

1906 CLASS DAY.

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It is my pleasant duty to introduce to you the First Marshal of the Class of 1906, Mr. Hermann C. Henrici.

First Marshal, HERMAN C. HENRICI.
MR. PRESIDENT, CLASSMATES AND FRIENDS OF THE CLASS OF 1906.

To-day we are the people by whom, and you are the people for whom; and so we offer you our warmest welcome. These exercises afford us a last opportunity of formal social reunion of the class before the day when we are to receive that precious sheep-skin which is the certificate that entitles us to a part in the world's most earnest work.



H. L. WILLIAMS.

A person is made with a nature for work and a nature for play, and so is the class made of two inner beings. It is the social being that must rule to-day.

We are to be graduates of the Institute and are to strive to keep the name of our Alma Mater the watch word in scientific education; we are to work together regardless whether we are of the class of 1906 or that of 1929; yet there are characteristics so predominant in each class that in reality they set it off from all the rest. One characteristic which places us in the fore ranks may be stated best in the words of President Pritchett when he said: "I go out with the tide." Our class is indeed the high tide, for we number 277 men and four coeds in the actual roll of graduates, and we count many others among our numbers.

The passing for the present of the high water mark in numbers may well demand thought. The Institute is the arm of scientifically minded men graduating from colleges; but over-high tuition undoubtedly keeps many of them out. This rise, made in 1903, and due as was said at our class dinner to the administration of justice, had a marked effect in swelling the number of students entering in 1902. Yet our class is not distinguished by size alone. Another and by far its best quality is that of enthusiasm and energy. This has attracted the attention of the faculty. Prof. Miller remarked that teaching "thermo" to our class was a pleasure, on this account, and not so much work as was the case with other classes. Prof. Sedgwick also

stated that he had noticed how differently we went into any undertaking, allowing that fire of enthusiasm to flame brightly and illumine any effort to success.

This is, in part, our history and with this behind us we should look with great hopefulness into the future.

The success of the class depends on the individual; and the success of the individual depends on the satisfactory completion of each task as it arises. How life should be faced has been admirably put into manly words by Robert Louis Stevenson.

"To be honest, to be kind; to earn a little and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence; to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered; to keep a few friends but these without capitulation; above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself; here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy."

I am to introduce to you a very prominent example of that enthusiasm and energy, and he will relate to you in detail the statistics and history of our class. I present Mr. Charles F. W. Wetterer.



C. F. W. WETTERER.

The Historian and Statistician MR. CHARLES F. W. WETTERER.

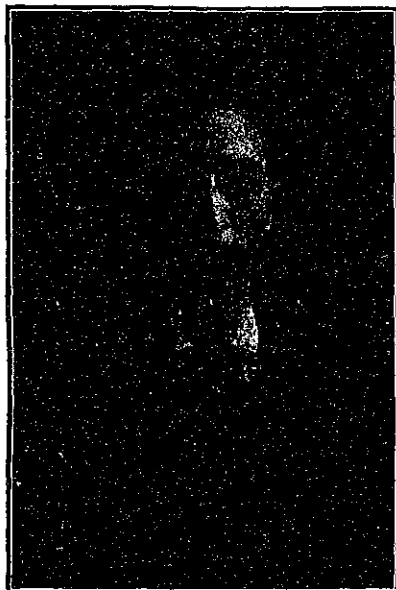
Return with me if you will to the fall of 1902, and the first day of October and imagine the steps and the lower corridor of this building crowded with an ever-moving mass of students, of whom about one-third were just entering the class of 1906. Registration thought to be the outgrowth of a league between the registrar and the devil caused much worry and labor to these inexperienced students. On this day for the first time did our class, as a body, meet the man who is to graduate with us. President Pritchett by his kindly words of welcome and advice made us lose some of our awe and timidity and take up a new field of activity in the solving of some of the social problems of our student life. . . . You must pass on and note that the responsibility of being a Senior has a tendency to sober the class. In the midst of our sobriety you will notice that the most serious find time to brighten their lives with class din-

ners, small social gatherings and indulgence in athletics. . . . But now with these last few days there is drawing to a close the undergraduate history of a class which has been the foremost in the things which make the Institute what it is—a class with the ability to apply itself with fervor and success to whatever task is set before it.

The class statistics were then read.

MR. HENRICI, introducing the Class Prophet:

With the history that we have behind us it is well to look into the future. Introducing the next gentleman I will call attention to another prominent characteristic of the class exemplified by him, namely, originality. I present Mr. William Franklin Englis.



W. F. ENGLIS.

Class Prophet, W. F. ENGLIS.

MR. MARSHALL, FRIENDS:

In this the year of our Lord 1916 and of the American Independence 140, vast and extensive changes have been wrought at our Institute. The new Walker Memorial Gymnasium has now been completed for some years while our little group of buildings has been increased in numbers by the addition of Engineering "D" and "E". The courses too now number 14 instead of 13, the latest recruit being that inscribed in the catalogue as "Aerial Navigation and Submarine Engineering." One of our former class-mates, Prof. "Bobbie" Cushman is its head and is nobly assisted by "Arthur" Trowbridge and "George" Young. These latest two as you remember became famous through the invention of a new method of measuring gasoline with a yardstick.

Mr. Englis went on to give many other prominent members of the class gentle "roasts," seizing upon every twist and turn of their characters and student-life to create a laugh at their expense.

MR. HENRICI, introducing the Presentation Orator:

The characteristic of generosity is a commendable one, and the next speaker will show that our class is not lacking in this quality. I present the Presentation Orator, Mr. George Mitchell Henderson.



GEORGE M. HENDERSON.

Presentation Orator, G. M. HENDERSON.

Ladies and Gentlemen; We little realize that in our class are men who have received no just recognition for their endeavors, and for the merits which stamp them as beings far removed from the average man.

The class has come to realize the shameful way in which these men have been treated and wants to make atonement for the neglect. The men on the roll of honor have been assigned presents that were deemed suitable and I am sure they will treasure them as the most precious mementoes of their college life.

Then followed the presentation of gifts.

MR. HENRICI introducing the Orator:

There are always certain men who unselfishly sacrifice time and social pleasure for their class, and we can realize the extent from indebtedness to these men. There is one man who in '06 has always stood out as a natural leader. Who better than he, can express our indescribable feeling of pride for our class. I present the Class Orator Mr. Joseph Thomas Lawton Jr.



JOSEPH T. LAWTON.

Orator, JOSEPH LAWTON, JR.
MR. MARSHAL, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND FELLOW CLASSMATES:

To this hall, where we have met so often before in lecture and convocation, we come together today for the last time as undergraduates. Tomorrow we shall meet again to re-