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FIFTIETH COMMENCEMENT.

Approaching Commencement from
June Sixth to Ninth.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS WILL BE HERE.

The Semi-Centennial Year Will Close
With Elaborate Commencement
Occasion—Hugh Black and Sena-
tor Dolliver Coming—Something
About the Various Exercises.

This the semi-centennial year of the founding of Trinity College attaches much importance to the closing exercises, and it is not too much to say that the commencement exercises will be most successful from every standpoint. The coming here of Dr. Hugh Black, a preacher of great fame not only in this country but abroad, and the fact that Senator Dolliver will deliver the address mean that much interest will center around the occasion. Everybody here is looking forward to the exercises with much interest. The attendance promises to be unusually large.

Commencement occasions at this college have grown in interest until they have reached great importance. Considered from almost any standpoint they are great events. It has been the policy of the college for a number of years to secure for these occasions leaders from all sections of the country. During the past few years many noted men have been here as speakers and preachers. Among them have been Justice Brewer, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Bishop Duncan, Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie, Bishop Galoway, Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Dr. Albert Shaw, Dr. R. S. McArthur, Mr. Walter H. Page, Dr. Frances G. Peabody, Dr. Mackay, Dr. Richard Wilkinson, Dr. Henry Stiles Bradley, Dr. Cadman, and many other distinguished and prominent men of the country.

This year the invited speakers are prominent ones. Dr. Hugh Black is one of the greatest living preachers, and Senator Dolliver is one of the most forceful and magnetic speakers in the land.

The music for commencement this year will be under the direction of Mr. T. E. Cheek, of Durham, and he is arranging a most excellent programme for this feature of the commencement occasion. This feature of the exercises will add much to the success of the exercises.

The band secured for the occasion this year is composed of musicians of much ability and the music will be of a high order.

All the arrangements for commencement have been completed. The attendance will be larger this year than it has been for some years, and much interest centers around the whole affair. The semi-centennial commencement at this college will be remembered for a long time.

The railroads have announced reduced rates on account of the approaching commencement here.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING.

Important Meeting of the Alumni Association to be Held Tuesday.

AN ELABORATE DINNER THE FEATURE.

One of the Important Events of Commencement Week Being Prepared for—Many Alumni Are Expected to be Present—W. A. Lambeth to Speak.

The annual meeting of the Trinity College Alumni Association will take place in Angier Duke Gymnasium, Tuesday afternoon, June 8th, at one o'clock, at which time an elaborate dinner will be served.

The officers of the association are, president, Hon. Lee S. Overman; vice-president, Rev. M. Bradshaw; and secretary and treasurer, Professor Robert L. Flowers.

The executive committee is composed of Mr. J. E. Pegram, Dr. A. Cheatham, Professors C. W. Edwards, F. S. Aldridge, and R. L. Flowers.

This committee is now at work on the arrangements for the banquet. It is expected that the occasion this year will be one of the most successful of recent years. It will without doubt be one of the important events of commencement week. The dinner last year was a great success and the annual meeting, which took place immediately after the dinner, a most enthusiastic and interesting one. The menu that is being prepared this year is a most inviting one. Arrangements are being made to serve barbeque and Brunswick stew, in addition to many other good things. Those who were present last year will remember with delight how much this feature of the dinner was appreciated.

The indications now are that the attendance will be unusually large this year. Classes are already asking for tables to be reserved, and there will doubtless be many class reunions. The chairman of the executive committee desires to know if there will be other classes which expect to have reunions during commencement week. Although the attendance last year was somewhat larger than was expected and the attendance this year promises to be unusually large, the committee is making preparations for a large number. But in order to make adequate provision for all who may attend, it will be necessary for all who will be here to notify the committee at once. All persons who have attended college for at least six months, are eligible to attend the dinner. Tickets may be reserved by communicating with Mr. J. E. Pegram, Durham, N. C.

