

37 GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL

Commencement Program a Series of Interesting Events—Two Students Tied for Fourth Austin Prize—300 at Alumni Meeting

With the deep interest and enthusiasm which they invariably manifest at commencement time, the people of Brattleboro have done honor this week to the graduating class of the high school, attending in large numbers—larger, if anything, than usual—the various features of graduation week on Sunday night, when the baccalaureate sermon was preached, until Wednesday night, when the alumni reunion was held, the class was the centre of public attention, and yesterday they were entertained at Principal E. B. Smith's cottage at Spofford lake, accompanied by the teachers. Twenty-nine young women and eight young men make up the roll, and the alumni association is proud to welcome these 37 young people to its ranks.

Sermon by Dr. John R. Gow.

Although the weather was unfavorable, a good-sized audience heard the baccalaureate sermon, which was preached by

very interesting number. It was written and delivered by Miss Adelaide B. Warren, who took up incidents connected with the assignments made her by the editor of the Brattleboro Daily Journal, of which she was a staff member, in 1925. She was told to look up the members of the class of 1912, and report what they had been doing since graduation. The eccentricities, follies and characteristics of members were pictured in clever way, and the work into the future promised glorious careers.

The ivy ode was recited by Carlotta E. Hopkins, by whom it was written. The ivy was then planted at a point near the northeast corner of the school building. The class sang the ode to music by Kucken and a selection by the high school orchestra closed the exercises. The ode was as follows:

Ivy so slender Planted close by the wall, We know will soon grow up sturdy and tall. Climbing in this sure fashion, Past its strong support, Climbing when skies ailure, Through rain and shine. We, like the ivy, Ever must struggle on, Facing the heaviest gales. Till in due season, And, as the ivy, too, Helped by our B. H. S., Backed by foundations true, Onward we press. Swift years are passing, Climbing in this sure sight, Bearing us ever toward Our journey's end. To thee, our high school dear, Loyal we've clung, Striving in all we do, To honor thee.

Everett Lawrence Wentworth.

Rev. John Russell Gow, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, in the Congregational church at 8 o'clock Sunday evening. It was a scholarly and deeply impressive sermon, showing a large grasp of the principles of modern education, and was delivered with much forcefulness. When the service opened the members of the prudential committee and the faculty entered from the chapel and occupied front pews north of the centre aisle. The members of the class marched in single file from the chapel up the north and south aisles, coming together at the vestibule doors and marching to the front of the church in double file, occupying pews on the south side.

Rev. Henry Lamb, pastor of the Congregational church in West Brattleboro, read from the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy for the scripture lesson and Rev. Delmar E. Trout, pastor of the Universalist church, offered prayer. Beside the hymns the choir sang an anthem and Fred C. Adams sang a solo, "The plains of peace," by Barnard. The choir ralling and front of the platform and pulpit were decorated with mountain laurel and green.

Modern education, said Dr. Gow, turns about three great principles, the enlightenment of the mind, the freeing of the spirit, and the unifying of the self. The last is least conspicuous in its application and by its importance in completing the work of the other two needs most to be emphasized. Coming within the realm of religion it offers the message for such a sermon as this. The text, "Dilate my heart to fear thy name," proposes the necessity of bringing all the powers of body, mind and spirit into harmonious and enthusiastic action toward the noblest object of ideas that the universe contains, in the phrases of religion, God and His kingdom among men. In spite of the multiplied distractions of modern life, such concentration of attention is possible, as is shown by many an illustration from the most varied callings in which men are engaged.

So, too, the idea of God, enlarged and ennobled by all the revelations of beauty and truth and character which the world of men and things can yield, not only becomes authoritative as the sum of ultimate facts and relations, but also claims and obtains reverent and expectant attention. Prayer becomes, therefore, the final attitude of the expectant and courageous soul. Life ought to be for all our youth this opening of the eyes, the heart, the fellowship with all the beauty and truth and excellence within the compass of their environment. So shall they attain that for which their education points the way. And most of all we must need to pray in this large fashion when the making of character looms as the supreme product of a life, the consummation of all endeavor and the permanent residue of human conduct.

