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Practical and Stirring Commenc'm't Sermons

**Dr. Neal L. Anderson Preaches the
Baccalaureate Sermon. Y. M.
C. A. Sermon by Dr. W.
L. Lingle.**

A collegiate and impressive scene presented itself shortly after 11 o'clock Sunday when only twenty members of the large graduating class marched in cap and gown into the front pews reserved for them in the Presbyterian Church. A large congregation had gathered to hear the baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Neal L. Anderson, of the class of '85, recently President of Austin Theological Seminary. In the pulpit also were Dr. C. M. Richards and Rev. A. T. Graham, D.D., of Lexington, Va.

Dr. Anderson spoke very feelingly of the absent members of the Senior class and of the absence of so many students. In this connection he spoke of the heavy war clouds which are now lowering over our country as we enter into the Great War. It was peculiarly touching as he faced less than half of the class—the larger part having responded to other calls and fields of service and action.

His text was Second Kings 6:17: "And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw; and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha."

As a historical setting he spoke about Dothan, a little village of Galilee, famous because of the incidents of the text. From this Biblical picture he at once drew an analogy to present-day affairs, that of a world oppressed by the consuming war which threatens all the magnificence of the grandeur which presaged the Twentieth Century civilization.

Then with the vividly pictured, the audience was reminded that God will retort these horrors.

Couched in beautiful language, he pictured the might and power of our Nation. It is literally true that the watches of the longest winter night can not veil the light of day that is shining somewhere upon the territory that belongs to this great country. Then from amidst all this great peril and change he appealed to the class in showing them the opportunities which lie before the educated man of vision.

Many and strong are the enemies of civic peacefulness and righteousness. Allied against truth and justice, brotherhood and liberty are the hordes of forces of materialism, graft, commercialism, and the enshrined goddess of Getting-on.

When we see things in their true perspective we will find a cure for these maladies—the preventive and cure is a vision of God and His power. In another strong appeal he said let us be fully confident that God, tho invisible, is above and behind it all, that His providence is reigning and that in this faith there are three tenets which are irrefutable. First, God makes no compromise with sin. America's sins—racial conceit and prejudice, may be used as a chastisement and not as a saving factor.

Second, God has a mission for us—to bless mankind the world over with the

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Twenty of the Class of 1917 Took General Leonard Wood's Advice to Remain at College—The Others Answered the Call of the Colors.

Monday Has Three Highly Interesting Programs

Concert, Class Day Exercises, Junior Orations Contest and Award of Medals and Distinctions.

CONCERT.

The annual Commencement Concert was given by the Orchestra and Glee Club last Monday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. Altho many of the members had already left, yet the remainder rendered a most delightful and entertaining program. The quartet, composed of J. C. Fowle, K. P. Coachman, E. P. Childs and A. T. Cashion, was perhaps enjoyed the most, altho all the selections were heartily applauded. They gave several selections of rag-time and popular songs that pleased everyone. The whole audience arose and remained standing while the Orchestra played, as the final number, "America," and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

The Class Day Exercises were held in Shearer Hall, Monday evening at 8 p. m. It had been planned to hold them on the campus, but the high wind and the dust were so disagreeable it was thought best to hold them inside. Andrew Brown delivered the salutatory address, after which R. C. Jenkins gave an account of the history of the class of 1917 very wittily and briefly. W. H. Neal was to have presented the class gift, a hundred and ten foot steel flag pole, but on account of an unavoidable accident, the pole was badly broken, and it was not considered worth while to present it yet. P. B. Price, the class poet, next spoke, and was followed by R. H. Ratchford, who gave the class oration, in which he urged the class of '17 to go into the world as men, and to do a man's job. D. I. McKeithen, president of the Senior class, presented the class book to the president of the Junior class, and made a few prophecies as to the honors the boys of '17 would be given. L. H. Eikel closed the program for the evening with the valedictory address.

JUNIOR ORATORS' CONTEST.

Monday evening at 8:30 the Junior Oratorical Contest between the literary societies was held in Shearer Hall. After the music and invocation the six Juniors, three from the Eumenean and three from the Philanthropic Societies, delivered their orations before a splendid audience. First, G. C. Bellingrath (Eu.), spoke on "The Common Sense of Peace," arguing that the young should be brought up to abhor war. L. A. Chambliss (Eu.) then made a startling

and interesting speech, showing that the primal instinct of the animal is love and not the spirit of competition. W. C. Cumming (Phi.) spoke on the "Renaissance of Asia." J. L. Fowle (Phi.) made a most stirring appeal for "The Negro," putting forward Christianity as a remedy for the existing conditions. W. G. Humphrey (Eu.) put forward strong arguments in his "Defense of the Classics." The last speaker of the evening, G. F. Weber (Phi.), made an address on "The New Era," describing how this war could not but bring good to the world.

