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HERE is compensation for the late spring. For it has served to retard the foliage so that it should be at its best and furnish a beautiful setting for Princeton's patriotic Commencement, to which her sons from far and near will soon be rallying.

On another page we are printing the commencement programme. There you may find the times and places of the several events of the condensed exercises of this war-time ending of the college year. As the alumni are to have a large share in the patriotic demonstration, we supplement the programme with the committee's instructions as to the great parade. It will be composed of five divisions as follows: First Division, the President of the University and the diplomatic representatives from Washington, Colonel William Libbey '77, grand marshal; Second Division, the Board of Trustees. Parker D. Handy '70. marshal: Third Division, the University Faculty, Professor V. Lansing Collins '92, marshal; Fourth Division, the alumni, Sanford B. White '12, marshal; Fifth Division. the undergraduates, William B. Moore '17, marshal.

THE PRINCETON BATTALION, in command of Major Heintzelman, will be drawn up facing Witherspoon Hall at 12.45 p. m. As the guests from Washington, having entered the campus through the Blair Arch, pass in front of Witherspoon Hall on their way to "Prospect," the Battalion will present arms, while the band plays the national anthems of England, France, Italy, Belgium and Portugal. The Fifth Division, composed of all undergraduates, with the band, will assemble at the Cannon at 1.45 p. m., and proceed to "Pros-

pect." The parade, with the undergraduates as escort, will leave "Prospect" at 2.00 p. m.

THE SECOND DIVISION, composed of the Trustees, will assemble at "Prospect" to accompany the guests to Nassau Hall. The Fourth Division, composed of the alumni, will assemble at 1.45 in front of Nassau Hall, forming as in other years for the alumni parade. The Third Division, composed of the Faculty, will assemble in the Faculty Room at 1.45 p. m. The route of the parade will be out of "Prospect," along McCosh Walk, around the Mather Sun Dial, past Marquand Chapel, through the Library arch, around the Cannon, thence to the front campus. Meantime the alumni, having formed by classes on the front campus, will proceed around the western end of Nassau Hall, and the Faculty around the eastern end of Nassau Hall, to the Cannon, and these two divisions will form a hollow square, and after the parade has passed will follow in behind.

THE PARADE HAVING ARRIVED on the front campus, the ceremony of conferring honorary degrees upon the diplomatic representatives will take place on the steps of Nassau Hall. At its conclusion the whole crowd will proceed informally to Poe Field for the aviation and military exhibitions. Then will follow the reception at "Prospect," and in the evening the band concert and singing on the front campus. Each of the alumni classes, it should be remembered, is requested to carry at its head an American flag of the government dimensions, together with its class banner; no other emblems should be carried. Each class is requested as far as possible to appear in white trousers, dark coats and straw hats.

HIS FELLOW ALUMNI will deeply regret that President Wilson has felt obliged, on account of the stress of his official duties, to decline the invitation extended to him to join in the patriotic demonstration at this year's Commencement of his Alma Mater. President Hibben's letter extending the invitation and President Wilson's reply are as follows:

Princeton, May 2nd, 1917. My dear Mr. President:

I had hoped that it might be possible for Dr. Finney and me to present in person to you an invitation from Princeton to attend the reunion of the Prniceton Alumni which we are planning for Saturday afternoon of Commencement, June 16th. At a meeting last week of the representatives of all the Classes holding reunions it was voted unanimously to extend this invitation to you. I was present at this meeting and heartily concurred in this action.

It was decided at that time to make a special effort to induce all the Alumni to return to Princeton for this occasion, whether members of the reunion Classes or not, to take part in the patriotic celebration which is planned for Saturday afternoon and evening.

If it is possible for you to be present at that time, Mrs. Hibben and I would be very pleased to have Mrs. Wilson and you as our guests while in Princeton.

Dr. Finney telephoned me last night that it would be impossible for you to see us in Washington and therefore I am sending this letter instead.

With warm regards,
Sincerely yours,
JOHN GRIER HIBBEN.
To the President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

The White House Washington

3 May, 1917. My dear President Hibben:

I am sorry to say that in the face of the tasks by which I find myself confronted, it will not be possible for me to give myself such a leave of absence as would be involved in my attending the reunion of the Princeton Alumni in June.

