

CLASS OF '94, NAVAL ACADEMY

ABOUT THE MEN WHO ARE TO BE GRADUATED.

The "Honor Man" of the Class is William Pierre Robert, a Young Mississippian, and the Son of a Confederate Officer — New - York Comes in for an Unusual Number of Honors, Cadets Cox and Gillis Standing Second and Third.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., June 3.—The Naval Academy class of '94, which is to be graduated June 8, is composed of forty-seven members, thirty-four in the line and thirteen in the engineer division, as follows:

Line Division.

Lawrence Stowell Adams of Pennsylvania, Provost Babin of New-York, Ernest L. Bennett of Massachusetts, Charles S. Bookwalter of Illinois, Roscoe C. Bulwer of Nevada, Winston Churchill of Missouri, Daniel Hargate Cox of New-York, Clarence England of Arkansas, Simon Peter Fullinroder of Missouri, Gilbert Smith Galbraith of Pennsylvania, George Earl Geim of New-York, Irvin Van Gorder Gillis of New-York, Stephen Victor Graham of Michigan, Lewis Burton Jones of New-York, Arthur Glynn Kavanagh of Nebraska, John McLain Luby of Texas, Ridley McLean of Tennessee, Robert Whitehead McNeeley of North Carolina, Walter James Manion of Louisiana, Robert Hatfield Osborne of New-York, William Pierre Robert of Mississippi, Thomas Gaines Roberts of Alabama, Fritz Louis Sandoz of Louisiana, William Pitt Scott of Pennsylvania, David Foote Sellers of New-Mexico, Melville Jones Shaw of Minnesota, Carlton Farwell Snow of Maine, Roscoe Spear of Pennsylvania, George Loring Porter Stone of Georgia, Raymond Stone of Alabama, John Thomas Tompkins of Louisiana, Walter Stevens Turpin of Maryland, Charles Webster of Massachusetts, William Scott Whitted of North Carolina.

Engineer Division.

Henry Thomas Baker of Ohio, Ralph Hubert Chappell of Michigan, Hutch Ingram Cone of Florida, Ignatius Taylor Cooper of Delaware, Edwin Hayden Delany of Tennessee, Alfred Walton Hinds of Alabama, John Milton Hudgins of Virginia, Leland Frierson James of South Carolina, Frank Lyon of Kentucky, Boling Kavanagh McMorris of Alabama, Roscoe Charles Moody of Maine, Joseph Mason Reeves of Illinois, Emory Winship of Georgia.

The honor men of the class by the last annual examination, and who will, no doubt, be the same this year, in the order of merit named, are: 1, William P. Robert of Mississippi; 2, Daniel H. Cox of New-York; 3, Irvin V. G. Gillis of New-York; 4, David F. Sellers of New-Mexico; 5, Thomas G. Roberts of Alabama; 6, Lawrence S. Adams of Pennsylvania. These are all star members—that is, cadets who are of the highest possible maximum mark, and have obtained 85 per cent. of that mark.

The line division and the engineer division for three years continue their studies together. At the beginning of the fourth and last year at the academy the Academic Board selects such members as they think proper and such cadets as show skill and talent for the engineer service to enter the engineer branch of the class.

The "honor man" of the class is always an interesting figure. This year he is a young Mississippian, of quiet demeanor and soldierly bearing and instincts. He lacks, on graduation day, fourteen days of being twenty-one years old, having been born June 23, 1873, at Sunny Side, Wilkinson County, Miss. His name is William Pierre Robert, and he is the son of Dr. Joseph C. Robert of Centreville, Miss. Dr. Robert was a Confederate officer, who was born in South Carolina, enlisted in the Confederate service, was ordered to and then settled in Mississippi. The Robert family is of Huguenot stock. Cadet Robert is the cadet commander of the battalion of naval cadets, a fine mathematician, a generous fellow with his knowledge to his classmates, and a general favorite.

New-York comes in for the next and an unusual share of the class honors. Cadets Cox and Gillis of that State stand respectively Nos. 2 and 3 in order of merit. Daniel Hargate Cox will represent the Empire State. His special talent is in astronomy and engineering, in which he leads the class. He was also the winner of the silver medal in the competitive rapid-fire artillery drill, standing No. 2 in marksmanship. In fact, Cox is a way-up man, 5 being the lowest place he stands in any of the studies of his class; and that in calculus and mechanics. Cadet Cox stood 2 on discipline last year, and for it and other good conduct was made one of the Captains of the four companies of the battalion, and he makes a fine disciplinarian and drill master. Capt. Cox is the son of Townsend Cox of Oyster Bay, L. I., and was appointed to the Naval Academy from the First Congressional District by James W. Covert. Cadet Cox is twenty-two years old, 6 feet 2 inches in height, and weighs 160 pounds. His ambition is to be a naval constructor.

