

SENIOR ORATIONS AT WAKE FOREST

Material has been gathered from Dr. G. W. Paschal's books, *History of Wake Forest College*, Volumes I, II, and III (1834-1943); from newspaper clippings in the Office of Communications and the Library; from Faculty Minutes; Bulletins or Wake Forest College; from records in the Baptist Book Collection including *Biblical Recorders*; from Commencement programs in offices of the Dean of the College Provost, President Registrar, Library, and Treasurer. The bound copies of the Bulletin in Mr. Williard's office were especially useful, as were material in the Baptist Book Collection. Mrs. Bagby in the Speech Department helped fill in some of the gaps; as did letters to the individual alumni who were the orators in 1945 and 1972. Some of the orations in 1972 did not have titles but Jane Tolar O'Connor and Susan House David kindly reviewed their orations and came up with suitable titles for the record.

Wake Forest Institute was founded in 1834 (16 students registered in February, 1834, and before the end of the year 72 students had enrolled). In 1839 the Institute was rechartered as Wake Forest College. The history of Wake Forest divides naturally into three main periods: (1) from the beginning of the institution in the early 1830's to the early 1860's when the Civil War forced its temporary closing (1861-1865); (2) from 1865 to the early 1950s, when the movement of the college campus from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem was organized and carried out; and (3) from 1956 when the school began operation in Winston-Salem to the present.

In the first year of the Institute (1834) students organized a debating society. Soon after the opening of the second session in 1835, students organized two groups, the Euzeilians and the Philomathesians. These two literary societies promoted debate and oratory at all special occasions of the college.

At first, all members of the senior class were expected to speak, unless excused by the faculty. In the early 80's the number of speakers was fixed at ten; others in the class wrote a thesis. In 1899 the number of speakers was reduced to eight, in 1909 to six and in 1924 to four. In 1973 the Dean of the College reduced the number of speakers to three.

Ending with the commencement of 1901 the first speaker as the salutatorian and the last speaker the valedictorian. Some years the salutatorian and the valedictorian gave senior orations in addition to the salutatory and valedictory. Until the commencement of 1889 in awarding these distinctions, the grades of the scholars were not as important as degrees so that Master of Arts had precedence over Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts over other degrees. Beginning with the commencement of 1889 the Valedictory was awarded to the student graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts or Master of Arts who had made the highest average grade and the salutatory to the student, who made the second highest grade. From 1868 to 1878 the salutatory was in Latin. In the early years there was often a speech given in German or French; I have not listed these with the senior orations.

Beginning with the commencement of 1909 the speeches by the six selected members of the graduating class, three from each literary society in the earlier years to have been in competition for a medal, the A. D. Ward Medal. This medal was provided by Mr. A. D. Ward, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, who had become a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest in 1904 and continued as such until his death on April 16, 1940. He was President of the Board for the years 1907-10.

In 1923 the faculty voted as follows: "Nominations for Senior Speakers shall be made to the Faculty on the third Monday in April by a standing committee of the Faculty from those who have (a) submitted in writing a proposed address by the first Monday in April and (b) have spoken satisfactorily either before the committee or on some public occasion in

College. The faculty will select four Senior Speakers on the third Monday in April. . Senior Speakers shall present their commencement addresses to the Faculty committee for approval by May 25. The President of the College shall be a member of the committee."

The above resolution was amended to limit Commencement speeches of the senior class representatives to one thousand words and to empower the President to appoint the Committee (Standing Committee on Commencement Addresses). (In other years it was called the Committee on Senior Orators.)

The catalog of 1937-38 lists the Committee on Literary Societies and Debates. This committee recommended the Senior Orators to the faculty from 1938 to 1956. In 1956 the faculty was reorganized and the Committee on Literary Societies and Debates was deleted. Dr. Franklin R. Shirley became the chairman of the Committee on Literary .Societies and Debates in 1951 and for many years he handled the selection of Senior Orators, continuing after the Speech Department was created in 1960 until 1972. The Student Life Committee selected the Senior Orators for 1972, 1973, and 1974. In 1975 the Dean's office along with the Assistant Chaplain took over this task. The format was changed considerably at this time, with top students being invited to a Senior Colloquium, where they presented short speeches, and the best three of these were selected. The speeches are now given on Sunday afternoon at an Honors and Awards Convocation. Judges are invited from the Winston-Salem community to select the winner of the award.

During World War II the college enrollment dropped considerably. In order to meet this crisis, in 1942 Wake Forest became a Coeducational institutional. The first female senior orator was in 1946. The present day ratio between male and female is about 50-30. ---

On the following pages is a list of Senior Orators and their topics from the present back to 1868 (the opening of the school after the Civil War.)