Mrs. Wilson and I join in thanking Mrs. Hibben and you very warmly for used as a reunion room for the Class, so don't forget to register as soon as you step off the train. Full particulars of the big event will appear in The Weekly, and also the location of our "war-time reunion tent."

John C. Dawson left this country on May 24 for France, to join the American Ambulance Service. His present address is unknown but will be forthcoming as soon as the secretary hears from him.

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Morris E. Kinnan and Miss Kate Bovce Hayes were married in All Angels Church, New York, June 2. Rowland H. McKee was best man and among the other attendants were G. Ross Kenyon, Charles D. Orth, Hamilton Vreeland, Jr., and Arthur J. Sullivan.

Franklin Ford is associated with the Laurer Piano Company, 591 Broad St., Newark, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry have issued invitations for the wedding of their daughter, Miss Priscilla Foster Perry, and Francis Cooley Hall, on June 14 in the Central Congregational Church, Boston, Mass.

Arthur F. Folz is connected with the engineering department of the Westinghouse Lamp Co., 165 Broadway, New York.

Max M. Dixon, who will be graduated this month from the School of Mines of Columbia University, has recently been elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, the honorary engineering fraternity.

Paul F. Myers and Howard M. Wells '14 were among the ushers at the wedding of Burritt C. Harrington and Miss Charlotte Frisch Jacobs in Oak Lane, Philadelphia, June 6. The Rev. Stanley A. Hunter '10 performed the ceremony. "Burr" and Mrs. Harrington expect to be in Princeton on June 16.

The wedding of Miss Marguerite Sheldon and Ralph W. Merrill takes place in Hinsdale, Ill., June 7. "Pop" has recently been appointed advertising manager of "System on the Farm," the A. W. Shaw Co.'s new publication.

#### '14

John G. Agar, Jr., and Miss Angelina Thayer Scott, daughter of Professor and Mrs. William B. Scott of Princeton, were married in Princeton May 28 by President John Grier Hibben. Arthur Flannigan was best man. Because of the fact that "Jack" expects soon to be called into service as a member of the Aero Corps the date of the wedding was set ahead.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Helen Fenimore Sutphin and Christian Earl Moore for June 20 at Yardley, Pa.

Eugene S. Correll is now in Weihsien, Stantung Province, China, representing the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

The following changes of address have been received: C. S. Long, to 320 East Water St., Pontiac, Ill.; John F. Kennedy, to 378 E. Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio; Capt. David R. Hawkins, to 2nd Co., Provisional Training Camp, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; E. W. Puttkamer, to Machinae Island, Mich:; Charles Bunn, to 549 Portland Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; Edward Lloyd, Jr., to Hotel Didier, Hellertown, Pa.; R. W. Bauhahn, to 55 Booraem Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Paul C. McPherson, to Lawrenceville, N. J.; H. L. Ford, to 14 North High St., Columbus, Ohio.

#### '15

J. Monroe Thorington has enlisted in the

service of the American Ambulance and will sail for France this week, expecting to be connected with the American Hospital at Neuilly. "Doc's" address will be in care of the American Ambulance, Rue Raynouard, Paris.

William S. Borden is attending the officers' training camp at Fort Myer, Va., where he is a member of Company 10.

Donald Myrick and Miss Charlotte Williams Porter, daughter of Mrs. Edward Clark Porter of Hubbard Woods, Chicago, were married in Los Angeles, Cal., May 22. Mr. and Mrs. Myrick will reside at 2015 Highland Ave., Hollywood, a suburb of Los Angeles. He continues on the staff of the Los Angeles Express. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bard were among the wedding guests.

#### '16

Ube Ubelacker plans to take a summer course in surveying at M. I. T., beginning June 11 and lasting until the start of the August camp at Fort Myer.