After the dinner the annual address will be delivered by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of the class of 1901, of Walkerton, N. C. There will also be several other short

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COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

To Be Held at Trinity College
June 6th to 9th, 1909

Sunday, June 6, 8:30 p. m.

Baccalaureate Address by President John C. Kilgo in Craven Memorial Hall.

Monday, June 7, 5:30 p. m.

Meeting Board of Trustees, in Washington Duke Building.

Tuesday, June 8, 1:00 p. m.

Alumni Dinner and Annual Address by W. A. Lambeth, '01, Walkerton, N. C., in Angier Duke Gymnasium.

Tuesday, June 8, 8:30 p. m.

Graduating Orations, Awarding of the Wiley Gray, Braxton Craven and the Society Medals.

Wednesday, June 9, 10:15 a. m.

The Trustees, Members of the Faculty and the Graduating Class will Assemble in front of the Library.

Wednesday, June 9, 10:30 a. m.

Commencement Address by Hon. J. P. Dolliver, U. S. Senator from Iowa.

Wednesday, June 9, 7:30 p. m.

Lowering of the Flag by the Graduating Class.

Wednesday, June 9, 9 p. m.

Reception in Honor of the Graduating Class in Washington Duke Building.

During Commencement week a number of college organizations will hold reunions and banquets.

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THE END!

This ends the fourth volume of The Trinity Chronicle. We have run down our staff for the last time in the effort to get assignments covered, have written our last copy, read our last proof, abused the printer and the inefficiency of the shop we hope for the last time, are now sufficiently convinced of the little satisfaction there is to be had from attempting to edit a college paper, and a glad to commit the destiny of this sheet to more efficient, patient workers. It is really refreshing to breathe freely once more.

Despite all the unpleasant features of the work, however, frankness compels us to admit that it has not at all times been without its pleasant ones. We are also frank to admit that a year of such incessant grinding away to fill this sheet is not calculated in every instance to work toward edification; it tends to draw on one's sweet disposition. Especially is this so when after a man has done the best he can, has used all the news available, and got that by running folks down and threatening their lives to get it, and after getting all there was and making enough to fill the deficiency—after all these vicissitudes, to know that only a small portion of the community has apparently been pleased, makes it no easy task. But we have done the best we could. The community has in a large measure been patient and generous to our failings. To those who have recognized man's propensity to make mistakes, we are very grateful. To those who have seen fit to knock us and to criticize our blunders we gladly forgive on the condition that they be more charitable and generous to our successors.

Before we assumed the responsibility of this paper it had vindicated its right to live. Whether it has this year justified its exist-

ence is not for us to say; we are no judge in this matter. We believe there is no good reason why the paper should not only live but thrive and grow from year to year. It can certainly serve a good purpose in the community and render much service to both students here and to the alumni. We hope, however, to see a stronger sentiment in its favor grow as the years come until it will be as firmly established in, and identified as closely with, the community, as any other institution which bears any relation to the college. Judged by its possibilities The Chronicle has a bright future. And however much we may have been discouraged over the situation at times, we believe in it as we have not believed in any other activity with which we have had to do.

For those who come after us we give our best wishes for a magnificent success. To those who have worked with us this year we are very grateful; the task has been easier for their assistance. And we have no suggestions to make that would materially affect the interests of the paper. However much we should be glad to make any suggestions that we might make, we hardly feel at liberty to do so. We do not object to saying, however, that we believe some changes in the way the paper is conducted would be helpful. The custom of alternating between the two literary societies in electing the editor-in-chief and business manager we believe will have to be abandoned for some better plan in time. It is the chief unfortunate fact that governs the appointment of the officers of the paper, and we expressed the same opinion in the early part of the year. The time must come sooner or later when the best men for the places cannot be found in that society to which the appointments should go. And if the paper is to suffer on this account some other plan should be adopted. And it will undoubtedly have to suffer if the plan is followed indefinitely. The societies do not always contain the best men for the places. And this limitation will not always work to the best interests of the community.