Dr. Martin presided and made a short speech, showing what Davidson was doing for her country in giving up her sons to fight for her.

The medal was awarded to J. L. Fowle.

The presentation of prizes and trophies followed the Junior Oratorical Contest Monday evening. The following were awarded:

Declaimer's Medals—Philanthropic, R. D. Hall, Belmont, N. C.; Eumenean, A. S. Potts, Little Rock, Ark.

Debater's Medals (Freshman-Sophomore)—Philanthropic, W. M. Currie, Carthage, N. C.; Eumenean, A. S. Potts, Little Rock, Ark.

Junior-Senior Debater's Medals—Philanthropic, W. C. Cumming, Wilmington, N. C.; Eumenean, R. W. Couzar, Bishopville, S. C.

Essayist's Medals—Philanthropic, Hugh Hamilton, High Point, N. C.; Eumenean, E. H. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga.

Fiction Medal—William Love, Columbus, Miss.

Debater's Emblems—G. C. Bellingrath, Decatur, Ga.; W. H. Neal, Charlotte, N. C.; R. H. Ratchford, Gastonia, N. C.; J. A. Thames, Winston-Salem, N. C.

The Junior-Senior Debating Cup was awarded this year to the Philanthropic Society.

The medal awarded to the Freshman making the highest grade during the year went to D. M. Chalmers, of Charlotte, N. C. This is the first year that this medal has been awarded. A loyal alumnus, who wishes his name kept secret, announced on Davidson College Day last fall, that he would institute the custom. It stands as a reward for faithful work.

Commencement Comes to Close on Tuesday

Senior Orations, Presenting of Diplomas, Honorary Degrees.

The Senior Oratorical Contest between the literary societies was held in Shearer Hall, Tuesday morning. Four men were chosen at Senior Speaking, two from each society, to compete in this final contest. The medal was awarded to W. H. Neal, who made a strong speech on "The International Mind," showing how the individual, the national and the international mind should be trained up together in somewhat the same way before a lasting peace may be secured.

E. H. Hamilton, speaking on "The Two Wars," made a strong appeal for missions, describing the ignorance and darkness in which the heathen of Africa, Asia and South America are plunged, and pointing out that we should rise up to our responsibility and opportunity.

L. H. Eikel gave an address on "Preparedness for Peace," showing that the American must be educated up in a way that war will not be desired.

C. E. Rankin was at Fort Oglethorpe, and could not deliver his speech.

After the usual formal ceremonies the degree of Bachelor of Arts was conferred upon the following men, the candidates being presented by Professor Currie:

Andrew Brown, Ripley, Miss.
John Watkins Bullock, Bullock, N. C.
Herman Archibald Campbell, Aberdeen, N. C.

Raymond Trice Carroll, Jackson, Miss.

Augustus Rochester Craig, Pendleton, S. C.

Leonard Hugh Eikel, Fort White, Fla.

Evelyn Harrison Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga.

John Kemp Hobson, Waterford, Va.
Robert Earl Hughes, Cedar Grove, N. C.

Walter Alexander Johnson, Davidson, N. C.

Samuel Reeves Keesler, Jr., Greenwood, Miss.

John Walter Mann, Mebane, N. C.
James William Miller, Sherrill's Ford, N. C.

Francis Marion Mitchell, Jr., Edisto Island, S. C.

Dan Ingram McKeithen, Aberdeen, N. C.

William Henry Neal, Charlotte, N. C.

Philip Barbour Price, Nanking, China.
Carl Emmet Rankin, Gibsonville, N. C.

Raymond Howard Ratchford, Gastonia, N. C.

Guy Walker, Andrews, N. C.

Theron Long White, Danielsville, Ga.

The degree of Bachelor of Science was conferred upon the following men, the candidates being presented by Dr. J. W. McConnell:

Avery Ted Cashion, Davidson, N. C.

Thomas Augustus Finley, North Wilkesboro, N. C.

Samuel Caldwell Harris, Albemarle, N. C.