Roger Parkin is now connected with the Mercantile Trust & Deposit Co. at 115 Broadday, New York. He writes that the class dinners which Glick and Reynolds started have begun in earnest and are being held every two weeks. If you want to get in on them write Rog at the above address or Glick at 61 Broadway, care of W. M. Imbrie & Co. Miss Emily Parkin is "growing larger by the day, and ought to be big enough to march in the first Reunion P-rade."

Sam Hypes writes from Company 8, Fort Sheridan, that "Dutch Meier, John Baker, Kurtz Smith and Don Turner are here in camp too. Will try to scare up a young reunion on the 16th. Too bad the Big First is spoiled, but we'll hold a Real One in Berlin some day!"

Sixteeners at Plattsburg include J. Armstrong, Banigan, Buchanan, Cleveland, Deyo, Frontz, Dodge, Hahn, Heintz, Hoyt, N. Kenyon, Lloyd-Smith, Mitchell, Niles, Osborn, Raymond, Stevens, Talley, Traylor, Ransom, Tippetts, and J. B. Underhill.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Schleicher of Long Island City, N. Y., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marion Eleanor, and A. B. Bingham.

Bill Bradley, who has recently been married, is living in Frankfort, Ky., R.F.D. No. 3.

During the absence of the Secretary, as explained in the recent class letter, the secretarial work will be handled by Neville Miller, 834 E. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky. Nev will write The Alumni Weekly notes and class mail should be sent to him. Assessments can be paid to him and changes of address should also be forwarded to Louisville. Tik Harvey, 39 Courtland St., New York City, will handle the reunion work, and will be in Princeton on June 16. Men who can get back should be sure to join the Alumni P-rade. The dinners at the various camps are well under way. Notice of attendance at all functions should be sent to Miller. The Secretary is sailing with the administrative department of the U. S. Red Cross, Unit No. 8. Laird Barber sails with the same unit for the work in. France.

Rooney Reineman may be addressed Route 1, Box 52, Depew, Okla. Stan Phraner has changed his address to 6317 Hancock St., Brooklyn, N. Y. and Fred Knight has moved to 78 Wall St., New Haven, Conn.

#### O B I T U A R Y

#### JOHN DAVID DAVIS '72

In the death of John David Davis '72 the Princeton Club of St. Louis has suffered a grievous loss. From the time he entered Princeton until his last illness he had a deep and consistent interest in his Alma Mater. He graduated in 1872 and in 1875 was one of the principal organizers of "The Princeton Alumni Association of St. Louis." He was always one of its most active members and was during several terms its President.

It was through the efforts of a small group of alumni, of which Mr. Davis was the most active, that The Princeton Alumni Weekly was established in 1900.

In 1901 upon Mr. Davis's initiative, the Western Association of Princeton Clubs was organized and held its first meeting in St. Louis. Chiefly through the influence of this Association, supported by the most earnest efforts of Mr. Davis, alumni representation in the Board of Trustees of Princeton University was obtained. Mr. Davis was chosen as one of the first five Alumni Trustees and served in this office continuously for two terms. He then declined to become a candidate for another term.

Mr. Davis was a man of great warmth of heart. The many men who owe their Princeton education to his personal generosity and encouragement know that his assistance was rendered with the same lack of ostentation which characterized his whole life.

Greatly as we now deplore our loss, we feel that every day of his absence from our ranks will bring a renewed understanding of how large a place he occupied as a member of this organization and as a representative Princeton man.

In recording our loss we extend to the family of Mr. Davis our sincere sympathy.

PRINCETON CLUB OF ST. LOUIS,

WILLIAM E. GUY '65, K. DUNCAN MELLIER '69, P. TAYLOR BRYAN '82, JOSEPH W. LEWIS '90, ERASTUS WELLS '03, DAVID D. METCALFE '04, Committee.

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JOHN S. LIONBERGER '11, Secretary.

#### ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER '75

Professor Archibald Alexander '75, Ph.D., died at Geneva, Switzerland, Feb. 15, 1917, aged 61 years. After graduation he was Adjunct Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy from 1877 to 1881, and Professor of Philosophy and Ethics and Psychology from 1881 to 1889, at Columbia University, and contributed important articles to many magazines and journals. He wrote for the San Francisco Chronicle from Berlin, and for the New York World from Vienna. He was at one time in the editorial department of the New York Evening Post, and wrote for the Nation to the time of his death. He was the author of "Theories of the Will in the History of Philosophy," "A Theory of Conduct," and "Some Problems of Philosophy," and translated the "Latin Church in the Middle Ages."

