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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

## FATE'S FALL.

The quarter-back, in accents low,  
Was bidding his love good-night;  
The ground was covered with ice and  
snow,  
The moon was shining bright.  
He'd been spinning his foot-ball yarns  
to her,  
Trying to teach her the game,  
But more than all to impress on her  
As a quarterback his fame.  
Alas! As he started down the steps,  
He slipped and howled with pain;  
But she called out with taunting laugh,  
"First down, two feet to gain."  
S. E. L.

## Sketches of Professors Stevens and Willis.

Through the kindness of the gentlemen who are the subjects of the following sketches we are enabled to insert in this issue accounts of our new professors:

### PROFESSOR STEVENS.

Professor W. LeConte Stevens is a native of Georgia, having been born in that state in 1847. His boyhood was spent partly in Georgia and partly in South Carolina. His education was interrupted by the war, nearly three of the most important years of youth being thus lost to systematic study. During the interval much time was given to physical exercise and to miscellaneous reading, so that a foundation was laid for future work, not so well directed as it have been in a good school, but nevertheless of value. He entered the South Carolina College in January, 1866, and took his baccalaureate degree in June 1868.

For several years after graduation Mr. Stevens supported himself by miscellaneous teaching, holding position first in Atlanta and then in Savannah. In 1876 he went to the University of Virginia to study mathematics and physics; and in 1877 he went to New York, where he lived thirteen years, of which five were given to teaching in New York City and eight as professor of mathematics and physics in the Packer Collegiate Institute, Brooklyn. Two years were then spent in Europe in furtherance of a plan which had been interrupted in 1877. He had there the best laboratory facilities in the University of Strassburg and Berlin and the Polytech-

nikum at Zurich. In 1892 he returned to America to the chair of Physics in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y. This was retained until the present summer, when he accepted the chair at Washington and Lee University made vacant by the withdrawal of Professor Moreland.

In 1881 Professor Stevens began the publication of a series of articles on physiological optics which appeared simultaneously in the American Journal of Science and the London Philosophical Magazine. Since that time he has been well known among physicists generally. He has published about forty articles on scientific and educational subjects, besides doing some work in text book writing and contributing articles to a well-known cyclopedia. In 1895 he presided over the section of physics at the Springfield meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He had previously been made a Fellow of several scientific societies. He is best known for his publications on optics and acoustics.

### PROFESSOR WILLIS.

Henry Parker Willis was born August 14, 1874, in Weymouth, near Boston, Massachusetts. His parents early removed to Bridgeport, Connecticut, and later Racine, Wisconsin, where their son received his preparation for college at the hands of private instructors and later in the Racine Academy, a wellknown preparatory school. Mr. Willis first entered college at Western Reserve University, in Cleveland, Ohio, where he passed the first two years of the undergraduate course. In 1892 he entered the University of Chicago, remaining two years as an undergraduate; pursuing special studies in Economics and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1894. The same year he was appointed graduate scholar in Political Economy and passed the Academic year 1894-'5 at the University of Chicago in that capacity, acting also as assistant to Professor J. Laurence Laughlin. Mr. Willis received the appointment of Fellow at the end of 1894-'5 and was subsequently appointed Special Traveling Fellow in the Department of Economics.

During Mr. Willis' residence at the University of Chicago as Fellow he gave instruction and published various economic studies in the Journal of Political Economy and elsewhere. He finally went abroad with the object of completing the collection of material for a work to be published in the Economic Series of the University of Chicago, and of purchasing foreign works on Political Economy for the Department of Economics. These having been accomplished during a stay of several months in Paris, Mr. Willis spent two semesters in Berlin and Vienna and returning to the United States in the autumn of 1897, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, for work in Economics, Political Science and Modern History, from the University of Chicago.

Mr. Willis was employed as a special investigator by The Monetary Commission during the autumn of 1897, and during the succeeding winter and the spring of the present year has been associated with Professor J. L. Laughlin, of Chicago, and Mr. L. C. Roop, of New York, in the preparation and publication of the Report of The Monetary Commission. This was presented to Congress in June 1898. While engaged in work upon this Report Mr. Willis was appointed Adjunct Professor of Political and Economic Science in Washington and Lee University and after the publication of the Report resigned in order to come to Lexington for the purpose of offering courses in his department. For the present classes in Economics only are being carried on.

