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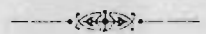
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INTRODUCTORY.

The Class of '91 appreciates the novelty of this attempt. We hope that some good may come from it to the institution we love. We consecrate this our first gift to her welfare, sincerely trusting that in the future we may be able to do something more substantial for her.

The Historian begs that those who read it do not criticize it too harshly. Quite a number of its pages were written at that period when it was thought of all the world a Sophomore alone could do anything. Time, study and experience have tempered that rash thought, and now the bombast of that age is a "thorn in the flesh."

This is not a child of ambition, but an offspring of that inspiration to labor in her cause with which our noble Alma Mater fills the breast of every son. We are glad that we came when the traditions of nearly forty years, wrapping her in garments of strength and purity, were there to call us to scholarship and manhood. No more valuable wish for mankind can originate in our deepest feeling than that such institutions as Wofford may multiply over the land.



PREFACE.

The object of this history is to chronicle the smiles of Minerva and not the frowns of Mars. We shall not find here the sad and lamentable records of war, with battlefields sated with blood and carnage—with innumerable households bereaved—with resources destroyed and country devastated; but rather we shall find here the records of the glorious fruit and fruition of brotherly aid, unity and sympathy.

In a college community, where numbers of young men are thrown together, class-mates are bound by

common interest into close relationship. They have the same trials to contend with, the same difficulties to fight. The same mountain is ascended, the same Rubicon is crossed by them all at the same time. And as they continue to meet and conquer the adversities of a college course, the ties of class grow stronger and draw tighter. In man's Christian experience, every tribulation he rises above and renders ineffective, prepares him to lean with greater trust and confidence upon the bosom of Jesus—the Man of Sorrows—the Son of God. This is no experience of one man; it is a principle, strong and enduring. Accordingly every tribulation which a class overcomes excites in the bosom of members a greater class adoration.

Education is an idea which cannot be expressed without introducing in the mind the idea of college. These ideas will ever be associated. For many reasons which would be improper here, education is a crying need. Besides the actual call for education, its own intrinsic worth recommends it highly and successfully to reasonable intelligent men. Education opens the great book of nature, and unlocks the sealed volumes of ancient tongues and lays wide the riches and beauties of foreign languages. Naturally, at first it is hard and rugged, but as you proceed the darkness of ignorance gives way to the beauty and brilliance of a cultured education, and you cast your eyes upon an extended horizon set everywhere with shining nuggets of knowledge. Let us increase interest in education at Wofford by handing down a glorious class history.

When we leave the walls of Wofford and bid adieu to her campus fraught with so many sweet and endearing associations, quit the scenes among which we have been prepared for the sterner duties of life—when we commence our journey through the gloomy and uncertain future with its phantoms of hope and dreamy vision, let us beware lest we enter our Macpelah with our lives—whether long and eventful, or short and quiet—stained and polluted with just reproaches of criticising man.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

The history of a class is a novelty in our college. Our's will be the first Class which graduated, leaving a history behind. This advance will be appreciated by classes coming in the future.

When, after the lapse of decades, some old member turns his face towards his Alma Mater, it will be a source of considerable pleasure to him to review his class history. He will then see his classmates and himself as they were in youthful days through eyes which have been changed by experience. It will be a happy review of his life in—"Days that knew no sad heart's beating, when no tear drop dimmed the eye."

The ties that bind the affections of class-mates will strengthen because they have a common Christian interest. The organization and its fruits will be a talisman to draw the members to reunions at the annual commencements.

The class commenced the session with twenty-nine members: W. H. Ambler, Pickens County; B. H. Balle, Lawrence County; L. F. Bamberg, Barnwell County; J. A. Barber, Chester County; A. H. Best, Darlington County; P. L. Bethea, Marion County; V. O. Borough, Spartanburg County; G. F. Clarkson, Williamsburg County; J. L. Daniel, Oconee County; S. H. Evins, Spartanburg County; S. N. Evins, Spartanburg County; C. P. Hammond, Abbeville County; J. G. Harris, Spartanburg County; C. S. Herring, Marlboro County; H. A. Johnson, Anderson County; W. A. Lyon, Abbeville County; W. D. McLeod, Sumter County; B. W. Miley, Barnwell County; H. Z. Nabers, Spartanburg County; W. C. Rogers, Marion County; R. B. Roper, Marlboro County; G. Rouquie, Georgetown County; R. S. Simmons, Barnwell County; W. C. Spplle, Beaufort County; J. E. Stokes, Marion County; J. H. Thacker, Greenville County; A. O. Thomas, Spartanburg County; D. W. Thomas, Spartanburg County; S. C. Thomason, Kershaw County.

They were all from South Carolina. Afterward three men came in. A. J. Cauthen, Jr., Abbeville, County, S. C., came in February; W. B. Cox of Chester County, S. C., matriculated in December; W. S. Hall, Jr., of Fairfield County, S. C., matriculated in February. Thirty-two make up the entire list of members during the Freshman year. L. F. Bamberg left college in Decem-

ber; S. N. Evins and J. G. Harris left in April; C. S. Herring left in November; R. S. Simmons left in January, and P. S. Bethea left in May.

The highest attendance during the year was twenty-nine in the months of October, November, February and March. The lowest attendance was in the months of May and June, when only twenty-six answered to the roll call. C. S. Herring was the first to leave which he did in November. This reduced the number to twenty-eight. In December L. F. Bamberg left and W. B. Cox came in; thus the number of twenty eight was still maintained. R. S. Simmons left in January making the number twenty-seven. At the opening of the second session in February, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., and W. S. Hall, Jr., matriculated into college as members of our class, swelling the number again to twenty-nine. J. G. Harris and S. N. Evins dropped out of the class in April, reducing the number back to twenty-seven. P. S. Bethea left in May on account of the sad death of his sister, leaving only twenty-six in his class. This number sustained no farther increase or diminution this session.

Of these twenty-six, two—H. A. Johnson and A. O. Thomas—did not stand their final examination. Precarious illness was the cause of the latter missing his examination. Of these twenty-four who stood, three—W. H. Ambler, S. C. Thomason and W. D. McLeod—failed to make the necessary percentage and were forced to take their class over again. Accordingly only twenty-one successfully passed through the Freshman class of 1887—88.

This was the last class that originated in the college preparatory department. The next year the Fitting School was established and the preparatory students were removed from a close proximity to college students. Only seven of the thirty-two members were in the "Sub Duck" or preparatory class: J. L. Daniel, S. H. Evins, G. Rouquie, R. S. Simmons, W. C. Sipple, A. O. Thomas, and D. W. Thomas. Out of this number, R. S. Simmons, in January, left college leaving only five "Sub Ducks" in the Freshman class. Each of these five won a creditable success during this scholastic year.

Our class as a whole did not take a distinguished position on the punctual list. Only one member—C. P. Hammond—attended throughout the entire session without missing either a college or class roll call, and without neglecting a single duty. This is an instance where dry facts and figures speak in unstinted approbation of solid, earnest industry. This same distinction

would have specialized B. H. Balle had he not missed one college roll call.

The Calhoun and Preston Literary Societies were about equally represented in our class this term. Only as Marshals and Members of the Reception Committee do the members of the Freshman Class participate in an official capacity at the annual commencement. Our class this term was honorably represented on the Marshal's staff by W. A. Lyon of the Preston and G. Rouquie of the Calhoun Society. With their staffs of honor and becoming regalias, they were enthusiastic in drawing around their class the extravagant praise of the many visiting friends; at the same time, so praiseworthy were they that bitter censure was launched against the other Marshals. J. A. Barber of the Preston and C. P. Hammond of the Calhoun Society were the representatives which our class had upon the Reception Committee. The splendid manner in which this committee discharged their responsible duties needs special mention. The influence of our classmates upon this committee, we may be sure, was not inconsiderable. Throughout those exact business transactions which necessity required, their integrity remained not only untainted but unsuspected.

In the college course, much distinction was acquired by our class. The individual earnestness and industry of the members were causes the effect of which was a glorious termination for the class as a whole. Several of the boys made distinction on everything. Almost every one of them made it on something. This record drew around our class a bright halo of uncommon praise and glory. At the close of the term the English Professor, F. C. Woodward, designated our class as the best in college. The sound judgment of this eminent educator is everywhere held in high repute. So you see this praise is "ex cathedra."

James H. Thacker was the only member of the class who contended for an essay medal. Being a member of the Preston Society he contended for that one. His subject was "The Beyond." He handled that boundless inexplicable subject in such a masterly manner that it appeared quite diminutive. Ambition, that great exciter of noble deeds, and at the same time notorious deeds, always was and ever will be a factor in our class.

After one year's labor together the members of our class went in every direction seeking the pleasures and joys of home, supported by the fact that they would probably meet again as Sophomores. They dropped the

mantle of duty which had been around them over eight months. Cheerfully, gladly, confidently they cast their eyes into at least a few months of the future.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

At the beginning of the first session of this term, the members of the class of '91 experienced their first reunion after a vacation of three and a half months. Home with all its endearing scenes had been visited during the hot months, a relaxation from study was enjoyed, and those who returned were recuperated and ready to begin another year's labor.

Only fourteen members of the Freshman class matriculated as Sophomores. They were B. H. Balle, J. A. Barber, A. H. Best, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, S. H. Evins, W. S. Hall, Jr., C. P. Hammond, W. A. Lyon, R. B. Roper, G. Rouquie, J. H. Thacker, D. W. Thomas. The outlook for a large Sophomore class in this collegiate year of 1888-89 was exceedingly poor. J. L. Fleming and G. S. Goodgion, who several years ago had passed through the Freshman class, entered ours, besides there were eight successful applicants for the Sophomore: W. W. Bruce, J. D. Crout, H. F. Jennings, J. F. Kinney, M. O. Ligon, J. K. S. Ray, J. C. Spann, P. Stokes. So there are eight members of '91 who were never Freshmen.

Below will be given a partial account of those men who did not return to Wofford.

P. S. Bethea passed a successful examination and went to the Peabody Institute; B. W. Miley and S. N. Evins went to the State University at Columbia; H. E. Nabers remained at his home in Spartanburg and engaged in the carpenter's trade. H. A. Johnson was elected principal of the Princeton Academy in Anderson County; W. C. Rogers remained at his home in Marion. J. E. Stokes died during the vacation.

Dedicated to the Memory of
J. E. STOKES,
 A MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF '91

Who died during his first vacation.

His death was a sad blow to his class. He was a fine fellow, a genial companion, a young man of merit and worth.

This was an unusually large Sophomore class. We commenced with twenty-four. J. A. Barber, A. H. Best, D. W. Thomas, left, leaving us twenty-one members. The questions are how many will be here in the Junior year? and how many will graduate?