For many years he had lived in Europe, travelling and lecturing. He had been con-



nected with the University of Neuchatel and with the University of Geneva. His colleagues at these institutions have expressed their deep admiration for his work and regret for his death.

This regret is shared by his classmates, who recall his boyhood, exurberant with fun and life, his brilliant wit and whimsical humor. Through all his wanderings he retained his interest in the Class and his love for Princeton.

Thos. W. Harvey, Secretary of '75.

#### LEONARD WALTER LOTT '76

The Rev. Leonard Walter Lott '76 died May 10, 1917, at Bangor, Maine, where he had been rector of St. John's Episcopal Church for ten years. tHe was born in Brooklyn in 1853, entered Princeton in 1872 from the Brooklyn Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute, and graduated in 1876, having particularly distinguished himself by his oratory.

Mr. Lott studied at the Union Theological Seminary in New York and in 1879 because pastor of the Reformed Church of Rhinebeck, N. Y., where he remained for five years. He then entered the Episcopal ministry. He had been rector of churches in Jamaica Plain, Mass., and New Orleans, before going to Bangor. In the conflagration from which Bangor suffered about six years ago, Mr. Lott's church was burned and the lost many of his possessions.

In 1885 Mr. Lott was married to Miss Eliza F. Wager of Rhinebeck, N. Y., who died in 1906. Mr. Lott spent many of his summers in Europe and frequently conducted services at Holy Trinity Church, Paris.

#### RICHARD WALN MEIRS '88

On April 25, after a short illness, our classmate, Richard Waln Meirs, died at his residence in Philadelphia. Even to those living

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in the same community, having almost daily intercourse with him, the end came with appalling suddenness. To all of our classmates it cannot be other than a distinct shock.

Almost up to the very end there was no man who appeared to be in more superb health, more full of life, or for whom life held out greater prospects of success and happiness. Relieved of all financial cares, surrounded by a charming family, with many and warm friends, to whom he was endeared by frequent kindly acts and constant thoughtful consideration, it does, indeed, seem hard to understand why he should have been summoned.

Although many years have passed since our college days, yet it is safe to say no one of us can look back over those thirty odd years without recalling with pleasant memories, Dick Meirs—big, genial, cheery, ever willing to participate in the joys and share in the sorrows of our Class.

After graduation he laid the foundation of a future business career by working for a few years in several banking and investment houses, where, even then, his keen insight, energy and rather unusual grasp of intricate subjects, gave evidence of his preparedness to meet new and greater responsibilities, which were soon to be placed upon him.

During the last ten years of his life he was selected for directorship in numerous financial enterprises, and was Vice-President of the Hudson & Manhattan R. R. Co. at the time of his death. In all these positions of trust, his advice was eagerly sought and his judgment considered unusually sound.

To his Alma Mater, Dick was a loyal and generous son. By her his generosity as well as his personality will be greatly missed, for his gifts were many and often of great value, but always were they given quietly and with an obvious desire to avoid publicity.

Those of us who were able to attend the Twenty-fifth Reunion of our Class can ever bear testimony to the thought and time given and energy expended to make the event so attractive that the remembrance of it could never fade. For this we have to thank no one so much as Dick Meirs, who practically abandoned his other duties to assure the meeting of his classmates being a memorable one.

It is hardly possible at this time to express even briefly the thoughts and feelings that naturally come to us at the parting from one who was so dear to us. Let us simply say—he died endeared to those who were intimate with him, respected and admired by his friends and associates, and he left behind him that priceless heritage for his children—a good

"O Death, where is thy sting?
O Grave, where is thy victory?"
To the stricken family, on whom the blow

falls hardest, let us send our heartfelt sympathy, and let us assure them that they do not mourn alone, for we, too, mourn both with and for them.

Committee for the Class of '88,

JAMES HANCOCK, Chairman;
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