

## PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE BRINGS SUCCESSFUL YEAR TO CLOSE

Members of Graduating Class Received Diplomas Tuesday Morning. Baccalaureate and Literary Addresses Heard. Honors for the Year Awarded With Auditorium Packed To Doors. Many Visitors In City for Exercises.

That Presbyterian college is an institution holding a firm and warm place in the hearts of the people of this community was well shown Tuesday morning when an audience packed the college chapel to the doors to see the young men of the graduating class receive their diplomas and to witness the bringing to a close of a successful year's work.

The commencement day program was presided over by the Rev. John McSweeney, president of the institution. The opening prayer was offered by Dr. H. W. DuBose of Spartanburg, chairman of the board of trustees, after which the welcome address was delivered by Walter Benton McCall, Jr., of Marion, S. C. The class address was made by Richard Thomas Gillespie, Decatur, Ga.

The literary address was delivered by the Rev. James Wyly Jackson, of Greenwood, who used as the subject of his practical and scholarly address, "Keeping in the Middle of the Road." One of the great purposes in life, he said, is to be well rounded and to strive with poise and patience to attain a set goal. He spoke of the invitations that are prevalent to attract young men from the middle of the road into dangerous ditches that should be avoided, namely—that of being sophisticated, of setting up excuses and alibis, and self-expression of the wrong type. He told the young graduates that to keep in the middle of the road is in keeping with the spirit of America today. Since Jesus came, the speaker declared, man has ever been trying to better conditions, and he admonished his hearers to make no little plans since we are the sons of God. Dare to dream, to see visions, to establish and pursue a lofty goal and to stay out of the ditches so inviting to lead from the middle of the road, he told the young graduates in closing.

Following the address, President McSweeney delivered the diplomas in a few impressive words. He then awarded the various medals. The highest scholarship medal covering four years work was won by Arnold Osborne Jackson of Mattituck, N. Y.; orator's medal, T. M. Johnston of Jefferson, Ga.; declaimers' medal, Lawson Abrams of Clinton; alumni medal, T. G. Ellis of Richburg, S. C.; debater's medal, Geo. G. Palmer of Ridgeway; freshman scholarship cup for the highest average, James Robert Horton of Clinton.

Four honorary degrees were awarded by the board of trustees and the awards made by Dr. DuBose, chairman of the board, as follows: Doctor of divinity on the Rev. James Wyly Jackson of Greenwood, S. C.; doctor of divinity on Rev. Lewis Holladay Lancaster, missionary to China; doctor of literature on Mrs. Wilhelmina Cozby Byrd of Columbia, and doctor of laws on James Alexander Stoddard of Columbia.

President McSweeney closed the commencement program with several announcements pertaining to the next session and with acknowledgments of several gifts made to the college during the year. He stated that the campaign to relieve the college of its present debt would be resumed in the fall throughout the synod. He paid a high tribute to the work and loyalty of the college faculty and announced two choices for next year. Dr. James C. Koehler, Princeton graduate, will head the department of physics as a successor to Dr. R. C. Seeger, who will not again be with the institution. Dr. John Henry Davis will be added to the faculty to take the vacant place in the department of biology caused by Dr. Hoy's resignation more than a year ago.

**Received Degrees**  
The following graduates received degrees:

Bachelor of Arts—Magna Cum Laude: Robert Stricker Crawford, Richard Thomas Gillespie, Cornelius Grafton, Walter Benton McCall, Jr. Cum Laude: Joe Abner Babb, William Townsend Barron, Robert Samuel Beckham, Dill Decatur Beckman, Charles Jennings Martin, Philip Allen Roberts, Earle Eugene Wade, William Eugene Johnson.

Isaac McDonald Adair, Robert Brice Caldwell, Jr., Neil Pressley Clinton, James Lafayette Cooper, Jr., William Clay Dendy, Tully Gray Ellis, Carlyle Devon Floyd, William James Hazlewood, Kenneth Henderson, Erskine Lewis Jackson, Inglis McQueen Keels, Louis LeMaire Lesesne, John Wilber McQueen, Edgar Fleming Mason, James Edward Means, Jr., James William Milam, Jr., James Frederick O'Daniel, Robert Earl Perry, Elliott Richard Rhodes, Charles Samuel Rig-

by, Jr., Charles Arthur Senn, Jr., Samuel Guerry Stukes, Fant Hill Thornley, Atticus Grandville Thornton, Jr., Walter Eugene Walker, Louis Rembert Williamson.

