

John Campbell

The Ring-tum Phi.

Meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The annual meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association was held in Birmingham this year. The colleges represented were: Alabama Polytechnic Institute, Tulane, University of Alabama, University of Georgia, University of Nashville, University of the South, Clemson Agricultural College and Vanderbilt.

At this meeting Tulane was formally reinstated, having been black-listed last year for playing outside men. St. Albans was declared ineligible to compete with the teams of the Association, for playing teachers. Centre College was refused reinstatement. The action of the Association last year kept Centre from playing any games, except two, south of the Ohio river, and one of those was with a member of the Association, Kentucky State College, which has been suspended for twelve months for so doing.

A committee of five was appointed to draw up a system of football rules for the Association.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "That the S. I. A. A. in annual convention assembled does hereby heartily commend the action of Dr. W. L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University, and the faculty of that institution in disbanding the '97 football team of said University for the failure of the manager of said team to comply with certain agreements made by him and for his allowing persons not members of the University to play on the 'Varsity football team."

The following officers were elected for 1898: President, W. L. Dudley, Vanderbilt; vice-president, M. G. Johnson, Sewanee; secretary and treasurer, C. H. Herty, University of Georgia.

The next annual meeting will be held in New Orleans, La.

The academic graduating class will meet in Dr. Quarles' lecture room at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. A full attendance is requested.

Graham-Lee Program.

Saturday, Jan. 29th.—Joint debate in Graham-Lee Hall. Election of officers after joint debate.

On duty February 5th:
To Orate—Martin, Lind, McCluer J. S., McCluer J. C., Keyser, (postponed from previous meetings) Hammat, Johnson and Long.

To Declaim—Shields R. T., Preston, Shively and Slicer.

To Debate—Campbell, Faulkner, Stuart, Gibson, Hamner, Dixon, Holmes, Joyner, Lakin. Open affirmative, Hamner; open negative, Faulkner.

Question: Resolved, That Lexington should have local option.

TO ORATE.

Feb. 12.—Oberlin, Pancake, Anderson, Shields.

Feb. 19.—Preston, Shively, Slicer, Snyder.

Feb. 26.—White, Withers, Burke, Watson.

March 5.—Harlow, Liggett, Wilson, Boulton.

W. W. KEYSER, President.

A. B. WINFREE, Sec'y.

Magazine Misplaced.

Some time ago copies of *McClure's Magazine* and the *Cosmopolitan* were removed from the reading, and of late a copy of *Hesper's Weekly* has disappeared. This has been the cause of a good deal of inconvenience to the student readers as the librarian refuses to put out other copies until the old ones are returned, since the loss breaks the file for the year. If the persons who removed the periodicals will return them, when they have finished reading them, they will confer a favor on the others, who, like themselves, like this kind of literature.

Notice.

The Washington and Lee Athletic Association will hold its regular meeting in Newcomb Hall, at 4 o'clock, on Friday evening next, Feb. 4th. Let all members be present as business of importance will be transacted, and the manager of the football team of '98 will be elected.

Baseball.

With an energetic and enthusiastic manager, with the support of the faculty and students, Washington and Lee's baseball team will be a success.

Captain Snyder has had the candidates for the team out on the field for light practice the last few days. It has consisted mainly of batting with a few minutes field work afterwards. While it is yet too early in the season to accomplish much, the batter can get his "eye on the ball" and the fielder learn the use of his hands.

It is hoped and believed that Captain Snyder will take advantage of every opportunity the weather permits and have men practice on the field. Even if it is a little cold and stings one's hands to catch the ball, go out and practice batting. It is this that wins most of the games and good batting is what our team needs most.

It has been the lack of good batting that has handicapped our team so much in the past, in fact all of the game played last year could have been won if a timely hit could have been made and a runner saved from "dying on third."

With such a good schedule for this season the team should practice hard and take advantage of every opportunity to improve its weak points, and the weakest of these is batting.

Baseball Subscription.

No little stir was caused at the first of the week when Manager Whiteside's notice was placed on the bulletin board. The thought of our having a trainer in baseball made us have all the more confidence in our team, of which we expect so much this season.

Since that time subscription lists have been going the rounds in order to ascertain exactly how glad we will be to have a trainer. Some are glad to the amount of two shukels, others three, and still others five. All of us ought to be glad a little; but, if there are any who are so sour as not to be glad at all, leave your name off of the roll.

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There is a continual lot of talk about the getting up of a glee club, when will practice start, and so on. We ask the same question—When will it? We have the material here: A musical director was chosen and a committee selected to help him select men. The voices have been tried and it was found that there was a large enough number of fit singers to warrant the organization of the club, and yet something seems to have hung fire. Today the club is going to start tomorrow. Tomorrow you find it has been put off until the next week, and so time flies, and no practising is done. Something must be wrong that this should be the case, and what that is should be found out and remedied.

