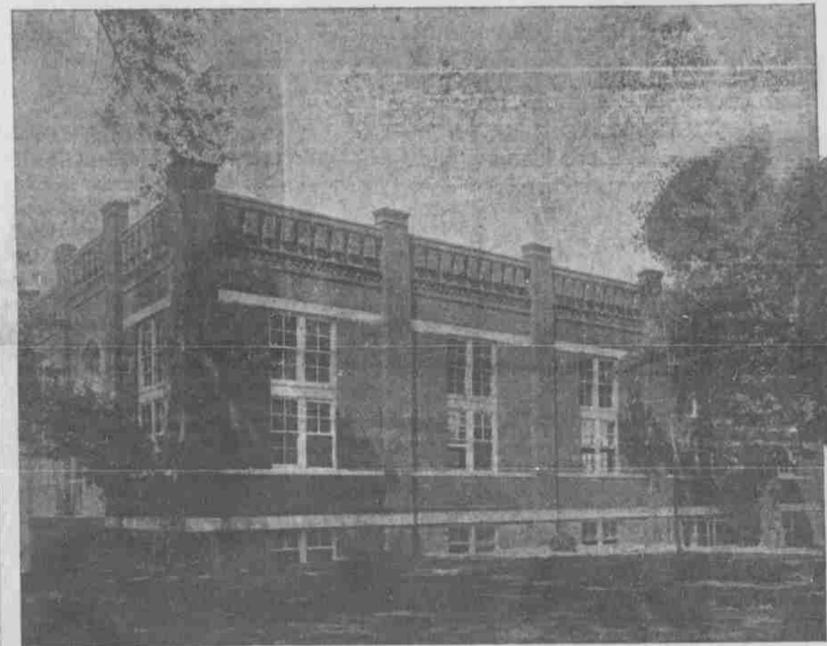
NEW GYMNASIUM PROVED A FEATURE

Weather Perfect—Many Out-of-town Visitors—Drills Were Well Executed—Sermon by Dr. H. W. Myers and Address by Dr. D. D. Munro Interested the Cadets and Their Friends—Prizes Awarded.

Wentworth Military Academy closed its thirty-fifth year of useful existence with exercises beginning last Saturday and concluding Tuesday. After the hard rains and consequent inconvenience of the public travel it was feared that the exercises would be more or less interfered with by bad weather and inability of visitors to reach Lexington. The weather, however, turned out to be ideal. The sky

company was second with 42; the band and staff, which competed as a single organization, came third with 30.

The results follow:
SWIMMING EVENTS
100 ft. crawl stroke: Reed, band and staff, first; Cussins, B, second; Erricson, A, third.
100 ft. breast stroke: Byler, B, first; Reed, band and staff, second; Cussins, B, third.
50 ft. back stroke: Johnson,



THE NEW WENTWORTH GYMNASIUM

over to an informal reception in the college parlors, to all the students, their visitors and town friends. It gave opportunity for many pleasant meetings that were prevented by the formality of the other entertainments during the commencement week. Delicious punch was served in an alcove of the main hall, and the evening proved a refreshing hour for those attending.

Former Students' Reunion.

Tuesday morning the board of curators had its annual meeting. In the afternoon there was a reunion of former students on the college lawn. Elegant refreshments were served and those present enjoyed renewing old acquaintances and talking over matters regarding the excellence of Central.

Informal talks were made by Mrs. F. Lee Wallace, president of the local club of former students, Mrs. Robert Wilson, Mrs. C. T. Ryland, Mrs. N. E. Baskett, Mr. E. N. Hopkins and Mr. G. W. Hall.

Grand Concert.

A large audience was present in the auditorium Tuesday ev-

was clear all the time of the exercises and the atmosphere was comfortably cool. A few who expected to come from out of town were unable to reach this city, but even without them a large number of visitors was on hand. The town people, too, showed unusual interest, so that there was a big attendance at every exercise.

The past year has been one of unusual activity at the Academy. Results along every line—scholastic, military and athletic—have been gratifying. The cadets have been well behaved, well satisfied and loyal. Their splendid personal appearance and their gentlemanly conduct have been frequently commented on by the citizens of Lexington. More and more it has been felt that the Academy belongs to Lexington and that Lexington is hospitable to the people of the Academy.

Field Day.

The first of the exercises came Saturday afternoon when the field day events were held. Instead of the usual track and field events there were contests in swimming and in military "stunts." "B" company won the meet with 59 points; "A"

A, first; Byler, B, second; Cussins, B, third.

Plunge for distance: Burns M, B, first; Reed, band and staff, second; Byler, B, third.

Fancy diving: Byler, B, first; Cussins, B, second; Erricson, A, third.

MILITARY EVENTS

Wall scaling: B company first; band and staff, second; A company third.

Shoe contest: Myers, A, first; Suppes, A, second; Warren, C, third.

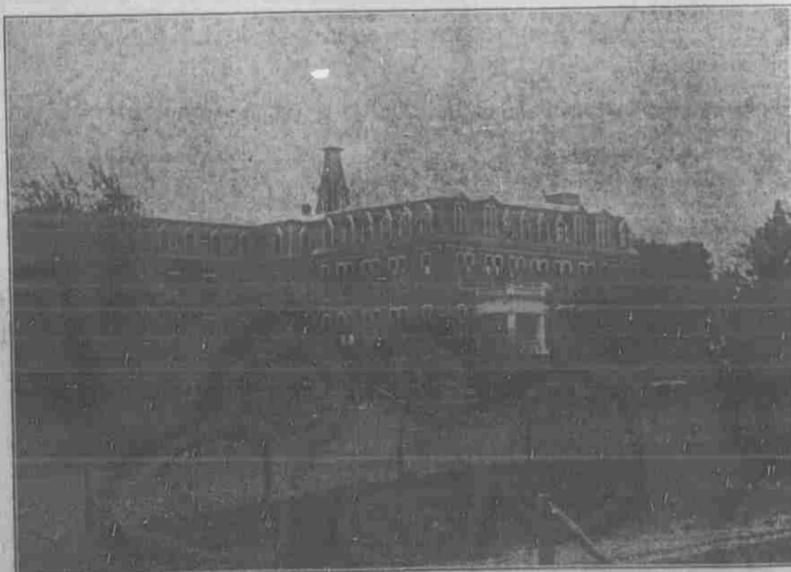
Skirmish race: Newcomb, A, first; Ward, B, second, Morton B, third.

Rescue Race: Newcomb, A, first; Warren, band and staff, second; Morton, B, third.

The prizes, articles of merchandise from the merchants of Lexington, were awarded in the mess hall at supper time.

Declamatory Contest and Band Concert.

Saturday evening for the first time the new gymnasium was open to the public. The occasion was the declamatory contest and the band concert. About four hundred guests were present. A temporary platform was erected in the west end of



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