Bachelor of Science—Arnold Osborne Jackson, magna cum laude; George Brown Telford, cum laude; Jack Styles Dendy.

**Honor Roll**  
The following students in the order named attained the highest grades in the senior class:

Arnold Osborne Jackson, Mattituck, N. Y.  
Cornelius Warren Grafton, Haichow, China.

Walter Benton McCall, Jr., Marion, S. C.

Richard Thomas Gillespie, Decatur, Ga.

Robert Stricker Crawford, Chester, S. C.

The following students, on the basis of scholarship, activities and honor, were announced as elected by the faculty to the honorary fraternity of Sigma Kappa Alpha for the year 1930-31:

**To the Senior Order**

Walter Lamah Plaxico, Sharon, S. C.  
James Benjamin Green, Jr., Decatur, Ga.

Orell Alva Dunlap, Rock Hill, S. C.  
James William Walkup, Waxhaw, N. C.

**To the Junior Order**

George K. Smith, Middletown, Md.  
Richard Butler Ferguson, Jr., Reno, S. C.

Robert Hall Gillespie, Decatur, Ga.  
William Pratt Ferguson, Sharon, S. C.

Thomas Lee Boyd, Gray Court, S. C.  
Egbert Vernon Anderson, Lawrenceville, Ga.

**To the Sophomore Order**

James Robert Horton, Mountville, S. C.

Herbert Hambricht Ferguson, York, S. C.

John Calvin McCaskill, Liberty Hill, S. C.

Lawson Samuel Abrams, Clinton, S. C.

Freeman Benson Parker, Macon, Ga.

Bothwell Graham, III, Clinton, S. C.  
Harold Clark Johnson, Kinards, S. C.  
Furman Barratt Pinson, Jr., Conestee, S. C.

The commencement program began Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon in the Thornwell Memorial church with the Rev. John McSweeney, president of the college, presiding. Robed in black caps and gowns, the graduating class followed by the faculty, entered the church and occupied reserved seats in the center of the auditorium. The morning services in the respective churches of the city were omitted and all denominations united in the special occasion. Special music was rendered by the college glee club and the large auditorium was filled to overflowing with Clintonians, and friends and relatives of the young graduates.

The Rev. Henry Wade DuBose, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Spartanburg, preached the baccalaureate sermon. He used as his text, Proverbs 29:18: "Where there is no vision, the people perish."

After expressing his pleasure in being present, Dr. DuBose declared at the outset that the foundations of all things are invisible, this being true in science, art, social progress and history. If this world is to approach the dreams of God he said, it is to become a warless world, one in which brotherhood reigns, one into which every little child born shall have a chance, it will become possible by men who dream dreams and dedicate themselves to the Master's service as those who see the invisible. Christianity is a vision religion, it is a religion that opens to windows and let's God's light and love come flowing through, it is an infinite hand reaching down to help men. Unless there is this vision, the people perish, they are cast off in restraint. The speaker cited the fact that multitudes of men and women today have forgotten God and are disposed to cast him aside as America's most disturbing factor, bad as others may be.

Addressing the young graduates, he asked, "What's your vision to be?" Will it be one of gold or of God? He discussed the lack of idealistic leaders in the political life, the lack of vision in the educational realm, and admonished the young men that life is to be measured by vision and emphasis on spiritual things, declaring that the material vision and life will prove a useless farce. The vision of God was the goal he set before his hearers, an opportunity to love, to dare and to do, to put Jesus first and

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## CLINTON VOTES TUESDAY FOR MAYOR, COUNCILMEN

Polls In Municipal Election Open At 8 A. M. Enrollment Shows Increase Over Two Years Ago. McMillan Withdraws From Mayor's Race. Heavy Vote Predicted.

ENROLLMENT BY WARDS	
Ward One	136
Ward Two	328
Ward Three	331
Ward Four	213
Ward Five	481
Ward Six	434
Total	1923

Citizens of Clinton will go to the polls next Tuesday to cast their votes for a mayor and six aldermen to serve for a period of two years, beginning September 1st.

There are thirteen candidates in the race—two for mayor and eleven for alderman. A third candidate in the mayor's race, W. M. McMillan, withdrew Saturday at the closing hour for filing entries. Some of the candidates are new to the political field and some of them are experienced campaigners. The campaign has been unusually quiet with little public interest manifested. It is expected, however, that the few remaining days before the "battle of ballots" will see an added interest as to the final outcome.