Ethel Kanoy

Secretary to Dean Mullen

Completed March 14,1977

Wake Forest University Senior Orations

1997 *Leslie Ann Jackson	Here
*Charlotte Anne Opal	Finding Comfort in the Uncomfortable
*Donald Richard Pocock	Accident or Destiny
1996 *Rose Erin Caldwell	Serene Science
* Jennifer Lynn Fowler	Paris Metro
* Ann Mary Leist	Southbound on the Northern Line
1995 *Loraine Vera Fuller	Knowing Angels
* Joy Lizette Goodwin	An Education and Criticism
*Kathryn Patricia Huyvaert	Becoming
1994 * Anna Kathryn Richardson	Equipped to Care
* John Kenneth Stuckey	Finding Poetry in Motion
* Aaron Benjamin Tomlin	Beginning
1993 *Lisa Michelle Shannon	Reflections on My Rich World
*Nancy Paula Sherwood	As a Disabled Student *Stephanie Spellers Coming to Life
1992 Hannah Evelyn Britton	I Had to Go To South Africa Before I Could Go To East Winston
Eric Ashley Hairston	Childhood's Echo
Douglas Hamilton Nesbit	Trying out With Herman Melville

1991 Anne Elizabeth Barnard	A Dehumanized Existence
Craig Macaulay Martin	Stretched-out Hands
*Kellie Elizabeth Tabor	Fourth of July - Siloam, North Carolina
1990 Edwin Hemphill Clark	Within a Story
*Michael H. Monroe	Impressions of a Monastic Sojourn
Grace Elizabeth Murray	From "The Tube" to the Canvases
1989 *Karen Baynes	Decisions
M. Lou Brown	Kaleidoscopic Vision Lisa Jean Yarger Lights
1988 Amy Scherr Childs	Oothoon's Lament
* Scott Edward M. Graham	Entropy and My Existential Education
Wendy Ellen Pohlig	Thinking Out of Turn
1987 Milena A. Cvijanovich	I Am an Architect
Maria Weston Merritt	The Lesson: A True Story
James Francis Toole, III	Playing With Mirrors
1986 *Raymond Benjamin Farrow, III	"Strange Task. Strange Hope": The Language of self
Gina Rae Grubbs	The Moral Imperative of a Liberal Arts Education: Reflections on a Scholar
H. Lane Wurster, Jr.	Thoughts on Trains and Trees
1985 Linda Ruth Boone	Spanish & Identity: The Crisis of Knowing Two Languages
*Angela Michele Patterson	White, Unlike Me
Matthew Gray Styers	To Keep the Romance
1984 Kathy Janette Allen	Something Worth Knowing 7 About the Self Douglas
James Furlong	Revolution and A More Perfect Union
*Jennifer L. Womack	Crossing Bridges
1983 Steven Randal Catron	Success, Failure and Altiora Peto
*James Theodore Gentry	John Stuart Mill. and Pac Man
Mercedes Maria Teixido	The Nude as the Most Perfect Beauty. or Expose Your Real Self. .
1982 *Martha Faith McLellan	After the First Death: Reflections on poetry and Emergency Room Experience
Dennis Walter Hearne	Toward an Ethical United States Foreign Policy
Catherine Mary Frier	In Cautious Praise of Impetuosity
1981 *John E.R. Friedenber	Art vs. Sport as an Imago for American Society
Stanlee Parks Greene, Jr.	Education at Wake Forest: Myth or Reality
Lennis Louise Percy	The Story
1980 *Joseph C. Davis, Jr.	The Minor Third
John Marc Gulley	Taking Time to Pause
Jane .Cornwall Jackson	Education: A Plea for Something Different
Evelyn Byrd Tribble	In Defense of the Trite
1979 *Jeanne Preston Whitman	Look Homeward
Linda Lou Crocker	Revelation for a Skeptical Conservative
James Richard Saintsing	If, Zen
Kathryn Ann Webb	The Oedipus Complex
1978 *Mark Wayne	Leuchtenberger Rungless Ladders
Emily Jane Owens	Yes, Virginia. There Is Life After College
Michael Jac Whatley	Between Two Points
1977 *Katharine Marie Amato	Realizations, Revelations, and Rainbows