Cadet Gillis, the other New-York star member of the class, is No. 3, and the youngest member of his class, being only nineteen years old. He stood last year No. 1 in mathematics, and the year before, and the year before that. He was appointed to the Naval Academy by Congressman M. T. Delano of the Twenty-sixth District of New-York, and is the son of Commodore J. H. Gillis, United States Navy. Cadet Gillis has lived in and was appointed from Brooklyn. Gillis has the rank of Cadet Lieutenant and Commissary, being one of eight cadets who have rank of Lieutenant. He is 5 feet 5 inches in height and weighs 135 pounds.

The class is brimful of interesting characters—Kavanagh, Captain of the football team; Stone, President of the Young Men's Christian Association, Naval Academy; Churchill, Captain of the boat's crew; Geim, the Samson of the academy; Delany, the cadet who would take no hazing; Scott, the splendid marksman in artillery drill, and Bookwalter and Reeves, who have twice helped in the gridiron field to show West Point how the Naval Academy plays football.

The class is a notable one. It has been famous from its evolution from the plebeian state of the fourth class for being one of the most clannish and aggressive classes that ever entered the academy. It assumed in its third class year an unusual amount of privileges that emphasized especially the "galliness" of the third class men. And then, the whole class stuck together. Having one very turbulent spirit in it, this clannishness once got them into trouble for escorting a dismissed cadet to the main gate after he had had a successful fight with a lower class man. About a dozen were sent on the Santee for this breach of discipline and kept there for several weeks. There were other evidences of recklessness by the class, but they have come bravely out of all this, and now conduct themselves with the dignity and discipline that become exemplars of cadet life in the Naval Academy.

The members of the graduating class leave behind them, besides some practical evidences of their mechanical skill in superior workmanship done on three engines in the steam engineering department, two twenty horse power double-compound engines and one 100 horse power triple-compound engine. These are models of fine mechanical workmanship. One engine made by the cadets was on exhibition at the Columbian Exposition. Six are in use in steam launches at the academy and one in a steam launch at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The graduates will receive their diplomas Friday, June 8, 1894.

The United States steamer Monongahela and the United States steamer Bancroft, now moored at the Naval Academy, receiving their last touches, are in splendid order for the Summer practice cruise of the cadets. The Bancroft makes her first regular cruise this Summer, and, though conceded to be far too small for the purpose for which she was built—as a practice vessel for the division of cadets—is yet available for the cadet division of the first class. The Monongahela, on the other hand, has both room and history. Where the cruise will be this Summer has not yet been made public. The following is the detail for the cruise: Commander C. M. Chester, Commander; Lieut. Hugo Osterhaus, executive officer; Lieut. A. M. Knight, Lieut. R. M. Doyle, Lieut. J. H. Shipley, Lieut. J. H. Glenon, Ensign W. A. Edgar, Ensign H. F. Bryan, Ensign S. R. Huriburt, Surgeon E. G. Harman, and Paymaster J. A. Ring.

The programme of exercises for graduation week is as follows: Monday, June 4—10:45 A. M., a reception to the Board of Visitors; 5 P. M., steam tactics, first and second classes.

Tuesday, June 5—9 A. M., steamship drill, Monongahela; 10 A. M., seamanship and steam drill, Bancroft; 12 M., boats under sail; 4 P. M., machine shop drill, battalion of infantry battle drill on shore.

Wednesday, June 6—9 A. M., battle afloat Bancroft and boats; 10:30 A. M., target practice, Bancroft; 4 P. M., battalion of artillery; 6 P. M., dress parade, presentation of medals for the highest scores in great gun and small arm target practice.

Thursday, June 7—10 A. M., competitive company drill and presentation of flags; 3:30 P. M., fencing, setting up, and gymnastics in gymnasium; 6:30 P. M., dress parade.

Friday, June 8—10:20 A. M., graduating ceremonies.

The sham battle of Wednesday will be an interesting affair. The Bancroft will sail out, and under cover of her guns the steam launches will land the assailing party, where, under the most approved manoeuvres, the naval cadets will proceed to rout the imaginary enemy.