

"Self Confidence" Is Theme For Baccalaureate Address

Rev. James Gordon Gilkey Tells State Teachers
College Seniors Life Always Gives
Brave People Second Chance

With the Rev. Dr. James Gordon Gilkey of Springfield as speaker, largely-attended baccalaureate exercises were held at the Framingham State Teachers College Sunday afternoon. Promptly at 3:30 o'clock the graduating class filed into May Hall,—the Household Arts and Elementary Fourth-Year Seniors in caps and gowns, the three-year girls wearing white summer suits.

A piano solo by Constance Lincoln of Waltham was followed by responsive reading in which all participated. The Senior class, under the direction

of Frederick W. Archibald, sang Tschaikowski's "God of All Nature." Prayer was offered by Dr. Gilkey, and the prayer response was by the college choir. The choir also sang "He Watching Over Israel" by Felix Mendelssohn.

"Self-Confidence" was the practical theme around which Dr. Gilkey wove his baccalaureate address. He discussed in full three foes of self-confidence: The discovery that some people are bound not to like us; the discovery that we have, after all, only

common-place ability; the discovery that we fill and always will fill a very small place in the world.

We are not, however, to lose self-confidence, in spite of these things. The greatest sources of happiness in life are open to all: a clear conscience, a sense of accomplishment, a succession of fine and interesting thoughts.

Dr. Gilkey closed his address with the encouraging message that life is always giving brave people a second chance.

This year's Class hymn, with words by Virginia Healey of Framingham, was sung by the Senior class at the

close of the address, as follows:

Pledge we our love, dear Framingham, unswerving.
Sing we our song of faith and hope and praise.
Thank we our God for joys past all deserving.
For work and play and happy college days.
True to the precepts learned in our youth,
May we uphold thy motto, "Live to the Truth"

Now go we forth to heed the call of duty.
Each to a different task may bend her will.
Yet to each life a richer deeper beauty
Has come from thee, dear college on the hill.
True to the precepts learned in our youth,
May we uphold thy motto, "Live to the Truth."

The faculty reception to the seniors and their friends took place in the gymnasium after the exercises.

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