David William Kunz	In Defense or Sheep
Katherine Ann Meiburg	Physics and the Fine Arts
1976 Judith Kay Haughee	On Becoming Real
*Barbara Lou Holland	Thinking for Thinking's Sake
Roberto Jehu Hunter	A Just Distribution of Wealth?
1975 Albert Stanley Meiburg	The Church-Related College: Servant of Reason, Servant of Faith
Ollis Jon Mozon, Jr.	Unfortunately, Still a Black Dot on a White Elephant
*Evelyn Jean West	The Sciences and Humanities: Exploring the Land Between
1974 Steven Alan Grossman	Our Duty to Wake Forest as Alumni
*Brian Scott Linton	Nothing Lasts Forever -- It's Time to Move On
Darian Lance Smith	And Even the Desert Will Bloom
1973 *Janice Lynn Gruber .	The Problem of Medical Care in America and a Prescription for Change
John Richard Kendrick, Jr.	Victimless Crimes
John Anthony K. Browning	The Now and Then Generation: Hanging Loose in the Anguish of Language
1972 Linda Jane Tolar	Song of Myself: The Human Potential
William Russell Brantley	Reynolda High School?
Susan House David	Dropping Out: Sometimes a Good Decision
*Keith Watson Vaughn	Our War Against the American Indian--Will it Ever End
1971 Carol L. Clark	A Modern Myth: Peace through Institutions
Freemon A. Mark	Too, Hear the Call of Revolution
F. Kevin Mauney	"The Graduate" and Other Heroes
*Laura A. Stringfellow	The Actors are at Hand—Mid Midsummer-Night's Dream
1970 *Laura Susan Abernathy	Where is "Woman's Place"?
Laura Christian Ford	The Idea of a University
Richard Allen Shoaf	Grace. Speech, and Silence
Wayne Woltz Tolbert	Population. Environment, and Technology
1969 Phyllis McMurry Tate	The Worst Are Full of Passionate Intensity
James Nello Martin, Jr.	What's It all For?
Mary Ann Tolbert .	Bleary-Eyed Wisdom Born of Midnight Oil
*Linda Sue Carter	Where is the Renaissance Man?
1968 Ronald E. Bassett	Quest for Values in the University
Frederick L. Cooper, III	The Agony of the Ages
*Kenneth S. Johnson	The Winter of our Discontent
Walter Brooks Stillwell III	Education and Political Life
1967 William Michael Andrew	The Problem of Democratic Education
*Sandra Leigh Myers	The Importance of Christian Training as a Part Total Education
Vicki Lu Tolar	Time and the Student-
Richard Carter Fallis	Light in a Dark Land
1966 James Leslie Blackburn	The Winds of Adversity . . .
Carol Ann Claxton	Truth: Newspaper Style
Robert Kenneth Goodwin	The Developing Nation--A Need for an Attitude for Growth and Change
*Dona Simpson Westray	The Vision of Greatness-
1965 Jerry Attkisson	Reflections of a Senior
*Donia Ann Whiteley	Literature and the Practical Man
Martha Swain	Toward the Prize of the High Calling
Neal Tate	Democracy in America
1964 Ronald Treadwell McIntyre	The Uber Scientist
*John Leslie Rosenthal	An Absurd Negligence and Discovery
C Frank Balch Wood	Can Wake Forest College Become a Christian University
David Maier Zacks	What Price Security?

1963 John Glenn Blackburn, Jr.	Never Imitate
Susan Elizabeth Fulkerson	Women in a Male Stronghold
*Eura DuVal Gaskins, Jr.	The Fall of the Empire .
Douglas James McCorkindale	Education and the Open Mind 1962
1962* Alfred Lee Baker	The United Nations in World Affairs
Susie O. Jones	That Man May Know Love
Anthony William Packer	An Institution Within an Institution
Sammy K. Williams	The College and the Faith
1961 *Richard F. Curlee	A New Humanity
Sheron J. Dailey	The Shruggers .
Betty Bruce Hoyard	To Never Understand
George Williamson, Jr.	Seeds of Discontent
1960 John A. Alford	The Worth of Creation
*Janet M. Binkley	The Academic Shell
Richard L. Burlison	The Defacement of Honor
Donald O. Schoonmaker	Wake Forest, 1960; An Inventory
1959 *Charles B. Deane, Jr.	Equality of the Heart
Jane Gilbert Freeman	A New Alphabet
Dinah G. Gattis	Who Shall Restrain Us?
Charles S. Rooks	The College Professor
1958 *David F. Hughes	What Should Be
Rowland Hayes Thomas, Jr.	Where Do We Go from Here?
Linda Carol Willard	The House that Jack Built
Larry Corlis Williams	Pilgrimage to a Sacred Shrine
1957 *Marjorie L. Thomas	The Sleep of Death
Martha Cook Gentry	No More Lab
Fred Simpson	War and Peace
Charles Richards	A School is for Students
1956 Kenneth David Freeman	Academic Freedom
E. Pauline Binkley	In Quest of Life's Meaning
C. Richard Day	Understanding The Cornerstone of Peace and Progress
*Harry Thomas Frank	Insignificant Significance
1955 Carwile LeRoy	Can We Go Home Again?
*Joseph C. Hough, Jr.	Democratic Obsession.
Wilfred Winstead	Forging Ahead
Isabel Quattlebaum.	A More Perfect Union
1954 James Young Greene	The Crisis of the Christian College
Gordon Eugene Boyce	At the Crossroads Anne Marie Fuller A Dream on Trial
*Betty-Jo Usher	Fingertips Through the Clouds
1953 *Virgil H. Moorefield, Jr.	Out of Darkness...Light
Joe B. Mauney	This I Believe
Clara Ellen Francis.	Builders of Men
Brightie E. White, Jr.	Our College Generation
1952 Lloyd Abernethy, Jr.	Preface to a Creative Humanity
*Doris Anne Link	Whoso Would Be a Man
Betty Jo Ring	The Wake Forest Woman
Roy E. Shell	The Freedom to Live
1951 David M. Clark, Jr.	The Only Thing We Have to Fear
*Carol Oldham	Her Greatest Opportunity
Julian C. Burroughs, Jr.	A Challenge to Reynolda
Lucius Pullen	Training for Peace

