

ATHENS, Ga. Aug. 3, 1827.

*Franklin College Commencement.* On Tuesday and Wednesday past, the usual ceremonies on the termination of a collegiate course in this institution, were enacted, in the presence of a very considerable assemblage of the intelligence and respectability of this state, and other places.

On Tuesday, the customary exercises of the Junior class took place.

And on Wednesday the exercises of the Senior or Graduating class took place in the following order:

PRAYER, by the President.

Latin Salutatory, by Nathaniel W. Cocke, of Augusta.

English Salutatory, by Stewart Floyd, of Morgan.

An Oration, by Robert A. Ware, of Augusta.

The Progress of Civil Liberty, by Henry P. Hill, of Lexington.

How weak is Principle when assailed by Passion, by Hugh W. Nesbitt, of South Carolina.

The Abuses of the Federal Constitution, by Geo. R. Clayton, of Athens.

A Pretence of Patriotism is often a cloak to Ambition, by Giles Mitchell, of Clark.

The Baneful Influence of Intemperance, by Wm. B. McKigney, of Athens.

"Gold glitters most where virtue shines no more," by David L. Sherell, of Lincoln.

Commencement Day, by S. A. Myers, of South Carolina.

Aneresky, by Thomas B. White, of Jasper.

An Empire won and an Empire lost by Oratory, by A. S. Clayton, Athens.

"Let all the ends thou aim'st at be thy country's," by Benning B. Moore, of Clark.

"Nature alike to all, a mother kind,

Still grants to each, equality of mind."

By A. S. Hill, of Oglethorpe.

Philosophical Oration, (not delivered,) by Erasmus L. Acee, of Tuscaloosa, A.

Valedictory, by John Rutherford, of Milledgeville.

The Degree of *Bachelor of Arts* was then conferred on the foregoing speakers, and also Leonidas Franklin of Athens, Geo. Hargraves of Warren county, and Wm. White of Jasper.

The Degree of *Master of Arts*, was next conferred on the following gentlemen: Wm. L. Harris and James Harris of Elbert, Hugh A. Haralson, of Walton; I. L. Harris of Baldwin, John Hillyer, John Hunt and Isaac Waddell, of Clark, and Wm. Dougherty of Troup, all alumni of this college. Also on Mr. Storrs of Newton.

The Degree of *Doctor of Divinity* was conferred on the Rev. Mr. Cunningham of Alabama, and the Rev. Mr. McDowell of Charleston, S. C.