Our class passed through college this year with a fair share of distinctions. B. H. Balle made distinction on physics, G. F. Clarkson, on Physics, Greek and Latin; J. L. Daniel, on Physics, Latin and German; G. S. Goodgion, on Latin, Physics and German; W. S. Hall, Jr., Physics; M. O. Ligon, Latin and Greek; R. B. Roper, Latin, Physics and German.

Our class stood higher on the punctual list this year than last. Three of our men—Bruce, Clarkson, Hammond—answered to every roll call and performed every duty. What a glorious and commendable record it would be if every member of our class would be on the punctual list during our Junior year.

In our class the following men are members of the Preston Literary Society: J. A. Barber, A. H. Best, W. W. Bruce, J. D. Crout, J. L. Daniel, J. L. Fleming, G. S. Goodgion, W. S. Hall, Jr., H. F. Jennings, J. F. Kinney, W. A. Lyon, J. C. Spann, J. H. Thacker, and D. W. Thomas. The following are members of the Calhoun: B. H. Balle, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., G. F. Clarkson, S. H. Evins, C. P. Hammond, M. O. Ligon, J. K. S. Ray, R. B. Roper, G. Rouquie, P. Stokes. In the Sophomore year considerable activity was evidenced by our members in Society work. Mr. Ligon was elected Sophomore Marshal from the Calhoun Society. He was called home just before commencement on account of the illness of his father. Mr. J. K. S. Ray was elected to act in his stead. Mr. J. A. Barber was elected to the same position in the Preston Society but was called home in the early Spring to attend to his father's business, he being sick. Mr. W. S. Hall, Jr., was elected in his stead. D. W. Thomas was appointed Sophomore member of the Reception Committee from the Preston Society. After his withdrawal from college on account of his eyes, H. F. Jennings was appointed to fill the vacancy thus created. Mr. Clarkson was appointed to the same position from the Calhoun Society. In this Society the provision for a monthly orator is still retained. The burden of the orations falls almost wholly upon our class.

Mr. Ligon spoke on the "Negro;" Mr. Rouquie, on the "Negro in the South;" Mr. Balle, on "Hugh S. Legare;" Mr. Roper, on "The Spirit of the South;" Mr. Hammond, on "Southern Literature;" Mr. Stokes, on "Temper-

ance;" Mr. Ray, on "American Literature." These speeches bore the mark and stamp of the flickering midnight blaze. The speakers surely "smelt the lamp of Demosthenes." When such is the case what is the result? We all know—a splendid crowning success. This may be said of those speeches from the talk they called forth from members of the Calhoun Society. Some being members of the Preston Society, these speeches were not listened to by all our class; but all accept with grateful hearts the credit, nay distinction they conferred upon the class, and hold in no less high esteem the men who won that distinction. For the Preston Essay medal two members of our class competed. H. F. Jennings on "Are Political Parties Beneficial?" and J. L. Daniel on the "Only Hope of the South." In the Calhoun Society, G. Rouquie on "The Negro in the South," and R. B. Roper on "A Need of the South." No other comment is necessary than to say, neither medal fell in the ranks of our class.

The students of Wofford this session, stirred with the breath of the new life which was evident all around them, established the "Wofford College Journal." This was an important step of progress. It stirred the enthusiasm of matriculates and showed outsiders the spirit which filled the classic walls. Upon the committee empowered with the authority to speak to the students and to report as to the advisability of establishing the Journal, and to take the first decisive material step, G. Rouquie of our class was appointed.

In the month of March a public debate was given by the Preston Society. Two debaters were selected from our class: J. H. Thacker and H. F. Jennings. The query was: "Resolved, that Free, General Education is Demoralizing."

May 10, 1889 was the date of the first appearance of our class before the public upon an occasion exclusively its own. This was the date of our Sophomore Exhibition. Much interest and enthusiasm were manifested by our class, and success was the result. Several necessary committees were appointed as follows: Music, Ligon, Rouquie and Lyon; Funds, Crout, Rouquie and Jennings. Programs, Ligon, Ray and Jennings. The following declaimers were elected: M. O. Ligon, "Nobleness of a True Life;" H. F. Jennings, "Solid South;" R. B. Roper, "The South Faithful to her duty;" A. J. Cauthen, "Pyramus and Thisbe;" J. D. Crout, "The Bible's Place in Literature;" W. A. Lyon, "Southern Chivalry." The following young men were elected as Marshals—all from our class: G. Rouquie, chief, J. F.

Kinney, G. F. Clarkson, W. S. Hall, Jr., C. P. Hammond, W. W. Bruce, P. Stokes.

The last act of our class for the year was the organization. The following officers were elected for one year—until next May. President, M. O. Ligon; Vice President, G. Rouquie; Secretary, A. J. Cauthen; Treasurer, J. D. Crout; Censor, J. L. Daniel; Class Poet, W. W. Bruce. Historian, whose term will extend throughout the College course, is H. F. Jennings. The committee which drew up the constitution consisted of H. F. Jennings, J. D. Crout, J. L. Daniel, J. H. Thacker, and G. Rouquie. Committee on By-Laws, J. L. Daniel, J. D. Crout, and P. Stokes. Committee on Order of Business, A. J. Cauthen, W. S. Hall, and B. H. Balle. Time can and will make the best and truest observations upon the good of our organizations.

Our class is now two years old, and has gained some distinction, some victory in the war it is making upon the wiley Latin tongue, the strange German brogue, the abstruse Greek letters, and the necessary principles and niceties of our own great language. We have labored in Trigonometry and tramped across the campus with the compass and surveyor's chain. We sat with surprised countenances and watched the experiments, wondering at the scientific developments of the nineteenth century. We have cogitated the probabilities of our success when we meet the forces of Logic and Political economy. We have entered the society hall loaded with facts and figures to aid us in able, erudite animadversion. We have visited the reading room and laid bare stirring history of grand ages of the past and studied the signs of the grander age which environs us. We have taken our social walks and exercised our minds upon the unshrouded objects of a dismal future. We have labored earnestly and prepared ourselves and opened the way for others to meet the hierarches of heaven. We have wrought and worked. We have struggled and achieved.

Hard labor has sanctified unto us the sweetness of rest. The joys we have been able to wring from the rigid hand of fortune, the privileges which we have chosen or accepted from the ever moving tide of opportunities, are becoming more sacred and appreciable to us as we advance toward the seemingly insurmountable, impassable wall of the future. Let us have mirrored back from the wall of time as scenes in our life, not the shameful deeds of idleness and failure, but the glorious deeds of duty done—of success achieved.

Let us together have joys to lighten and pleasantness, to slacken the burden and stain of life; let us have victories to win and success to achieve, and let us have all these consecrated by a sufficient amount of toil and struggle so that our college course will be a nucleus of unexcelled magic to us, until the last of our number shall throw off the burdensome garb of mortality and we shall stand as a unit around a grander nucleus above.

JUNIOR YEAR.

October, 1889, was the month of the third assembling of our class. The last year had closed highly in our favor. The good-will of the faculty won in the Freshman year had been maintained to an unqualified degree. The gathering members were saddened to hear that B. H. Balle and S. H. Ewins would not be with us this year, the one going to Lawrence Scientific school, Harvard, the other entering a drug store at Lawrens, S. C., preparing himself for the future. This left us only nineteen men. Mr. K. D. Senn, of Newberry, who had passed his Sophomore year in college several years previous, joined our ranks, giving us twenty men.

We then set ourselves to the work of the year with high ambition and noble purpose. However, it is painfully necessary to add that we lost some of the high estimation which the faculty had placed upon us. Our class was very indolent and negligent about the tone of our organization, letting it become a matter of total indifference. Only call meetings were held now and then when some pressing business demanded attention.

At a meeting in December we decided upon the Black Felt Beaver as a class hat, leaving members privileged, though, to buy a silk one if they chose. Most of them donned something quite to the merriment of fresh and sophs.

Upon our class falls the burden of the coming commencement. The Marshal's staff consists of A. J. Cauthen, chairman, G. Rouquie of the Calhoun, and W. A. Lyon of the Preston. The reception committee consists of W. A. Lyon, chairman, W. W. Bruce, Preston, and P. Stokes, Calhoun, of our class.

J. L. Daniel of the Preston Society was chosen to preside at the joint debate of the two societies in June. Query: Resolved that the Signs of the Times Indicate a Subversion of our Government. The Preston Society chose as their representatives for this occasion, J. H. Thacker and H. F. Jennings. The Calhouns had first

G. Rouquie and M. O. Ligon. Rouquie resigned and G. F. Clarkson was elected in his stead.

These duties had first fallen on our class when Christmas holidays came. After Christmas only eighteen of our men returned, Kinney and Roper having dropped out. It is rumored and much to our joy that Roper will join us next year and graduate as usual. Kinney expects to pursue his studies at a medical college. It was a sad loss to us for those two boys had won a warm spot in the heart of every classmate. Young men of character and ability, I blush not to add to their names the most worthy of compliments; genial companions and warm friends, I hesitate not to declare our disappointment at their departure inexpressible. We have still, all things considered, prospects of one of the largest classes ever graduated from Wofford.

Soon after Christmas the Preston Society passed a law requiring monthly orations, the orators coming from the Junior or Sophomore classes. The first elected was J. D. Crout, who gave us an excellent address on "Political Corruption." Henry F. Jennings, W. W. Bruce, and K. D. Senn were other orators from our class.

Our class this year figured with some importance in shaping the course of the two societies, and I am constrained to say that their influence in this line has not been uncreditable. It would be as impracticable as useless to attempt to survey our field of action as members of the Calhoun and Preston Societies. Our example may well be followed; in earnestness, in application, in untiring endeavor, with a live and vigilant zeal, we worked and won where weighty duties and splendid successes could be found.

Early in the Spring among the delegates who represented Wofford College at the State Y. M. C. A. Convention held in Orangeburg, was M. O. Ligon. The important part taken by him in this convention can be learned by referring to the minutes. Ligon also went to Asheville to an Inter-State Y. M. C. A. Convention. He has been chosen one of two men to inspect, visit and encourage the different Associations in South Carolina.

As the session advanced to its close, our class became alive to the fact that it was not meeting the expectations which our last session warranted the faculty in harboring. Dr. Carlisle told us one day that uncalculated possibilities slumbered in our class. This inspired us to fill our remaining time with better work.

A joint meeting of the two societies early in May

elected H. F. Jennings Editor-in-Chief of the Journal for next year. In regular sessions W. A. Lyon was elected associate editor as also J. H. Thacker, from the Preston Society; A. J. Cauthen, Jr., and G. Rouquie from the Calhoun. W. W. Bruce from Preston, and M. O. Ligon from Calhoun Society were elected to represent their societies on Anniversary day next October.