1950 T. Lamar Caudle III	As A Mighty Oak
Edgar D. Christman	The Major Assumption of our Representative Government
*DeLeon T. Murphy	The Forgotten Man
Elizabeth Pringle	In Defense of Women
1949 Henry B. Huff	War or Peace
*William H. Wagoner	The Vanishing American Statesman
Hugh C. Dover	Liberal Education
Robert M. Winecoff	The Whole Man
1948 E. M. Britt	The best of Whatever You Are
Hubert B. Humphrey	Learning to Live
Elwood R. Orr	Today I am a College Graduate
*Dorothy Haworth	Today I am Twenty-One
1947 John Dixon Davis	What of Tomorrow?
William Marcus McGill	The Challenge of Higher Education in America,
*James Arthur West, Jr.	America: The Champion of Freedom
William Edward Poe	One World and Democracy
1946 Nancy Hyde Easley	Clod or Continent
*Frank Eugene Deese	The Death of a Nation
Harold Prestwood Coston	One World or None
James Oda Mattox	Our Noble Heritage
1945 J. W. Chandler	Heirs or Custodians?
William Thomas Smith	Heroism and World Peace
J. S. Fentress	A Panorama of Death
*Clarence Bowen	A Hero Dies
1944 *Elbert Wethington	The Fundamental Foundation of a Lasting Peace
Bruce Whitaker	Education and Stability
Leo Hawkins	The Working Man and World Society
Earl Parker	An American Paradox
1943 W. Burnette Harvey	War---Prelude to What
Lawrence Highfill	A Powerful Idea
Edwin G. Wilson	Let us Dare to Do our Duty
*John J. McIlillan	Look to the West
1942 *Ralph Brumet	Marble and Slate
George Thomas Watkins III	Shattered Altars
Charles Maddry Freeman	Goodness is Not Enough
Robert Lansing Hicks	The Sin of Indifference-
1941 Weston P. Hatfield	Commencement of What?
*James S. Potter	Religious Liberty--Bulwark of Democracy
G. W. Bennett From	Campus to Camp
John T. Spencer. Jr.	The Cultural Chemistry of a Deacon
1940 *T. Eugene Worrell	Liberty that Enslaves
G. Thomas Lumpkin	Ambition is but an Empty Dream
Adlai Hoyle	In Defense of Youth
James Cople	The Christian Optimist
1939 *Robert M. Helm. Jr.	On the Threshold of What?
W. S. Hicks, Jr.	New Frontiers for Youth
T. Sloan Guy, Jr.	Visions
Cyrus M. Johnson	Eve Still Rules Adam
1938 Archibald M. McMillan	Fickle Youth's Consistency
*Albert E. Simms	Lights and Shadows Joel Francis Paschal Our Opportunity
Jack Benjamin McDuffie	We Go Forth

1937 J. E. Lawrence	Let us Pause and Reminisce
*J. A. Martin, Jr.	Flaming Youth: Retrospect and Prospice
J. D. Beale	Whither Education?
J. H. Blackmore	The Church: Hold-over or Vital Force?
1936 H. A. Matthews	Cooperation or Chaos?
*G. .E. Cople	Education at the Crossroads
J. C. Murchison	Through a Graduate's Eyes
C. E. Hobgood	A Rational Nationalism
1935 *Charles U. Harris, Jr.	The Cause of Peace
Millard R. Brown	Back to First Principles
Carl L. Ousley	Social Security.
J. Glenn Blackburn	Wake Forest Faces the Future
1934 W. Scott Buck	The Lawyer and the New Deal
G. Carl Lewis	Individualism in a Cooperative World
*Donald G. Myers	New Times--New Virtues
W. O. Rosser, Jr.	Our Obligation to Wake Forest
1933 Irby B. Jackson	The Test of Education
*E. L. Smith	A New Internationalism
Zon R. Robinson	A Federation of the World
Clyde W. Glosson	Our Glorious Heritage
1932 *William H. Ford	Vision
Harold H. Deaton	Pledged Responsibility
Thomas Carl Brown	Through the Eyes of a Senior
Braxton L. Davis	Character
1931 Harry L. Bridges	The Challenge .of the Age
James M. Early	Our New Universe
Nathan C. Brooks, Jr.	Followers
*Clarence H. Patrick-	Man's Mightiest Movement
1930 *C. A. Maddy	A Heritage to Sustain
B. M. Tomberlin	The College Man and His Civic Adjustment
W. H. Bostick	A Plea
E. B. Whitaker	Have we Abolished Slavery?
1929 E. C. Shoe	The Abiding Work of Christian Schools
W. L. Cohoon	The Mission of our Alma Mater
R. P. Caudill	A New Aristocracy
*Joe L. Carlton	Our Standard Man
1928 *O. T. Binkley	A Plea for Idealism
J. Elmer Cloer	The American Plan
G. N. Ashley	Right and Wrong in Latin America
G. M. Griffin, Jr.	Youth and Young America
1927 D. S. Haworth	The Challenge to America
*C. R. Tew	War
B. W. Walker	The Citizen and His Government
R. E. Wall	Education for Democracy
1926 A. S. Gillespie Matthew T.	Yates
J. S. Hopkins	A Plea for Moral and Religious Education
*C. B. Earp	Our Thought-World
F. H. Malone	The Need of Moral Progress in Society
1925 D. D. Lewis	The North Carolina Family
F. L. Paschal	The New Progressivism or North Carolina
J. J. Tarlton	The Modern Trend of Education in America

