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Winding the May Pole, May Day.

May Day Festivities

It is fitting that the May number of the Bulletin should record the most successful celebration of May Day, Willamette's spring festival, in the history of the institution.

That the observance of this day is growing in favor and popularity is evidenced not only by the very hearty way in which the students generally supported each activity of the day but also by the way in which the people of the city and friends of the students turned out to every event from the morning breakfast to the Junior play in the evening.

The local high school dismissed in the afternoon in order that the young people might have an opportunity to witness the crowning of the May Queen and the winding of the May Pole. Many visitors from out of town, parents and friends of the students, were attracted by the events of the day and enjoyed themselves with the students "in an atmosphere of college songs, college yells and superlative college spirit."

The morning breakfast, served by the Y. W. C. A., netted a good sum for the girls, enabling the Association to have several representatives at the Y. W. C. A. Conference at Gearheart, June 17-27.

After the breakfast the young men, together with members of the faculty, worked in squads about the campus and on the athletic field, grading and beautifying the campus. Then came the tennis tournament. Meanwhile ladies were busy preparing the noonday lunch for the over-worked beautifiers of the campus.

In the afternoon a large crowd gathered to witness the beautiful spectacle of the crowning of the Queen and the winding of the May Pole by young women in Grecian costumes. This was followed by a track meet with Pacific University, which resulted in a score of 79 to 43 in Willamette's favor. Then came the tug-of-war across the mill race between representatives of the Freshmen and Sophomores, which classes proved to be very evenly matched. Neither one succeeded in pulling the other into the mill race.

The annual Junior play was given at the Opera House in the evening and in point of appreciative audience and successful rendition proved an appropriate culmination of the day.

President Homan has been spending some time in the East, attending the University Senate of the Methodist Episcopal Church meeting in Buffalo, New York (May 7th and 8th), as a representative of this General Conference District. He is also interviewing parties with a view to strengthening the faculty for the coming year. The plan is to secure some one for the Department of History and for Public Speaking, also a suitable man to teach the sciences in the Academy.

Dr. E. H. Todd, Vice-President, is prosecuting the Endowment campaign launched by President Homan and himself here in Salem with his usual vigor and optimism.

The fact that Willamette's president, Fletcher Homan, has been chosen as the President of the Willamette Valley Chautauqua is another tribute to Willamette.

The Commencement season is already foreshadowed by the Medical Junior-Senior Banquet and the Junior-Senior Banquet of the Liberal Arts in affiliation with the Schools of Law and Theology held at Hotel Marion the evening of May 9th. The Commencement of the Schools of Law and Medicine will take place on the evening of May 23d. The Commencement recital of the School of Music comes on the evening of June 11th, while the graduating address to the graduates of the School of Theology will be given by Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, of San Francisco on the evening of June 13th. The Baccalaureate Sermon to the Senior class of the College of Liberal Arts will be given by President Homan on Sunday morning, June 15th. The annual farewell meeting of the Christian Associations will occur in the afternoon and the annual sermon to the Christian Associations in the evening. Jason Lee Day will probably be observed on Monday afternoon, June 16th, and the Inter-Society Oratorical Contest will occur the same evening. Tuesday, June 17th, will be observed as Class Day, when it is planned to enlist each class in the College of Liberal Arts in some feature of the program in the afternoon. In the evening the Senior Class will present an outdoor play, "The Mill-Stream Court," on the beautiful banks of Mill Creek.

On Wednesday morning, June 18th, at 10 o'clock, will occur the annual Commencement Exercises of the College of Liberal Arts, when the Reverend John Lamond, of Greenside Parish, Edinburgh, Scotland (the church in which Robert Louis Stevenson worshipped), an eloquent platform speaker, will give the address. He is to address the Second Christian Citizenship Conference to be held in Portland on the subject "Crime and Its Causes," a subject of which he has special knowledge, having been prison Chaplain in the famous Calton Jail.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in the afternoon of June 15th and the Alumni Banquet at the Hotel Marion in the evening as a fitting culmination of the day and the Commencement season.

Free Scholarships as Baits, are discussed in the 1912 Report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, pp. 137, 138, as follows:

“The use of fellowships and scholarships as a bait to draw students is a story too long to tell in a single paragraph. It is known of all college men, but the public does not realize the extent to which this trade has gone, for in many institutions it has become little better than a means of competition with neighbors. While in most cases the older institutions have been more careful in this matter in their undergraduate departments, the distribution of fellowships in their graduate schools has generally gone on merrily. Without these bids, very many graduate schools would be entirely bereft of students. Every institution should state, in its financial report, the exact number of students to whom it gives free tuition, and in each case some sort of accounting should be made to the trustees of the institution as to the reasons for such action. It has been almost impossible to collect accurate statistics showing the extent to which this practice has grown, but any examination of the treasurer's report of most institutions will show a large discrepancy between the number of students enrolled and the receipts from tuition which naturally would result from such a body. No practice has done more to demoralize educational conditions than this competitive use of free scholarships, or of those partially free. It is one of the forms of competition which has done most to bring students, who should have remained in their high schools, into the weaker colleges, and to weaken the intellectual tendencies of even the better colleges by the presence of more students than they can deal with wisely. **The man who is seeking a good college for his son or his daughter should distrust the college which solicits his child's attendance, and most of all when the inducement takes the form of a bonus such as a free or partially free scholarship. If your son or daughter is to be well trained, some one must pay the cost. It is your duty to pay it if possible, and if you accept aid, it should be made clear that you are not doing this at the expense of some other boy. A scholarship supported by endowment and conferred on right grounds may be a good thing for your son (though even here are dangers), but a scholarship tendered by a college in order to get your son's attendance is of the same nature as a rebate at your grocery store,—it is an imposition on those who pay in full.**”