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TO THE UNDERGRADUATES.

I know you are thinking a great deal about next year and what you ought to do under the present unusual conditions. I do not wonder that you are somewhat perplexed. You want to "do your bit" for our country and for humanity. If you did not you would not be a thorough and true American young man, and I am proud to say you would not be a true Davidsonian.

Advice from me will come very naturally, will it not? But just for that reason I am going to give you the advice as given by others whom you will know speak from a wide experience, and a real knowledge of what is needed from the American people just now. They surely have the success of the war closely at heart.

First, let me tell you what President Hibben, of Princeton, has told his students, I copy from the New York Evening Post:

Citing a number of reasons why students may have decided to remain at their studies, such, for example, as age, physical disqualification, and the like, he deprecates a certain insidious form of silent pressure which is being brought to force these men to follow the crowd and enlist somewhere. Enlistment in order to avoid conscription he regards as reprehensible inasmuch as the system serves to prevent every man from facing the imputation of being a slacker. The line of least resistance is toward sacrificing everything and enlisting, says Dr. Hibben, but he holds a brief for the "real moral heroism," which is required of those who for good and sufficient reasons adhere steadily to their present duties. "Let us," he writes, "try to dignify the work of this university in time of war and have the moral courage to hold steadily to our present duties and plans." With a long, hard war in prospect, every one, he believes, will have opportunity to do his bit and will better be able to meet whatever responsibilities may present themselves if he keeps his head now.

Next, a few words from an editorial from the same paper of May 26, 1917: "It is not wise to lose sight of the fact that the country has a future as well as a present. Recovery from the ravages of the present war may be more speedy than any previous experience would lead the world to believe. That possibility, however, lies in the intelligent leadership of men so trained as to be able to apply the best results of modern research to the problems involved more generally and effectively than ever before. . . . No American college should fail to realize that, as a college, it can render no higher service to the cause of the country and humanity than to be training them while the war is going on.

"The regular work of all our colleges should be maintained with all possible vigor, and parents should be encouraged now more than ever to give their children the advantage of a college education."

Next the advice of Secretary Baker himself, when before a recent meeting of college heads, which I attended, he urged vigorously the necessity of keeping the colleges going in full efficiency.

In the meeting of the Davidson Board of Trustees at the recent commencement, I heard read a letter from Secretary of the Navy Daniels in which he gave the advice to a father whose son, not yet twenty-one, wished to drop college and enlist in the Navy, to let all young men under age who are in college or expect to go to college, remain in their college or enter this fall. He considered this the best service such young men could at this time tender their country.

The education section of the Committee on Science, Engineering and Education of the Advisory Commission of the Council of National Safety, on May 6th requested that the following be emphasized to that commission: "That all young men below the age of liability to the selective draft and those not recommended for special service, who can avail themselves of the opportunities offered by our colleges, should be urged so to do in order that they may be able to render the most effective service, both during the full period of the war and in the trying times which will follow its close."

Mr. Wilson, our President, is known to favor the uninterrupted service of the colleges and the attendance on them by increasing numbers of young men. In a letter to Mr. Lawrence Perry, of the Evening Post, he says he hopes that "the normal course of college sports will be continued, so far as possible, not to afford a diversion to the American people in the days to come, when we shall no doubt have our share of mental depression, but as a real contribution to the National defense, for our young men must be made physically fit in order that later they may take the place of those who are of military age and exhibit the vigor and alertness which we are proud to believe to be characteristic of our young men."

If you are 21 years of age, register on June 5th, and if called respond to the call and go to the colors. If not called, or you are under 21 years of age, come back to college and encourage young men of proper preparation and character to come with you.

With best wishes to you all for a useful and happy summer, I am,

Cordially yours,

WM. J. MARTIN,

President.

IMPORTANCE OF ALUMNI SUPPORT

During last session a questionnaire circulated among our students asking why they had come to Davidson College, disclosed the interesting fact that 42 per cent of them had come through the influence of alumni of the college. This fact means two things: First, that our alumni have a warm place in their hearts for their alma mater and wish to see her grow and prosper. Having got good from her themselves, they would like to see others enjoy the same privilege. Second, that the college depends to a large extent upon its former students for new men from year to year. Those in charge of directing the affairs of Davidson keenly appreciate the loyalty of the institution's alumni and ask, in this time of war and much uncertainty, that our friends give us their support and backing as never before. Prospects for the coming year are bright, but we would like for the next session to be the best in our history, and believe our alumni can do much to make it so. May we not count on you? We will.

TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The immediate future demands a large increase of college trained men. The world will be short of trained leadership and you have the finest opportunity any generation ever had if you will only take the training. Enter college this fall by all means, and work hard and earnestly for the four years. If you succeed there you will be in great demand.

Read President Martin's article to the undergraduates in this paper. It applies to you as well as to them.

Davidson offers you every opportunity to take this training. Find a Davidson alumnus or student near you and talk it over, or write the office at Davidson. Make your arrangements early and let us all meet at the college in September next, ready to do our part in preparation to help serve our county and do our part as educated men in constructive work after the war.

MISS SHAW IS A MOST VALUABLE FRIEND TO THE COLLEGE

Davidson does not have a truer nor more faithful friend than her Librarian and Registrar, Miss Cornelia Shaw. She works indefatigably for the best interests of the college and the students. Without her the college and its atmosphere and its influence would certainly not be what it is.

Her work is many fold. No one works harder. Doubtless no one in this position could accomplish more. For the college she is a constructive builder—interested in getting new men here, sending out literature and in a thousand and one things which are vitally effective. She is greatly interested in the history of the college. She is constantly finding threads and bits of history which are not known and is correlating them and putting them on record.

No one takes more interest in aiding college activities. THE DAVIDSONIAN is greatly indebted to her for material



MISS CORNELIA SHAW.

and valuable suggestions which she is sending. Not only this, but the student does not have a better nor more interested friend. All she has to do is to see a student's name on his matriculation card, and then when he enters the Library again he is surprised to hear her calling him by name. Her gifts in this regard are wonderful. At an instant's notice she can get any clipping on file in Union Library. Junior and Senior Speaking would hardly be possible if she did not furnish her aid. Commencement would not be so attractive if her initiative did not plan for it. These are what she does do. One thing she does not do, is to let a student enter the library without his coat.

To Miss Shaw alone is due the credit for one of the best kept college libraries. As counsellor and friend to the student body she has no peer. Her influence is inestimable.

COMMENCEMENT COMES TO

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Stephen Thomas Henderson, Charlotte, N. C.

Rawls Howard, Tarboro, N. C.
David Venable Hudson, Kashing, China.

Charles Reese Jenkins, Charleston, S. C.

William Parish Keesler, Greenwood, Miss.

John Perry Laird, Jr., Decatur, Ga.
Wilbur Erskine Mattison, Anderson, S. C.

Harry Frierson Mayfield, Anderson, S. C.

Thomas Johnson Mitchell, Thomasville, Ga.

James Raymond Morton, Jr., Savannah, Ga.

Robert Lebbey Murray, Greensboro, N. C.

Lauch Dixon McKinnon, Laurinburg, N. C.

Murdock McKinnon, Laurinburg, N. C.

James Purdie McNeill, Jr., Florence, S. C.

Everett Phifer Nisbet, Charlotte, N. C.

John Cannon Paisley, Gibsonville, N. C.

Algernon Beverley Reese, Charlotte, N. C.

William Yohannan Sayad, Urumia, Persia.

Benjamin Newton White, Jr., Danielsville, Ga.

The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon the following men, which were presented by Dr. M. G. Fulton:

Sellers Mark Crisp, B.S. Davidson, '16, Falkland, N. C.

Edwin James McIntyre, B.S. Davidson, '16, Wilmington, N. C.

Harry White Ormand, B.S. Davidson, '16, Bessemer City, N. C.

Walter Alexander Johnson, A.B. Davidson, '17, Davidson, N. C.

A number of the above men had left for the officers' training camp or the farm. Dr. Martin will soon go to the camp, where he will present the diplomas to the Seniors there.

HONORARY DEGREES CONFERRED.

Davidson College this year bestowed two honorary degrees. One to Prof. W. A. Withers, A.B., M.A. Davidson, and student at Cornell, Professor of Chemistry for a number of years in the A. & E. College of North Carolina, and for the past year vice-president of that institution. Professor Withers has been an active and noteworthy worker in the field of applied chemistry, and has attracted especial attention by his excellent work on the toxic properties of cotton seed meal. Professor Withers was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science.

