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SENIORS PLANT IVY

ANNUAL EXERCISES OF RESPECT FOR ALMA MATER.

GREGORY AS IVY DAY ORATOR

MASTERLY ADDRESS ON "IDOLS AND IDEALS."

Class Song by Miss Viola Barnes, Poem by Miss Constance Syford, and May Pole Dance by Girls of the Senior Class.

With ideal weather lending its aid to a program of interest and excellence, the formal planting of the ivy with accompanying exercises yesterday morning was an impressive event. Before a crowd of five hundred university students President Hills of the senior class planted the green emblem at the east end of the administration building after an address by Louis Gregory and the rendition of the class poem and class song. Following the planting of the ivy the May pole dance was executed by girls of the senior class.

The morning program opened with the rendition of the class song, composed by Miss Viola Barnes. Chairman J. F. Coupe briefly reviewed the history of Ivy Day in introducing Louis Gregory, class orator. He spoke of the establishment of the custom in 1901 and of the growth of the institution since that time. Last year the exercises were extended to cover a whole day and the significance of the celebration was correspondingly increased.

The Class Poem.

Miss Constance Syford followed the formal Ivy Day oration with a reading of the class poem, which was her own composition. Ross W. Bates then presented the university with the gift of the class of 1909, a stone drinking fountain to be erected in the center of the campus. He declared that the giving of the gift was inspired by no attempt to repay the university for what she had done for the givers. That could not be done. There were, however, two motives for their action. One of these was partly selfish the fact that it would be a source of satisfaction to the members of the class, as "Old Grads," to see their class numerals inscribed upon some memorial on the campus. The second motive was the desire of the class to express in some manner, however insufficient, its gratitude for the favors done and the esteem of its members for the friendships formed in the university.

Mr. Bates declared that he felt most pleased to contemplate the fountain, which is to be the gift of the class, as a Fountain of Youth. He chose to believe that in future years, when the class members dream of the good things that they had been almost too busy to rightly appreciate, they might grow young in heart and live over in memory the events of their university life.

Response by Barbour.

Professor Barbour responded on behalf of the university in accepting the gift of the class. He declared that the university faculty uniformly felt glad to see new students come in and sorry to see the old ones leave. He said that they appreciated thoroughly anything which the graduates might leave behind which tended to cement the ties which bound them to their alma mater.

After the planting of the ivy by President Hills the annual May pole dance was rendered by girls of the class. The dance was executed this

year with exceptional prettiness and was considerably more elaborate than in the past. The girls participating were: Mattie Woodworth, Edith Grim, Myrtle Hudson, Helen Gray, Gertrude Nelsen, Edith Kruckenberg, Viola Barnes, Constance Syford, Fern Leet, Marguerite Burke, Augusta Harnesberger, Besse Holcombe, Eva Arnold, Anna Rathke, Laura McCoId, Vera Fink.

MISS BARNES WRITES CLASS SONG
Composed for the Class of Nineteen Nine by Member.

The class song rendered yesterday by the graduating class was written by Miss Viola Barnes. Miss Barnes is a reader in the department of English literature, a Phi Beta Kappa and a kappa kappa gamma. Miss Constance Syford, author of the class poem which was so well received yesterday, is also an assistant in the English literature department.

The song of the class of 1909 follows:

(Air: "Adelphi School Song.")
The weeks swift-gliding soon must end
Our stay within these walls,
Where four long years, in Learning's home,

We have been faithful thralls;
Soon forth together we shall fare,
Yet in our youthful prime,
When fields are green and skies are clear,
A grave yet hopeful time.

Each one among us hath his quest,
Each one doth seek his Grail.
A wanderer joney he becomes,
His courage dare not fail;
Some press on toward the hall of fame,
Some delve in Learning's store,
Some weary, frightened by defeat,
May fall and seek no more.

What matter though the beckoning gleam,
Beyond us still remains?
Strive on! Who longest seekest it,
The highest honor gains;
Quiet and calm are not enough
To yield the happiest life,
Each soul shall best come to its own
Through struggle, toil and strife.

COMPANY B HOP FRIDAY NIGHT

Popular Military Dance at Walsh Hall May 7, Evening.

The annual hop given by Company B of the first battalion will be held Friday evening at Walsh hall. The dance is under the chairmanship of O. L. Olson and the committee assures that it will be one of the coziest affairs of the season. It will be the first hop given this year at Walsh hall, which was last year a popular place of amusement and the attractive parlors and other accessories are being counted upon to draw a good sized crowd.