If the club is to be gotten up it should be gotten up now, before the baseball and boat crew men have gone into hard practice. If started now, a concert could be given here just before the March examinations. After the examinations we could take a little trip. Not one of your been storming expeditions to Florida by way of the Klondike, but a trip say to Staunton and Lynchburg. A trip that would be long enough to have all the fun you want and would not lose any time from studies, as the club could show in Staunton on March 31, the last day of examinations, and in Lynchburg on April 1, which is holiday; and get back to Lexington in time to rest up over Sunday and be ready for work on Monday.

Such a plan as this can be carried through and it will add greatly to the pleasure and profit of the year if carried out.

The attendance at Yale is 2,800.

Books Received.

YALE YARNS. By J. S. Wood. Fifth edition. Illustrated, 12° \$1.00. G.P. Putnam's Sons, N.Y.

This book contains some of the most delightfully written and realistic college stories we have ever read. Unlike *Tom Brown at Oxford* it does not carry any special man through his college course, but is made up of a number of charming, disconnected stories. The stories go over a long period and in this way the changes from year to year are brought out. This is accomplished by making the "old grads." the subjects of sketches as well as the later "sons of Eli." A happy blending of the old and the new is effected by bringing together some "umpty eighter" and his Soph. or Freshman son.

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SOCIAL LIFE IN OLD VIRGINIA BEFORE THE WAR. By Thomas Nelson Page. Illustrated by Misses Cowles. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

This is hardly a story, but a beautiful picture drawn by an artist's hand. No more perfect sketch of the social life in Virginia has been produced. Sketch is clear, concise and artistic, with here and there a dit of eloquence. He recognizes that the social life of the old South had its faults; but "its virtues far outweighed them; its graces were never equalled."

His purpose in writing the essay, for such it is, was to correct the erroneous opinion entertained in the North that the Southern girl is an "underbred little provincial," and that the Southern gentleman is sloven.

In appearance the book displays the highest artistic taste. The publishers have put their best materials into it and it is withal a most dainty book.

QUO VADIS. By Henryk Sienkiewicz. Translated by Jeremiah Curtin from the Original Polish. Little, Brown & Co., Boston.

Without being a great novel, *Quo Vadis* has some of the qualities of a great novel. Above all it is interesting, and moreover this story of

the times of Nero contrives to be instructive without losing its interest.

The book has been and is immensely popular. It owes most of its popularity to its historical setting. Among its personages the Apostles Peter and Paul are introduced. A judicious use of a religious background is sure to give a book a market. This we saw in the case of *Ben Hur*, which was a much less interesting book than *Quo Vadis*. Neither author directly works with the miraculous, but there is a supernatural atmosphere about both books.

It has been more than once remarked that no great novel has shown the effect of religion as a motive in life, though this proposition blinks George Eliot's picture of Seth Bede, perhaps. Still, Seth Bede's religion was vitalized by Dinah, while in *Quo Vadis* it is the love of Lygia, and not the influence of the apostles, that moves Vinicius, we are inclined to think.

The love-story in *Quo Vadis* is even commonplace. It is but a handsome man and a beautiful girl, and a romantic attachment, which with us moderns is the most ordinary solution of Solomon's problem of the way of a man with a maid.

There are many thrilling scenes in the book. Least to our taste is the frenzied passion of Vinicius at Nero's feast, but happily love and suffering purge him at the last. There is also a wonderful arena-scene where Lygia's giant servant, Ursus, fights with a bull bearing Lygia on his back. The man grapples with the bull and crushes him to death. Of course heroines in distress must be saved somehow if they are at last to be united to their lovers, retire to Sicily and be happy ever after; but scenes of this sort belong either to fairy-tales or to "shilling-shockers" of the style of the once popular *She* of Mr. Rider Haggard. Euripides was the last literary artist to whom it was allowed to use the "god in a car" (*deus ex machina*) to escape from impossible situations.

Who was it said that when he heard of a new book he read an old one? Mr. Ruskin has expressed the same idea in declaring that books were fit objects of suspicion until they reached their twenty-fifth year. Mr. Kennett Stephens asks:

"Will there never come a season
When the Rudyards cease from Kipling
And the Haggards slide no more."

Probably not, if we may venture an answer; but if we made it a rule to read one old book for every new one, *Quo Vadis* would do very well for one of the new ones. If it does nothing else for us it will give a vivid picture of Nero and of Petronius, who was the Lord Chesterfield of that epoch; and Petronius is the most interesting, as well as the most life-like character in the book.

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"Wash." Program for Saturday,
Feb. 5th, 1898.

To Orate—Smith, E. C.; Winn, C. K.; Ott, Michler.

To Declaim—Farrar, Doolan, Lee, Glasgow, Smith, C. T.; Wade, McCoy, Vance, Spencer.

TO DEBATE.