Class Day on the Lawn. Class day exercises were held on the high school lawn Monday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock. Preceding the program the high school orchestra rendered a musical program, being stationed on the front porch. The platform from which the program was given was decorated handsomely with mountain laurel. The class of 1912 marched to their places in two lines behind Marshala Robert G. Chamberlain and Lawrence G. Sherman of the class of 1913, to music by the orchestra.

Carlotta Elizabeth Hopkins, Charles Warner Hopkins and Rosabel Miller, Latin-science course, and Marguerite Helen White, classical course. Mr. Wentworth's home is in East Dover. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Wentworth. The others live in Brattleboro. Miss Hopkins and Mr. Hopkins are sister and brother, children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl S. Hopkins. Miss Miller is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. I. Miller and Miss White is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George B. White.

Mr. Smith announced with regret that four of the high school teachers would not return next year. They are Miss Lillian V. Whiting, supervisor of drawing and manual training; Miss Lucy M. Stevenson, physics and chemistry, second, third and fourth years; Miss Clara L. Carruth, commercial department; and Mrs. James P. Elmer, principal's assistant, first year Latin and physical geography, second year Latin and arithmetic, and fourth year arithmetic. Concerning Mrs. Elmer, who was closing her 36th year as teacher in the high school, Mr. Smith spoke in appreciative terms and said that it had been her helm which had steered the high school ship of state. Applause was frequent during the evening, but the tribute to Mrs. Elmer was greeted with a prolonged outburst.

Honor List. The list of those who maintained an average of 80 per cent or more, as read by Mr. Smith, is as follows: Juniors, class of 1912—Marion C. Boon, Louise B. Brockington, Evelyn H. Dunham, Carrie M. Dutton, Ruth L. Houghton, Goldie M. Johnson, Helen M. Johnson, Olga M. Johnson, Marjorie E. Leach, Mildred M. Miller, Florence M. Moran, Gertrude S. Plummer, Margaret E. Root, Evelyn L. Staples, Mary J. Turner, Charlotte I. Tuttle, Clara M. Warren. Sophomores, class of 1914—Maude W. Barrett, Elizabeth Brason, Edith A. Buehler, Eleanor Chamberlain, Matilda E. Croft, Dorothy J. Harper, Ruth I. Iverson, Mildred J. Knowlton, Marian E. Maynard, Ruth A. Prentiss, Gertrude K. Robbins, Calista S. Roberts, Ethel A. Spaulding, Gertrude E. Stone, Roger Brackett, Harry T. Brown, Paul A. Chase, Jacob P. Estey, Clyde W. Horton, Ralph C. Root, James Walker, Leslie G. Wyman. Freshmen, class of 1915—Elizabeth M. Atkinson, Edith C. Babb, Carolyn L. Bardwell, Ruth M. Boon, Mary A. Bugbee, Ruth E. Dargatzis, Janet E. Dargatzis, Marie F. Eckels, Marion M. Frazer, Emma S. Gray, Elizabeth G. Griffin, Gertrude H. Gunn, Elizabeth M. Hanson, Virginia H. Johnson, Leola E. Knapp, Grace P. Leach, Winifred R. Maher, Amy I. Moran, Edna A. Pratt, Margaret A. Robbins, Minnie B. Robbins, Ruth E. Sargent, Janette L. Smith, Beatrice E. Vinton, Louise A. Walte, Ruth E. Wilder, Beatrice J. Yearly, Emil H. Anderson, Joseph F. Austin, Stanley C. Pitts, Fredrick E. Gipson, Merrill C. Haskell, Hugo A. Johnson, Oscar L. Johnson, Louis B. Kaine, Harry A. Montgomery, Julius C. Newton, Philip B. Fuller, Clifford H. P. Porter, N. Spencer, Hazen E. Stockwell, Stanley A. Wilson.

Mr. Smith presented the class to the prudential committee, and Dr. J. Miller conferred the diploma, congratulating the recipients and in well formulated remarks giving them good advice as to their future course in life. The class then sang "The Spirit of Freedom," by Bagley, by Leitinger's orchestra.