## Literary Society Notes.

The new officers of the Washington Society, who were elected last Saturday night, are as follows: President, Mr. C. N. Roark, of Kentucky; Vice-President, Mr. W. B. Wade, Virginia; Secretary, Mr. C. E. Bushong, Virginia; Censor, Mr. T. A. Bledsoe, Virginia; Critic, Mr. J. P. Allan, Virginia. After the election was over the society took up the subject of revising and republishing the constitution, which had been proposed at a form-

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We are glad to see the renewed interest in foot-ball. The manager is arranging for a full schedule of games here on our own grounds and also for several trips for the teams. He is somewhat hampered by the lack of financial support from the students and friends of the game. He is determined to play whether he gets financial support or not. We have men who can play good ball and we are going to have a team of which we will be proud. Come and look on if you can't play.

Says an English writer, That which has made Englishmen victorious in field and strong in forum is the training they have received at foot-ball while at college. It has contributed to build strong bodies and give the men mastery over their own wills and judgements. If foot-ball decays in our colleges, the strength of England will in some measure decline.

A notice has been on the bulletin board for some days inquiring whether or not there is not some one in college who can play the small organ at chapel. While we do not know positively we feel warranted in saying that it will be to the advantage of some one who can play if he will let Mr. J. L. Campbell know his attainments.

What about changing the election of final ball president as suggested in last week's RING-TUM PHI. Do all approve it?

Our first foot-ball game will be early next week.

## On the Campus.

A curious sight it is to see a man "treed." Such a thing happened last Saturday night and those who treed him proceeded to get him down by a generous volley of missiles. His wounds were not as great as might have been expected but were more lasting than the fun.

Bicycles are again appearing on the campus but not in any noticeable degree.

The ivy which had grown so much on Grace Church as to overrun the gutters and climb into the bell tower is being trimmed off to its proper bounds.

The work of measuring the students has progressed more rapidly this year than ever before. Messrs. Pratt and Barret have together measured over one hundred men.

## Y. M. C. A.

Last Sunday the Y. M. C. A. meeting was very attractive. Mr. Pratt addressed the meeting on "Missions" and instead of giving a general discussion of the subject he narrowed down to its practical application to the members of this Association. Always clear in his talks at our Y. M. C. A. Mr. Pratt made his talk very impressive on this occasion.

Our meetings should be larger and while we know that the pretty mountain scenery on these bright afternoons attracts many a one away, we hope more can find it profitable to attend.

To-morrow at four o'clock Mr. J. A. McClure will lead the meeting but we hope many others can join in the talks.

## Base-Ball Manager.

The Athletic Committee met Tuesday afternoon for the purpose of appointing a base-ball manager for 1899. Mr. Anschutz was appointed manager, and a better appointment could not have been made.

## Theta Nu Epsilon.

Thursday the town and campus was lively with the noise which the Theta Nu Epsilons were making in their initiation of several new members. The gentlemen who were taken in were Messrs. Crebs, Johnson and C. R. Robinson.

## Foot-Ball.

The practice this week has been interrupted several times but outside of these interruptions it has on the whole been very good. The line has been playing good ball stopping the rushes of the second team successfully. The ends have not been playing very strong due perhaps to lack of opportunity, the second team not being able to form good interference around the ends having tried bucking the lines. The tackling has not been of the best, and with a few exceptions everybody tackles high, but there is hope of their dropping a peg or two as the season progresses. The best play for ground gaining seems to be the revolving wedge, it being a very hard play to stop on account of the close formation.

The second team has been giving the Varsity good practice and what they lack in weight they make up in grit.

## Fraternities.

So far the fraternities have not taken in many "goats." The number of old fraternity men back is fairly good but some of the most pleasant of the old familiar faces have gone and new friendships are being formed.

Several of the fraternities that formerly had chapters here have become inactive in college because of the graduation of all the old men. Among these we mention Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Sigma. Several have only one representative left. Here may be mentioned Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Alpha.

Among the active chapters in college the following have taken in "goats:"

Kappa Alpha: E. D., Moore  
C. S. Caffery, St. J. L. Caffery, R. W. Withers.

Phi Gamma Delta: W. Allan.

Sigma Chi: W. S. Robertson.

Delta Tau Delta: W. D. Cooke,  
M. P. Andrews.

Phi Kappa Psi: S. L. Wool-  
dridge.

Sigma Nu: S. P. Price.

Mu Pi Lambda: W. J. Lauch,  
W. P. Ott, D. E. Witt, R. O.  
Huff.

