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Third Joint Debate.

The third of the joint debates between the literary societies took place on Saturday evening last in the Graham-Lee hall. Most of the faculty, together with a large number of students were present and pronounced it one of the best that has been held.

Those acting as judges were Professors Campbell, Humphreys and Fay. Mr. Keyser presided and Mr. White performed the duties of secretary.

At the appointed time the President called the meeting to order and after stating its object announced the question for debate, which was:

Resolved, That the United States should recognize the belligerency of Cuba.

The Secretary then called the first speaker on the affirmative. Mr. Stuart responded, and proceeded to handle the subject in a masterly way. He laid down the principle that, under international law, we need the facts, first, that our interests are affected; second, that war actually exists; arguing the first from the loss suffered by our great commercial interests, and the second from the number of soldiers sent there by Spain; and, after describing the horrible condition of the insurgents, he said that if under these conditions we did not recognize her, then "tear down yon capitol in Washington and let the plough shares run through the ground on which it stands rather than let it remain the emblem of a patriotic and enlightened people."

Mr. Winn followed on the negative. He explained the rights and duties of the nations towards each other, maintaining that these duties do not demand of us the recognition of Cuba, but forbid our recognizing her. He then defined a belligerent in the words of Monroe, and proceeded to show that the conditions of the insurgents now does not constitute what the rules of international law define as a belligerent, contending that they only carried on a guerrilla warfare and not war in the international sense.

Mr. Withers, the last speaker on

the affirmative, maintained that we had an international right to recognize Cuba. This right he based upon [the existence of a *de facto* government among the insurgents; and when such government did exist, no rule of international law would be violated by its recognition. Then indulging in prophecies, he spoke of the effect of our recognizing her and the innumerable benefits we would reap. Lastly, maintaining it was our moral duty, he said, he hoped the course of our country would be so fashioned that "our posterity" might "mingle their voices with the voices of our sister republic and * * * cry, *Cuba Libre*."

Mr. McClung closed the debate. He was handicapped by not having time to prepare a speech, being asked to take the place of a regular speaker at a late day. He expressed himself as "unnerved" and his prefatory remarks were apologetic of what was to follow. They were much enjoyed, however, and we can only wish they had been longer. He dwelt principally upon his opponent's argument and contended that eliminating all superfluous and useless statements there would be nothing left but "sympathy." Then speaking to the judges he said that the word judge, *ex vi termini*, imported impartiality and that they should not be moved to a decision by the impulse of a sympathetic heart.

This closed the debate and the judges retired to form their decision. Upon their return, Professor Campbell delivering their decision, they awarded the debate to the affirmative, thus giving the Graham-Lee Society two out of three debates that have been held.

Meeting of the Senior Academic Class.

The Senior Academic class met in Dr. Quarles' lecture room on Monday afternoon at the call of President Hamner. By regulation of the faculty the class is allowed to select one of its number to represent it on the rostrum at Commencement as valedictorian, and it was for the purpose of holding this election that the class met.

Local and Personal.

Miss Mildred Myers is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Leila McGuire of Winchester, is to visit friends and relatives in Lexington at an early date.

Miss Lizzie Graham returned last Saturday from Pittsburg where she had been on an extended visit to her brother.

Mrs. M. L. Turner has as her guests at the "Willows" her sister, Mrs. Pope Yeatman of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Mrs. Comyges of Philadelphia.

At a meeting of the Cotillion club on Wednesday, Mr. LeRoy C. Barret was elected president for the ensuing term. The date of the next dance was fixed for February 21st.

On last Sunday evening Dr. Whaling preached in the Jackson Memorial Hall at the Virginia Military Institute. Besides the Cadets, a number of people from the town were in attendance.

The opera, "Pinafore," under the supervision of Mrs. Logan, Mrs. Walker and Miss Annie White, will be presented about the Easter season, the proceeds to go to the fund for the erection of the Tucker memorial.

The friends of Dr. H. A. White have read with interest the notice of his election to a chair in the Theological Seminary at Columbia, S. C. Of course, we hope that he will not "hear the call" for we are unwilling that their gain should be our loss.

The serio-tragic farce comedy entitled "Christmas Eve and Mother Hubbard," which was to have been put upon the boards two weeks after Christmas, has been postponed until Easter. The presentation is to be by the Small Boys' Missionary Society, under the direction of two young ladies of the town.

Improvements in the Library.