Prof. W. G. Perry, A.B., M.A. Davidson, Associate Professor of English in Georgia School of Technology for some years past, was awarded the degree of Doctor of Literature. Professor Perry was valedictorian of his class at Davidson, and especially marked as a student of fine literary taste and ability. He has written articles for the North American Review, and other papers, and is the author of some quite striking verse.

ORATORS' AND BIBLE MEDALS AWARDED.

At the close of the exercises Tuesday morning the Junior and Senior Orators' Medals and the Banks Biblical Medal were awarded. The winner of the Senior Orators' Medal was W. H. Neal, who spoke on "The International Mind." J. L. Fowle, with the subject, "The Negro," won the Junior Orators' Medal, and H. A. Campbell the Biblical Medal.

President Martin—The Faculty will do its very best work next year. They will be more efficient.

Dr. W. L. Lingle—This is the best college year, taking all in all, that the college ever knew.

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 Mrs. Chalmers Moore, Charlotte, N. C., with Miss Lafferty.
 Mrs. McKeithan, Aberdeen, N. C., with Mrs. Campbell.
 Dr. and Mrs. Sloop and children, Crossnore, N. C., with Prof. Currie.
 Mr. P. F. Henderson, Aiken, S. C., with Prof. Currie.
 Mrs. J. B. Wood, with son and daughter, China, with Dr. J. M. McConnell.
 Dr. Neal Anderson, with Mrs. Martin.
 Mrs. W. J. Roddey, with Mrs. Martin.
 Mrs. Geo. Wilson, with Mrs. Martin.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Miller, with Mrs. Martin.
 Mrs. C. C. Carson, with Mrs. Fulton.

The village welcomes home the college girls, Miss Charlotte Cranford, Miss Susie Brady, Miss Mary Parks Grey, Miss Bertie Christenbury and Miss Louise Campbell, from the State Normal; Miss Bonnie Shelton and Misses Potts, from Queens College; Misses Mary Richards and Mildred Johnson will arrive from Converse in a few days.

Mrs. Vinson has gone to Rochester, Minn. to visit her son, Dr. Porter Vinson.

Mrs. W. J. Martin attended the commencement at Queens College, and at the alumnae meeting Tuesday evening extended the greetings of her class.

Dr. C. M. Richards returned from the General Assembly a few days ago, bringing with him as his guest Dr. Alfred Graham, the beloved former pastor of the Davidson Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin and family will leave for Montreat for the summer about the middle of June.

Miss Onie Steele, the efficient secretary to the President of the College, after a two weeks' visit to her home at Rock Hill, S. C., will go to Montreat for the summer.

Dr. J. N. McConnell is visiting his two sons, Drs. J. M. and J. W. McConnell.

Mr. Irving Graham, of Coolmore, was a visitor in Davidson over Sunday.

Mrs. Mebane Fetzer has left Davidson to be away for the summer.

Miss Cora Sloan, who has been teaching in Statesville for the past year, is visiting her uncle, Dr. T. W. Lingle, during Commencement.

Rev. T. A. Drennon, '97, recently installed pastor at Mt. Holly, N. C., was on the Hill for Commencement.

Mrs. McKeithan, of Aberdeen, N. C., mother of D. I. McKeithan, President of the Senior class, is here for Commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig, and Miss Edna Welborn, of Pendleton, are the guests of A. R. Craig, '17.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, of Corinth, Miss., is the guest of her brother, Andrew Brown.

Miss Myrtle Johnson, of Little Rock, Ark., and Miss Smith, of Ohio, are the guests of W. A. Johnson.

Miss Wilson, of China, and Mrs. Jas. Wood and three children, of China, are the guests of Miss Richards.

Miss Eloise Martin has been spending a few days at Red Springs, visiting Dr. Vardell.

Miss Ratchford, of Gastonia, is a guest of Mrs. Jackson.

Mrs. W. R. Grey has recently returned from an extended visit to New York and Washington.

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MIMIR SOCIETY

Monday night at a meeting of the Mimir Society, the local scholarship society, five new members were received. These were, from the Senior class, E. H. Hamilton and D. I. McKeithan; from the Junior class, J. W. Clark, O. J. Thies, Jr., and J. R. Woods. Dr. C. R. Harding was elected president and J. W. Clark secretary-treasurer for the coming year.

The former members were Drs. W. J. Martin, M. E. Sentelle, J. Moore McConnell, T. W. Lingle, C. R. Harding, J. R. Douglas, of the faculty, and from the students, H. A. Campbell, '17; F. M. Mitchell, Jr., '17; S. T. Henderson, '17; H. W. Ormand, '16.

