

Ward-Belmont Graduation Is School's Valediction

Ward-Belmont school passed into history yesterday

Eighty-six years of scholarship and tradition came to a close as the junior college graduated its final class in solemn commencement exercises.

As their mothers before them, the class members, in caps and gowns, moved in procession across the campus, through the vine arbor and around the pool to take their seats in Acklen hall.

The school which taught the art of gracious living as well as scholarship came to a close with a dignity befitting its venerable age and revered reputation.

Members of the last graduating class heard Dr Hugh C. Stuntz, president of Scarritt college, declare that all human beings are sacred and potentially important in God's plan.

"There are too many walls, both tangible and intangible in this world where stress is placed on what separates man from man, race from race, nation from nation, and religion from religion," Dr Stuntz declared.

"We can begin to put the world together again only with the basis of confidence that all human beings have sacredness and dignity and are potentially important in God's plan."

Too many people, he added, have attitudes of laissez-faire, or "let

God do it," and still others believe in pre-determinism by mechanical forces.

Diplomas were presented the seniors by Dr Robert C. Province, president of the college. Seated with Dr Province and Dr Stuntz on the platform were Dean Werner W Zepernick of the conservatory and Dean Chiles Van Antwerp of the junior college.