Bruce, Thacker, Daniel, Lyon and Jennings were competing for the Preston Prize Essay Medal, but by common consent of writers, none was given. Clarkson and Rouquie competed in the Calhoun but failed. No doubt there was much astounding wisdom in those essays.

With the increasing move of age another year has moved around, ere we thought it commenced. This session has carried us uniformly and gradually through the transitions from the pursuit of education mechanical to education filled with joys that culture affords. Our studies have given practicability to the hitherto mystical problems which haunt our personal and national existence. Political Economy and Logic have widened our horizon so that we can build our castles of fancy with foundation, one year previous, totally unknown. We stand upon the shores of a mighty ocean whose heavings are boundless. This deep has been neither fully tracked nor sufficiently fathomed. Every man of us hopes that in October next, we may experience such a reunion as the final one should be.

The following is the distinction list of our class which should have been inserted above: A. J. Cauthen, Jr., Logic; G. F. Clarkson, Greek, Political Economy, Logic; J. D. Crout, Logic; J. L. Daniel, English, Latin, French, Chemistry, Political Economy, Logic; G. S. Goodgion, English, Latin, French, Chemistry, Political Economy, Logic; H. F. Jennings, Logic; M. O. Ligon, Greek, Political Economy, Logic; W. A. Lyon, Political Economy, Logic; J. K. S. Ray, Chemistry, Political Economy, Logic; G. Rouquie, Political Economy, Logic; K. D. Senn, Greek and Logic; P. Stokes, Logic.

SENIOR YEAR.

Our class is next to the largest ever graduated from Wofford. This alone is not the source of our class pride. Now, that the day of disbanding is near at hand, we turn with pleasure to our Sophomore year, when our class or-

ganization was effected. The joys of a rugged college course have been consecrated alike with the trials to our greater benefit and welfare in thus being united in our purposes, aspirations and achievements. But the most interesting and instructive feature of all organizations is its history. In this respect we are not completely behind, as we have a historian, who for three years has been faithful and earnest, if not able, and successful in the discharge of this important office. This history we will have in the keeping of our Alma Mater—"Mother of Men"—hoping that as we toil on up the highway of life, we may be numbered with the men, not merely the graduates. And in after years, if any, with weakened eyes and whitened heads, should return to the college of his youth, he would find his class history a gentle reminder of those sweet lines of the poet who sang:

"College days rise up before me,
Forms and scenes of long ago,
Like a dream they hover o'er me,
Calm and bright as evening's glow."

This history which we will leave behind us,—the first left by any class,—is the main source of our class pride, by which we desire our class to be signalized.

But now for some history. Since the day when our class commenced its college course many have been the changes and vast the improvements made. It is the last class containing men who entered the Freshman class from the old sub-introductory department; the oldest men have seen the Fitting School established; gas and water placed all over the college; the college buildings and ground thoroughly renovated; the society halls refurnished, recarpeted, repapered; The Alumni Hall opened; the attendance increased from 80 to 140 in the college department alone; the endowment fund marvelously increased under the magic management of Prof. Kilgo; and, *lastly, only because latest*, telephone connection established with every important business house and residence in the city. This class has also seen Spartanburg become a city, busy with the bustle and noisy with the buzz of her many new enterprises; has seen her glisten and glitter under bright electric lights; has seen a daily newspaper established; and above all, has seen Converse College opened with over a hundred young ladies in attendance. Perhaps no generation of students have witnessed so many changes for good in both the city and college.

Below is given the more interesting data of each of the nineteen men composing our class:

	NAMES.	ACE WT.		No. of	No. of	No. of	Height.	
				Coat	Sho's	Hat	Ft	In
1	W. W. Bruce	21	160	37	7	7	6	
2	A. J. Cauthen, Jr.	25	130	34	6	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	8
3	G. F. Clarkson	23	135	35	6	7	5	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	J. D. Crout	27	165	38	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	J. L. Daniel	23	110	33	5	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	5	3
6	J. L. Fleming	21	175	38	8	7	6	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
7	G. S. Goodgion	21	144	37	9	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
8	W. S. Hall, Jr.	22	156	36	7	7	5	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
9	C. P. Hammond	21	112	32	4	7	5	2
10	H. F. Jennings	20	135	35	6	7	5	8
11	M. O. Ligon	20	140	35	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	6	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
12	W. A. Lyon	23	160	36	7	7	5	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
13	W. M. Melton	23	125	34	6	7	5	6
14	J. K. S. Ray	20	138	36	6 $\frac{1}{4}$	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	6	
15	G. Rouquie	21	150	36	7	7	5	9
16	J. C. Spann	24	175	37	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	10
17	K. D. Senn	26	136	36	6	7	5	11
18	P. Stokes	20	135	35	7	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	11
19	J. H. Thacker.	29	170	38	6	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	5	8
Total		430	2376	678	127 $\frac{1}{4}$	133 $\frac{3}{4}$	112	9
Average.		22 $\frac{3}{4}$	126	36	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	7	5	10

Annexed to the history of the Senior year is a short, biographical sketch of each man. As the class has determined to have the entire history printed and distributed, it was thought useless to put here only a brief mention of each man.

William Wright Bruce, Marlboro County, Poet of '91, will teach for several years before entering his chosen field—Journalism.

Andrew Jackson Cauthen, Jr., of Abbeville County, secretary of '91, will join the South Carolina Conference next November.

Gerardus Floyd Clarkson, of Chester County, will spend a few years as teacher, then take a theological course at Vanderbilt before joining the South Carolina Conference.

John David Crout, of Lexington County, Treasurer of '91, will finish his course through the Theological department at Vanderbilt before joining some Methodist Conference.

Joseph Luther Daniel, of Laurens County, expects to

devote a few years to studying and teaching so as to prepare himself thoroughly for the So. Ca. Conference.

James Lawrence Fleming, of Spartanburg County, will continue his education preparatory to becoming a well equipped civil engineer.

George Sullivan Goodgion, of Laurens County, will probably prepare himself for active work in Mechanics after teaching awhile.

William Stuart Hall, Jr., of Fairfield County, determines as his profession, the law, which he proposes to pursue with as little delay as possible. He will take a course at Columbia College, New York City.

Charles Perry Hammond, of Abbeville County will turn his whole attention and entire ability to merchandizing. Expects to take only a few week's vacation.

Henry Felder Jennings will teach school for a few years, or until he is prepared to enter the law.

Marshal Orr Ligon, of Anderson County, President of '91, expects to become a member of the South Carolina Conference next November.

William Andrew Lyon, of Abbeville County, has not yet fully decided his profession, but prefers the law or civil engineering.

Walter Marvin Melton, of Georgetown County, has decided that he can best express his love for his County by making teaching his profession.

James King Stringfield Ray, of Buncombe County, North Carolina, the only member of our class not a South Carolinian, has not yet decided his profession, but will employ the first few years after graduation in taking a literary course, probably at Vanderbilt.

Gabriel Rouquie of Georgetown County, Vice President of '91, will become a Journalist. As yet he is undecided whether to pursue his studies at Johns Hopkins University or enter his chosen field of work.

James Clarence Spann, of Lexington County, enters upon a full and complete preparation of himself before joining the South Carolina Conference.

Kemper Daniel Senn, of Newberry County, will teach after graduation.

Peter Stokes, of Hampton County, has decided to become a Dentist or engage with his father in an extensive lumber trade in Florida.

James Hebard Thacker, of Greenville County, expects to join the South Carolina Conference next November.

It would have pleased me very much to have been able to give a longer sketch of each man. The composition of this class is peculiar in many respects. But whatever may be its variations in any sense, the golden hopes, the castles of fancy, as built by them are no less dazzling and beneficent than those of any nineteen young men. While it is impossible that our highest hopes shall be realized, yet it seems impossible for success to be an utter stranger. We have learned that grit, determination, punctuality, vigilance, perseverance, integrity, carefulness, self-command, are qualities to be exercised, if success would be attained. Wofford is surely a test upon character as well as a former of it. No young man can pursue to the finish of his course here without becoming a better, truer, stronger, nobler man. We all, it is true, regret to sever our connection with the college. We hope; however, to be able to do more substantial service in her cause as the years roll by.

HENRY F. JENNINGS, Historian.

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In addition to the facts and observations on the class of '91 recorded on the last few pages under the caption, "Senior Year," below is given much more of each man. As Historian of the class I have gone to much pains and labor to make it thorough and precise. It will soon be finished and left to our Alma Mater—our only gift so far—but as we earnestly hope, not our last nor best.

W. W. BRUCE.

Perhaps the history of no young man is so striking and faithful as that of William Wright Bruce, Poet of '91. He was born July 24, 1870, near the town of Bennington, in the County of Marlboro, where he has continued to live. He has done almost all kinds of farm work and hence we have a large, strong, able young man.

His mind was turned to education in his eighth year. Since that time he has enjoyed the training of several gifted and experienced men, among them being F. A. Rogers, R. E. Mood, J. D. Bruce, J. A. Eliot, and S. H. Zimmerman. S. H. Zimmerman was the last to whom he went before coming to college. His school life was remarkably successful, standing first in the most advanced classes. He had the incalculable advantage of

early training in literary societies, having been a member of two—Cleveland and Calliopean. He was neither a mean nor useless member. In one he was President, Secretary and Treasurer, and on public debate; in the other, president of one public debate. No one of us but knows that his presidency was one of the ablest ever enjoyed by that society. Even thus early in life we find him writing for the papers, leaving an impression that would speak in after years.

In October, 1888, he came to Wofford College, entering the Sophomore class. His college course has always been satisfactory, but never as complete as he was capable. His interest in the Preston Society of which he soon became a member was unflagging throughout. Recognizing these services, he has often been honored by his fellow members, the more noticeable of which honors were his position on a public debate given by the society in March, 1890, his election to the presidency and as Anniversary Orator. In his speech as debater, his closing sentence—a picture of the evergreen tree of free trade—was a triumph of imagination and rhetoric, rendering his peroration bright and strong and beautiful as that the entire audience in their applause exerted themselves to surpass description.

In foot ball circles, Bruce, the rusher, was feared, admired, praised. He won a reputation which awed the hearts of the students of two colleges. His 180 pounds of bone and muscle and his number seven shoes—were they not enough to terrify?

He wore a number thirty-seven coat and a number seven hat, and took delight in coming out in Spring dress regularly every Spring. But he was not a dude, far from it.

His last college duty was performed June 16, 1891—his graduation speech—"A Succinct Dissertation on the Recent Outcome of the Prolific Mind of Man."

He leaves college followed by the highest hopes and best expectations of nearly every student.