Secretary W. D. Copeland's books at the closing hour Saturday afternoon, showed an enrollment of 1,923, an increase of 197 over two years ago. A small increase has been made in all the wards.

The city election will be held at the police station and the Clinton Cotton Mills box will be stationed at the band stand. The polls will open at 8 A. M. and close at 4 P. M.

Tickets in each ward will contain the names of the candidates for alderman in that particular ward and the names of the candidates for mayor. The voter will strike out the names of the candidates, both mayor and alderman, he or she does not wish to vote for, leaving unscratched on the ticket only the name of their choice for mayor and the alderman in the ward in which he or she resides. Secretary Copeland announces that ac-

## RULES OF PARTY GO TO COUNTIES

Secretary Gibbs Sends Out Many Copies To All Sections. Few Changes Are Made.

Copies of the rules of the Democratic party of South Carolina were mailed out Saturday by J. Wilson Gibbs, secretary of the state executive committee, to chairmen in all counties of the state, 46 packages, all told, being placed in the mails.

The rules this year show but little change from this of other years—indeed there is but one of any great importance. This change has to do with the elimination of the third primary, the amended rules providing that in case of a second primary, the candidate receiving the largest vote shall be declared the nominee whether or not he receives a majority of the vote cast. Of course in case of a tie, another election would have to be held. This amendment, eliminating a third primary, will, it is thought, tend to cut down considerably the cost of holding elections.

The packages sent out Saturday varied in number of copies of the rules they contained—some contained as few as 25 copies and others as high as 200.

The time for filing pledges to enter the races this summer expires June 16. The campaign meetings will begin Tuesday, June 17, with the two campaign parties visiting each county seat in the state.

The entrance fees, as fixed by the state executive committee: For governor, \$400; for lieutenant governor, \$150; for all state offices, \$200; for solicitor, \$200; for United States senator, \$600; for United States representative, \$300.

## Lander Girl Wins \$100 Prize

Miss Lurene Yarborough, student at Lander college, recently won the \$100 gold piece offered by John Gary Evans for the best history essay. Miss Yarborough is a niece of Mrs. C. D. Yarborough and Miss Lily Yarborough of this city. She formerly attended the local high school and has many friends here who will be pleased to know of the handsome prize she has recently won by her meritorious work.

cording to the rules and regulations, no tickets will be given out in advance but will be furnished to each voter as he or she presents themselves to vote. A majority of the votes cast will be necessary to nominate a candidate for either of the offices.

Chief interest is centered in the mayor's race for which seat there are two aspirants. The incumbent, Jack H. Young, is offering for re-election after having served for the past term. He is opposed by J. C. Cannon who is making his first entry into city politics.

In the aldermanic field, there is an unusual interest in evidence with many friends working for the success of their favorites. Two members of the present council, J. C. Wilson in ward five, and J. P. Carter in ward six, are not seeking re-election. Aldermen Henry Adair, Duncan and Harris, are seeking re-election. Alderman Harris from ward four, is the only candidate who is without opposition.

The managers of the election for the two voting precincts have been appointed by the city executive committee and the election will be held in accordance with the constitution of the City Democratic club and the Acts of the General Assembly regulating primary elections. The managers are: City box: R. J. Copeland, W. S. Denison and John W. Little. Clinton Mill box: F. C. Pinson, J. H. Whitmire and Clyde Bigby.

The complete list of candidates, both for mayor and alderman, as qualified with the secretary, follows:

**For Mayor**  
J. C. Cannon  
Jack H. Young  
**For Alderman**  
Ward One—Wister A. Henry, H. L. Eichelberger.  
Ward Two—Pet B. Adair, H. J. Pitts.  
Ward Three—W. J. Duncan, R. E. Sadler.  
Ward Four—W. W. Harris (unopposed).  
Ward Five—Fred Burnette, W. A. Buchanan.  
Ward Six—H. Y. Abrams, R. W. Phillips.

## DR. R. T. GILLESPIE DIES IN VIRGINIA

President of Presbyterian Seminary At Decatur, Ga., Is Pneumonia Victim. Funeral At Rock Hill.

Charlottesville, Va., May 31.—Dr. Richard Thomas Gillespie, president of Columbia Theological seminary, a Southern Presbyterian institution at Decatur, Ga., died here Friday afternoon from pneumonia. He was fifty years old.

