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HOME NOTES.

The Wacovia Band, from Salem, contains fourteen men, and is a first-rate band in every respect.

Col. Bennett H. Young intended, when he came here, to stay until Friday morning, but, having important business on hand, he left Tuesday night about 12 o'clock.

In the course of his address yesterday before the Literary Societies; Col. Young said, that he had done a great many mean things, but he had never done anything as mean as to pronounced Latin like the young men of the present generation. This remark was greeted with enthusiastic applause.

Col. Young's Special Car.

Col. Bennett H. Young, the commencement orator, arrived here in his special car Tuesday last. The car is simply a moving house. In one end of it is a parlor; farther on, several rooms, then a dining room and kitchen. It is not necessary to go through the rooms in going from one end of the car to the other as a passage runs along the side of the car. All the rooms are fitted up in a very elegant manner.

The New Professor.

The Board of Trustees at the meeting Tuesday night elected three professors to fill the vacancies caused by the resignations of Professors Latimer, Carson, and Sampson. The newly-elected professors are, G. F. Nicholson, from Southeastern Presbyterian University, professor of Greek and German; W. D. Vinson, from Austin College, Texas, professor of Mathematics; and W. J. Bingham, Mebaneville, N.C., professor of Latin and French. There were a large number of applicants, and the Board certainly made a good selection.

Anniversary of The Literary Societies.

Oration by Six Representatives.—Presentation of Society Medals.

At half-past seven o'clock the crowd began gathering in the large Commencement Hall, and by the time the exercises began, nearly all of the available space was filled.

The orations were opened with prayer. The first oration was by Mr. E. B. McGilvery, of Siam; subject, the Persecution of the Jews. The oration was delivered in a very creditable manner.

Socialism in America was the subject of the second speech, and was treated in an excellent manner by Mr. W. R. Grey, of Hopewell, N.C.

Mr. B. T. McBryde, Little River Academy, N.C., spoke of Young Men in Politics. The subject was well treated, and the orator deserves credit.

An excellent oration on the Burning of Washington was delivered by Mr. B. F. Wilson. This was one of the best of the speeches.

Mr. David F. Sinclair chose for his subject, Modern Journalism. He spoke of the power of the newspaper in public affairs, excelling eloquence in influencing public opinion.

Both the speech and oratory were very fine.

Gambetta, the dead French statesman, was praised by Mr. Clarence S. Bratton in eloquent terms. The delivery of the speech was exceptionally fine.

The Society medals were presented by Rev. Dr. Brackett, of Charleston, S.C. In the Eumenian Society, the Mr. J. H. Lumpkin received the debater's medal; Mr. L. W. Dick, the orator's medal, and Mr. J. R. Oeland, the declaimer's medal. In the Philanthropic Society, Mr. R. L. Ryburn received the debater's medal; Mr. E. B. McGilvery, the essayists medal, and Mr. T. B. Finley the declaimer's medal.

The exercises were closed with the benediction by Dr. Hepburne.

We have been handed resolutions in regard to the death of Mr. Mikell. We are very sorry indeed that we cannot publish them this week. If it were any other week in the year we would be glad to publish them. They shall appear next week.

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An account of the commencement exercises of Thursday morning will be given next week.

Only a Student.
A dignified-looking junior put on his broad-cloth suit the other day and went out to hunt up some Fresh. He found three, and, pretending to be a professor took them to his room and examined them in mathematics. They worked at the examination for four hours, until the junior took pity on them and informed them that he was only a student. The feelings of the Fresh "may be more easily imagined than described."

Commencement Exercises.
The Oration by Col. Young—The Alumni Association—Welcoming the graduating class.

The annual commencement has come and gone, and the greater part of the big crowd has gone home. It is almost a proverb in this part of the State that the two days of commencement at this place are the hottest in the year. But this year the proverb has failed, although the sun shone brightly, the heat was not oppressive, and even in the Commencement Hall it was not really hot.

At 12:30 o'clock the hall was almost full, a much larger crowd being present than usual, to hear Col. Young's address.

Dr. Liebman introduced the orator in a few words. He said that it was an unusual thing for the President of a large railroad to take an active interest in literary affairs, and still more unusual for him to interest himself in religious things.