Immediately after leaving college he will teach school, employing his extra time in taking his A. M. in English and Metaphysics. After preparing himself fully, acquiring a wide information and a choice education, he will enter his chosen field—Journalism. Oh! fame of Bennett, Grady, Greely and Pulitzer, beware as there comes now into your profession one who has such bright prospects!

A. J. CAUTHEN, JR.

For energy, business tact and determination, our class can boast of no better man than Andrew Jackson Cauthen, Jr. His life before coming to college was more varied and decidedly richer than most of his class mates.

Near Winsboro, S. C., September 11, 1866, the subject of this sketch was born. Being the son of one of the most widely known ministers of the South Carolina Conference, he, from early youth, began to form his present large circle of acquaintances. He was also at different times located at many stations, thus finding numerous splendid opportunities for studying the country and imbibing the traditions.

His school life began about the age of ten. The schools attended by him, mentioned chronologically, were Miss Nora Cofield, A. A. Connor, C. Trapp, H. L. Duke, E. H. Folk, Chester Graded School, Bryant, Stratton and Sadtler, Business College, Baltimore, Md. Before coming to college his main work had been book-keeping. No one can gainsay the value of such experience to any man.

Entering College in February, 1888, the middle of the year, the many consequent disadvantages were suffered by him. But nothing-daunted, he set about his task and wound up to the perfect satisfaction of his friends and teachers. Since that time a splendid college record has been won amid many outside cares of considerable magnitude. Always thorough and conscientious in the discharge of duty, we judge a future of much satisfaction for him.

Of the Calhoun Society he was a useful, respected and honored member. He received many minor offices, the Presidency for one term, chief marshal and associate editor of the JOURNAL. He was elected by both societies as business manager of the JOURNAL. He found that involved in debt and by judicious management, succeeded in running it one year and leaving it free of debt. His most brilliant successes were along this line. When the Alumni Hall was opened the committee of the Faculty in management selected him to take charge of it. Its unbroken success speaks for his ability. He was also book-keeper for the Treasurer of the college. These were onerous duties—all carried on in connection with his college course.

He is a man five feet and eight inches in height, 130

pounds in weight, wears a number thirty-four coat, number six shoes, and six and three-fourths hat. Although not stout, his general health and constitution are good.

He has always allied himself closely with the Y. M. C. A. and other religious work of the college. Has been organist in the chapel for several years, preaches occasionally in surrounding churches and conducts a regular class in Sunday School.

After the deliverance of his graduation speech the 16th of June, "Five Minutes Defence of the Poets," he will spend his Summer at his pleasant home in Greenwood.

He will join the Conference next November expecting to make the study of Theology a life-long study. He is one of seven in our class who expects to enlist their lives in the active working service of God.

G. F. CLARKSON.

A man of ability and capacity, of unflinching courage, is Gerardus Floyd Clarkson, born September 6th, 1868, in Manning, Clarendon County, S. C., subsequently living in Simmonsville, Florence County; Lake City, Williamsburg County; Pendleton, Anderson County; and Lorysville, Chester County. These moves were caused by the different appointments received by his father who was a member of the Conference. His early life was spent in communities highly conducive to a hard, steady, conscientious character. During this time a wise and considerate father required of him that work which should be done by all young and growing boys. That his tasks were beneficial, these facts and figures plainly show: five feet eight and a half inches in height, 135 pounds, number thirty-five coat, number six shoes and seven hat; constitution strong, health good and all organs of life in perfect working order.

His teachers before coming to college were: Mrs. Mary A. Muller, Mr. Richardson, Miss Annie Henry, Miss Nettie Moore and Chas. B. Smith, A. B., of Wake Forest College, N. C. The last mentioned was the one to whom he went first before coming to college.

He entered college in October, 1887, joining the Freshman class. Every advantage of a thorough four year's college course has been enjoyed. Throughout his entire college course his work has been distinguished, done with an eye single to a faithful discharge of duties. No

task so large as to discourage him, no difficulty tough enough to defeat, there is no reason for him not to claim the respect of his fellow students and feel a high self respect.

As a member of the Calhoun Society and Y. M. C. A., none could ever accuse him of being derelict to duty, nor hasty and imperfect in the performance of responsibilities devolving upon him. Besides minor offices of the Society he was chosen Annual Debater for the Juue debate, 1890. His speech was an able one as testified by the applause which followed it and the floral tribute he won. May he win many more such successes before he is summoned to another world.

His graduating speech on "The History in Words," will be delivered June, '91, after which he will receive his much deserved diploma. Then he will stand before the throng which rolls and plunges in search of life and name. For success to be won his course must be decided, his walk chosen. The subject of this sketch has done, and done it wisely, because he will follow where duty leads. That is to the ministry, to be God's active servant in proclaiming the Gospel to every creature.

He proposes taking an A. M. at Wofford and in the meanwhile engage in teaching. Then to equip himself more thoroughly for his highest of callings, a University course will be taken. The question as to his future settlement has not yet been decided, as the West or some neighboring State may become the scene of his labors. He has selected the Bible as his life study. Entering this broad field with so much of the old behind and so much of the new in front, he will understand how stupendous his task is.

J. D. CROUT.

For earnestness and sincerity John David Crout, of Lexington, has won no unenviable reputation since connecting himself with Wofford College. Born four and a half miles from Lewiedale, the 20th of October, 1864, he graduated at an age fully prepared to imbibe every good impulse sweeping his community.

His five feet nine and a half inches and 165 pounds, his 38 coat, eight and a half shoe and six and seven-eighth hat indicate his early training as good and healthy. Considering his strong and enduring constitution, he looks down a long vista of years. His splendid physique, his healthy expression, his light step can well be coveted

by many students whose vitality has been wasted upon unresponsive pages.

At four years of age he commenced school work which has been continued ever since with more or less breaks. Professors W. A. Black, J. E. Watson, T. E. Mitchells, and C. N. Kyzer, the last being J. E. Watson, were the men to whom his early training was entrusted. No mean stand was taken in their schools. As that period was an index to his college career, it is to be hoped that his college life will be a fair index to the future.

He taught school before coming to college, getting early in life an invaluable experience. Much of his time and energy have been often busily engaged in religious work, for which a decided preference has been long felt. Being a member of the Leesville Literary Society, the able discharge of duties and the manful performance of every requirement of responsibility often caused him to be honored by his fellow members.

In October, 1888, his entrance was made into the Sophomore class where he has continued with unvarying success. No one ever hesitates to deny that the tone and character of our class have been impaired by his membership.

But in the Preston Society his most brilliant successes were won. Early in his course, he began what was an embellishing accomplishment but an arduous task—procuring a large and pure vocabulary and a fluent use of it. Consequently his debates were always interesting, often excellent. His ability brought as trophies to his feet many honors of the society. But even the expectations of his friends were transcended upon the deliverance of his Monthly Oration on "Political Corruption." The lowness of ebb of present day politics was discussed in a vivid, flashing style, sending to the hearts and minds of his hearers, silent but lasting convictions upon an exhausting national evil.

This same fluency was the secret of his success in the Y. M. C. A. and in his ministry in the surrounding churches where he often preached. His graduating speech will be "What shall be My Criterion?" after which he will prepare himself to enter the South Carolina Conference. He will either teach school or take a Theological course at Vanderbilt, very probably the latter. Graduation will not end his studies thus fulfilling the divine injunction to do ever "As much as in me is." These words of Paul accepted as a motto by Bishop Capers I am sure can well be applied to our classmate.

J. L. DANIEL.

For quick perception and a laudable ambition to succeed and excel, our class can boast of no better than Joseph Luther Daniel. Small in stature, being only five feet, three inches, and of weight 110, with a number five shoe, thirty-three coat, and six and seven-eighths hat, he is nevertheless capable of an amount of mental exertion sufficient to be envied by the largest and strongest man in our class.

Was born at Mt. Gallagher, in Laurens County, fourteen miles west of Laurens Court House, 16th of August, 1868, and six years afterwards commenced his present fine and full education. Those to whom were entrusted the early training of one whose susceptibilities were capable of being so beautifully moulded, were, L. T. H. Daniel, John O. Hicks, C. W. Moore, J. B. Watkins, D. C. Lake, N. W. McAulay and Dr. F. P. Mullally, D. D., LL. D. Dr. Mullally fitted him for college.

Daniel entered the Sub-Department and is one of the two men who have followed the fortunes of the class for five years. He has made distinction on every thing every year, which is an unexcelled record, Goodgion being the only member doing as well. All that can be derived from this able and admirable discharge of duty has fallen to him.

In the Preston Society his example is worthy of emulation. No duty went unperformed, no call was disregarded, no honor was too high, too delicate, too onerous. Elected the first President from his class, and called to preside over the joint debate in June, 1890, the task was discharged so well as to be above criticism. When the society honored him with a position on the staff of Journal editors, two parties were honored, two benefitted. In his conduct as in his duty, he stands a model, the exemplar for all, the pride of his friends.

For years he has allied himself with the Christian element of whatever community he finds himself. The Y. M. C. A. and the surrounding churches open to the labors of students, have received often and valuable aid from him. As he bids farewell to college scenes and, by teaching several years, and taking an A. M. course, fully prepares himself for the noble calling of the ministry, he is followed by expectations and wishes which no average man can cause to be realized. Physically weak, but with a full resignation to the demands of the church and a determination to pursue his object with undying earnestness, the church may well hail with joy his advent into her active service.

His experience has already been wide and varied. He has subsequently to his birth lived in Walhalla and Seneca City, Oconee County. For one year he clerked in a fancy grocery store and two years in a drug store. He read medicine for eight months with great assiduity. Also in the Summer of 1890, a school flourished under his management. The Seneca Literary Circle found in him an admirable member, often calling on him to debate, read essays, declaim, etc. Much experience has been crowded into his years, all of which better fits him to become a servant of God. With mind, body and soul of a Pauline stamp, he is destined to become a prince in the forces of the Lord. In June he will deliver his graduating speech, "True Fame," take his diploma with full confidence of students and professors.

J. L. FLEMING.

James Lawrence Fleming was the Athlete of our class. Boxer, base and foot ballist, tennis player, gymnast, he has developed for himself a constitution strong, and muscle powerful. Add to this that culture and education which a refined home and a satisfactory college course gives, making one a good conversationalist with pleasing address and courteous manners—thus is Fleming.

He was born the 16th of December, 1869, in Cokesbury, S. C., and being the son of an able, widely known and loved Methodist minister, he has lived promiscuously over South Carolina, also a while in Kentucky and North Carolina. Hence we see how fruitful has been his early life in opportunities for imbibing that versatility given by the different manners and customs of different people.