The Mimir Society of Davidson has been recently founded for the purpose of encouraging, furthering and honoring scholastic attainments among the students. The right to membership is granted only to those students who have made an average grade of as much as 93 for three consecutive years. Further, no student is eligible who, in any study, has made less than ten points above the passing mark. Thus the Mimir Society

aims to promote that which the college stands for: intellectual training.

The emblem of the society is a small key, which is in keeping with other honorary society's emblems. On the obverse side of the key is Mimir and the bird of wisdom. On the reverse side is the name of the holder.

Professor W.—“Mr. M., where do we get Para rubber?”

M—“From South America, Dr.”

Professor W.—“Yes, from South America, near the mouth of the—”

M—“Nile, Dr.”

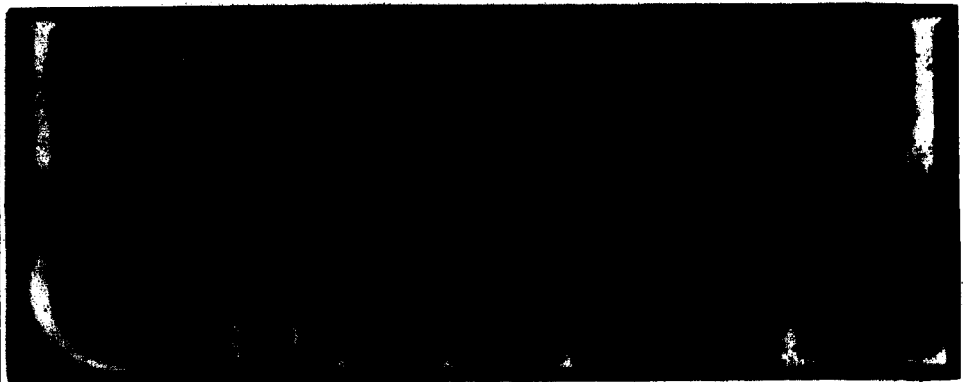
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New Honor Society at Davidson

Gryphon Order Has Become Delta Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa.

On Thursday, May 24, Mr. W. M. Brown, of Washington and Lee, General Secretary of Omicron Delta Kappa National Society, formally installed the Gryphon Senior Order as Delta Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa. Dr. W. J. Martin, Dr. M. E. Sentelle, Dr. J. M. McConnell, T. J. Mitchell, D. I. McKeithen, A. Brown, A. B. Reese, P. B. Price, L. A. Chambliss, J. L. Fowle, A. P. Saunders, L. M. Thomas, Jr., and J. R. Woods were initiated as charter members. S. R. Keesler and J. A. Thames will be initiated as soon as they return to college.

For some time plans have been under way to secure a charter from Omicron Delta Kappa. On May 21 this was granted by the National Council. Davidson is the fourth college to secure a charter, coming after Washington and Lee, John's Hopkins, and the Carnegie School of Technology. The college feels indeed honored to be placed so high in the list of circles. This society ranks as one of the most valuable honor societies in existence. The key which is members wear is a symbol of distinction which is worthy the pride of any man.

It is the desire of the Omicron Delta Kappa Society "to recognize men who have attained a high standard of efficiency in collegiate activities, and to inspire others to strive for conspicuous attainments along similar lines."

Among the advantages of the Omicron Delta Kappa Society may be mentioned the following: It includes in its scope all departments and phases of college life. It draws the varying interests and activities of the college campus closer together, thus broadening the attitude of each. It is unique in its essential features, being unlike any other honorary organization now in existence. It does not aim at competing with any other societies whatever, whether honorary or fraternal. It emphasizes moral character and an even balance in the development of the college student. It serves as a common meeting ground for all the leaders on the campus. Its broad scope makes it more distinctly exclusive than is the case with other organizations. It permits the recognition of a man as early as his Sophomore year in college. It serves to mould the sentiment of the college community on important questions of local interest.

The following, quoted from the constitution, is sufficient to indicate the necessary requirements for membership in the Omicron Delta Kappa Society: "Character shall be the primal consideration for membership in this society." "No man shall be eligible during his first year of residence in the institution." "The membership shall be confined to men." "In the selection of the first and second classes of active members the complete collegiate record of each prospect (both in and out of the local institution as far as possible) shall be ob-

tained and divided into the following heads or groups. He must have attained special distinction in at least one of these phases of collegiate activity in the opinion of the active members. The divisions are arranged in the proper order of importance and consideration."