*S. L. Blanton .	The Function of a Christian College
1924 L. E. Andrews	The Compromise of Justice
S. N. Lamb	The American Hero of the Twentieth Century
B. T. Jones, Jr.	A Martyr to a Lost Cause
*H. T. Wright	The Challenge of the Situation
1923 G. H. Morton	The Menace of Nationalism
P. O. Purser	The International Mind
E. L. Spivey	A Challenge to North Carolina Baptists
G. W. Blount	The Christian State
H. P. Naylor	The White Man's Obligation
*W. R. Wallace	The Efficiency of the American Government
1922 T. W. Allen	The Great Delusion
R. S. Averitt	The Spirit of the Red Cross
O. H. Hauser	The Response to the Social Call
*A. L. Goodrich	Intercollegiate Athletics in North Carolina
F. B. Helms	North Carolina in Transition
E. L. Roberts	The Ideals of America's Champion of Peace
1921 D. T. Hurley	The Democratic Destiny
C. F. Gaddy	Playing the Game
R. R. Carter	Truths about North Carolina
*A. R. Whitehurst	The Nemesis of History
R. C. Brown	The College Man and Leadership
G. R. Sherrill	The Baptist Crisis in North Carolina
1920 McKinley Edwards	The Dynamic Force in Reconstruction
E. J. Trueblood	Southern Ideals
E. D. Banks	The Unfinished Task
*F. C. Feezor	The Coming of Internationalism
I. L. Yearby	World Citizenship
C. M. Austin	An Independent Ireland
1919 L. B. Dawes	Carry On
R. P. Burns	The Dominion of Man
*R. R. Mallard	The Southern Soldier
W. E. Honeycutt	Guarding the Deposit
B.. T. Ward	The Unfinished Task
J. I. Allen, Jr.	Woman and the New World
1918 M. T. Rankin	Heroes at Home
L. V. Coggins	America's Fight for World Freedom
R. L. Humber, Jr.	The True Basis of Democracy
B. L. Liles	The New Washington
J. C. Canipe	The Social World Crisis
*J. T. Gillespie	Our Supreme Debt to the Unborn
1917 A. C. Reid	The Ascendancy of Southern Principles
J. B. Rucker	The Liberalizing Influence of the Present War
J. M. Hester	Americanism and World Peace
I. E. Carlyle	Our Duty to France
P. S. Daniel	The Invisible Empire
*J. Baird Edwards	The Dawn of Universal Democracy
1916 E. B. Cox,	North Carolina's Imperative Task
R. K. Redwine	Social Inequality
A. C. Lovelace	Vital Preparedness
R. H. Taylor	Our Debt to France

*C. J. Hunter, Jr.	The Effect of War on Literature
K. M. Yates	The Neglected Factor in the Rural Problem
1915 R. L. Brown	Unrecognized Heroism
J. P. Mull	The Farmer, the Neglected Citizen in Legislation,
A. Y. Arledge	The Democracy of the Eleventh Hour
J. M. Pritchard	Shall the Death Penalty be Abolished?
*B. M. Watkins	The Quest of Freedom,
Earle Prevette	The Mediterranean of the New World
1914 W. W. Walker	The Problem of the City-
George C. Pennell	North Carolina's Legal Relic of Barbarism
*L. Jarvis	Women's Status in Government .
D. M. Johnson	Anglo-Saxon Conservatism
E. P. Yates	America's Olive Crown
E. P. Stillwell	The New Chivalry
1913: L. L. Carpenter	The Old North State in the Field of Literature
T. C. Holland	The Judicial Settlement of International Disputes
O. F. Herring	The Immortal Minority
*V. V. McGuire	The Relationship of Women to Some Economic and Social Problems
Sam Long ,	The Discovery of the Child
C. R. Sorrell	America's Uncrowned Queen
1912 S. Cecil Hilliard	The Industrial Problem
C. Ray. Sharpe	Our Defective Courts of Justice
*B. Vaughan Ferguson	The Industrial Age and the Child
Arthur T. Allen	The Demand of the Hour
William Marvin Scruggs	Progress in Medicine and Its Relation to the Public
Roy R. Blanton	The Twentieth Century Woman
1911 W. G. Moore	Man's Redemption of Man
C. T. Murchison	The South Regaining National Leadership
J. C. Smith	The One Hope for Peace
*J. P. Tucker	America. the Arbiter of Modern Progress
J. R. Carroll	Allies of Progress
J. B. Eller	Back to the People
1910 Dee Carrick	The Martyr, Carmack
E. I. Olive	The Western Pioneer
H. B. Jones	Political Insurgency
A. R. Williams	The Saxon Ideal of Popular Government
E. N. Johnson	The Rise of the Sunburnt Boy
*F. T Collins	The Passing of the Old Guard
1909 W. B. Hampton	The Blending of the Sections
J. J. Hayes	The Demand for Washingtonian Conservatism
O. W. Henderson.	The Majesty of Law
W. H. Hipps	The Return of the Sceptre
E. E. White	The Last of the Tribunes (Grover Cleveland)
*J. S. Martin	The New North
1908 F. F. Brown	Builders of the South
H. A. Jones	Socialism--Not the Remedy
J. F. Justice	Industrial Ethics
F. D. King	The Trend of American Life
B. T. Stevens	The Coming American
P. C. Stringfield	The Problem of the Pacific
1907 T. H. Beverley	The Hebrew as a Factor in Human Development