Col. Young rose, and before beginning his address, thanked the people of Davidson who had given him and his party such a kind and enthusiastic reception. Kentuckians, he said, have, naturally, a great State pride; but he believed that if the people of this State were not better they were at least as good as inhabitants of the Blue Grass State.

In the opening part of his address, Col. Young related how he had first set foot on North Carolina soil. It was in the stormy days of the late civil war, and he related his dangerous voyage from Bermuda to Wilmington a ship carrying supplies to Confederates. He compared the times then with those of to-day, saying the progress of the Southern country towards becoming the greatest on earth.

He said that the distance that he had traveled showed his appreciation of the invitation sent by the societies to come here and deliver an oration before them.

Col. Young chose as his subject the Test of Human Greatness. "The true test of human greatness, he said, lies in what we do for others and not what we do for ourselves. The distinguishing marks of man's divine origin are unselfish and ambition to excel. There must be some object which we expect and try to attain. Selfish men never hold high positions, and never will. He quoted several instances where men became great by self-denial. Some men succeeded at once, others have to work along time for success.

After a great deal of good advice and plain talk, Col. Young closed his address. We would be very glad indeed to publish it in full, but of course it is impossible. We hope however that the societies will have it published in pamphlet form.

The Wachovia band, from Salem, furnished excellent music for the occasion and also for the exercises last night.

At 4 p.m. the Alumni association held their annual meeting, and at 5 p.m. the graduating class was welcomed into the association. The address of welcome was responded to by Mr. L. W. Dick.

THE COMMENCEMENT ENTERPRISE.
(June 22, 1883.)
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Among the other visitors this year, many alumni of recent years were seen, and they were certain to receive a hearty welcome from the students.

Dr. Hepburn's baccalaureate sermon last Sunday was full of good advice to the students, and, in fact, to everybody else. The text was very appropriate, and will be seen by referring to Isaiah 40 chapter, 30 and 31 verses.

If you are an Alumnus, Trustee, Friend of the College, or otherwise, be certain to send 50 cents for the ENTERPRISE as soon as you get home from commencement. As far as we know, the ENTERPRISE is the cheapest weekly paper in the world.

We understand that Prof. Sampson, professor of Latin at this college, has handed in his resignation to the Board of Trustees. Prof. Sampson has the advantage of a European education, and his loss will be greatly felt by the college. He goes to assist Rev. Edgar Wood at Lupton's Academy, near Charlotteville, Va.

The picture at Statesville was a success. Seven cars completely full of passengers came from Charlotte and the town of Statesville presented a lively appearance. The principle event of the day was a match game of baseball between the Charlotte and Statesville clubs. The former were victorious, making 30 runs to 18.

Max. Bingham's Lecture
Max. Bingham delivered an admirable lecture here Wednesday night on the Physical, Intellectual and Moral Culture of Man. If space would permit, we would give a more extended account. He recommends physical culture to the students, and spoke of the benefits to be derived from a college gymnasium. In the second part of the lecture he spoke of the necessity of intellectual development, and in the third of moral and religious culture. Everybody was finely pleased.

The Stateville American of last week says:
Mr. James H. Gouger, has received the appointment of postmaster at Davidson College. The editorial comments upon Mr. Gouger's politics in an effort to his prejudices, forgetting, ignoring that this is a free country, and that no one man belongs to another politically or otherwise.

The editor of the American certainly did not read our article carefully. The only remark we made about Mr. Gouger's political position was at the bottom of the article in the ENTERPRISE for June 9th, We said:

Of course no one denies that Mr. Gouger, or any other man, has a perfect right to change his views at pleasure, but if a man does so, he must expect all the opposition which his former party can give him in his future political life.

Now if the editor of the American, or anybody else, will read the above careful, we think he will find that we do not ignore the fact that this is a free country; in fact we state that any man "has a perfect right to change his views at pleasure". But certainly the American does not expect the Democrats to support any man who has deserted their party and gone over to the enemy, we hope that the American will publish the above, or at least correct the statement in last week's paper in justice to us.

Pat O' Kelly went up to Col. White, a Davidson merchant, the other day, and said:
"Colonel, what sort o' a dream do ye suppose I was after having last night?".
"Well, I really don't know, Pat."
"Will, sir, I had the nightmare. I dreamed that a lot o' men come to carry me off to jail, an' sir, when I tried to get away one o' them pulled out a pistol and shot at me."
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