

## SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

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explained that it was designed to show a table properly set. "Its all right," remarked a gentleman who is fond of good things to eat. "A fellow would imagine corn bread equal to cake if set down to such a table as that." A side table showed food properly prepared for the sick, and it looked so tempting one could almost wish he was sick to have a try at it. But the dining room wasn't a circumstance to the kitchen. Everything was as neat as a new silver dollar, and placed on tables forming a hollow square were lots and lots of good things showing the proper way of preparing food. The only comment necessary is, that if that is the proper way to prepare food, wages will certainly have to be raised, when it becomes a general practice, in order to satisfy one's appetite.

A meal for a man of ordinary muscular activity was shown with an accompanying card giving the proportion of ingredients, weight of food, etc. It was quite interesting, but it is exceedingly doubtful if "a man of ordinary muscular ability" should get a fair chance at that kind of cooking, that he would ever restrain himself to the limit. His appetite never could be held down.

In every department, telegraphy, book-keeping, stenography, drawing, literary, the same high standard of excellence was displayed.

In the workshop, which attracted a great deal of attention, were mechanical drawings well and accurately executed, and numbers of articles, among them furniture which testified considerable skill. The character of exhibits in this department show considerable improvement over last year, and as the school grows older will no doubt become more attractive each year.

Considered from any point of view the annual exhibit of work for the third session is in every way satisfactory to the friends and patrons of the school.

### ANNUAL DEBATE.

Joint Open Session of the Attakapas and Avatar Literary Societies.

Like on the previous night an immense audience congregated in the Auditorium Saturday night for the joint open session of the Attakapas and Avatar literary societies.

The principal feature of the evening was the contest for the Julian Mouton medal for oratory. The contest was in the form of a debate upon the question, Resolved that the Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution Should Be Repealed. Mr. Aubert Talbot and Miss Marcelle Blot, of the Attakapas, argued the affirmative, and Misses Loolahbel Williams and Leah Carter, of the Avatar, the negative.

The speeches were all good, displaying research, information and skill in handling the subject.

Maj. P. L. DeClouet, C. C. Mallard, Division Superintendent of the Southern Pacific, and Mayor C. D. Caffery were the judges. They awarded the medal to Miss Blot.

The other numbers on the program were: Selection, Institute orchestra; Reading, Battle of Ivry, Miss Aimee Thibodaux; Fencing Drill, which was particularly fine; Dream of Fair Women, a realistic representation from Dante's Inferno; and a vocal duet by Misses Gertrude Layne

and Emma Morse.

### Commencement Sermon.

Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, Rev. R. W. Tucker, pastor of the Crowley Methodist church, preached the commencement sermon in the Auditorium. Only a fair audience was present.

Music for the services was rendered by a special choir, composed of some of Lafayette's best singers.

### Alumni Association.

Monday morning fifteen of last year's graduates and over twenty of this year's graduating class met and organized an alumni association with P. J. Voorhies as president. At the conclusion of the meeting they were invited to the Dormitory, where President Stephens introduced them to Supt. J. B. Aswell; Judge T. H. Lewis, of Opelousas, and Prof. Brown Ayres, of Tulane, all of whom made brief, helpful talks to the young men and women. Mrs. Baker, the popular matron, added to the pleasure of the occasion by serving delicious refreshments.

### Board of Trustees Meet.

Monday afternoon at 2:30 the following members of the Board of Trustees of the Institute met: Supt. J. B. Aswell, Hon. Robert Martin, Prof. Brown Ayres, Judge T. H. Lewis, Capt. J. C. Buchanan, Maj. P. L. DeClouet was also present as a visitor.

President Stephens submitted his report, which was approved.

The Board adopted resolutions urging the Legislature to make appropriations recommended in the report, and also for the purchase of 50 or 75 acres more land. Resolutions of respect on the death of Dr. James A. Lee, of New Iberia, a member of the Board, were passed.

### Class Night

The class night exercises of the Class '04 Monday evening, were excellent. A very entertaining program was rendered, every number being creditable. The scene from "Monsieur Beaucaire" by P. Voorhies and J. Authement was well interpreted. Class Prophecy by Moore Blossat was amusing and striking, causing frequent surprise and laughter. The Students' Chorus from "Prince of Pilsen" was well sung, Gravemberg's solo being especially fine. A storm of applause brought a repetition. The Last Will and Testament of the Class of '04, read by Miss Marcelle Blot in a clear, loud, distinct and charming manner pleased the audience greatly. It was very witty and contained many excellent hits, some of which struck members of the faculty neatly and gracefully. The second chorus by Gravemberg, Authement, Siadous, P. Voorhies and Sutter was interrupted by the sudden illness of P. Voorhies, who happily soon recovered.

Miss Loolahbel Williams in an appropriate speech presented the class flag to Dr. Stephens who gracefully made acknowledgements.

