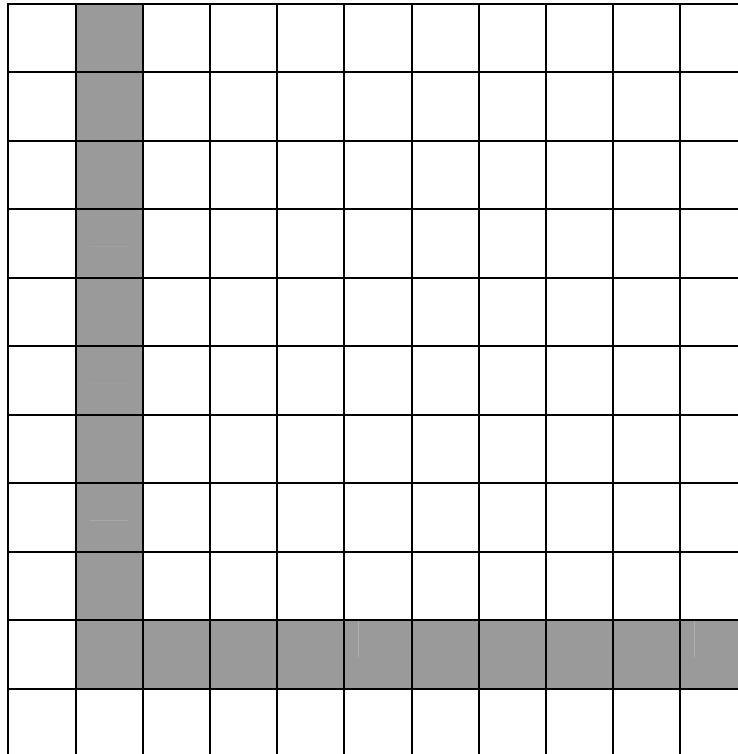


Puzzle

"Commencement Address"

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Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (words vary in length from three to nine letters and include two proper names), then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues (except as noted below) starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right margin continue on the next line, and down words that don't end at the bottom margin continue in the next column. The exceptions are that letters of across words should be entered in the shaded squares of the vertical column but not in those of the horizontal row, and letters of down words should be entered in the shaded squares of the horizontal row but not in the those of the vertical column. One shaded square at the vertex will remain empty, but solvers will readily guess what letter belongs there, because the correctly completed grid will contain a nineteen-letter, two-word phrase to which the title of the puzzle is a clue of sorts.

Clues:

Across

1. Before noon, spoken without concern for right
2. Walk sign covered by ragged drape
3. Vigorously attack a lecherous man
4. Left boat for a good time
5. Soldier, striking pose with slingshot . . .
6. uncovers several in turmoil
7. The pits of willow or staghorn
8. Valley of five hundred and forty-five inches
9. Organ of equilibrium in bears
10. Pours when hearing rules
11. Grilled bread loses time in oven
12. Feline, let off, steers
13. Tease chaplain for spasm
14. Public relations about river coming earlier
15. Bone held by Mogul nawab
16. Harvard University Fellow is like all of us . . .
17. because (note!) lacking guile
18. A song I trilled in Ho Chi Minh City
19. Search for weapon
20. More French added in English
21. Here and now

Down

1. Ornament mentioned in crank letter
2. Bird call has stingy sound
3. Weight of speech in fissure
4. Cover with talk
5. Mix rum with tea to ripen
6. Harbor rodent bears one likeness
7. Decline doughnut starch
8. Measures of metal in torn clothing
9. Stratagem to provide with nothing
10. Refined oils in storage bin
11. Fly head of state on propeller
12. Associate payment, going up, remains below average
13. Even dirt is broken and turned over
14. Turning crazy produces shock
15. Reach a decision ever so muddled about length
16. Raptor found in lowlands
17. Sick, anemic movies
18. Girl, starting early prostrated, ends late
19. Amusement period at conclusion of final burial ceremony
20. Dancing rattles young actress

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