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## ARMENIA HIS THEME.

**K. K. Krikorian Presents the Case of His Countrymen, at Convocation—Pleads for Brotherhood.**

What a student, though laboring under many disadvantages, is able to do, was shown, by K. K. Krikorian (Gregory) in his address before the university convocation yesterday morning. Four years ago he arrived in this country after having spent some time in the eastern countries as a result of the Turkish persecutions against the Armenians. Mr. Krikorian was active in his work to aid his suffering people and was therefore confined to Turkish prisons for some time. Since his arrival in America he has spent but two years in school, one and a half of which have been in the University of Nebraska and a half year in the Manhattan Agricultural school in Kansas, yet he has shown remarkable ability in handling the English language. His address yesterday morning while showing him to have considerable oratorical ability was also very scholarly.

His subject the Armenians was one upon which he has written a great deal both in prose and verse. "To kill a man in Lincoln would be murder; but to kill three thousand Armenians that is a question," were his opening words. The attempt of the European countries, after the Turko-Russian war, to bring about some settlement of the troubles in Turkey had been unsuccessful. Since that time very little has been done to relieve the condition of the suffering Armenians. While it is true, yet they have not been relieved of the responsibility which they owe the latter. The relations of all countries should be one of brotherhood. And since men have this higher nature in them, the Armenians appeal to them for aid against the Turks. To the goal of brotherhood, all men should work. The Americans have had their Lincoln and likewise all the European countries have had men who have raised their countries to form a part of Christian Europe. Since this was true, said Mr. Krikorian, they should listen to the appeals of the distressed. There was no other than the moral obligation which could compel them to do so.

The massacre of the years of 1894, 95 and 96 are black pages in history. The rebellion of the Armenians against the cruel and tyrannical treatment of the Turks was a righteous movement towards the breaking away from bondage. They merely sought to establish those rights which as men they were entitled to have. The right to have some voice in their government, the right to have the persons of their wives and daughters free from Turkish barbar-

ism were only a few which they sought.

Yet in the face of the righteousness of their cause the European nations trampled the principals of universal brotherhood to the ground, and refused to interfere in the behalf of the Armenians. The American people have ever sought to further Christian education in that country in order to help the downtrodden people; but the European nations have always tried to further their control in order to give them more commercial influence.

### THE COMMENCEMENT ORATOR.

Chancellor Andrews announced at chapel yesterday that Booker T. Washington, the great southern negro educator and orator had expressed a willingness to deliver the commencement oration in June, if the senior class should elect him. This announcement is the result of an extensive correspondence carried on by the chancellor in conjunction with a committee from the senior class, to secure a suitable class orator.

Booker T. Washington is easily the leader of his race. He is an incessant worker, preaching, lecturing and making addresses, nearly every day, and besides directing the superintendance of the great negro school, the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute. He is a constant student of the social and economic problems especially of the negro race. Harvard gave him a doctorate last year. He will deliver the commencement oration there next June.

The university would do well to get so great and enthusiastic a man to deliver the commencement oration.

### THE INDOOR ATHLETIC MEET.

The annual athletic meet will be held next Friday afternoon at three o'clock in the gymnasium. It promises to be one of unusual strength. More men are now training for athletic work than ever before at this time of the year. It is thought that several records will be broken. The strongest events will be the fence vault, bar snap and the pole vault. Medals will be given the winner of each event.

The events and contestats are as follows:

Fence Vault: Kellogg, Corr and McCullough.

High-bar Snap: Corr, Leonard and Lussier.

Pole Vault: Kellogg, MacDonald and Johnson.

Shot Put: Storch, T. J. Hewitt and T. M. Hewitt.

High Jump: Kellogg, Leonard and Johnson.

Three Broad Jumps: McComb, McCullough and Hamilton.

Professor Morse of the department of electrical engineering will address the university convocation tomorrow morning.

## CHARTER DAY.

**Exercises to Begin Thursday—Midwinter Commencement Program to be Rendered Friday Night.**

The program for the Charter day exercises has been given out as follows:

Thursday, February 13.