It is unfortunate, too, that there are so few men who show interest in this kind of activity. It is discouraging to reflect on the scarcity of men who either cannot or will not contribute to such an activity. We are optimistic enough to believe that the latter is more nearly correct, however—that it is not because men cannot, but because they simply will not contribute. But this does not only apply to this activity. It is one of the most prominent facts in college, that only a small percentage of the students make contributions to the development and prosperity of the various college activities. In this royal minority, we all have faith and to them can easily be committed the safety of the community's activities.

There is more latent capacity in this community than the most prophetic knows of. The various organizations here are entrusted with the task of drawing it out and developing it; to help in this is a rare privilege. The call is not only to the organizations and

the various student activities, but it comes to every student here to do his part in making the college and its organizations realize the same hopes and aims of the institution, "to render the largest permanent service to the individual, the state and the nation."

EARLY LEAVING.

Every year as commencement approaches there are some students who get together some sort of excuses for going home as soon as the examinations have been finished, and before the exercises of commencement have begun. We do not think, however, that as many students leave now as once was the case, but the number is yet too large; and it is for the purpose of calling attention of the importance of staying through the entire commencement that we say anything at all about it.

Of course there may be some students who really cannot stay during commencement week. Some man may be offered a position and that may call him early, as soon as his examinations are over. And for those who are under the necessity of working during vacation and who risk a good position by waiting a few days longer to take it, having to go before the college year is over, such is a misfortune. It is not primarily for such men that we say this. Yet it must be said that it looks no more difficult to make an engagement for the summer to begin after college closes than it does to make it a week early. And, as a matter of fact, the college year does not close until the last day of commencement week, and students have no right at all to leave until that time.

That is one side of it, however. If a man is in college for what he is getting out of it looks strange for him to get away before the work is closed. And commencement is one of the most educative and profitable as one of the most pleasant features of the whole year's work. Much money is spent in speakers and other features to make the closing exercises of the year one of inspiration and of success to the community and visitors. The most prominent preachers and speakers in the land are secured by the college to take part in the commencement occasion; and a student who leaves before the year has been finished loses incalculably more than he thinks. Out of respect to the speakers, the visitors, the faculty and the graduating class, if for nothing else, every student here is called upon to stay until the work is over, the last bell has rung and the flag has been hauled down formally closing the college year. We hope that the number who leave this year will be still smaller than in former years, and that there will soon grow up here a feeling that a man is shirking a duty and foregoing a pleasure if he leaves the campus before all the work of the year has been finished.

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amply sufficient to prove the strength of the man, and the only verdict is that he was a man of uncommon force of character. In intellectual endowments he was peculiarly blessed. Lacking the training of the colleges and the special advantages of such educational influences, he became a student by his inherent powers of intellect. His mind was always alert. The years did not dull its active interest nor destroy any of its wide sympathies. He loved literature and history and philosophy. No single field of thought enslaved his attention, but every region of truth and human thinking engaged his interest. He had an unshaken faith in truth and quenchless thirst for a knowledge of it. In these respects he holds high rank in that roll of exceptional men who seem to be ordained to success in spite of all the ordinary rules of its attainment.

But his chief strength was his Christian character. As is the general rule he learned from his mother in early childhood those fundamental truths of faith and high ideals of life which lie at the foundation of every great character. These early lessons remained unshaken through all the years. And though there were periods in his youthful days when he was confused by the theories of human thinking, yet in the end he returned to the eternal verities of which he first learned from his mother. His whole career is a forceful illustration of a faith in God. There is no appeal from the logic of a good life and a record of righteousness and he gave to men in his godly walk a final proof of the faith that was in him.