T. N. Hayes	Civic Duty of Educated Men
C. R. Mangum	Religion and Social Development
O. J. Sikes	Jefferson Davis
W. E. Speas	The Industrial Development of the South
W. H. Weatherspoon	The Emancipation of the Laborer
1906 T. B. Ashcraft	The Heart of the Nation
E. B. Earnshaw	Conscience in Public Life
E. M. Hairfield	Lights and Shades of American Civilization
B. T. Holding	Where Life Really Exists
Liston Jackson	The Problem of the American City
1905 J. B. Anderson	Americanism and American Traits
R. D. Covington	Some Dangers to our Republic
M. L. Davis	Nathaniel Macon
E. Long	The Newspaper of To-day and To-morrow
A. H. Olive	The Move of Population Southward
H. F. Page	The Smitten Rock.
1904 T. Allan	The Type of Southern Leadership Needed
R. R. Fleming.	The Unity of History .
Y. W. Barnes	The Evolution of the Individual Under the Influence of Christianity
D. H. Bland	The Problem of the Town
R. D. Marsh	Political Equality and Industrial Inequality
J. W. Whisnant	The Public Highway
1903 E. M. Harris	Changes in Country Life
E. B. Fowler	The South in Literature
T. A. Allen	Oration
W. S. Privott	Flexibility, the American Ideal
J. E. Ayscue	The Need for College Men in North Carolina
H. E. Craven	Democracy's Dependence upon Education
J. B. Royall	Nationalism and World Civilization
D. A. Covington	Arbitration: the Solution of the World Problem
1902 W. A. Dunn	The Renaissance in the Orient
B.. P. Walker	North Carolina's Call for Men in the Twentieth Century
J. C. Sykes	Cecil Rhodes, Empire Builder
W. E. Woodruff	The Dynamics of Truth
G. T. Stephenson	The Justifiable Trust
A. J. Bethea	Wade Hampton
D. W. Sorrell	The Onward March of Freedom
H. V. Scarborough	The Educated Farmer
1901 J. Q. Adams	Salutatory
H. E. Flack	Materialism and Academic Freedom
S. G. Flournoy	The Dignity of Labor
N. L. Gaskins	The Commercial War Drum
R. E. Sentelle	Nineteenth Century Transformations
E. W. Timberlake, Jr.	The Citizen and the State
Jesse A. Williams	The True Patriotism
G. B. Rooke	Valedictory
1900 A. R. Dunning	Salutatory
Wayland Cooke	National Conscience
O. K. Powers	The Nation's Crisis
G. F. Edwards	The Dawn of a New Era--Its Demands and Possibilities
J. Z. Eure	Asleep on the Field of Battle

D. M. Stringfield	The One Who Creates and the One Who Employs
Harry Trantham	Valedictory .
1899 C. N. Bailey	Salutatory
W. F. Powell	North Carolina in the Twentieth Century
W. N. Johnson	Individuality
T. D. Savage	Literature and its Rewards
L. R. Varser	The Third Act
P. S. Carlton	The Value of a Vote
J. C. Turner	Valedictory -- The Battle of Life.
1898 T. H. Lacy	Salutatory
J. D. Larkins	Shoot. or Give Up the Gun
S. J. Honeycutt	"Write Me as One Who Loves his Fellowman"
C. S. Burgess	The North Carolina Academy
H. M. Evans	Poetry and Fact
G. M. Beavers	The Danger of Victory
J. Hamilton	Anglo-American Alliance
A. C. Cree	The Grand Old Man
T. N. Johnson	Modern Ostracism
J. C. McNeill	Valedictory
1897 R. N. Simms	Salutatory -- Meliorism
C. L. Greaves	Truth Triumphant
A. F. Sams	The Tyranny of Public Opinion
G. E. Lineberry	Its Origins and Dangers
A. B. Cannady	International Arbitration
W. H. Heck	The Mission of the Past
S. E. Hall	Political Bossism
H. H. Mashburn	How Shall we Readjust Ourselves to our New Condition
G. R. King	Valedictory
1896 Wyatt P. Exum. Jr.	Salutatory
John H. Gore. Jr.	"Capo d' Astro"
Bruce Benton	The New Era
Gideon M. Bray	A Forest-Born Statesman
Willis G. Briggs	Municipal Reform
William H. Davis	The Personal Element in Character Building
Spright Dowell	Prophets and Progress
James N. Tolar	The Ideal Life
Isaac M. Meekins	The Oppressed Masses
Marcus B. Dry	Valedictory
1895 Samuel R. Buxton	Salutatory
John R. Kerr	An Unpaid Debt
Raleigh T. Daniel.	North Carolina and American Independence
James V. Devenny	Mingling Voices
Isaac S. Boyles	Distant Enchantments
William C. Newton	The Dixie Dollar
John A. Oates	Wake Forest and her Young Alumni
Frank E. Parham	Valedictory
1894 W. L. Foushee	Salutatory
M. O. Carpenter	Shifting
R. L. Freeman	The South Carolina Dispensary Law
J. E. Yates	A Parliament of Religions
R. F. Beasley	Wooing Sirens