"(1) Scholarship or marked proficiency in one or more collegiate departments. (2) Athletics both local and intercollegiate. (3) Social leadership including conspicuous service to the institution. (4) Literary societies and intercollegiate contests. (5) Publications."

It is the plan of the circle each year to elect one or two prominent alumni of Davidson to membership. At that time one of these men shall deliver a public oration, and the new members in the student body shall be announced.

PRACTICAL AND STIRRING

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diffusion of spiritual democracy, the liberty and choice under God, and to participate in all the privileges that a democratic and spiritual liberty guarantees.

Third, in the fulfillment of this mission life must be dominated by spiritual and not worldly interests.

Then he recounted some Davidson men who have been prompted by this true vision. Among the many he named Gen. D. H. Hill, General Ramseur, Stonewall Jackson, whose wife, the woman who blessed his life, spent her girlhood days in Davidson; then of the Governor who has done great things for civic order, ex-Governor R. B. Glenn; and then lastly, President Wilson, who was reared in a Presbyterian manse.

In concluding he gave a poem with which he has pleased thousands, and was a fitting remark for the powerful sermon preceding.

Y. M. C. A. SERMON.

Dr. W. L. Lingle, of the Union Theological Seminary, in Richmond, Va., preached the annual sermon before the Y. M. C. A. of Davidson College on Sunday night, May 27. His subject was the story of the Rich Young Ruler, and especially his question and the answer of Jesus to that question, found in Mark 10:17-21.

The young man wanted eternal life, but was not willing to give up his wealth for Christ—each must meet such a crisis in his life, and make the proper decision, Dr. Lingle said.

PHI WINS DEBATING CUP AND ALSO BOTH MEDALS

The Debating Cup given each year to the literary society that wins in the Junior-Senior Debate, was won this year by the Phi Society. The question this year was: "Resolved, That a Pan-American Alliance should take the place of the Monroe Doctrine." The team winning for the Phi, was composed of Messrs. Geo. Webber, W. C. Cumming and J. L. Fowle.

The Phi, also has the honor of winning both oratorical medals contested for by the two societies. J. L. Fowle won the Junior Orator's Medal and W. H. Neal the Senior Orator's Medal.

HONOR STUDENTS OF DAVIDSON DURING ITS EIGHTY-FIRST SESSION

The three highest honor men of the graduating class (including entire college course: Valedictorian, Herman Archibald Campbell, Aberdeen, N. C.; Salutatorian, Francis Marion Mitchell, Jr., Edisto Island, S. C.; Philosophical Oration, Steven Thomas Henderson, Charlotte, N. C.

Honor Roll for entire session (1916-1917):

Senior Class—S. T. Henderson, Charlotte, N. C. (highest mark in college), 98.44; F. M. Mitchell, Jr., Edisto Island, S. C., 98.05; H. A. Campbell, Aberdeen, N. C., 97.40; E. H. Hamilton, Atlanta, Ga., 96.00; D. I. McKeithen, Aberdeen, N. C., 95.57; A. R. Craig, Conditon, S. C., 95.14.

Junior Class—J. R. Woods, Tsing Kiang Pu, China, 97.89; J. W. Clark, Charleston, S. C., 97.67; S. T. McCloy, Monticello, Ark., 97.22; O. J. Thies, Jr., Charlotte, N. C., 96.44; L. M. Thomas, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn., 95.69; O. C. Williamson, Charlotte, N. C., 95.21.

Sophomore Class—E. B. Wright, Rome, Ga., 96.05; S. H. Askew, Atlanta, Ga., 97.30.

Freshman Class—Dwight Moody Chalmers, Charlotte, N. C. (winner of the Alumni Freshman Scholarship Medal), 97.24; Wm. Love, Columbus, Miss., 96.02.

Honorable mention for attaining to within one unit of the Honor Roll:

Seniors—T. J. Mitchell, Thomasville, Ga.; C. R. Jenkins, Charleston, S. C.

Juniors—H. T. Lilly, Winston-Salem, N. C.; W. C. Cumming, Wilmington, N. C.

Sophomore—C. W. Foreman, Montreat, N. C.

Freshman—A. L. Foscoe, Maysville, S. C.

