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PRESIDENT KEYES' TENTH ANNIVERSARY AT SKIDMORE

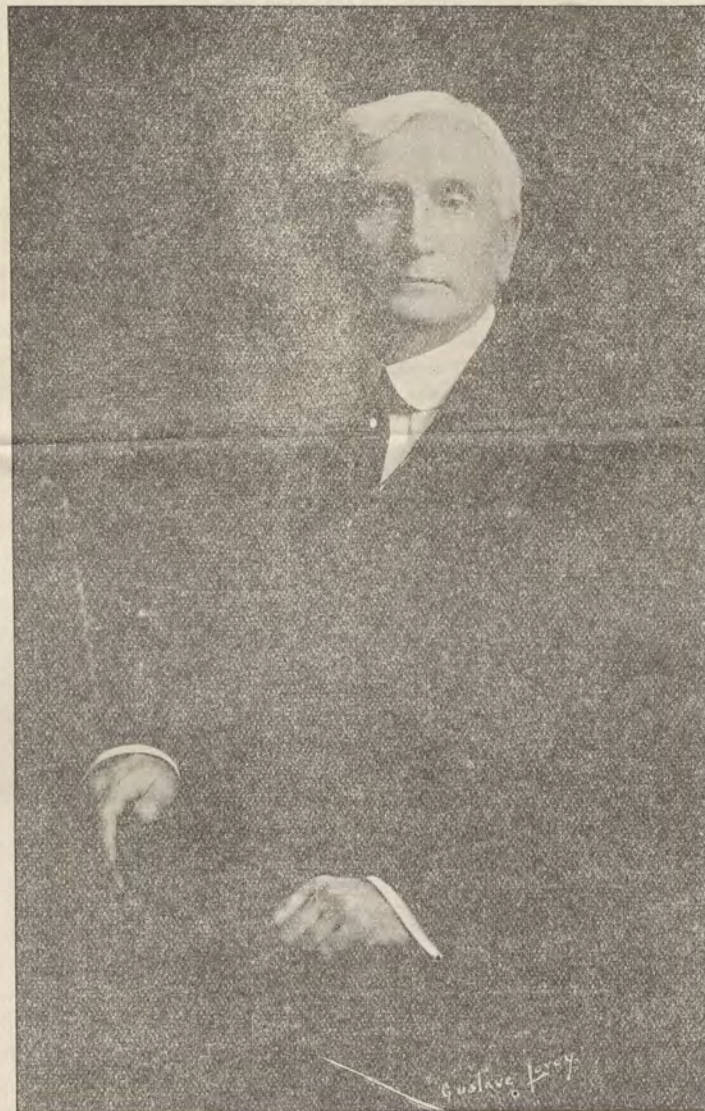
The Commencement week of June, 1922, marks the tenth year of Dr. Charles Henry Keyes' presence at Skidmore as President of the college. It has been during these ten years that Skidmore has become a college of high standing. In fact, Skidmore might be considered the creation of President Keyes for through him it has had its beginning and its development. The growth of Skidmore is unanimously accredited to the power and untiring efforts, of President Keyes. He has been not only a capable academic leader, but also a well-beloved "father" to the undergraduate body, and an infallible guide in all matters official and unofficial.

Dr. Keyes came to Skidmore on July 1, 1912, from Columbia where he had been pursuing graduate study in Education. Previous to that he had wide experience as lawyer, educator, and lecturer. Dr. Keyes received his initial degree from St. John's College in 1878, and in 1896 took a graduate course in Pedagogy and Philosophy at the University of California. Between the years of 1891 and 1896 he was President of the Throop Polytechnic Institute which is now the California Institute of Technology. Later he studied at Clark University in Worcester, Massachusetts, and finally in 1911 did graduate work and received his doctor's at Columbia University diploma in Education from Teacher's College and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia. He was executive secretary of the New York Commission on Safety during 1911 and previous to that had been elected President of the Pasadena Board of Trade five times. Dr. Keyes has also held positions in various associations,— President of the Southern California Teacher's Association, Treasurer of the National Council of Education. He is the author of numerous magazine articles and monographs on educational subjects and is widely known and

respected in the educational world.