J. D. Robertson	A Patriot
R. W. Haywood	Valedictory
1893 Charles P. Sapp	Salutatory
E. Yates Webb	Jefferson Davis
Josiah C. Kittrell	The Modern Sphinx
Samuel J. Porter	Our Southern Sister
Rufus W. Weaver	The Message of Modern Science
Isaac T. Newton	Modern Epicureanism
Franklin P. Hobgood. Jr.	Valedictory
1892 G. W. Paschal	Salutatory
C. D. Graves	We are Drifting--Whither?
James Long	The Coming Man
O.. H. Dockery, Jr.	Napoleon's Greatest Marshal
J. W. Millard	A Meeting and a Farewell
J. P. Spence	A Discipline of Peace
W. W. Vass, Jr.	Valedictory
1891 J. L. Kesler	Salutatory
B. W. Spillman	Laugh and Grow Fat
R. B. White	<i>Dies Irae</i>
H. A. Royster	The Last of the Saxons
B. K. Mason	A Blinded Nation
F. M. Royall	The Hero of a Fallen Empire
C. B. Williams	Valedictory
1890 J. R. Hankins	Salutatory
T. R. Crocker	The Heroine of the Hebrides
G. W. Ward	New Aristocracy vs. the Old
J. O. Atkinson	The Empire of Night
Josiah Crudup	The Hero of Popular Education
J. B. Spilman	Who are the Jesuits?
L. S. Cannon.	Valedictory
1889 R.E.L. Yates	Salutatory.
T. M. Hoffman	Haud Immemor -- A Tribute
T. S. Sprinkle	Pain
M. L. Carr	Triumphant Republicanism
Lee Royall	Uncle Sam
J. L. Fleming	The American Farmer
W. C. Dowd	The Homestead Law
H. A. Foushee	Valedictory
1888 J. W. Lynch	Salutatory
Claude Kitchin	The Hidden Truth
W. J. Ward	The Philosophy of Success
R.. B. Lineberry	Loud Pretenders vs. Silent Toilers
M. L. Kesler	Disinterestedness .
D. T. Winston	Poetry of the Lost Cause
G. C. Thompson	Valedictory -- That Good Old Word, Good-bye
1887 J. B. Carlyle	Salutatory ..
E. J. Justice	The Power of Truth
J. M. Brinson	The Progress of Democratic Ideas
E. F. Tatum	Words
D. O. McCullers	A Hero of History
H. E. Copple	Perseverance Leads to Victory

Walter P. Stradley	Valedictory -- Finally, Brethren, Farewell
1886 C. E. Brewer	Salutatory
Jacob Steward	A Rising Cloud
J. D. Boushall	Spots on the Sun
T. C. Britton	No Surplus Men
J. W. Watson	The Politician
E. H. McCullers	The Old and the New
J. L. White	Valedictory
1885 W. W. Holding	Salutatory
H. B. Conrad	Act, Act, in the Living Present
E. F. Eddins	Clogs to Progress
J. A. Beam	Triumphs of Electricity
W. C. Allen	Hero-Worship
J. R. Hunter	The Reformation
A. T. Robertson	Valedictory - "Haec olim meminisse juvabit"
1884 J. C. C. Dunford	Salutatory
W. S. Royall	National Character
W. V. Savage	Infidelity in France in the Eighteenth Century and its Causes
W. E. Wooten	Home. Sweet Home.
Ivy G. Riddick	The Power of Shrines
W. B. Morton	The Diana of America
W. W. Kitchin	Are We Degenerating?
H. A. Chappell	Utilitarianism
W. H. Komegay	Valedictory
1883 Thomas Dixon	Salutatory
C. G. Jones, Jr.	Uncrowned Kings
W. H. Osborne	Ideals
Ed S. Alderman	Savonarola
G. P. Bostick	The Empire of Woman
G. C. Briggs	The Race Problem
W. F. Marshall	The Oldest of the Arts Still Popular
H. B. Folk	Valedictory
1882 C. A. Smith	Salutatory
E. E. Hilliard	Two Things to Do -- Think and Act
T. B. Wilder	The Old North State
E. G. Beckwith	The Tongue to Sound, the Thought to Soar
J. W. Fleetwood	The Debt Which our Age Imposes
D. W. Herring	Will the Rudder, Talent, the Ship
W. J. Ferrell	"Red-Tape"
O. L. Stringfield	Big Hearts
W. T. Lewellyn	Magnanimity
H. G. Holding	Valedictory
1881 D. B. Reinhart	Salutatory
M. V. McDuffie	Three Great Occasions in Life.
N. R. Pittman	Man's Inhumanity
D. L. Ward,	Enlightenment, the Shield and Buckler of our Country .
L. N. Chappell	True Merit Rests. on Real Power
W. T. Jones	The Trust that's Given, Guard
Ed M. Poteat	Lumber-house or Workshop, Which?
C. J. Hunter	The Educational Value of Mathematics
L. T. Carroll	There's Life in the Old South Yet