Dr. Gillespie came here Monday morning to attend the annual meeting of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church and was stricken a few hours later. His condition was said to have been serious Tuesday, but the following day it was announced at the assembly that he was showing decided improvement. His death Friday was unexpected.

His body was shipped from Charlottesville last night to Rock Hill, S. C., where funeral services took place Sunday. Accompanying were his widow, who was with him at death, and the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Blakely of Staunton, Va. Mr. Blakely until recently was a member of the faculty at Columbia seminary.

Besides his widow, Dr. Gillespie is survived by two sons, Richard T., a member of the graduating class at Presbyterian college, and Robert, a sophomore at the same institution; and one daughter, Mary Caroline, of Decatur. His mother, Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, Sr., who lives at Fort Benning, Ga., and three brothers and two sisters also are among the survivors.

Dr. Gillespie was a native of Tirzah, S. C., and was educated at Davidson college, N. C., and the seminary at Decatur. He was recalled to serve his alma mater as president in 1925 after having held pastorates at Florence, S. C., and Louisville, Ky., his last charge before becoming head of the seminary was the First church at Louisville.

## Fashion Show At Lydia Mills

A fashion show was held last Monday night at the Lydia Cotton Mills in which a number of people participated. Thirty-nine cotton dresses were exhibited, all made by citizens of the community from cloth manufactured by the mill. Prizes were awarded for the most original dress, the prettiest, and the best sewing displayed.

## COMMENCEMENT-GRAND RALLY BEGINS FRIDAY EVENING

Program of Interest To Mark Year's Work At Thornwell Orphanage With Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Morning. Many Alumni Expected for Grand Rally Reunion.

## PAVING ADOPTED FOR ROUTE 56

Highway Department Includes Spartanburg-Clinton-Chappels Route In Paving Program.

Laurens, May 30.—An important development affecting state roads in Laurens county took place at the meeting Friday of the state highway commission when a resolution was adopted transferring Route No. 56, between Pauline in Spartanburg county, and Chappels via Clinton, from the soft-surface classification to the hard-surface class. Provision was also made for the erection of a modern bridge over Enoree river at Musgrove mill on the same highway. Information as to the highway and the bridge was contained in an interview with C. O. Hearon, member of the commission, in Saturday's edition of The Spartanburg Herald.

Route No. 56, according to the highway map, leaves the Spartanburg-Union highway at Pauline and passes through Cross Anchor and Clinton to Chappels where it taps highway No. 392 to Saluda. At Saluda 392 merges with Route No. 19 for Aiken and Augusta. Paving of 56 from Pauline to Clinton, stated Mr. Hearon, will give Spartanburg a fourth all-weather highway from Spartanburg to the state capital. In addition, he said, 56 will eventually be the shortest route between Spartanburg and Augusta.

In addition to the provision for hard-surfacing route No. 56, time for which was not definitely fixed, the highway commission also selected the Fountain Inn-Laurens stretch of highway No. 2 for early paving. Selection of the Laurens-Princeton highway for early paving was announced at a meeting several weeks ago and contracts for paving of the Princeton-Ware Shoals road and the Ora-Enoree-Woodruff-Spartanburg highway were let at Friday's sitting. Work on the latter two projects will be started as soon as equipment and material can be assembled, it is generally assumed.

## BATSON TRIAL IS SET THIS TERM

Sessions Court To Convene In Laurens Next Monday Jury For Week Is Drawn.

Laurens, May 31.—The petit jury venire for the June term of general sessions court, beginning on the second Monday, June 9th, has been drawn by the commissioners. The list is as follows:

Laurens township—P. E. Cannon, J. T. Anderson, B. M. Owings, J. W. Word, J. B. Lewis, J. S. Martin, E. T. Wardell, W. L. Stone, R. E. Thompson, E. H. Shell, J. Earle Owings.  
Dials—C. M. Curry, Haskell Gray, W. D. Owens, Zeb Vance, A. W. Bobo.  
Waterloo—W. L. Terry, George C. Cooper, George W. Culbertson, Carl Y. Culbertson.

Youngs—R. M. Parsons, John Franks, C. W. McIntire.  
Sullivan—G. W. Washington, E. A. Pitts, F. A. Boyster.

Cross Hill—J. H. Rasor, Conway Dial, D. R. Chapman.

Hunter—J. J. Clark, B. F. Sample, J. L. Wright, N. T. Holder, W. C. Baldwin, Geo. H. Ellis.