At the age of eight his education was commenced and the following have been his teachers: Miss Jones, of Charleston; Mr. Morrison, of Wellford; Misses Niel, Roberts and Reid, of Reidville, and Maj. J. O. Ferrell, Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Maj. Ferrell was the last. Work of no inconsiderable merit was accomplished while under their tutorage. Was never in a position to do any literary work before joining the Preston Society.

He entered our class in 1888, remaining ever since a loved and trusted member. During the vacation he clerked in stores or engaged in factory work, by this means leading his mind in a direction in which will probably lay his life's work—civil engineering. His intercourse with all men and his discharge of duties,

were always strictly in accordance with the silent whisperings of an active, refined conscience. The moral character which his fellow students ascribe to him is of that unimpeachable kind, surely the progeny of integrity, manliness, ability. While no profession of Christianity placed him forward in active Christian work, there is always in his daily walk and conversation that respect and reverence for religion so admirable in any one.

His graduating speech will be "Our Nation." After graduation he will prepare himself for his vocation, and thinks of living in California.

His proportions are six feet and one inch in height, weight 175 pounds, number of coat 38, shoes eight, hat seven. He is physically strong. Many possibilities crowd his pathway in his chosen profession, now one of the widest and richest. A man full of courage, grit, vigilance and unconquerable will; a man thoroughly alive to every change, ready to pass a mature judgment, ready to grasp the choicest of many opportunities; a man ready "to suffer and be strong"—this is the stamp of men rising to eminence in this business, and this is the stamp of man the Class of '91 has sent forth to measure arms with the best.

He has for several years stood at the head of Athletics in Wofford College. There is no more interesting chapter in the history of our college than that of Athletics under Fleming. We grieve that this is not the page and hour to discuss lengthily the success, defeats and problems ordained by nature to fill this chapter. Suffice it to say that he has pushed her up until now she stands abreast the times. Being of that nature neither flushed by success nor depressed by defeat, his management could only bring that ultimate stand of strength which Wofford now enjoys.

G. S. GOODGION.

For solidity, success and conscientious discharge of duty, George Sullivan Goodgion stands first in our class. He is satisfied by doing not even the smallest task by halves, but probes everything to the bottom, having a mental strength unaccustomed to failure. Three years with him in the classroom, allows one to record but few instances when his task was not thoroughly done. He has acquired a fine education, a splendid culture, an in-

valuable training. What more can be said of his benefits, than that, while pursuing the main drift of the problems presenting themselves, he has never overlooked the minutia; accordingly his work is beautiful, whole, delicately and ornately embellished. No professor, no student would ever think of accusing him of acting for policy. All agree that an enlightened conscience is his guide in every task and in every crisis.

The subject of this sketch now standing six feet and a half inch in shoes, weighing 144 pounds, wearing a number 37 coat, nine shoes, seven and three-eighths hat, was born the 27th of March, 1870, near Laurens Court House, in Laurens County, S. C. This has been his home ever since with the exception of one year at Greers and four at Moore, S. C.

Early in life his education was begun, commencing school at—

His teachers were as follows: Miss Lizzie Sullivan, now Mrs. C. C. Garlington, Prof. J. W. Kennedy, Mr. Edwin Garlington, and his mother, Mrs. M. H. Goodgion. Moulded by the gentle graces of a mother's touch a mother's patience, he entered upon the arena of college life in the full blast of powers which secured him at once the position, which to the last he has uniformly held. After going through his Freshman year with flying colors, he stopped one year. During that time he clerked and worked on the farm—developing that sound practical sense still enjoyed by him. Hence he entered our class in the Sophomore year.

As a member of the Preston Society his record is truly enviable. He has been a living rebuke to those weak members who look upon the society as a bore. His duty was always discharged at the right moment with the right vigor. The originality indicated in his every performance was plain proof that his thoughts and time were consecrated to the upbuilding of the tone and character of his Society. At the expiration of his term as President, we were treated to a speech of rare merit and ability. Reviewing with a careful and critical eye, the earliest records of the Society, his appearance was the occasion of an exaugural burdened with humor and loaded with suggestions upon those early attempts, which in a two-fold way enlightened, strengthened and inspired us in our love and labor for Preston.

His graduating speech on "Work" will be thoroughly consistent with his whole course. He has not decided that he will study any after graduation, but every one believes he will. His inclination is towards mechanics.

which, perhaps, he may follow after teaching awhile. Upon whatever he decides all are assured that he will throw manliness, strength, energy, courage and brain.

W. S. HALL, JR.

William Stuart Hall, Jr., furnishes our class with an excellent example of a young man with steady purpose, clear perception and business tact. On the one hand reverses do not dispirit him; on the other, every wind of enthusiasm does not bear him off his feet. Cool and self-possessed with sufficient self-confidence, he makes a sound adviser, in times of confusions especially. The even tenor pursued by him is an indication of his courage and purpose.

But now let us turn to a few facts in the life of this young man. He was born near Winsboro, the 24th of October, 1869, where he has continued to live. He is five feet eleven and three-fourths inches in height, weighing 156 pounds. A man of no mean physique, with good constitution and medium health, he is fully prepared for honest, earnest work in whatever path of life his capacities and energies may be thrown. Wearing a number 36 coat, seven shoe and seven hat, his proportions not ungainly, his bearing erect and manly, the class of '91 never expects to be reproached by any misdeed of his.

Early in life father and mother in that tender, patient, moulding way only known to them instilled into his young mind those lessons and principles which bore much fruit in after years at the different schools which he attended. His teachers before coming to college were: Miss Lattie Stevenson, George Peter, W. H. Witherow, L. B. Dunn, R. H. Brice. The last to whom he went was R. H. Brice. His stand in these schools was good, giving every evidence of the satisfactory college course he was to experience. It is in such pupils we find good students and worthy men.

He entered the Freshman class in the middle of the session, but even that year did not fail to get through satisfactorily. His mind always turned with pleasure to the solution of a mathematical problem, which is a sign, according to Bacon, of subtlety in reasoning. In Political Economy and Science his collectedness and even temper made him superior to most students.

Having never felt any decided tendency to any pursuit, a careful consideration of his talents has induced him to enter law. Acting upon this decision a promptness always commendable has caused him to plan a law course at Columbia College, New York City, to be commenced next year or the year after. He will make a study of Political Economy and general politics of prime consideration. He has many qualifications for this kind of life, and if he applies himself energetically success will surely be won.

He is a genial companion, a trusty friend and a christian gentleman. His graduating speech, subject, "Our Young Graduates," will end his college career.

Hall took a long tour North the Spring before graduation. Many and interesting were the stories he brought back to his comrades. While in Washington he shook hands with President Harrison—quite a distinction for a man of '91.

C. P. HAMMOND.

No member of the Class of '91 has a more honest conviction of duty, and labors for a more earnest performance of it, than Charles Perry Hammond. He was born the 21st of August, 1870, in the city of Abbeville, where his life has been spent up to date of coming to college. Every advantage of living in a town under the watchful care of kind and loving parents has been assimilated by him. His height is five feet two inches, weight 112 pounds, wears a number 32 coat, four shoes and seven hat. From these figures we easily recognize his *jumbo* stature. His size, though, let it be said, does not incapacitate him for hard work. It lends almost marvelousness to his courage, rendering him the pet of his class. Much luck to Charlie.

His early education was by no means neglected, attending the schools of W. A. Archer, A. M., Prof. Graham, Prof. Bell, Prof. L. P. Boozer, Prof. G. C. Hodges, Miss Annie Bonham, Miss Lucy White, Miss Helen Young. Prof. G. C. Hodges was the last. His stand in these schools was just that which he maintained in college—thoroughly satisfactory. There is no hesitancy on our part in making the wager that no more earnest and obedient student was found in any of these schools.

He though young, has enjoyed one advantage of which few students can boast. His life has had in it

some of business, thus giving to his character some of that solidity which only business can give. There is a practical turn and finish, a certain adorning energy so necessary to any well-rounded man which can be secured by active participation in some business. The subject of this sketch clerked for a time; and was also engaged in the management of an establishment of his own for a short while, there forming tastes which were destined to tell upon his character throughout life. His college course is only an interlude in his career as a merchant, intending as he does, to commence work again as soon as college closes and a diploma is given him.

He has always enjoyed a reputation for high christian character which no one of his associates will deny. A uniform christian experience has enabled him to derive from his college course many of those superior advantages thrown away by some of his class-mates.

In his Senior Year, his hold upon the members of the Calhoun Society to which he belonged, was shown by his election to the Presidency. A man of enthusiasm and much real zeal, his labors for his society were such as to merit this high and noble trust.

The duty, arduous and exacting, which it brought upon him, was performed as all others were and are, and the honor did not puff him up, but edified and upbuilt him.

"One Need of the South" is the subject of his graduating speech. The interest given to his speech by his friends will follow him in after years.



[Gabriel Rouquie, feeling the embarrassment under which the Historian would labor in writing his own history, kindly offered to do it. It was appreciated highly, as a full college course designated Mr. Rouquie as the best man for every thing he undertook.]

H. F. JENNINGS.

Near Orangeburg, S. C., the 15th of January, 1871, was born Henry Felder Jennings, a man destined to become the most brilliant and versatile member of the Class of '91.

The first intellectual seed deposited in his youthful mind were sown by a mother's kindly hand and at her knee he learned those lessons of truth, honor and fidelity, the memory of which in after years was an inspiration to consecrated efforts and noble achievement. At

the age of seven he left home for school, and at different times was under the tutorage of Mrs. Shuler, Miss Beckwith, Daniel Zimmerman, Rev. J. E. Perry and Rev. T. W. T. Noland. He was prepared for college at Prof. H. G. Sheridan's well known classical school at Orangeburg, S. C. He was always an earnest and energetic, thoughtful and thorough student, being the pride and boast of his instructors, parents and friends. While at this excellent and superior school, he was an enthusiastic member of the Hampton Literary Society. His distinguished argumentative and oratoric powers at once pushed him to the front, and four occasions he ably represented his society on public debates, the last of which was presided over by Sec. of State, J. Q. Marshall. His reputation as a speaker was soon established, and when it was known that he was to debate, the surrounding country turned out *en masse* to drink in his inspired eloquence. For four consecutive terms he was the presiding officer of his society.

Joining the class of '91 his Sophomore year, by his pleasing address, winning manners, and bright sunshiny disposition, he soon gathered about him a host of faithful and appreciative friends. Handsome and prepossessing, gay and jovial, with an exuberance of youthful vitality, fond of society in its varying phases, devoted to reading, always ready for a joke or frolic, he soon drifted away from his heretofore studious habits and became more fond of everything than college work. In every college community there is a thoughtless, reckless current, in this he was borne during his Sophomore and Junior years, not appreciating his opportunities, not improving his talents. The admonitions and entreaties of his friends fell upon heedless ears and it seemed as if college course would be a sad and sorrowful failure. Returning to college in the Senior year, at last awakening to his responsibilities, and seeing with eyes sensitive to the light of truth, the error and folly of his former course; by the strength and force of his uncommon manhood, his transcendent intellect and dogmatic perseverance, he burst like a giant the cords of evil influences that had enthralled him, and with a unity and consecration of purpose to hereafter do his whole duty, stood forth a new, manly man. Since then his course has been one of continued success, student-like conduct and gentlemanly propriety.