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January has bidden us adieu for a twelve month time and Miss February has stepped in to take her plate; but that has little to do with boat crew training, except that they ought to be at work. Where are the candidates for the crews? Where are the crew committees? Because the river is frozen this week is no sign that it will be thus on the 20th of June. The crews could hardly go on the river next week, unless they were prepared for ice boating, but a great deal can be done now by judicious exercise in the gymnasium and by running. A trot around the campus two or three times a day with some dumb-bell work besides will put men in good condition by the first of April. Their muscles will be well limbered up, their wind will be good, and they will be able to get on to things in the boat much better than they would otherwise be able to do.

Both crews have an unusually large number of old men back this year.

The Albert Sidneys have the McCluer brothers, Oberlin and Nelson of last year's crew to help their cause along this year, Felder being the only man who did not return this year.

The Harry Lees are not so fortunate in this respect as they have lost two men, "Stiffy" Moore, who was last year's number three, and "Cat" McGuire, coxswain, being absent this year. O'Neal, ex-number three, and Barret, ex-coxswain, are on hand, however, and they will be able to do good work as coaches.

With such men on both crews we ought to have a good race; but we will not have it unless the fellows work hard for it. The old men

must not rest on their laurels if we are to have a good race next Commencement.

Last fall, when the signs were posted forbidding bicycling on the college walks, the only really level run in or about town was taken from the wheelmen. As far as we have been able to discover in our travels about Lexington, there is not a single level stretch of more than a hundred yards within five miles of the town, except the little stretch from the college gate to the Institute. Out along Kerr's creek there is said to be a little level place about a quarter of a mile long. Also the geology class of last year claimed to have found a stretch even longer than this, but it was situated along the bed of a stream which was macadamized with "pebbles" about a foot in diameter, so that it might as well have been hilly, and even if these stretches were good riding ground, they are rather far to go for a little pleasure.

If it is a feasible plan, it seems to us that it would be well to have a bicycle path through the campus, continuing through the V. M. I.

It would take very little work to build a five foot path along the south side of the walk through the campus; which, instead of turning at Dr. Howe's house, would continue straight across the road, take the place of the little foot path along its edge, and continue on through "Limits," taking the place of a sidewalk on the south side of the Avenue, and entering the V. M. I. by the unused side of their big gate.

Such a path would cost little. It would save the authorities from having to enforce a disagreeable and unpopular regulation. It would add greatly to the appearance of the property on the south side of the Avenue. It is a boon which the wheelmen of the town and college can get if they work hard enough for it.

Retrenchment Committee in Town.

The Retrenchment Committee appointed by the legislature of Virginia to investigate the State institutions arrived on the 5:35 train from Staunton yesterday. They are to investigate the V. M. I. with a view of cutting down the appropriation for that school.

Our Chapel Portraits.

When we think of our mid-week visits to Chapel, the thought arises as to whether we know all the famous faces to be found there. In the first place there is the faculty—to be sure we all know them. Perhaps with some of us the acquaintance has been pressed beyond the point of personal comfort. Speaking of comfort reminds us of how awfully hard the Chapel seats are in comparison with the lounges on which some few recline.

"What do you know about the Chapel portraits?" is the query we have sought to have answered, and as a result the following has been gained, which would be given with a most humble apology were it not for the fact that our judge and the faculty say they "know nothing."

Hanging directly above the arch is a bust of R. E. Lee. The first portrait at the bottom of those hanging on the left side of the arch is of Washington. One of La Fayette occupies a similar position on the right side. These two portraits are beyond a doubt the greatest works of art in college. They were given by President G. W. C. Lee. They are the work of Charles Wilson Peale, the famous portrait painter of Washington's time.

As a frontispiece to Vol. II of Washington Irving's "Life of Washington," there is an engraving of the portrait in our Chapel. In the appendix of Vol. V, the following interesting account of the portrait is given:

"This one (that in Chapel) was executed in 1772, and is now at Arlington House. Of the fourteen portraits by Peale that exhibiting Washington as a Virginia colonel in the Colonial force of Great Britain, is the only entire portrait made before the Revolution except."

This portrait and that of La Fayette were inherited by the Lees. It is supposed that the portrait of La Fayette was done in 1784 when he was twenty-seven years old. General Custis Lee says that La Fayette sat for the portrait at Washington's request, and Peale afterwards completed it for Washington.

Hanging just above La Fayette is a bust of Washington, above which is one of Thomas Jefferson. To the bottom at the right of these is a portrait of W. W. Corcoran, above

which is a bust of John Marshall. By the window hangs a bust of Warren Newcomb, facing one of Dr. W. W. Mercer on the opposite wall.