Scuffletown—O. L. Hunter.  
The case of the state against Oscar C. Batson of Greenville, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, is expected to come up at the June session, having been continued from the February term. Batson, it is alleged in the commitment warrant, severely punished his wife on the occasion of a visit to her in this city last fall, striking her with a pistol and inflicting cuts and bruises on her head and body which caused her to be treated at a local hospital for several days. Mrs. Batson and her children make their home in Laurens with the former's parents.

Judge C. C. Featherstone will hold the June term.

## McMillan Quits Mayor's Race

W. M. McMillan, candidate for mayor in the approaching election, withdrew from the race Saturday night shortly after the final hour for filing pledges. Mr. McMillan's decision came as a complete surprise to the public since it was generally conceded that he would be a strong factor in the three-cornered contest. With his withdrawal and the time for entries expired, there are only two aspirants for the office, Jack H. Young, the incumbent, and J. C. Cannon.

The commencement exercises and fifty-fifth anniversary rally of the Thornwell orphanage, will begin Friday evening in the chapel with the annual declamation-reading contest, with W. P. Jacobs of this city, as the presiding officer. Saturday evening at 8 o'clock a music recital will be given with Miss Bessie Dunwoody of Atlanta, presiding.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Sunday morning at 11:15 in the Thornwell Memorial church by the Rev. T. Ellison Simpson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Darlington. The regular morning services in the churches of the city, following a long standing custom, will be withdrawn in order that the entire city may unite in this special occasion. Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock a communion service of the orphanage family and the large gathering of former pupils who will be in the city for the rally will be held in the church with Rev. Arthur Taylor of Marston, N. C., and Rev. Clarence E. Piephoff of Greenville, as the officiating ministers.

On Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the annual meeting of the alumni association will be held. Dr. L. R. Lynn, president of the institution, will deliver the address of welcome, and the response will be made by Allan F. Lide of Ellmore, after which the annual business session will be held. At 12 o'clock noon, a picnic will be enjoyed at Riverside cottage, to be followed at 6 o'clock with a lawn party given in honor of the alumni by Mrs. W. J. Bailey at her home on South Broad street. At eight o'clock the alumni banquet will be given in the Masonic Temple building with covers laid for several hundred guests.

On Tuesday morning at 10:30 the graduating exercises will be held at which time diplomas will be presented, and medals and prizes awarded. The address of the occasion will be delivered by Rev. J. H. Clarke of Forsyth, Ga.

On Tuesday afternoon at 2:30, the annual meeting of the board of trustees will be held with Chairman Ex-Governor Martin F. Ansel of Greenville, presiding. At this time the president's annual report will be read and the work of the institution reviewed for the past year.

In connection with the commencement exercises, a grand rally reunion of the alumni will be held and it is expected that several hundred visitors will be in the city during the week. A program of interest has been arranged and all who are to take part on the week's program are former Thornwell orphanage boys and girls.

The schools are closing a successful year's work under the leadership of Prof. B. S. Pinson. The graduating class is composed of 10 members, three boys and seven girls as follows:

Robert DeWese Lynn, Milton Harvey, Ansley Plumer Wilson, Lillian Lucile Hedden, Margaret Corrie McKain, Dorothy Norwood Whitlock, Elsie Barbara Painter, Margaret McQuiston, Helen Irene Martin, Edith Theresa Patrick.

## Medora Browning Keeps On Winning

In the Cotton Co-op essay contest held in Laurens Friday morning, Miss Medora Browning of the Clinton high graduating class, won first place, and Nash Gray of Gray Court-Owings, came second. Prizes to the winners of \$15 and \$10 were awarded. The money awarded was contributed by Watts mill, Laurens mill, Laurens Oil mill, Lydia mills, First National Bank of Clinton, The Commercial Bank of Clinton, and McDaniel Vulcanizing Works of Clinton.

Miss Browning will represent Laurens county in the district contest which is to be held at Spartanburg tomorrow. She made a highly creditable showing in the county meet and her friends will watch the outcome of her effort Friday with keen interest.

## Whitlock Enters Magistrate's Race

W. Hampton Whitlock tosses his hat in the ring today as a candidate in the approaching election for magistrate of Hunter township at Clinton. Mr. Whitlock has resided in Clinton for a number of years and has many friends who will be interested in his race. He is the second candidate to formally announce for this office, the incumbent, J. G. Pitts, having announced his candidacy for re-election several weeks ago.