Aubert Talbot read an original poem which contained many kind expressions towards the faculty and Dr. Stephens in particular, to which Dr. Stephens feelingly responded. The farce, "Ici On Parle Français," which concluded the exercises was a success, and won much applause.

The cast was as follows: Mr. Spriggins.....J. Gravemberg  
Major Rattan.....F. Breaux  
Monsieur Victor.....C. W. Roy  
Mrs. Spriggins.....Eleanor Compton  
Mrs. Rattan.....Louise Constantin  
Angelina Spriggins.....Estelle Constantin  
Anna Marie.....Loolahbel Williams

### Graduating Exercises.

The audience which assembled Tuesday morning to witness the graduating exercises proper, was no exception to the rule, but was as large as any during the week.

Promptly at 10:30 the twenty-five graduates marched into the Auditorium and occupied reserved seats in front of the stage. Rev. F. E. Roger, pastor of the Presbyterian church, offered the invocation.

Little Eva Mouton, the talented daughter of Judge Julian Mouton, gave a piano selection which was enthusiastically applauded.

President Stephens then announced that Miss Marcelle Blot had won the Julian Mouton gold medal for oratory; Chas Dejean, the J. A. Martin cash prize of \$15 in gold for best average in scholarship in all the classes; Miss Loolahbel Williams, the Crow Girard gold medal for the best scholarship in the graduating class, each of whom he requested to come to the platform.

Judge Thos. H. Lewis, of Opelousas, presented the prizes and then made a brief talk, speaking of the beginning of the school and its progress. He complimented Dr. Stephens and spoke optimistically of the future of education under Gov. Blanchard and Supt. Aswell.

The valedictory by Miss Loolahbel Williams was short, very short, but it was a gem, one of the best we have ever heard.

The Commencement address was delivered by State Superintendent of Education, Jas. B. Aswell. His subject was Democracy and Education. It was one of the finest expositions of true democracy, high purpose and nobility of ideals it has ever been our pleasure to listen to. We regret exceedingly our inability to reproduce it, owing to lack of space.

During the exercises the Sontag Military band played a number of selections. At the close of Supt. Aswell's address the graduates were called to the stage, and he presented them with their diplomas after a short talk along the lines of his address. The names of the graduates are as follows:

Academic—Thomas Moore Blossat Jr., Mabel Gertrude Layne, C. Willis Roy, Edith Trahan Loolahbel Williams.

Commercial—Joseph O. Authement, Aldon J. Bergeron, T. Lucien Bienvenu, Felix Breaux, Charles Dejean, Louis J. Durocher, James J. Gravemberg, Lorne D. Nickerson, L. Ferdinand Siadous, Henry DeKoven Smedes, William D. Sutter, Pothier J. Voorhies.

Domestic Science—Marcelle Blot, Eleanor A. Compton, Julia Tolson, Estelle Constantin.

Manual Training—C. Orest Babin. Stenography—Louise Constantin, Pauline Gankendorff, Agnes Martin, Mathilde Ribhard, Aubert Talbot.

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### A Delightful Evening.

The graduating class of '04, with a number of friends enjoyed a delightful evening last Saturday as the guests of Thomas Moore Blossat, Jr.

Moore has inherited that most charming manner of entertaining which has won for his parents the reputation they enjoy among their friends for perfect hospitality. Progressive Pit was the diversion of the evening, but before beginning the games the young folks assembled on the lawn and were photographed in a group. The young ladies made a very pretty group, with their picture hats.

There are a number of things in which Lafayette is woefully deficient, but when it comes to pretty girls, we certainly take the lead.

The Pit game was carried on with shouting and laughter. Only those who have played themselves or heard this game played by others can fully realize how much noise those boys and girls made, and there must have been some sore throats next morning.

The first prize for ladies was won by Miss Agnes Martin, Mr. W. S. Sutter captured the gentleman's prize, and the booty went to—a young lady.

After the games the guests were invited into the dining room where a "Buffet Luncheon" was served.

The class colors, bronze and blue were profusely used in the artistic decorations of the rooms and table.

Little Misses Alice Moss, Stella Roy and Inez Blossat assisted Mrs. Blossat in serving the delicious lunch:

Miss Marsh, of Alexandria, then entertained with several piano selections.

Following is a list of those who were so fortunate as to have been present: Misses Agnes Martin, Edith Trahan, Gertrude Layne, Eleanor Compton, Loolahbel Williams, Clara Harper, Bessie Caffery, Mabel Leftwich, Inez Blossat, Alice Moss, Stella Roy, Marzalie Marsh, of Alexandria, Mrs. Virginia Blossat, of Alexandria, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Comstock, Messrs. J. W. S. Lillybridge, Pothier Voorhies, C. Willis Roy, W. S. Sutter, Rushing Blossat, Aldwin Talbot, Aubert Talbot, Harry Smedes, Herbert McNaspy, James Gravemberg.

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