This varied back ground, as well as his natural ability, has made President Keyes doubly able to build a Skidmore of which we may all be proud. And we like to think that his previous training was merely preparation for the splendid constructive work he has done during the last ten years.

When President Keyes first came to Skidmore there were fifty-seven regular members of the student body representing four states. This year we had and fifty students have enrolled three hundred representing twenty-two states. The campus, in 1912, consisted of what is now Skidmore Hall and the Music building. In 1922 we have ten buildings and the beginnings of a new dormitory and science building which will be completed in September of this year. The campus has been extended from a mere dooryard to include one entire block and three quarters of another. We have a chapel, and an infirmary which are comparatively recent additions. These additions were inspired by President Keyes because he had caught the vision of the Skidmore of not only 1922, but of 1932, 1942, and so on indefinitely. Accordingly the curriculum was extended to embrace many academic subjects, and a definite policy of combining technical with cultural training was adopted. Very few people realize what a radical step this



was in educational work, and still Skidmore holds in the college world, whether it consist of academic or vocational colleges. Skidmore was often spoken of as "that interesting experiment up the river." Not only was the "experiment" due to President Keyes' advanced theories, but also its success.

Next year the college will offer two new courses, one in

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Helen Vaughan, '23
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COMMENCEMENT

This week, the unsuppressible spirit of Commencement has burst again into our college life, and driven away the dark blue examination atmosphere. It is the busiest of busy weeks, yet in between the crowded moments we seem to find the time to do those little friendly things we've been wanting to do all the year. Commencement week is the time when real college life turns into a picture such as is portrayed in the story books. Its many festivities create an atmosphere of joyfulness and abandon,—a fitting period to this year which has been so full of work and play.

Once more the lobby fills with alumnae and resounds with the greetings of old friends met again. As we undergraduates look on, we wonder what manner of persons are these, our sisters whom we seldom know. And very glad are we when they come and join us in the fun.

Then there is the thrill that comes once a year, when the corridors turn into long lines of trunks—(to say nothing of the thrill of bumping into them.) Trunks, trunks, trunks,—all about to be dropped in their own niche somewhere in the United States. The excitement of travel is catching—even the town girls feel it.

Only our farewell to the Seniors adds a touch of regret to the tone of Commencement, but time is too precious for regrets, so we make the most of their company now. Commencement will come again, and we can always anticipate that everyone of them will return at that time, when though they will be alumnae, they will also be our pals.

The question has arisen as to where all the dogs will lounge when Skidmore closes.

Is a secret a secret when everyone knows it? Well, if you don't know it, the cat will be let out of the bag on Commencement Day.

ALUMNAE NOTES

The alumnae who have returned to Skidmore this week are most heartily welcomed. Their headquarters were in the Trustees Room. There they all registered and found the news of the events of the week. On Sunday morning the Senior Class served a breakfast for them. After the alumnae entertainment, the Seniors were entertained by the alumnae. There have been teas and dinners for alumnae and for members of the Senior class.

The annual meeting of the Alumnae was held Saturday. Helen Snyder, '18, of Saugerties, New York, was elected President, and Margaret Mullane, '21, Treasurer.

The alumnae who are here for reunions this spring are:

Class of '13: Ruth Bennett.

Class of '15: Ruth Millspaugh, Nellie Salisbury Lodewick, Frances More, and Beatrice Dolan.

Class of '16: Margaret Stevens, Mrs. Willis Howland, Marcia Mudge, and Mrs. Loyal Norton.

Class of '17: Lois Brownell, Marjorie Freeman, Annah Moshier, Annie Shove, and Mary Alice Currier.

Class of '18: Margaret Morrison, Mildred Greene, Mrs. Spencer, and Marion Bremer.