We notice that the following fraternities have been fortunate in having transfers:

Alpha Tau Omega: W. J. Bryan.

Phi Gamma Delta: F. L.  
Bushong.

Sigma Chi: Jas. Mullen.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon: H. W.  
Kirkpatrick.

Kappa Alpha: A. M. Shipp, A.  
D. Hamilton, W. H. Harrison.

## Personal Mention.

Miss Buford, of Richmond, has  
been visiting at Col. Ross's.

Mr. R. Guy Cochran, '72, of  
Baltimore, was in town for a few  
days this week.

Mr. D. S. Anderson, of Tulane  
University, is visiting at the home  
of his mother in Lexington.

Mr. Elmer C. Henderson, of  
Columbus, Ohio, is here. He is  
representing D. L. Auld and has a  
full line of fraternity badges.

In last week's issue we said  
that Mr. J. R. Tucker, Jr., would  
be compelled to go to New Or-  
leans for the winter. We are glad  
to know that Ran has changed his  
mind and will be at W. & L. again  
this winter.

Miss Ellen Bruce has been visit-  
ing at Col. W. A. Anderson's.

We are distressed to know that  
Mr. G. C. Powell is quite sick at  
Jacksonville, Fla. We had hoped  
to have Cud back with us by now.

After a visit to Mr. W. A. Glas-  
gow's Miss Margaret Shook, of  
Nashville, Tennessee, has return-  
ed home.

Miss Josephine T. Norris, of  
Charlottesville, and Miss Bessie  
Hunter, of Richmond, are visiting  
at Col. Hunter Pendleton's.

Naval-Cadet Caffery, who was  
on board the Newark in the Cuban  
waters, paid a flying visit to his  
brothers here at college.

Mr. R. E. Hutton, of Lexing-  
ton, has been appointed Instructor  
in the Department of Physics and  
will lecture in practical electricity.  
Mr. Hutton will also connect the  
department with his own plant and  
thus more ample facilities will be  
afforded for practical work.

## Boys We Knew.

Mr. C. F. Myers, our popular  
third-baseman of last year, is  
teaching school at Martinsville,  
Virginia.

Sam Young is engaged in work  
with a U. S. Engineering corps in  
New York. Sam speaks enthu-  
siastically of his experiences in the  
Empire State.

Louis Witz, who has been quite  
unwell for about a year has return-  
ed from a prolonged trip South.  
He seems much improved in health.

### Bible Classes.

The Bible classes to be conducted by the Y. M. C. A. will meet for organization next week. Those who have given in their names to join any of these classes, or any others who may desire to join, will please notice the time and place of meeting. These classes are open to all students. If the time and place of meeting does not suit, come this time and they will be changed to meet the convenience of the class.

Dr. McBryde's class in "Studies in The Life of Christ" will meet Monday night at eight o'clock. The class for beginners will organize Tuesday night at eight o'clock. Both of these classes will meet for organization in my room over Dr. Glasgow's office in the rear of the Post Office. The class for the study of Missions will meet for a few minutes just after the Friday night prayer-meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall.

It is earnestly desired by the committee that there will be enough applicants to justify the the division of these classes and the formation of new ones. Every Christian man in college should be a member of some Bible class. Let us know which one it will be.

H. M. McILHANY, JR.,  
Chairman.

### Law Societies.

The Bradford (Law) Debating Society had its usual meeting in the Law Lecture room last Thursday night at 8 o'clock, President Varner presiding.

The interesting subject of "fellow servants" was discussed, the authorities examined and points of law warmly contested on both sides.

The case was Grady vs. the Southern Ry. Co., a case which came up from the circuit court of Knox Co., Tenn., and which is now pending in the court of appeals of the U. S. It will also be interesting to know that the plaintiff's brief was prepared by Mr. Carlock an alumnus of the University.

In the Bradford Society debate the plaintiff was represented by Messrs. Withers and King, while Messrs. McClure and Watson looked after the defendants interests.

The court consisting of Messrs. ones, Joliffe, Loftin, Harrison and Moore, decided for the plaintiff with a vote of four to one, Mr. Justice Harrison dissenting.

### Graham-Lee Program, Oct. 8, 1898.

To Declaim:  
Pancake, McNeill.

To Debate:  
Preston, Holmes,  
(open aff.) (open neg.)  
McCluer, J. C., Huff.  
Caffery, Deacon.

Question: *Resolved*, That the Government should not send out North Pole expeditions.