Mr. Jennings joined the Preston Literary Society and was a man whom it delighted to honor. Almost every office and honor in its power was conferred upon him,

and to say that he worthily and ably filled them all would be needless. His reputation as an orator followed him to college, and on more than one occasion he added new laurels to his already enviable reputation. He was one of the Sophomore speakers, one of the annual debaters, and was elected by both the Calhoun and Preston societies as Editor-in-Chief of the College Journal. He is a strong, clear, pleasant writer; an eloquent, brilliant, logical, persuasive speaker. With such qualities his success in life seems assured.

Mr. Jennings is five feet eight inches in height, weighs 135 pounds, wears a number 35 coat, number seven hat and six shoe. He has always lived on the farm, and before entering college did farm work, besides teaching a few months. He will take his diploma in June, his graduating speech being "Literary Piracy," and will leave college with the unlimited confidence, respect and good-wishes of his teachers and fellow students. After teaching awhile he expects to study law, but the least change in his circumstances may work a decided change in the first few years of his life and labors. Where he will ultimately settle is not yet fully determined upon, and it may be truly said that fortunate indeed will be the community that numbers among its citizens this gifted and energetic man. The more so can this be said as a few weeks before he left college, under the powerful preaching of the Evangelist, Mr. Fife, he made *the great change* of life, and declared his deliberate determination to live a Christian evermore. His firmness and decision render his determination valid and reliable.

He is a young man with a *magnum opus*. He leaves college a deep and constant student of history, and has consecrated his life to the task of writing a history of S. C. Wishing it to be the occupation of age and leisure, his entire early life will be spent in collecting and collating material. Throughout his college course this subject has given employment to many leisure moments.

If in the coming years his Alma Mater does not gaze with loving glance upon him as one who has added new and brilliant lustre to her shining diadem of honored and illustrious sons, and remember with joy and pride that she once nourished and cherished him in her loving embrace, the friends of Henry Felder Jennings will be sadly disappointed.

M. O. LIGON.

As a clear, progressive and analytical thinker, and a ready and fruitful worker, our class can boast of Marshal Orr Ligon. His duty was continually before him, and his aim was the upbuilding of all that required his energy and attention. No task was ever shirked, no difficulty dodged, but with a manliness and bravery capable of inspiring confidence, he assailed with success every citadel of opposition. What with his mental strength, what with his instinctive abhorrence of failure and what with his application and perseverance, there is in him a character which might well be the pattern of every young man. His past life is an ennobling object-lesson to those who are drifting purposeless upon the tempestuous sea of life. Would that they might strengthen themselves with the invincible power of a noble purpose.

This young man was born the 1st of April, 1871. Since then he has not been slow about growing, as his height is now six feet and a half inch, weight 140 pounds, he wears a number 38 coat, seven and a half shoes, and seven and a quarter hat.

Beginning school at six years of age, a splendid education has been gained during the years of toil and study devoted to it. His teachers before coming to college were: W. J. Ligon, H. G. Reed, J. G. Clinkscales, and J. B. Patrick. The last to whom he went were W. G. Ligon and J. B. Patrick. His thorough preparation for college indicates the good work done in these schools.

He was born in the town of Anderson but has lived most of his time just outside the town. His constitution with all the favorable surroundings has never grown quite strong.

His graduating speech from the subject, "The Right of the Love Story to a Place in Fiction," will give evidence of his customary thoroughness.

Throughout his whole college course he has been a Christian, gaining an untold wealth of experience from the circumstances surrounding him. He has much zeal, earnestness and enthusiasm. These qualities have been especially felt in various Christian organizations. There was no more thorough going Y. M. C. A. man in college. His able services soon burst the limits of his college compass, and his zealous, effective work and wise counsel made State and Inter-State Conventions to look upon him as a born leader. He was one of two men to take charge of the college Y. M. C. A. work in South Caro-

lina. His visits to several institutions were the means of sustaining the work amid the students, as his enthusiasm was inspiration to them. His chosen work is the ministry and already he has performed valuable service in and around Spartanburg. The South Carolina Conference may hail such an acquisition with delight.

The Colhoun Society, of which he was an active and meritorious member, took pains to confer upon him almost every honor in its gift. Step by step he advanced in the estimation of his Society, and at every step both man and Society were adorned by the conference of some honor, until the acme was reached in the highest, the Presidency. His wise and able administration will be long remembered. A future as bright as his is the boon of but few.

W. A. LYON.

Handsome in person, courteous in address, pleasing in manners, William Andrew Lyon has every opportunity to turn his ability, integrity and capacity to marked success. He is cool and self-possessed, gifted with that estimable power of thinking seriously and speaking fluently at the same time. While he is not an orator, his manner tends in every way to attract and hold attention. Then it follows by consequence, which is true, that his conversations are strong and solid, making him above par as an adviser. Another step; when alone and quietly writing, every page gives evidence of merit and ability. Not overly conservative, nothing in the shape of advancement misses his notice. He is thoroughly alive to every change in the policy of the Preston Society of which he is an honored member—many of which he advocates.

Born the 13th of October, 1868, near Verdery, South Carolina where he lived until near about eight years of age—since then he has resided exclusively in Abbeville, South Carolina. His physique is striking for its strength and well-rounded proportions. In height five feet, eleven and three-fourths inches, in weight 160 pounds, wearing a number 36 coat, seven shoe and seven hat, he is when we know that he enjoys excellent health, a sound and well-developed man.

He commenced school about the age of eight, his first teachers being B. W. Cobb, S. J. Graham, Miss White,

F. L. Morrow and Mr. Jones. The last was Mr. Jones. No literary work was done above the exercises of his school. In these schools his stand was satisfactory, thus giving us another instance where early school life and college life do not belie one another. That same success and satisfactory discharge of duty, his friends are sure, will make him the pride of any profession.

He has seen something of the working of the world from a business point of view. Having clerked three years in the Probate Judge's office, there was gleaned much of that practical knowledge, and there were received many impressions which will last him while life remains. During the vacation of his Junior year he was engaged for two months doing topographical work in the United States Geological Survey. This was hard, but invaluable experience. Perhaps this experience in business taken with his inherent qualities, served more than any thing else to make his character what it is.

As a member of the Preston Society his course was no less satisfactory than in college. He held the entire confidence of the members and received honors lavishly, every one of which was wisely and manfully used.

He does not feel inclined to any particular line of work, but prefers, however, the law or civil engineering. No decision has yet been made and possibly he may enter some one of the other avenues which lie now open before him.

It is not probable that he will do any literary work after leaving college. This does not mean that the splendid education he has received will be laid on the shelf, but that he will study only those courses which taste dictates and only so far as he sees fit.

Leaving college with the respect and confidence of students and professors, he enters upon an arena where such as he is needed.

His college career will end with his graduating speech on "Specialists."

W. M. MELTON.

Strong resolve, noble purpose and persevering work are a few of the qualities of Walter Marvin Melton. True, he entered our class at the beginning of the Senior Year, having stopped out of a previous class; but nevertheless has shown himself fully worthy of a diploma from Wofford. We all regret deeply that his stay in our midst was not longer.

He was born the 27th of February, 1868, in Pineville, N. C., where he continued to live only a short while. His father is an itinerant Methodist minister which throws him in many communities and among many people widely different in habits and manners. So Walter residing only a short while in North Carolina, has spent his life in different localities in South Carolina. This has enabled him to acquire much experience in dealing with men of different natures and of reading characters with some success. But this diversity of climate and experience has not developed a man of large proportions. However, his health is good and he is physically strong. By the facts given below you may guess his size. Five feet six inches in height, 125 pounds in weight, a number 34 coat, six shoe and seven hat.

Now for another chapter in his life. At an early age he began school, in every one of which he attended his standard was good. His teachers while young were his father, Coburn Varnes, Misses Sallie Cannon, Lottie Jones and even others he fails to remember. Miss Ella Workman taught him immediately before his entrance into college. But his education did not end here, as he, too, in the plastic, formative period of youth, experienced a strong taste of business life. As a clerk for a short time this important fact in his education was supplied. Then he taught school for a brief period.

He does not claim an inclination to any particular branch of business, but has decided to devote his years to the cultivation of young minds. Feeling how important is his undertaking and the responsibilities falling upon him as a consequence, a thorough literary education is being acquired so as to induce victory to perch upon his banner. A study of his profession and an advancement in learning, culture and knowledge, are affairs which in the future will consume his time. Success to him in a profession to-day the most abused. May his life be an eloquent rebuke to the many who, by their carelessness, throw reproach upon this important work. May the rank and file of his fellow-workers be purged of further inability and dishonesty.

He will graduate with the confidence of students and professors, making his speech on "More's Utopia."

His course as member of the Preston Society, has been above reproach. Never has he been named as one whose loyalty was doubted. In his farewell speech in the Preston Hall he said: "I love Preston and you all know it." He could say no more, but this from his heart was sufficient.

J. K. S. RAY.

A quick mind, retentive memory, easy writing and ready wit, James King Stringfield Ray, of Asheville, N. C., the only born and bred Tar Heel in our class, can well boast of. He entered our class in the Sophomore year and soon took the high stand he was destined to maintain. Excellent recitations and examinations have often been made by him, and when we say excellent we mean maximum or very near to it. Almost simultaneous with his entrance into college was his entrance into the Calhoun Society; upon these both a mind so full of resources was turned in its entirety.

Ray was born in Asheville City, Buncombe County, N. C., the 25th of April, 1871, and has never changed his residence. He is six feet high, weighs 138 pounds, wears a number 36 coat, six and a half shoe and six and seven eighths hat. He is of rather slender proportions which fact has added much to the reputation for the comic which he has acquired. Something entirely out of shape as, for instance, an ugly doll strung from the ceiling of his room, adds to the enchantment weird and awful which is thrown around his visitors by his masterly mixture of comic dances and tragic songs.

At eight years of age kind parents noticing his bashfulness, sent him to the Asheville *Female* College so that he might out grow this *abnormal condition*. It is a hard matter now to believe that he ever was bashful, so well did those loving girls handle the "Kid." He was then taken away for various and sundry reasons and sent to the opposite pole—a North Carolina Military Academy. Of this prof. S. F. Venable, a man high in literary circles, was principal, under whose tutorage our subject was prepared for the earnest and superior work he was to do in college.