CLOSING RECEPTION ENJOYED BY ALL

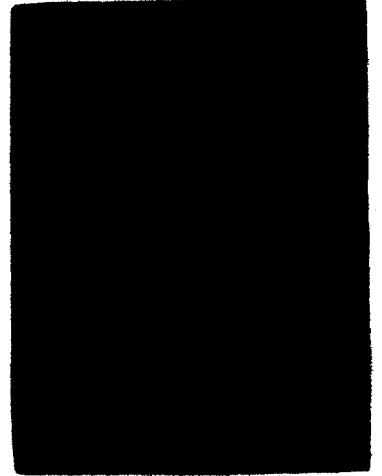
The closing event of the Commencement exercises on Tuesday night, which was scheduled on the invitation to have been a fraternity and society reception, was changed, because of so small a number of students and visitors on the Hill, into a society reception.

The Philanthropic Society hall, in which the reception was held, had been beautifully decorated with roses, ivy, and Senior class colors, thanks to the kind assistance of Miss Shaw.

The reception, beginning at 9 o'clock and lasting until shortly after 10, was exceptionally well attended. Only a very few of the students, it is true, remained, but these, with their visitors and faculty, almost unanimously attended, and lent to the making of this event the most enjoyable of the Commencement exercises. The reception was informal, as were all of this spring's Commencement exercises. The punch served was splendid, and one of the ladies present overhead "Pep" Patterson saying that he had just taken his fourth glass.

A DAVIDSONIAN HAS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Mr. Jackson is a force. As treasurer and business manager he is serving the college in a unique way. Probably no one but he can do the work as he does it. He devotes his entire time to this department and has collected several thousand dollars which the college had considered not collectable. He is the famed Red and Black Spirit incarnate. He is behind everything that is pushing college interests—and he is there with rare gifts of executive and administrative ability.



MR. F. L. JACKSON.

Not only does he serve the college in this way. The students admire him. He is very companionable and can view problems from the undergraduate point of view. As a counsellor he is always glad to help a fellow out of a difficulty. He is one of the first that the new man sees in beginning college duties. Instantly they become friends. During one day he may register one hundred new men. Almost without an exception when he sees one of those on the campus it is "How do you do, Mr. So-and-So?" in a way which is greatly pleasing. This is a rare gift. He is the right man in the right place.

ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

The annual meeting and banquet of the General Alumni Association was held Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock in the old Y. M. C. A. building. The menu was splendid, having been prepared by experts in the line.

For the ensuing year the old officers were unanimously re-elected, as follows: R. M. Miller, Jr., of Charlotte, president; W. T. Bailey, Greenwood, S. C., vice-president; Dr. J. W. McConnell, Davidson, secretary and treasurer. Hon. B. R. Lacy and W. J. Roddey were re-elected as members of the Board of Trustees from the Alumni Association.

The president, Mr. Miller, briefly outlined some of the things which he thought the association should undertake, among which was the employment of a permanent and salaried secretary to keep in touch with the alumni; the endowing of some chair by the association; and the supporting of THE DAVIDSONIAN by the alumni.

The secretary was instructed to send a night letter to those members of the class of 1917 who are at Fort Oglethorpe, welcoming them as members of the Alumni Association.

Statement of Student Organizations Under Audit Board Control for the Year 1916-1917

Organization	BANK		Print- ing Dr.	Office Supplies Dr.	Postage Dr.	Miscellaneous Dr.	Adver- tising Cr.	Blanket Fee Cr.	Subscriptions Cr.	Miscellaneous Cr.	TOTAL			
	Dr.	Cr.									Dr.	Cr.		
The Davidsonian May 15	\$1,093.56	\$1,085.00	\$987.96	\$14.25	\$61.94	\$71.65	\$841.71	\$263.25	\$1.00	\$221.35	\$264.75	\$3,256.86	\$3,256.86	
Quips and Cranks May 15	\$2,660.01	\$2,596.63		\$167.11	\$140.00	\$1,044.52	\$21.01	\$21.01	\$1,588.93	\$11.67	\$644.00	\$644.12	\$7,732.35	\$7,732.35
Y. M. C. A. May 26	\$322.10	\$321.22	\$296.00	\$90.00	\$18.10	\$12.75		\$96.49		\$167.78			\$1,091.22	\$1,091.22
College Magazine May 26	\$289.75	\$370.05	\$281.40	\$1.50	\$31.05	\$14.90	\$129.30		\$260.00		\$1.00	.45	\$1,100.55	\$1,100.55