J. S. McCluer, President.  
E. B. Pancake, Secretary.

### Program of Wash. Society, Oct. 8, 1898.

To Declaim:  
Barnes, Graybill.

To Orate:  
Chermside, Wade.

To Debate:  
Aff. Neg.  
Senft, Graves, J. K.,  
(open.) (open.)  
Crockett, Sloan,  
Moore, Leffel.

Question: *Resolved*, That the annexation of the Phillipine islands is desirable.

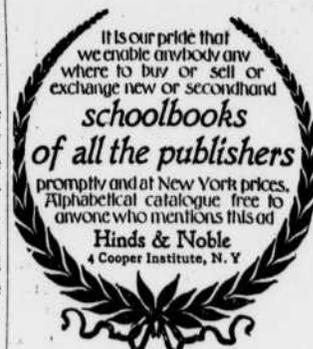
To Orate Oct. 15:  
Ott, E. D., Brown, V. M.  
C. N. Roark, President.  
C. E. Bushong, Secretary.

### A STRIKE.

It was the hour of midnight,  
And the clock in the college tower  
Was striking for higher wages,  
And refused to strike the hour.

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A bright law student being asked to give the supervenient causes for divorce, replied: "I cannot give them all, but the principal one is *prior marriage*."



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er meeting. The debate upon this question was very long and became very much complicated toward the end on account of the number of amendments which were offered by different members, so that it was decided to put off any decision upon the matter until the next meeting. A great deal of time was spent in the discussion of points of order which were continually coming up. While the wisdom of taking up so much valuable time with these discussions may be doubted nevertheless they render the members very familiar with Parliamentary law of which every man should have some knowledge. On the whole however we think it would be better if the members of the Wash would give more attention to literary work and less to rules of order than they did at the last meeting. Among the most brilliant speeches of the evening were those of Mr. H. B. Chermiside and J. K. Graves, Mr. Chermiside nominating Mr. Graves for Vice-President and Mr. Graves nominating Mr. Chermiside for the same office. The last business before the society was the election of editors for the *Collegian*. After some balloting Messrs. T. A. Bledsoe and C. N. Roark were elected.

In the Graham-Lee Rev. F. P. Price made a short speech in response to the invitation of the society, relating some of the anecdotes of his college life and setting forth the importance of just such training as the literary society gives. The officers who were elected the Saturday night before were sworn in and all responded to the calls of the members for speeches. After this the regular order of business was followed until the adjournment.

### Wednesday Morning.

It is gratifying and pleasing to see so many of the ladies and gentleman of the town at our Wednesday morning gatherings.

On last Wednesday Mr. Wilson addressed us and again he called attention to the study of sciences. Two weeks ago he had taken up the subject and he was just finishing the remarks which lack of time had forbidden his doing. He was impelled to this from a consideration of the fact that so many of the tickets he signed had none of the sciences on them.

He who failed to be impressed with the importance of their study must indeed be hardened; if the thrilling appeal of Mr. Wilson fail-

ed to quicken in him a desire for a knowledge of nature and nature's laws he is past the power of words to arouse.

Mr. Wilson began a subject which while apparently foreign to the subject was in reality but an application. He will for several mornings take up the conditions and dangers which confront us now that new territory is added to our country. Illustrating with a map the growth on our own continent he also spoke of our growth on foreign land.

Such subjects are not of mere passing moment but are fraught with an interest which becomes intensified as we consider that soon we who are now students shall go to face these practical questions.

### Gymnasium.

The two classes for gymnasium work will be organized next week by the Physical Director and will continue throughout the year. One of the classes will be for beginners and the other for those more advanced. Only light work will be attempted for some time yet, but heavy work will come later on in the winter. All the lockers now have combination locks which is a great improvement over the old way. Now for fifty cents a year a student can have all his things safe, as he will be the only one who knows the combination to his locker. The supply of hot water has been about quadrupled by the addition of another large boiler. The students will no doubt be glad to know that boxing will be taught this year to all those that desire to learn.

It is desired that all who possibly can will attend the classes as there is great benefit to be derived from this regular exercise. All the students can come if they only will. There is not a man in this University who is two busy to profitably spend an hour or perhaps, only a half in the gymnasium each afternoon. Suppose you do have to make a small sacrifice to attend, it is well worth the trouble. After having taken the exercise you feel very much better and can do about twice the work that you could have done if had remained in your room studying. It is urged by the faculty and is a necessity which no student can afford to neglect.

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