R. A. P. Cooley	Valedictory
1880 H. Montague	Salutatory
J. T. Alderman	Carolina's Rural Home
J. M. Davis	Hew to the Line -- Let the Chips Fly Where They May
C. S. Farriss	Action
W. G. Ferebee	The End Not Yet
M. A. Jones	The Sublime Principle in Life
B. H. Phillips	Guard the Portals
W. H. Ragsdale	Keys to the Hall of Greatness
W. B. Waff	Enthusiasm
J. N. Holding	Valedictory
1879 Edwin F. Aydett	Salutatory
John T. J. Battle	Mind versus Muscle
Robert P. Johnson	Ready
George T. Prichard	Echoes from the Past
Charles Spurgeon Vann	The Triumphs of Life
George P. Hamrick	The Right Man in the Right Place
Wesley N. Jones	On the Threshold
John F. McMillan	The "Footprints" of our Day
Cornelius A. Rominger	"Luck, a Fool -- Pluck, a Hero"
William J. Wingate	he Secret of Success
William L. Wright	The Greatest Conqueror is He Who Conquers Self Needham
Y. Gullett	Valedictory
1878 J. G. Bunch Latin	Salutatory
J. G. Bunch	The Power and Freedom of Thought
John Calhoun Caddell	No Day Without its Mark
W. J. R. Ford	Duties are Ours, Results belong to God
Arthur E. Walters	To Bear is to Conquer our Fate
Fleet Rose Cooper	Man a Progressive Being
Neill Dockery Johnson	This Age Needs Heroes
William T. Jordan	Night Brings Out the Stars
Walter E. Daniel	The Lamp of Experience
Walter E. Daniel	Valedictory
1877 William L. Poteat	Latin Salutatory
William L. Poteat	Ripples on the Sea of Life
James W. Denmark	The Progress and Achievement of Science
Charles W. Scarborough	Consecration
James Redden Jones	The World's a stage and Man an Actor
E. B. Jones	Dare and Do
Edgar Estes Folk	Man an Immortal Being
Edgar Estes Folk	Valedictory
1876 John T. Bland	Latin Salutatory
John T. Bland	Material Tendencies of the Age
John L. Britt	Communing with the Wise .
Benjamin F. Montague	What Man has done, Man can do
John B. Powers	Dangers to which men of talent are exposed
John E. Powers	Valedictory
1875 Hugh R. Scott	Latin Salutatory
Hugh R. Scott	Trust in God and Do the Right
Leroy W. Bagley	Relations of Science to the Bible
William Carey Brewer	Woman not Always Perfect

Thomas Carrick Force	Void of Counsel, Unavailing
John Y. Phillips	Imaginary Evils
M. D. Phillips	The Ordeal of Virtue and Knowledge
W. W. Jenkins	The Relation of Eloquence to Liberty and Greatness
Richard C. Sandling	Youth the Proper Seed-time.
John E. Ray	"Man"
John E. Ray	Valedictory
1874 F. R. Underwood	Latin Salutatory
F. R. Underwood	The Way to True Greatness .
William David Gullidge	The Love of Fame
George Washington Purefoy	The Elements of National Greatness
Anize C. Dixon	The Biography of Cupid
Anize C. Dixon	Valedictory
1873 William O. McDowell	Latin Salutatory
William O. McDowell	Gently Scan thy Fellow-man
Jesse John Vann	There is Life in the Old Land Yet
Nathaniel B. Canady .	The Milk of Human Kindness .
Allen Rogers Jones	Our Alma Mater
Edwin Walter Timberlake	Those Who Deserve a Nation's Praise
Henry T. Trantham	Excellence the Reward of Much Labor
Richard T. Vann	The Proper Study of Mankind is Man .
Richard T. Vann	Valedictory
1872 J. S. Mitchell	Latin Salutatory
J. S. Mitchell	Oratory of the Past and the Present
James Henry Garvey	The Wilderness Shall Bloom
Charles H. Martin	The Graduate
Charles H. Martin	Valedictory .
1871 Henry A. Brown	Latin Salutatory
Henry A. Brown	We Should Take Things as They Are
Columbus Durham	Pressing on to what is before.
William D. Trantham	The Land We Love
William D. Trantham	Valedictory
1870 Robert E. Royall	Latin Salutatory
Robert E. Royall	Teaching
William Bland	Power of Pubic Opinion Samuel
Wait Brewer	What Next?
Martin Luther Fowler	The Law of Change
George Washington Greene	Truth is Mighty and Will Prevail
Charles M. Seawell	The South -- the Home of the Southern People
Charles M. Seawell	Valedictory
1869 William H. Pace	Latin Salutatory
William H. Pace	Graduate Development
Albert Hines	Hicks The End of Glory
John Cates Scarborough	The Search for True Happiness
Roscius Pope Thomas	Southern Literature
Robert S. Pritchard	Laziness
Robert S. Pritchard	Valedictory
1868 Henry A. Foote	Latin Salutatory
Henry A. Foote	American Republic
John Bruce Brewer	The Imagination
Samuel Emmett Overby	Nature and Art Contrasted

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Ruins of Time

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