Class of '19: Mrs. Gertrude Lothrop Anthony, Ida Gibson, Doris Sneden Greene, Gladys Munro, Janet Coates Andrews, Lorna Reynolds, Louise Crittenden, Marguerite Lansing, Marguerite Heaton, and Eloise Huskins.

Class of '20: Helen Crane, Gertrude Boyce, Hilda Ball, and Anne O'Brien.

Class of '21: Edith Loomis, Gladys Fogarty, Eva Bates, Margaret Mullane Lucile Horton, Elizabeth Hill, Edna Kniffen, Edda Bennett, Mary Wilson, and Marion Stevenson.

Former students: Helen Knowlton, Mrs. Thomas Luther, Hazel Arnold, and Mrs. Alfred Duval.

MRS. SCRIBNER'S ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY HELD

On Monday, June 5, at 11 a. m., Mrs. Lucy Skidmore Scribner gave her annual garden party in honor of the seniors and their guests. Trustees, Faculty, alumnae, and undergraduates also attended. Mrs. Scribner's party is one of the most enjoyable events of the Commencement week, as well as one of our most picturesque customs, for it has become that.

Congratulations to the Eromdiks Board. The book this year is most entertaining and successful as a college year book.

BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS — A
SPLENDID ANALYSIS OF THE
EDUCATED WOMAN

President Keyes, in his Baccalaureate address, gave both the senior class and the audience much to consider. His subject was "The Educated Woman," and he proceeded to define and analyze her. "Education," he said, "is but the result of doing one's best at something that is intellectually worth while, for so long a time that the habit of doing one's best, and the interest in things that are supremely worth while, become dominant characteristics," and again "Under this definition education becomes something more than an achievement of scholarship. Upon this platform it adds to sound learning a never-failing interest in things that transcend the merely intellectual, artistic, or philosophic. It involves your whole attitude toward your employment, your indulgences, and your opportunities that lie beyond Commencement Day." President Keyes then formulated several questions determining whether or not one is an educated woman. They were as follows:

"Does she soothe her savage breast with jazz and deny her soul the music that will charm forever?"

"Does she give more of her evenings to vaudeville and movie than to opera and drama?"

"Does her reading include more of the sensational and emotional screeds, styled problem novels, than of the world's best literature?"

"Does she devote more time to personal indulgence than she can command for social service?"

"Is she the slave of dress and fashion and manners rather than the devotee of morals and religion?"

"Do the schools of her community, the government of her city, the movements for the advancement of the welfare of her state, command more of her energy than bridge, and the dance and the joy ride?"

"Does she serve her position, her party, her church, like a professional or like a dilettante?"

"Does she do many things fairly well or does she do splendidly and thoroughly the things she undertakes?"

To the graduating class President Keyes said "Because you are Skidmore women, the world expects you to be wisely intelligent, and discriminatingly appreciative of the best in art, letters, and in life. You are counted upon to be patient and sympathetic, to have an unflinching sense of humor, and a limitless fund of courage."

NEW ATHLETIC HONOR INSTITUTED FOR "MALLY"

Something new in athletic honors, a loving cup, was given to Mally Lane. Hers will be the first name inscribed on it. It is to be given each year to the girl earning more than 200 points, and to the girls breaking an American record in Track. Mally won it this year with an athletic record of 210 points. During her four years at Skidmore, Mally has been on many varsity teams and holds several track records. She has been a fine all-round athlete and supporter of all athletic endeavors. We wondered what could be done this year to acknowledge Mally's 100% "Athleticism."

ATHLETIC HONORS AWARDED

There was the usual hearty interest in this year's awards for athletics. On Saturday evening, President Keyes on behalf of the Skidmore Athletic Association, presented numerals, letters and sweaters to their winners. He spoke of the great value of sports in college life, and announced that beginning next fall there would be a member of the Faculty especially devoted to coaching Freshmen athletics.

Those who won numerals,—given for 35 points or over—were:

Class of 1925: Ruth Gottlieb, Ruby Gray, Elizabeth Wood, Doothy Riley, Mary Reoux, Lois Leworthy, Grace Bennett.