4:00 pm. Meeting board of regents.

5:30 pm., Informal gathering of members of the Sigma Xi society, the parlors of the Lindell hotel.

6:00 pm., annual banquet of the Sigma Xi society, Lindell hotel.

8:45 pm., annual address before the Sigma Xi society with lantern illustrations, University Hall. Subject: The Records of the Great Ice Age in the Upper Mississippi Valley, Samuel Calvin, University of Iowa. Electrical exhibit.

Friday, February 14.

10:00 am., presentation of alumni organ.

2:00 pm., all departments of the university open to the public.

Music by cadet band, Grant Memorial hall.

Review of cadet battalion.

Inspection by the governor and his staff.

Drill by Pershing Rifles, Memorial hall.

3:00 pm. Annual indoor athletic contest and exhibition, Memorial hall.

Thirty-third Annual Charter day exercise.

8:00 pm. Memorial Hall, Music, Invocation, Music.

Charter Day oration. "Abraham Lincoln." General John C. Black.

Music.

Conferring of Degrees.

Music.

Benediction.

Tickets will be given out to the public. Announcements of the time of distribution will be made later.

### THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

The personnel of the board of trustees of the National University recently endowed by Andrew Carnegie is as follows:

Ex-officio, the president of the United States, the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the secretary of the Smithsonian Institute, the president of the National Academy of Sciences, Grover Cleveland, New Jersey; John S. Billings, New York; William N. Frew, Pennsylvania; Lyman H. Gage, Illinois; Daniel C. Gilman, Maryland; John Hay, District of Columbia; Abram S. Hewitt, New Jersey; Henry L. Higginson, Massachusetts; Henry Hitchcock, Missouri; Charles L. Hutchinson, Illinois; William Lindsay, Kentucky; Seth Low, New York; Wayne MacVeagh, Pennsylvania; D. O. Mills, California; S. Weir Mitchell, Pennsylvania; W. W. Morrow, California;

Ellhu Root, New York; Edward D. White, Louisiana; Charles D. Walcott, District of Columbia; Carroll D. Wright, District of Columbia.

Mr. Carnegie submits the following statement of the aims and purposes of the institution.

"It is proposed to found in the city of Washington, in the spirit of Washington, an institution which, with the co-operation of institutions now or hereafter established here or elsewhere, shall, in the broadest and most liberal manner encourage investigation, research and discovery; encourage the application of knowledge to the improvement of mankind; provide such buildings, laboratories, books and apparatus as may be needed, and afford instruction of an advanced character to students whenever and wherever found, inside or outside of schools, properly qualified to profit thereby."

### DELIAN PROGRAM.

The Delian literary society gave a special musical program Friday evening. The numbers were all from the works of Schubert, the great German composer. Miss Susie Doane and Clara Smout gave as a piano duet, the stately military march, for an opening number. Miss Williams read a carefully prepared paper on Schubert and his works, explaining how each of his great productions were the results of sudden inspiration. Miss Lotta Talcott sang two beautiful contralto solos, and Miss Binford followed with a piano solo "Hark, Hark the Lark," which was exquisitely rendered. "The Serenade" was given by Mr. Husted with the violin. He responded to an encore. Mr. Boostrom sang, "My Sylvia," and Miss Loucks closed with "The Erlking." The last piece, one of the most beautiful of Schubert's descriptive compositions, was beautifully interpreted.

The society adjourned for two weeks owing to the Charter day exercises next Friday evening.

### DR. WARD HONORED.

Dr. H. B. Ward has received a communication from the Czar of Russia through the Prime Minister of that country asking him to act as one of the commissioners at a meeting of international scientific men to be held in that country the latter part of this month.

Dr. Ward was forced merely to acknowledge the high honor extended to him as he will be unable to attend.

At the University of Chicago, a class in statistics is making an attempt to ascertain the expenses of students during their college course and for that purpose blank books have been distributed among the students, to be filled out. No name need be signed, so there is no doubt that the slips will be promptly filled out.—Minnesota Daily News.