Company B is the only one of the five companies of the first battalion to give a hop. This company has held a dance for a number of years and it has always been one of the most popular of the university dances. Some difficulty in securing a date this year delayed the hop, which has usually come earlier in the year. The committee in charge of the dance is O. L. Olson, R. W. Queal and L. G. Bratten. The price of tickets has been placed at \$1.00.

H. O. Perry, 1910, the varsity broad jumper and captain of next year's basket-ball team, was attacked with a fainting spell on the campus and was injured very severely. When Mr. Perry was attacked by this spell he fell and struck his forehead against the iron railing near the library, which caused a very severe injury. After a few minutes' work he was restored to consciousness and at present he is, despite his injury, feeling little effects of this sudden attack.

IDOLS AND IDEALS

LOUIS GREGORY, IVY DAY ORATOR OF CLASS OF 1909.

GIVES A SCHOLARLY ADDRESS

Pleads for Right Thinking as the Basis for Right Acting—Course of Man Always Onward and Upward.

As a piece of scholarly work and as a presentation of deep thought the oration delivered yesterday morning by Louis Gregory, Ivy Day orator of the class of 1909, was generally conceded to stand in a place by itself as compared with other Ivy Day orations heard in recent years. The oration was listened to by a large crowd and took about twenty minutes for delivery. Mr. Gregory spoke on the subject "Idols and Ideals," and his address was in part as follows:

"We should commend the action of the class of 1901 that gave us this seasonable custom of celebrating Ivy Day. It affords us an opportunity as students to give formal expression to our high estimation of our Alma Mater and to consider the chief things for which we are indebted to the university experience. As a symbol of esteem, we plant the ivy. The characteristics of this plant represent our pleasant recollections and deep affection. As the vine grows year by year and, searching each crevice, climbs higher and higher, at the same time spreading until it embraces the whole structure in a tender but expansive and enduring clasp, so will our appreciation increase with the years, growing purer in character as it becomes stronger and broader until it enshrines the old school in a reverent love making of it a pure and high ideal.

Two Mental Forces.

"Broadly speaking, man is governed by two general classes of mental forces which we may conveniently and, as I shall attempt to show, fitly call his idols and his ideals. I will classify as idols all those agencies, physical, mental, visible, through which man permits himself to be governed ignorantly or maliciously, among which custom, credulity fear and selfishness are the chief. As ideals, I will group those influences that move men to action through the operation of reason, controlled by faith in good and governed by generosity, courage and love.

"An idol is simply a false god—something without real power, but to which man gives dominion and power over himself by ascribing to it that power. The ideals of a man are his highest conceptions of duty or of desirable achievement, ever kept in mind and actively striven for.

"The word idea is synonymous with ideal in its principal meanings. In accord with this thought is the statement of Lord Blackstone, 'Thoughts are deeds, and may be crimes.' To the same effect is the Shakespearian aphorism, 'There's nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.' The actual importance of these mental stimuli in determining the actions, course, persistency of the individual cannot be overestimated.

Right Thinking.

"The man who thinks right habitually will not act wrongly even under pressure. He may sometimes act without deliberation but his action will be essentially right. The man who thinks wrong, who harbors thoughts of envy, hatred, revenge, passion, dishonesty, or wickedness is

not going to act rightly now nor next week nor any other time, unless he changes his thinking and his mental standards. 'By their fruits ye shall know them,' and actions are fruitage of the thoughts. Bad habits are the result of continued wrong ways of thinking, distorted views of life.

"Each person is a builder in the realm of mind, either consciously or unconsciously, and ideas are the material with which he works. Every one is constantly creating some mental object, whether he wills it or not for he can no more stop the work than he can keep from thinking. In the unsleeping activity of mind we are incessant workers upon the structures of thought, and the products of our mental activity are either idols or ideals, according as our thoughts are bad or good.

"Metaphysicians say that the mental is the real and indestructible, while the material is a transitory manifestation of the mental reality. Practically all agree that the mind concept ante-dates the physical manifestation and is the force that determines the kind and character of the material apocalypse. The mental concept is the plan in accordance with which the material product is formed.

"Who builds no castles in the air,
Builds no castles anywhere."

Dare to Build High.