He has never done any thing except the usual work of a "small boy." Since coming to college, nothing but college work has been done. In Summer a long journey up the mountains amid the beautiful scenery of the French Broad, and that scenery every where rife in Western North Carolina, instils into him those tastes for the beautiful, and invests him with that physical strength which are so important to a cultured and popular young man. As his education became more and more thorough, those exquisitely decorated and sweetly scented leaves in the mighty book of nature yielded many secrets which to others were concealed.

A very modest assertion that he was only inclined to

loafing is not what his friends believe. His love for outdoor life will turn his attention to some business where the full force of his strength and activity of mind and body can be felt.

His education will be further pursued in Vanderbilt University, taking a Literary course. This is a noble purpose. Too many commence life with the opportunities for a finished education thrown away. He will settle probably at Asheville.

Being one of three members of our class who will not speak at Commencement, his essay will be "A Summer's Idyl."

G. ROUQUIE.

The most noted man of our class is Gabriel Rouquie of Georgetown, S. C. An intellect quick, active, enduring; a brain fresh, fertile, ready; a pen facile, pure, strong—these are some of the qualifications making this man the pride of his co-workers.

In body well-formed, athletic, graceful; in manners courteous, engaging; in conversation charming, earnest, forcible, well may he be the boast of his every friend and acquaintance. His solid intellectual work and his ability to grasp the meaning of text book and preceptor have caused him much pleasure and excited no less wonder in the breasts of his mates.

This young man was born in Georgetown the 2nd of January, 1870. He is five feet nine inches in height, 150 pounds in weight, wears a number 37 coat, seven shoe and seven hat. His constitution is strong, his muscles well-developed. Circumstances favored this growth. The strengthening breezes of the Atlantic, the wild hunts of lower South Carolina, were causes which only could effect a well-made man.

At seven he commenced school when his young mind evidenced every one of those qualities which were in the future to distinguish him. Rev. A. H. Lester has the honor of preparing this young intellect for the work of college.

Five years ago he entered the Introductory Department at Wofford, and at once came to the front. For two years his course in college was without a superior, giving him in every branch a strong foundation for any superstructure. Thus when in his Sophomore and Junior years he devoted his time and talents to acquiring that wide information and cosmopolitan culture only given by reading, no loss was suffered in his text book

experience.

He is ready now to leave his Alma Mater, having a thorough knowledge of the branches taught

He goes to the work of life possessed of every advantage which the sound, practical education of Wofford has given so many men, goes to take his stand in that class who have elevated themselves above the broad level of fighting, struggling humanity.

His pen has been his weapon and will ever be. There is a freshness, a smoothness, a purity, a force in all his writings, never failing to attract attention and to call forth praise. Those articles appearing in the Journal during the year, coming from his pen, have been copied and highly criticised. The confidence placed by his many friends in the power of his pen, signify but meagerly the true worth of this important phase of his college education. In his freest moments we hesitate not in asserting his favorable comparison, even with Macaulay. Antithesis, Climax, Metaphor, those figures which strengthen and beautify, setting in the most dazzling light the strongest thoughts, were slaves gamboling to his every caprice, ready at his every command. But what is of more value, is the fact that he writes not to make adjectives blossom beneath his pen, but always to give his readers some thought.

It is with the highest hopes, and expectations no less, that his friends hear of his determination to enter the field of Journalism. His intellectual conquests and facile pen will be fit emblems of success, as they will be fit causes. Nothing more can be asked but that the success of college be continued in life.

But we turn to write the most fruitful side of the life of this young man when we begin a recital of his great power to inspire, respect and confidence in the hearts of those around him. There was, perhaps no member of the Senior Class who held to such a marvelous extent as he did, the confidence of his fellow-students. And truth compels us to say that the confidence imposed in him by the Faculty was very flattering. Despite the fact that he was no speaker, the Calhoun Society of which he was a member, gave him almost every office of debate or orator in its power. His friends were fast and frantic in his support, generally bearing down all opposition as they hurried forward the serene face and form of Rouquie to crown the trust which the office imposed.

Many valuable hours of his life have been spent in a close and critical study of the traditions of his native County—Georgetown. It required no great labor for

history to reveal to his eager and searching eyes, his beloved County nobly bedecked in the pure and spotless garments of a rich and glorious past. An object eagerly begun was now greedily pursued, and the extent of research was followed by a proportionate increase and intensity in wealth and beauty until, enraptured, intoxicated, there sprang to a bosom gushing with its overflow of patriotism, a noble resolve to entwine in crowns of historical novels, roses rudely crushed by history's thoughtless tread. These pleasant studies are reaping new harvests with every year of study, and gaining new interest with every modern innovation. Let this resolve be held inviolate and culture, education and ability will lay no truer emblems of unimperishable worth upon the fast filling grave of the past.

He did not make a graduating speech, but his essay was "College Men and Their Work."

K. D. SENN.

Quietness, effectiveness,geniality,have endeared to us our fellow-student and classmate, Kemper Daniel Senn. His two years as a member of our class are filled with pleasant recollections to all. Professors and students in reposing in him a large fund of confidence have not been nor ever can be mistaken. The high honor of Presidency conferred upon him by the Preston Society of which he was a member, proved to be a most happy selection. The arduous duties falling upon the incumbent and the weighty responsibilities facing him were met with that manful air, unalterable purpose, impartial spirit which have in all the past been utilized with such signal success by him. Every evidence was given in this task as in all others of the success which in the future awaited him.

The 1st of December, 1865, Senn first saw the light. He was born near Newberry, in Newberry County, where he is still living. Farm work fell to his lot and did its usually good work in developing a man in every particular. His size can be judged from the following facts: five feet eleven inches high, 136 pounds, a number thirty-six coat, six shoe and seven hat.

His education was begun about the age of seven. The following were his teachers: J. B. Davis, F. F. Gage, W. H. Wallace, Esq., Miss Carrie Aull, and Miss Nora Cofield. The last named was his last. He then entered college and after completing his Sophomore year, stopped

for several sessions, joining again our Junior Classin '89.

He says that he left college with no intention whatever of ever returning. His contact with the world for three years, during which time he taught two years, influenced him to make a more thorough preparation by taking his degree. He is satisfied that it shall never be a move regretted.

He taught for some time giving satisfaction to all with whom he was concerned. This life will be pursued by him for several years after leaving college. Possibly he may make it his life work. If, after some time spent in teaching, circumstances favor, he may enter business life. Whatever branch of business secures him will be surely benefitted. It is a good sign to see educated young men go into the trades. Our country has suffered wonderfully because of a lack of them. We should prepare ourselves to hail with gladness the day which will bring to trades crowds of educated young men.

Senn determines not to let his education slip through his fingers, but intends to keep on improving. Accordingly he proposes taking an A. M. in Mathematics, Latin and English. This will be invaluable to him in many respects. His graduating speech, "Opportunities of '91," will end his connection with the college as a student.

J. C. SPANN.

James Clarence Spann is signalized by his capacity for historical facts, his easy-giving success, his love for hunting and fishing. His birth occurred the 8th of November, 1867, near the village of Leesville, in Lexington Co., S. C. and ever since he has continued to live there. His father was a farmer, and while growing his boy did much of that small but important work so necessary upon a well-ordered farm. As he grew older and commenced school, his robust constitution strengthened and his stature increased so that at present we have a young man physically strong, in height five feet ten inches, in weight 170 pounds, wearing a number 38 coat, seven and a half hat and eight shoe. Hard mental effort, supported by such a constitution, can be well undergone. He is among the few largest men in our class. We give below the list of his early instructors, naming them in order. We see among them several who have won quite a fame as teachers. Others who have taught a brief period then turned their attention to other business, are now leaving the impress of noble characters upon their respective communities. They were: Mrs. Henrietta Steadman,

W. E. Barre, E. K. Hardin, L. E. Bushley, Rev. J. E. Watson and G. G. Baird.

Entering the Sophomore class, he has continued to maintain his stand in it. He also joined the Preston Society where he has performed many duties with excellent success. His diploma from college and society will be merited unquestionably.

Naturally inclined to be an agriculturist, and possessing every quality necessary to success, he has made considerable sacrifice in devoting his life to the spiritual advancement of his fellow-beings. He feels called and hesitates not following. Most of his leisure hours will be spent in reading and studying what will be helpful to him as a minister.

It is very necessary, as he says, to be thoroughly prepared for such a noble calling. Let the pew become in learning or in ability, superior to the pulpit, and the church will fall to pieces. Just in proportion as the people advance, those who minister to their spiritual wants should also. This is the secret of the rise of all great sects.

History would be unfair if it failed to record that Spann is widely-known as a story teller. He can entertain you highly the whole day about—nothing. Those who sit next to him in the class have often had cause to accuse him of talking too much for their good. The 16th of June Spann will deliver his graduating speech on "True Manhood," and take his leave of Wofford. After this new Alumnus the college and all connections will send their best wishes.

P. STOKES.

In a list of the qualities of Peter Stokes we must mention one which is easily, and first comprehends all others. This is capacity. What more can be said is that he is industrious, energetic, conscientious. He has in his great way carried himself nobly through college, winning and holding the respect of nearly every student. He was a loyal member of the Calhoun Society where his earnest and able services rendered him useful and important. In requital for his labors many honors have been bestowed upon him. For one term the Society enjoyed the success of his firmness and ability as President. Neither the welfare of the Society nor the reputation of the Class of '91 for able performance of duty suffered in the least by his election. No society or col-

lege diploma will be more worthily conferred this June than the two which he will carry away.

Stokes was born the 21st of February, 1871, in Colleton County, near Branchville, but since has moved to Early Branch, Hampton County. His father is lumber dealer and moves so as to keep himself in extensive lumber districts.

The subject of our sketch is five feet eleven inches in height, 135 pounds weight, wears a number 35 coat, seven shoe and seven and a quarter hat.

Commencing school at the early age of six he had quite a number of instructors before coming to college. Mrs. Thos. Jones, Mr. J. H. Hough, Mr. Muller, Mr. E. B. Bellinger, Mr. W. G. Tyson, Rev. J. E. Watson, the last named being the one who fitted him for college. In these schools there was no marking by grades, but his stand was among the best—a fact evidenced by his good preparation for the Sophomore Class which he entered upon coming to college.

After coming to college he made up his mind to become a Dentist. However, as his college course drew to its close his mind began to turn in another direction and while he has not given up Dentistry, there are strong reasons calling him to enter the lumber trade. His father's business increasing, and splendid openings for a young man presenting themselves, he will very likely engage in the business. Considering his many good qualities of mind and heart, successes are assuredly his. He sometimes speaks of going to Florida to engage in the business and says his home in the "Land of Flowers" will always be open to men of '91. Educated men in the trades are what we need and this will be an example of no mean importance. It is to be hoped his young talent will not be carried outside the State.