On the left side above the portrait of Washington hang busts of Zachary Taylor and Jas. Madison. At the bottom of the second row on the left there is a portrait of Thos. A. Scott, presented by his wife. Above this hangs a bust of Mr. Vincent, and still higher one of Mr. Bradford, which was given by himself.

The busts of General Washington, John Marshall, Thomas Jefferson, Taylor and Madison, were willed the college by Dr. W. W. Mercer, of New Orleans. At what time and by whom these works were painted we could not ascertain. We are told they are valuable. We ask have they been treated as such, when so little is to be learned concerning them?

A few steps, however, have been taken in the right direction. Dr. Howe has had the matter in hand and soon the portraits will at least be properly named.

The Conventions.

The gatherings of Christian workers at Lynchburg and Cleveland, O., are looked forward to as a time of great spiritual blessing.

To the twenty-second convention of Y. M. C. Associations of Virginia at Lynchburg, our Y. M. C. A. hopes to send as many as six or eight (possibly more) delegates. As about 300 delegates are expected to meet then it is hard to estimate the good which comes from this gathering of young men enlisted in this cause.

Beside the convention just mentioned there is to be one at Cleveland, O., which far surpasses it in numbers and spiritual power. Here the third International Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions will hold its session, and probably 1500 students and workers will gather. To this gathering we may send only two delegates while to the State convention we may send as many as desire to go.

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Meeting of the Athletic Association.

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According to the notice given in last week's issue of the RING-TUM PHI, the Athletic Association met in Newcomb Hall on Friday afternoon, being called to order by the president, Mr. R. T. Shields.

The minutes of the last meeting were called for, but as the last meeting had had no quorum no business had been transacted.

The president then gave his report. He stated that little of importance had been done by the Association since its last meeting, except that it had been resolved by the advisory committee that no one shall play in any of the athletic games unless he is a member of the Association. This has been a rule of the Association ever since its new constitution was adopted; but it has never been enforced until now. The report brought out the idea that if we have rules they must be enforced.

The treasurer, Mr. Sloan, was then called on for his report, which is as follows:

Received from sale of season tickets	\$237.50
Received from contribution by Dr. R. White to football	2.50
Paid out in checks to Mr. Lisle	120.10
" " " " Mr. Waltsde	86.25
Cash on hand for baseball	19.25
Cash on hand for boat crews and current expenses.	12.00

The prime object of the meeting was the election of a manager for the next year's football team. Mr. O'Neal nominated Mr. Farrar, who was elected by acclamation. The choice of Mr. Farrar is a very wise one, as he is a man who has always been known as having the interests of the college near to his heart. His interest he has shown in such substantial ways as not to leave any doubt as to its genuineness. It will be remembered by those who were present last year, that, while others were showing their joy over a victory by lavishing their money upon themselves, Farrar showed his gratitude by setting the team up to a supper. Coupled with his interest in athletics he is a good business man and will do everything for the team that can be expected of him.

Mr. Pratt then read a letter from Georgetown college concerning the formation of a Southern Intercollegiate Tennis Association. The matter was referred to a committee com-

mittee composed of Messrs. Whit-side, Sloan and Barret.

The report of the football management was then given by Mr. Lisle. The report showed quite a loss to the management. It is hoped that in the future, matters will be arranged so that a manager will not have to take all the risk of losing, which attends the management of the team. The manager is simply the agent of the Association, and his relations to it should be such.

The question of a field day was then brought up and discussed, as well as the advisability of joining the S. I. A. A. Messrs. Lisle, Pratt, Muir, Batchelor and Prof. Humphreys spoke on the subject, but definite action was postponed until the next meeting.

On Sunday.

The exercises of the Y. M. C. A. will as usual, be held in their room at the University Chapel at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Besides the songs, and probably a solo, we look forward to an address by Mr. A. W. Hawks on the subject "The Name." Besides his ability to deliver charming "lectures" he has long been recognized as an active Christian worker and his addresses on this work have been hailed with pleasure and profit by those who have heard him. In his last letter as to his coming this evening he closes with the request, "Pray for our Sunday meeting."

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Professor Campbell's official thermometer registered thirteen on Tuesday morning, but as the night had been so windy, little ice was formed anywhere, and the river did not freeze at all. But the ceasing of the wind, combined with a fall in the thermometer to six on Wednesday and four on Thursday, made fine skating on those days; so that classes for the rest of the week have been more or less regularly attended—usually less.

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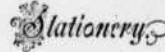
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