Dr. Yates was a joyous man. He did not believe with Pope, "Whatever is, is right," but he did believe that the world is at every moment under the guidance of a fatherly providence and that out of all the entanglements of human experience and the confusions of human struggles truth and right would in the end be made triumphant. This thought gave him ease of mind and comfort of spirit. It stood against all the perplexing events of human history and saved him from every tinge of pessimism. The radiance of his spirit was the sunlight of his faith, and wherever he went he was truly a dispenser of good cheer and a joyous hope. His radiant soul was a contradiction of his circumstances for Dr. Yates was a man whose path led along the shadowed side of life. He was a man of heavy burdens, but they seemed to affect him less than they affected his friends who knew them. He was a lesson to men of human happiness in spite of human circumstances. He sounded no note of unhappiness, he spoke no word of despair, and he never plead his burdens as grounds of special sympathies.

His good cheer had back of it a rare type of bravery. To fight successfully the battle of one's own spirit as he fought them requires an order of bravery of a higher kind than Waterloo witnessed. But in every way he showed himself to be a man of uncommon courage. In every issue he took a definite position, nor did he ever consult his own comfort or the wishes of either friend or enemy in forming his

opinion. He spoke his opinions as positively as he had formed them. For this reason he had the respect and the confidence of all men. In every community where he lived his word carried with it a tremendous weight, and men hesitated to act contrary to his views. No higher tribute can be paid the integrity and the judgment of any man than that he shall be a standard man, and this Dr. Yates was.

For forty-nine years he was a minister of the gospel. In this sacred calling he rendered his service to mankind. His views of the ministry were exalted without being unnatural, and he interpreted his calling as the sphere in which he had the opportunity to do for mankind all that he could do. So he allowed no sentiment to hinder him as a preacher from having part in solving any problem of human concern. He resented the assertion that the preacher should spend all his days in the shadows of altars and leave the outside world to care for itself. On the contrary his preaching and his influence were directed toward all the serious affairs of men and his ministry was one of wide scope.

From Trinity College, on account of his conspicuous ability, he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. For many years he was a leading member of the Board of Trustees, and through his influence most largely the college was located in Durham instead of Raleigh. For several years passed he was connected with the college as a lecturer, and at all times he was one of the most loyal friends of Trinity College. In his death the college sustains a distinct loss while his memory and his helpful service will abide as one of its most sacred assets.

Last year at the annual meeting of the Alumni Association, a movement was set on foot by the members present to purchase equipments for the annual dinner. Subscriptions were made for this purpose and the Executive Committee has purchased additional tables and table room, so that in the future the association will be in a position to provide for the large attendance with much greater ease. Until last year the order was given to a caterer to provide the dinner, but last year the dinner was prepared and served under the direction of the Executive Committee. This arrangement proved a great success and the dinner this year will be prepared and served in a similar way.

The price of the tickets to the Alumni dinner will be \$1.00. All persons who expect to attend this dinner are requested to notify Mr. J. E. Pegram, chairman of the Executive Committee, Durham, N. C., and request that tickets be reserved.

All members of the Alumni Association who made subscriptions to the fund for purchasing equipment for serving the Alumni dinner are requested to make payments to R. L. Flowers, Treasurer, Durham, N. C., at once. The equipment has been purchased and is necessary that the money be paid in at once.

Miss Mary Tapp and Carolyn Tuggle spent Monday and Tuesday in Raleigh visiting friends.

BOARD MEETING.

Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday, June 7th, in Duke Building—Officers and Members of the Board.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place Monday afternoon, June 7th, in the Faculty Room, Duke Building. The officers of the board are:

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Dr. Hugh Black was born in Rothsay, Berkshire, Scotland, March 26, 1869. He was educated in Rothsay Academy and London University. In 1891 he was ordained to the ministry and served as pastor of Sherwood Church, Paisley, Scotland, from 1891 to 1896. He then became pastor of Saint George's United Free Church, Edinburgh, and he remained there until 1906, when he came to the United States to accept the professorship of Practical Theology in Union Theological Seminary, New York. He has been in great demand as a preacher. Last year he preached the commencement sermon at Yale University, and there received the degree of Doctor of Divinity. Not only is he a great teacher and preacher, but the author of several noted books. Some of his most popular books are: "The Dream of Youth"; "Friendship"; "Culture and Restraint"; "Work"; "The Practice of Self Culture"; "Listening to God"; "Christ's Service of Love."