Class of 1924: Helen Mann, Esther Case, Margaret Edge, Emma Gammons.

Class of 1922: Marion Daly, Dorothy Devitt, Margaret Bolles.

The letter S—given for 50 points or over—were:

Class of 1925: Mary McHenry, Adelaide Baumer, Adele Savoye.

Class of 1924: Phoebe Anderson, Mary Wolcott, Margaret Perkins, Mary Saunders.

Class of 1923: Wilva Atkins, Elizabeth Parker, Helen Lambden, Avis Sherburne, Helen Anderson.

Class of 1922: Jessie Bowden, Mildred Jenks.

The award of the three sweaters to the winners of the three highest number of points above 72 had occasioned much speculation during the few days previous to the awards. They were given to Martha Murdock, who has 91 points, Helen Sandord, 124 points, and Marion West, 122 points.

We hear that Miss Cockroft is planning to take a Ph. D. in cemetery epigraphy.

ENDOWMENT FUND STATEMENT

The Endowment Committee announces at this time the following figures as the result of the campaign to date:

Total raised and pledged	\$58,047.83
Received in cash and securities	32,622.23
From alumnae activities	14,451.05
From student activities	11,233.68
Alumnae contributing	31%
Students contributing	100%

The Committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the cooperation of everyone—students, faculty, alumnae and friends. We bespeak the same whole-hearted energy and devotion during this next year.

Is your contribution to the Endowment Fund the best you can do?

Think it over.

What Are You Doing This Summer? Whatever You Do, Do It For Skidmore Summer is Play-time Play For Skidmore

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Library Science and the other in Nursing and Health, a pre-medic course. The recent affiliation with the Mary McClelland Hospital in Greenwich, in connection with this latter course, was brought about primarily through the efforts of President Keyes. The academic field is to be extended too, so that very shortly Skidmore can offer not only complete vocational training, but also a sound academic education. The "experiment" bids fair to be a permanent policy.

Consider what this growth of Skidmore involved, and what effort and vision were necessary to bring it about. The difference in the development before and after Dr. Keyes's arrival is nothing short of stupendous. His is the vision that makes each addition seem one step toward the goal of the Skidmore of the future as he sees it. We speak glibly of the changes that are yet to come and of the future status of the college. President Keyes sees even further and his picture of Skidmore fifty years from now far surpasses any of our guesses. He has literally given the fruit of a lifetime of study and experience to the making of Skidmore. The ceaseless energy and enthusiasm that he has shown have indicated that in Skidmore is his heart and life. Skidmore can do nothing less than be proud of her president and grateful that he is her guide, her spirit, and her inspiration.

SENIOR WINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Mally Lane Victor

The finals of the college tennis tournament were held Monday after having been postponed Friday because of the rain. Mally Lane, '22, and Kay Aiken, '25, were the contestants, representing the upperclassmen and freshmen respectively. The score was 6-2—10-8, in favor of Mally Lane.

There were many spectators and event of the year. The sets were much interest in this big athletic marked by many brilliant passes and placements on the part of both players and also some remarkably steady returns. Both Miss Lane and Miss Aiken play a fast, accurate game and were very evenly matched.

Ivy Plant Presented by Mrs. Osborne Comes from England

The ivy plant presented to the Seniors by Mrs. Josie Osborn, was obtained this year from Oxford University, England. For the last three years Mrs. Osborn has presented ivy, obtaining it from Harvard, Yale, and Princeton. The ivy from Oxford was presented Thursday afternoon at a tea given by Dean Ross for the members of the Senior Class. Mrs. Osborn made a graceful speech of presentation and Miss Helen Filene, President of the Senior Class, received the ivy.

SENIOR PLAY

On Tuesday evening, June 6, the Senior class will present "Behind a Watteau Picture," a play by Robert Emmons Rogers. The performance will take place at 7:30 in the auditorium. Admission 75c.

For a few weeks this summer our lofty portals will harbor a Sunday School Convention. We sincerely hope that the purified atmosphere will last till next fall.

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