"Dare you to build as lofty an ideal as your soul can conceive and live it? If you so dare, then no influence nor any combination of opposition can prevent you from accomplishing results of unmeasured good to yourself and unending benefit to humanity. Even if the goal be less than perfection, or if the work fall short of exact accomplishment, still the idealist will find his reward is fully in proportion to the faithfulness of his effort and the effectiveness of the work in exact relation to the height of the animating purposes.

"Youth is rightly called the idealistic period of life, but, in contradistinction, age too frequently is wedded to its idols. Too often those who grow old are led by short-sighted selfishness, purblind superstition and on bended knee worship the idols of the past nor presume to lift inquiring eyes to the images they burn incense before. Youth, with undimmed vision and uncowed mind, dares look upon the repulsive forms of the idols of the past and present and repelled by the sight seeks something better. Searching with honesty and diligence he cannot fail to find transcendent models, worthy of reverence and emulation; the trouble comes in the failure to follow in thought and deed the concept attained. The divine spark that animates man knows neither rest nor retrogression. Most fortunate is he who realizes early that no matter through what vicissitudes he passes, his course is eternally onward and upward.

"Build thee more stately mansions,
O my soul,
As the swift season roll
Leave thy low vaulted past.
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven by a dome more vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting sea."

The classes in Field Geography will make their Milford excursion Friday and Saturday of this week, leaving Friday evening. Saturday forenoon the expanses along the Blue river will be studied and in the afternoon the class will study the glacial materials in the railroad cuts near Pleasant Dale. All intending to go should report at the department of geography at once.

Baked beans, baked on the premises and served hot with delicious brown bread, 10c, at The Boston Lunch.

FAST TIME AT MEET

INTER-CLASS ATHLETIC CONTEST.
WON BY JUNIORS.

THE INNOCENT ANNOUNCEMENT

JUNIORS ARE SELECTED FROM AMONG CROWD BY SENIORS.

Senior Society Carries Out Novel Ceremony in Making Public Its Election—Prof. Laurence

Fossler Speaks.

With ideal weather to do its part in making the meet a success, the interclass track meet, held yesterday afternoon was witnessed by a large crowd and resulted in fast time being made in many of the events. The award of the meet was given to the juniors as the score showed that they had made the largest number of points.

Records Made.

100 yard dash—First, Reed; second, Wildman; third, Swanson. Time, 10 seconds.

220 yard dash—First, Powers; second, Alexander; third, Fordyce. Time, 23 3/4 seconds.

440 yard dash—First, Pope; second, McGowan; third, Rippey. Time, 54 1/2 seconds.

880 yard dash—First, McGowan; second, Trump; third, Anderson. Time, 2:9.

1 mile run—First, Bates; second, Stancilife; third, Baker. Time, 5:4 1/2.

2 mile run—First, Bates; Tallon. Time, 11:7 1/2.

Pole vault—Tied, 10:6 flipped. Points—Russel, Davis, Graham.

Hammer throw—First, Collins; second, Chain; third, Petrashek. Distance, 127 ft. 2 1/2 inches.

Shot put—First, Chaloupka; second, Fleming; third, Temple. Distance, 35 ft. 3 inches.

Running High Jump—First, Graham, second, Hamel; third, Russel. Height, 5 ft. 6 in.

Running broad jump—First, Munson; second, Graham; third, Hummel. Distance, 21 ft. 1 1/2 in.

Discus—First Collins, second, Charn; third, Temple. Distance, 113 ft. 2 1/2 inches.

120 yard hurdles—First, McDonald; second, Flack; third, Russel. Time, 15:4.

220 yard Hurdles—First, Russel; second, Landers; third, Flack. Time, 26 3-5.

Innocent Announcements.
The following elections to the Society of Innocents were announced at 5 o'clock:

From the class of 1892 to honorary membership: Chancellor Samuel Avery.

From the class of 1910.
Dale F. McDonald,
Samuel A. Mahood,
Walter A. Monson,
Wilbur A. Jones,
John S. Elliott,
Orlando Bentley,
Ralph S. Mosely,
Harry O. Perry,
Louis H. Harte,
James Alexander Chine,
Robert Erle Campbell,
Glenn R. LeRoy,
Roy H. Nelson.

Just preceding the announcement, the Innocents, clothed in red robes, went through the crowd and tapping the choices from the junior class on the shoulder, marched them to the platform adjoining Machinery hall. There the old and new Innocents went upon the platform. The list of new members was read. Prof. Laurence Fossler then gave a short address, telling of the work and purpose of the Innocents.