Affirmative—Allan (open), Guthrie, Webb, Lisle.

Negative—Batchelor (open), E. Bledsoe, Winn, J. J.; McClung.

Question—Resolved, That there should be an international court of arbitration.

TO ORATE :

Feb. 12.—Perrow, Miller, McClung, Harris.

Feb. 19.—Roark, Powell, Winn, J. J.; Moore.

Feb. 26.—Joint debate.

March 5.—Bledsoe, T.; Graves, Farrar, Doolan.

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Phi Gamma Delta.

On Saturday evening last Professor and Mrs. D.C. Humphreys gave an entertainment to the Phi Gamma Deltas of college and some of their friends.

The evening was much enjoyed, the guests becoming so infatuated with the game of "Jenkins Up" as to almost forget "to be home before Sunday."

Those present were: Miss Nettie Preston with Mr. Anschutz, Miss Elizabeth Ross with Mr. Robert Glasgow, Miss May Ross with Mr. Sloan, Miss Bruce Houston with Mr. Faulkner, Miss Mildred Myers with Mr. Mason, Miss Nettie Pratt with Mr. R. G. Campbell.

PHI DELTA THETA.

Local and Personal.

Mr. L. P. Dillon has been initiated into the Ribbon Society of the Delta.

Hon. William L. Wilson returned from Washington to the University on Thursday.

Miss Scott of Washington, D. C., is visiting the family of Hon. Wm. A. Glasgow.

Mr. Howard M. Terrell, a popular travelling man of Lynchburg, was in town last Sunday, the guest of friends in the University.

Mrs. Edward Dillon returned to Lexington on Wednesday from Iron Gate, where she had been to visit her son. She was accompanied by her son, Mr. L. P. Dillon, of Indian Rock, who is sojourning here for a few days.

Dr. Quarles is giving a special course in psychology at the request of a number of young ladies of Lexington. The class meets at 1 o'clock at the home of Dr. Quarles. The text book is supplemented by a series of lectures given in Dr. Quarles' unique and interesting manner. The following young ladies are among the number enrolled in the class: Misses Mary Wilson, Louise Baylor, Eliza Dillon, Lulu Semmes, Nettie Pratt, May Ross, Mildred Myers, Rosa Brooke, and Mary Turner, Graves. We do not know the views of the Doctor upon co-education, so have not as yet asked permission to attend these lectures.

Professor Jas. A. Harrison, formerly of Washington and Lee, has lately received the distinction of being elected an honorary member of the Alpha chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at William and Mary. Also President Wilson, who is already an honorary member of the Harvard chapter of the Society, has been elected a regular member of the Alpha chapter, and will probably go to Williamsburg in February to be initiated. "The former identification of such distinguished men as James Russell Lowell and Oliver Wendell Holmes with the Phi Beta Kappa characterized that society as a body of distinguished men."

Mr. James E. Winston has been appointed editor of *College Topics* of the U. of Va. *College Topics* is about the best exchange on our table, and it is hoped that Mr. Winston will maintain the high standard his predecessors have set for him.

Willoughby Reade, Lecturer.

It will be an agreeable surprise to those who have enjoyed the privilege of listening to Willoughby Reade, to learn that they will be afforded another opportunity of hearing that celebrated young humorist. Mr. Reade has consented to lecture in the University chapel Monday, night, Feb. 7, for the benefit of the baseball team. The admission fee will be within the reach of all. Come and enjoy two hours of good, wholesome laughter. Come and forget that you are not the only student in college. Come and help your baseball team.

Look Out for Hawks!

Mr. A. W. Hawks will give his famous humorous lecture entitled "Sunshine," in the Opera House, Saturday night, Feb. 5th. Those who heard Mr. Hawks on "People I Have Met," when he was here several years ago, will not fail to hear him again; and all who want to laugh \$5.00 worth for 25 cents should not fail to hear him next week. As a refined humorist he is hard to equal. His lecture will be for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. Be sure to go and take your "calic" with you.

There will be a meeting of the Cotillion Club of the University in Newcomb Hall, on Wednesday next at 4 o'clock. This is the regular meeting for election of officers and fixing of the date for the February hop.

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West Virginia Club.

The West Virginia Club met on Tuesday, January 18th, and effected a permanent organization for the session of '97-'98.

A quorum being present, in the absence of the president, Mr. Harlow called the meeting to order, and according to the usual procedure declared nominations for president, vice-president and secretary to be in order.

Mr. Mason was then nominated for president, Mr. Pancake for vice-president, and Mr. Downey for secretary. As there was no opposition to the selection of these gentlemen the chair declared them to be elected.

It was then agreed unanimously that the club be represented in the Calyx of '98, and the chair was instructed to appoint a committee for the purpose of selecting a suitable design for a cut which would represent truly the greatness of the Little Mountain State.

Having no more business before it the club adjourned to meet the second Tuesday in February.

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