Senator Dolliver.

Senator J. P. Dolliver was born in Kingwood, Preston county, West Virginia, February 6, 1858. His father was Rev. James J. Dolliver, a minister of the Methodist Church. He graduated at the University of West Virginia in 1875. He moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa, where he began the practice of law, in 1878. He was elected to Congress and served in the 51st, 52d, 53d and the 56th Congresses, for the tenth Iowa district. He was appointed United States Senator in 1900 to succeed Hon. J. H. Geer. He was elected in 1902 and again in 1907. His term of office will expire in 1913. He is one of the most eloquent forceful and convincing speakers in the Senate and is in great demand in all sections of the country.

ANNUAL ALUMNI MEETING.

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addresses. Mr. Lambeth is an interesting and forceful speaker. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and one of the most effective members of that body. He is one of the youngest members ever invited to deliver the alumni address. Being thoroughly familiar with the spirit of his college, the alumni are most fortunate in having Mr. Lambeth to deliver the address.

This the semi-centennial of the founding of Trinity College promises to have one of the most successful commencement occasions. Many alumni are expected to be here to attend all the exercises of the week.

President John C. Kilgo delivers the annual commencement address at Wake Forest College tomorrow at eleven o'clock. Commencement exercises are now in progress at that institution, and the literary address is one of the features of the occasion.

Last night in Angier Duke Gymnasium an exhibition was given under the direction of Professor W. W. Card, director, and a large crowd was present to witness the performances of the members of the gymnasium team.

Professor John C. Wooten, of the department of Biblical literature, will deliver the literary address at the commencement at Littleton Female College next week.

DR. YATES DIED SUDDENLY.

A Noted and Beloved Methodist Minister Went Without Warning Friday.

A MEMBER OF COLLEGE COMMUNITY.

A Warm Friend of Trinity Came to the End of a Long and Faithful Life—College Honors Him by Suspending Work Saturday.

Twice last week Trinity was called on to float her flag at half-mast. Each time the community did honor to warm friends who were greatly beloved. Thursday the news of the death of Bishop Galloway came as a great shock to the entire college. The death of Dr. E. A. Yates, on Friday afternoon, caused the college community especial grief. Saturday the college flag floated at half mast, and all college exercises were suspended for the day. The funeral took place at Trinity Methodist church at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, conducted by President John C. Kilgo and Rev. G. T. Adams, pastor of the church. The remains of the good man were taken to the church early Saturday morning, and great crowds of men and women who loved the devout man visited the church before the funeral services. The burial took place at Maplewood cemetery.

Dr. Yates' death came very unexpectedly. He had been in very good health for some time, and though he was in his eightieth year, he was yet robust for a man of those years. He had been up town in the morning and was apparently in good health. While sitting on the porch at the Sans Souci reading a paper Friday afternoon about four o'clock the end came. Announcement of his death brought grief not only to the college which he had served so faithfully and which he loved so much, but to the entire city which loved and honored him as it did none other perhaps, and indeed to the entire State throughout which he was known.

Dr. Yates was born in Cumberland county eighty years ago last month. He joined the North Carolina Conference in 1859 and had served his church faithfully. For some years he had been a member of the college faculty, being lecturer in the department of Biblical Literature. His life and record form a great part of North Carolina Methodism. A most hopeful spirit was Dr. Yates, and his long and useful life was a magnificent triumph. Though in the past few years he was not actively identified with class work in this college, and therefore not so well known to all the later generations of students here, those who knew him loved and honored him. His death came to all as a deep grief. The community, the city and Methodism in this State will miss the good man.

Dr. Edwin Mims, of the department of English, delivers an address at the closing exercises of the Goldsboro High School tonight. He will return to the college tomorrow. Dr. Mims has engagements to speak at the closing exercises of the High School in Newbern June 1, and at the commencement of the Presbyterian College for Women in South Carolina a little later.

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