

Concert, a very finished and artistic one indeed it proved. Here is the program:

Serenade and Allegro giojoso...Mendelssohn
Miss Leeds and Orchestra

Air from the Opera "Herodiade"...Massenet
"He is Kind, He is Good"

Miss Carolan

Valse Carnavalesque—Two Pianos.Chaminade
Miss Rearick at first Piano

Andante from Concerto in E Minor.....
.....Mendelssohn

Miss Gebhardt and Orchestra

Song—By Manzanares.....Jensen
Miss Fenstermacher

Allegro from Concerto in G Minor.....
.....Mendelssohn

Mr. Meecker and Orchestra

Organ Solo—Fugue from Pastoral Sonata
.....Rheinberger

Miss Rearick

Adagio and Presto from Concerto in
C major.....van Weber

Miss Gent and Orchestra

BACCALAUREATE

The Sunday morning Baccalaureate service for the class of 1918, was one of the most beautiful and inspiring in the history of the college. Dr. Cleland B. McAfee of the McCormick Theological Seminary gave the address. His was a war talk throughout and was built around the four great benefits which America is receiving from the war: a spirit of self-forgetfulness, a spirit of sacrifice, a high idealism and a humble faith in the future.

He said, "This year has been the noblest in American history. We have risen to life and ambition never known before. It has previously been thought that the world was not a place for great ideals, but now the large question is whether you who are going into the world have as high ideals as the world has attained and whether you can hold the world to them."

This challenge he gave to the class in a most impressive way, and the feeling of desire for sacrifice came in response. Dr. McAfee's talk was considered one of the best ever heard at Knox.

Dean Simonds finished the service by voicing Knox's message to her class of 1918. His words went straight to the heart of every member—and indeed of every listener. They were words of good cheer, encouragement, inspiration, and Godspeed. He said:

"Members of the graduating class: In spite of the dark clouds that shadow us, the sentiment of your Baccalaureate Day is one of brightness and good cheer. The restlessness, the perplexity, the 'obstinate still questionings,' the wrestlings of the spirit, inevitable in times like these, you have shared with thousands of our American youth to whom the problem of present duty has come with the rushing force of a great crisis. Twenty-six of your classmates have left the campus for the field. The little group of men who are with us to-day stand ready to join their comrades in arms. God bless the boys of 1918 and sustain them as they follow the call of duty.

"Your student life has been contemporaneous with four historic years. It must have gained significance and a widely broadened vision from the momentous lessons of this world-wide curriculum. The world is not altogether dark. Your generation has grown radiant with the clear light of settled convictions, the fervid flame of patriotic and moral appeal. In spite of confusion and complexity, the course of action has seemed wonderfully simple, the path of duty gloriously plain. 'I say unto one, Go—and he goeth.' The command of high authority coincides with the voice of conscience. Such identification satisfies the heart's desire of every noble soul. The poet laureate of a century ago wrote of the great revolutionary period of his youth:

"Bliss was it in that dawn
to be alive—

But to be young was very
Heaven."

"Our good friend, Dr. Schofield, for whom we have much high esteem, in a recent letter full of kindly feeling for the students of Knox, expresses the same thought in these words: 'It is a thrilling time to be alive when new forces are shaping themselves for the lasting benefit of nations.' We feel this now but we shall realize the true beneficence of this fierce epoch only when the years of peace shall follow the suffering and sacrifice of this present time. There is a mystical significance in the vision of the great spiritual poet of the middle ages. Dante must first traverse the dismal regions of Hell before he might enter the gates of Paradise.

"In the glow of your devotion and your youth, you, young men and women, are going forth to the responsibilities of life in no or-

ordinary time. Meet these responsibilities in no ordinary way. The college graduate is often admonished that he or she is destined for leadership in the tasks of the future. This may or may not be true. For the one who goes forth selfishly and superficially ambitious, it is not true. Leadership does not exist without subordination. It comes to those who recognize their responsibility as well as their power; to those who, having ability, have consecrated themselves to a high and worthy purpose. Without this spirit, no man or woman attains to successful leadership.

"Go forth then, men and women of 1918, in the soldier spirit, humbly, unselfishly, loyally. Your Alma Mater cheers you on your way with a true mother's affection and hope; and she will ever follow your career in all your service with confidence that you will be true to the call."

MEETING OF ALUMNI

The meeting of Knox alumni at Beecher Chapel on Monday morning was opened by the president of the association, Miss Mary Scott, '81, who then introduced Prof. H. E. Griffith as chairman. The topic for discussion was: "How the Alumni can help the College." There were many interesting talks on the subject, George C. Gale, '93, A. W. Willis, '00, Prof. Byron Smith, '89, and Prof. C. E. Comstock, '88, T. L. Holman, '07, Rollin V. Hurd, '93, being among the speakers. In a few words Prof. W. P. Drew summed up the keynote of most of the talks—"We have a factory here. Our products are more valuable to the government than aeroplanes or pigs. We manufacture trained men—our country's most vital need."

Election of officers for next year followed. They are: President, George C. Gale, '93; Vice-President, Alida E. Finch, '91; Secretary, Frances Arnold Woods, '95; Treasurer, M. M. Goodsill, '12.

REUNIONS

Monday noon was the time for several reunions. L. M. I. held its annual luncheon and reunion in Central Church. Mrs. R. C. Morse, '84, of Kewanee, acted as toastmistress. Those who responded were Miss Anna Hoover, ex-'89, Mrs. Mabel White Smith, '89, Miss Helen Painter, Mrs. Jean Caskey Boys, '93, and Miss Alida E. Finch, '91. After the regular pro-

gram, Mrs. Isabelle Ayres, '63, Miss Mary Scott, '81, Miss Jessie R. Holmes, '85, and Mrs. B. F. Arnold, '63, gave short talks.

About sixty-five men gathered for luncheon at Whiting Hall on Monday and reported the affair a very enjoyable get-together.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Let's Get Married," a clever farce comedy was staged by the Seniors on Monday night at the Orpheum theatre. The play was characterized by its "pep" and snap and the situations and complications delighted the audience. Not an opportunity for clever acting was neglected by the cast and the result was a most happy evening.

A house party of three couples, coming when the moon was at its best gave the opportunity for an epidemic of engagements and elopements—or near ones—and around this was built the plot.

Ruth Gillis as Angeline Burwood was the star of the cast. Her clever work as the romantic girl was one of the best parts of the play. Julian Mack as Cyril Edwards, Fern Barrer as Phyllis Goddard, Eleanor Graham as Elizabeth Stewart, Crawford Elder (Gerald Stewart), Loomis Leedy (Jack Ring), Naomi Wenzlemann (Mrs. Stewart), and Margaret Fuller (Mary) were excellent in their interpretation.

COMMENCEMENT

The seventy-third commencement of Knox was held at Central Congregational church, at 10:00 o'clock, Tuesday, June 11, 1918. The program was as follows:

Processional: Festive March (Rogers)

Invocation

"The Awakening of America"—Glen Griggs

"Glimpses of the Illinois Prairies—Nellie Armstrong

Scherzo in D minor (Faulkes)

"The Place of Art in the War"—Helen Ingraham

"The Spirit of France"—Helen Garrett

Allegro Apparsonato (Guilmant)

Conferring of Degrees

Benediction

(Miss Helen Shults also received the honor of an appointment on the program, but was excused from appearing. All the appointments were made on the basis of superior scholarship.)