Class Roll and Officers. Following is a list of the members of the graduating class of 1912: Classical course—Harriet Elizabeth Mollen, Alice Rosamond Spencer, Marguerite Helen White. Latin-science course—Fray Lucy Ballou, Esther Arrozina Barrett, Marion Fuller Bartlett, Harriet Emerson, Carlotta Elizabeth Hopkins, Charles Warner Hopkins, Julius Frederick Kuech, Rosabel Miller, George Hayden Squires, Frederick Stanley Thompson, Everett Lawrence Wentworth, Desse Emily Worden. Commercial course—Jean Blodgett, Dorothy Margaret Denning, Fred Capen Dennis, Lila Rollins Kimball, Irene Ellen Long, Minnie Agnes Long, Mary Gertrude Macdonald, Maude Barney Miller, Alva Harvey Noble, Lena Vincent Smith, Inez May Stowell, Lucy May Thurber, Maude Eva Thurber, Adelaide Blendena Warren.

General course—Constance May Adams, Fred Richard Bolster, Cecelia Angella Johnson, Grace Ellen Miner, Helen Elizabeth Morris, Doris Day Smith. Three years' course—Gladya Annie Davis, Margaret Mellen. The class officers are: President, Julius F. Kuech; vice president, Harriet Emerson; secretary, Marguerite H. White; treasurer, Everett L. Wentworth; assistant treasurer, Cecelia Angella Johnson; clerk, Charles Warner Hopkins. These officers and Rosabel Miller constitute the executive committee.

"At the threshold" is the class motto, mountain laurel is the class flower and green and white are the class colors. The design for the cover of the commencement program was the work of Helen Morris and F. R. Bolster.

Reunion of Alumni.

Upwards of 300 graduates and husbands and wives of graduates enjoyed the annual reunion in the high school room Wednesday evening, and this was the closing feature of commencement week. It was the first of the series of the annual gatherings, and the alumni feel greatly indebted to the class of 1912, which celebrated its 25th anniversary, by furnishing the entertainment—a concert by the widely-known Harvard male quartet of Boston. The quartet was received with great favor, and responded to an encore after each number. Their program was of wide range, and showed exceptional versatility on the part of the singers.

President E. B. Smith opened the reunion by announcing that he had appointed, earlier in the day, a nominating committee consisting of Walter A. Gilbert, Miss Mary A. Root, Miss Florence H. Hildreth and called for a report, which was made by the chairman. The officers nominated for the reunion of 1913 were elected unanimously. They are as follows: President, E. B. Smith; secretary and treasurer, Harry C. Freeman; general committee, Miss Helen Perry, Mrs. N. S. Root, Miss Florence H. Hildreth, Miss Mary E. Horton, Herbert B. Chamberlain, Miss Jennie Rose (30-year class), Fred S. Knight (35-year class), Arthur C. Simonds (30-year class), Mrs. Ella Newcomb Wood (15-year class), Mrs. Florence Putnam Averill (10-year class), Miss Ruth C. Gilbert (10-year class), Miss Clara E. Merrill (3-year class), Miss Rosabel Miller (1-year class).

Mr. Smith said that the class of 1888 would fulfill the program next year, and he expressed the hope that the class would continue the custom on its 25th anniversary. He then turned the floor over to the class of 1887, and Fred C. Steadman of Springfield, former class president, took charge. Mr. Steadman caused an outburst of applause by stating that he recognized the faces of two former teachers, Gertrude E. Stone, and Mrs. E. B. Smith, and asking them to honor the class of 1887 by sitting with his members. Mr. Steadman then recalled some incidents of school days, referring to the former principal, B. F. Bingham, and created much laughter by telling of one prank which Mr. Bingham and started out to uncover. In those days a building stood near the schoolyard fence and the boys placed a keg of cider in the building. One day the keg was broken and rubber tube in a knot hole in the fence they were able to take long quenching draughts without being discovered. 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