

**THE FOURTH OF JULY**

At the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The location of Knoxville in the geographical center of the territory south of the Potomac and Ohio, at the junction of railroads from the north, south, east and west, makes it one of the most accessible points in the Southern States.

The city contains about sixty thousand inhabitants, and is noted for its elegant homes and the culture of its people.

The location of the University, 1100 feet above the sea, in the broad valley of East Tennessee, surrounded by mountains, is unsurpassed for healthfulness and inspiring scenery.

The University buildings stand in the beautiful Barbara park of forty acres, shaded and grass-covered, extending over the crest and sides of a high hill on the north bank of the Tennessee River, and commanding a magnificent view from the Chilhowee and the great Smokies to the east to the Cumberland mountains on the west—a distance of one hundred miles.

On the night of the 3rd, ere the midnight hours had dawned upon us, and our eyes had closed in slumber, the U. T. boys were among us with all their fire-works and bombs. Echo answered echo until it seemed that all the hills were bursting in praise of the coming Fourth. Until the wee small hours of the night had crept in, no one was allowed to enjoy the sweet pleasures of dreamland.

But on the morning of the glorious Fourth, under the auspices of the Summer School of the South, sufficient proof was given that this institution stands first in the observance of this great National holiday.

Its marching columns were composed of representatives not only from the Southern States, but from all parts of the Union. Even Canada, Porto Rica and the Philippine Islands were represented.

At the head of the proud columns—as it has always done—waved the banner "Excelsior."

At 9 o'clock a. m. the line was formed on the Southern driveway. The instructors, numbering almost one hundred, were given the post of honor. Those known here as "Barbarians" came next.

By this term we mean all not of the Southern States, who are attending this school. Next came the States arranged in alphabetical order.

The signal was given and the body immediately formed themselves into columns of two. Crouch's military band led the procession. About 1500 persons were marching to the sweet strains of some patriotic air. All robed in white, with their distinctive colors flying, this procession marched to the main entrance of Jefferson Hall, the auditorium of the University, which easily seats two thousand people.

Upon entering the faculty were seated on the platform, and the delegates from the different States were shown to seats reserved for them. What a brilliant effect this gave to the scene.

Under the direction of Supt. P. B. Claxton the following program was rendered:

Music—Crouch's orchestra.  
Daxology—orchestra and congregation.

Scripture lesson.

Prayer.

Reading of Declaration of Independence—Dr. Henry L. Southwick, of Massachusetts.

America—orchestra and school.

Roll call of states—in alphabetic order. As roll is called each state will be given five minutes for speech, song or yell.

Dixie—orchestra and school.

Reading of resolutions—Prof. W. K. Tate, of South Carolina.

Resolutions seconded by Mr. Brown, of Alabama.

Address—Dr. Charles William Kent, of Virginia.

Vote on resolutions.

Massing of banners.

Star Spangled Banner—orchestra and school.

Benediction.

The following gives the number from each State with their colors and emblems. As each State was called it responded with a song or speaker:

About sixteen kindergarteners, red, white and blue sashes.

U. T. students, orange and white.

Barbarians, white sashes.

Sixty-three from Alabama, crimson and white.

Arkansas twenty-two, garnet and white, with the State flower, the apple blossom.

Florida twenty-two, white and red sashes and white colonial caps.

Georgia one hundred, blue and white.

Kentucky forty-three, cardinal and old gold.

Louisiana twenty-one, blue and gold.

Maryland fifteen, orange and black.

Mississippi seventy-one, blue and red.

North Carolina fifty-six, blue and white.

South Carolina forty-two, blue and gold, with a large Palmetto banner in the van of the delegation.

Tennessee nine hundred and forty-five, white silk badges inscribed with the name Tennessee.

Texas forty-four, red, white and blue.

Virginia twelve, white and blue sashes with State seal. All carrying flags presenting Washington's face.

The feature in Jefferson Hall was the masterly oration of Dr. Charles Kent, of Virginia, which fairly electrified the large audience, and evoked burst after burst of enthusiastic applause.

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**An Open Letter.**

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**NOTICE.**

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B. L. HENDERSON,  
For Committee.

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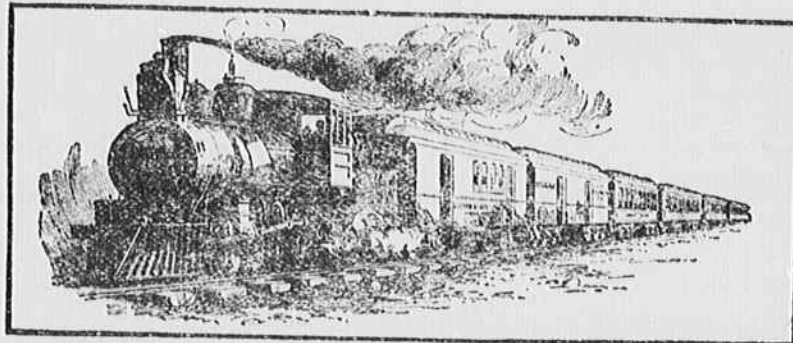
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H. E. GRAY,

LAURENS, S. C., July 10th, 1906.

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