Being one of the three men who have been excused from speaking Commencement day, his essay "A Mistake Often Made" will bespeak his care and pains in the performance of duty.

J. H. THACKER.

James Hebard Thacker has the most peculiar and striking and fruitful history of any member of our class. Let us begin by saying that a Georgian by birth and a South Carolinian by adoption, a just estimate of the mixture in his character can hardly be found. The only member of Georgian birth, he is the only one with the

hereditary instincts and qualities so peculiar Georgian.

Was born the 28th of April, 1862, in Walton County, High Shoals, Ga. There he lived three years. Since that time life has been spent in traveling in Georgia, Alabama and the two Carolinas, coming to South Carolina first in 1875. Thus connected with the history of some of the finest States in the Union, there are in him many insights into history and men, and a wide information of history that enable him to stand in the forefront of whatever community he finds himself in.

He is five feet eight inches high, weighs 170 pounds, wears a number 38 coat, six shoe and seven hat. Add to this well-proportioned physique, a strong constitution and you have a man capable of hard application and long endurance.

He first went to school at the age of fifteen to Miss Emma young, now Mrs. Ben. Perry; since that time he has worked and studied much until now he graduates with an education and business experience such as few young men can claim.

Before coming to college he worked mostly in cotton mills. Since his entrance into college, book-selling has been his work. The excellent company for which he works have recognized his ability and placed him high and honorably on their list of employees. They made him some excellent offers upon graduation all of which he declined. The excellent work given him by this company afforded him advantages of making money more rapidly than even he himself expected. Such grit, perseverance, energy and judgment as has been displayed by him in his past career are sure signs of the success which in the future awaits him.

When he first came to college fired with all the purpose of noble young manhood, it was with the intention of becoming a lawyer. *And he still thinks he would have made a fine one.* But in his Freshman year the choice of God rested upon him, calling him to the highest of work—the ministry. His struggle was hard but he counts it no sacrifice, but rather a great gain—when duty pointed him clearly the path there was no faltering, no wavering. Already he has acquired some reputation as a minister in several sections of the State.

His determination at present is to make the study of Theology the work of his life. Then with Christian-like consecration he is willing to work wherever the church sends him. Our Class, the College, the Preston Society of which he was an active and honored member, are

proud to feel that in the future they will be able to claim J. H. Thacker as a student.

His characteristic course will be ended by his speech on graduation day, "The Kinship Between Christianity and Liberty." No one can ever read his speech without being impressed with his ability.



The following article appeared in the June issue of the WOFFORD COLLEGE JOURNAL. It is found below exactly as it appeared there. After some time the Historian discovered the writer. It must be attributed to the pen of J. K. S. Ray:

"CLASS OF '91."

"One well versed in college affairs, who keeps up with college literature and reads college productions, would be grievously disappointed were a class to graduate and go off the stage without being mourned over by their fellow students. If those who rise up to fill the vacant places did not bewail in stereotype phrases and sing praise in set terms of 'our departed school fellows,' the aforesaid interested one will feel that something was amiss. Or, if the class prophet did not foretell events most wonderful of a class, the like of which had never before trod the soil of a campus, it would be evident that all was not right. In order that such be not disappointed, it will be well to supply the looked for praises at the outset and concentrate to save time and space. As a matter of course the class of '91 is a 'wonderful class,' 'has had an eventful history,' and 'has witnessed strange revelations.' Just as true is it that 'this class numbers among its members some of the brainiest men that ever delighted an audience on commencement day.' Likewise it is fully expected of the rising classes on returning next October 'to feel the great gap caused by the loss of the class of '91,' 'to miss the pleasant smiles and encouraging words of the seniors,' and 'to ever look back upon their association with these men as the most pleasant feature of college life.' So let all these things, with any additions the readers see fit to make, be taken for granted.

“Of the forty original members of the ‘Sub-Duc’ class only two—Daniel and Rouquie—have continued faithful to the end. The remaining seventeen members of the class were picked up along the way—ten entering at the beginning of the Sophomore year. The class—sad to relate—contains none whose giant intellect and wonderful brain power cause friends to grieve lest such an one be too smart to live long. Neither on the other hand does the dunce abound; but the class is a capable *body* with capable *members*.

“W. W. Bruce proposes to turn his attention towards Journalism; to expurgate politics, to elucidate clearly his theories concerning the administration of affairs gubernatorial and otherwise, and to substantiate the liberties of the press. A vocabulary so extensive as his, must of necessity contain the word success. If he survive ‘*sesquipedalia verba*’ and dangers of this class his friends have no fears but that he will totally annihilate all opposition, and antagonistic personages will learn to dread his withering invectives and his terrific denunciations. We can only wish for him happiness and success as extended as his vocabulary.

“A. J. Cauthen, Jr., will join the South Carolina Conference as soon as possible after graduation. At present the height of his ambition is to settle down in a nice little town in a nice little house, have a nice little horse and buggy, and last but by no means least, have a nice little somebody to take driving. This nice little somebody must know how to do everything from gossiping with sisters in the church to sewing on buttons and playing the hostess at donation parties. No parties need apply for this position unless thoroughly qualified, and even then we do not guarantee success as this position may have been already applied for ‘*Verb Sap.*’

“G. F. Clarkson will also enter the ministry, but will postpone it for some time. He will spend the meantime teaching, studying and scouring the country as a ‘camera fiend.’ All persons desirous of having their ‘beauty struck’ should apply to him at once.

“J. D. Crout has chosen the ministry as his life work and his sweet voice will doubtless prove of great service in his calling.

J. L. Daniel will enter the ministry after graduation and will be eventually served up as ‘missionary toast’ to some ravenous cannibal. Dear reader please drop a tear for poor Joe, and while bewailing the lot of him whose earthly career was cut so short let some of that sympathy be given to the poor, poor cannibal who ate Joe.

“J. L. Fleming has not yet decided in what direction to turn his talents. Should he decide on a business career then look out all ye rivals in trade, for a '91 man is bound to come to the top. Should he cast his lot with professional men the same rule is applicable.

“G. S. Goodgion is unable to decide whether to instruct infantile ideas in the art of shooting or to amass a fortune merchandising. If he turns his talents to the former then the young ideas of his neighborhood had best proceed to hunt up the ‘old blue black speller’ and settle to work in the chimney corner, for Prof. G. means business.

“W. S. Hall, Jr., halts between two opinions. Ambition calls him to become a United States Senator, while pleasure inclines him to become a retired capitalist. He will probably compromise the matter by following the example of class mates and teaching district schools. But beware O ye lasses! for this gent is much of a masher, and is accustomed to breaking hearts in a manner reckless in the extreme. So when ‘teacher’ goes to board out among sholars, ye village belles had best steel your heart, and ye village beaux had best prepare for war.

“C. P. Hammond, best known to his friends as ‘cute little Charlie,’ is going to pitch into business the day after he gets home. We predict for him a long and happy life, a good and pretty wife, (please excuse poetry) and all the etceteras that could be desired.

“H. F. Jennings having consulted a professional oracle has risen several degrees in his own estimation at least. According to the sage—with whom ye humble class prophet would not dare compete, Jennings has three openings. If so desirous he can become either a great divine, a distinguished surgeon or a successful cultivator of infantile hopefuls. A natural born student, in whatever he throws himself success is assured.

"W. A. Lyon enjoys the distinction of being the handsomest man of the Senior Class, and what this implies, only those who have gazed into the countenances of the members of this class can realize. Being gifted with gab, he is destined to hold a high place at the bar of Abbeville County. Woe unto ye evil doers who incur his disapproval, and happy ye in whose behalf Lyon's mellow voice is heard pleading and moving to tears a hard hearted jury.

M. O. Ligon has a future before him, but the oracle refuses to divulge the secret of that future. Suffice it to say that he will enter upon ministerial work very shortly.

"W. M. Melton feels that he was cut out for a pedagogue and will act accordingly. The small boy need have no fear of 'Bunk' as long as hard study is the order of the day, and peace and quiet pervade the school-room. But let the spirit of disobedience creep in and the scene is immediately changed. 'Bunk's' angry passion begins to rise forthwith, and his righteous indignation falls on the culprit's head as likewise his peach switch falls on the same culprits' trousers.

"J. K. S. Ray will pursue his studies at some of the universities with a view of becoming either a lightning rod agent or an opera singer. All persons desirous of engaging capable persons in either profession may apply to '*Lux Montanorum*,' Asheville, N. C.

"G. Rouquie, though a quiet and modest lad, is set apart by the fates for a purpose. He is destined to become the 'light of the sea shore.' It will be his lot to lead to triumph and to victory. His voice is to be heard in congressional hall and in senate chamber. His words will touch the hearts of the people, will stir them up to action and lead them on to victory, and when he stands at last upon the topmost pinnacle of fame he will hear the familiar voices of his class-mates, saying '*glorior in suo spunko*.'

"K. D. Senn will probably turn his attention to the culturing and after application of hickory switches to the seats of small boys' trousers. By way of variety some knowledge of the three R's will be imparted. When any one of big girls misbehave our teacher's senatorial dignity will rise to meet the occasion and the rebellious damsel will be cowed. But if she burst into tears, Tableau! for Senn has such a tender heart.

"J. C. Spann will enter the ministry shortly and has one requisite of a Methodist preacher at least—i. e., he is a good story-teller. He can tell more original true stories in a day than Zeb Vance can in a month. His pathos would move a rhinoceros to tears and his humorous tales of 'Cousin Phil' would cause the most grave and dignified ostrich to laugh humorously. His prospects are bright indeed.

"Peter Stokes expects to shine forth one of these days and has determined not to let his light be hid. To avoid which he will probably adopt a pomp adour. As yet he has not chosen his vocation, but those who know him best feel assured that he will be a brilliant light in whatever profession he may choose.

"J. H. Thacker is a ministerial student and will become a member of the Conference soon after graduation. Having met with considerable success as a hypnotist, he will be fully prepared to collect his salary promptly and will allow no fooling in money matters. He may make the specialty of marrying couples on payment of an insignificant five dollars and a *Presto! Veto! Change!* The most homely bride will appear to the admiring groom, endowed with all the charms of Cleopatra, and minor imperfections such as crossed eyes, club-feet, etc., will vanish from the groom and an Apollo stand before the blushing bride.

"For an additional dollar these impressions may be left and the happy couple left to go on their way rejoicing. This science may be utilized in many other ways which ingenuity suggests.

"This completes the class roll and in conclusion we give the Irishman's toast:

"Class of '91. 'May each member live to eat the hen that scratches the grass on his grave.' " "WHO?"





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