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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

## AT THE TOMB OF LEE.

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Here in the chapel is the sacred shrine:  
Behind that iron lattice, ivy wound,  
Thou liest asleep; the hall above is crown-  
ed  
With purest marble made by Valentine  
Into thy likeness. Here at day's decline  
I love to linger, and often here have  
found  
Courage to war 'gainst evils that abound  
Renewed, and love increased for things  
divine.  
O, leader of martial Southrons, guide  
most fit  
Of youth desirous peaceful arts to learn,  
The cavalier and puritan in thee  
Unite: thy courtly bearing, grace and wit  
Are joined to moral firmness, courage  
stern,  
Great tenderness, and spotless purity.

—Prof. C. L. Crow, Ph. D.

## Final Ball President.

The following letter which was crowded out last week will speak for itself:

Editor of the RING-TUM PHI.

DEAR SIR:—I notice in your issue of September 24th, a discussion of the method at present followed in the selection of a president for the final ball and a request for further discussion on this subject; therefore, I trust that you will pardon me for trespassing upon your valuable time and space.

I most heartily coincide with the opinion expressed in your article that only old men should be eligible to vote, for besides doing away with the evils and annoyances mentioned, it would insure the election of a man who enjoyed the confidence of a majority of the the men who had known him for one or more years and were perfectly well qualified to judge of his abilities.

Under the present system, where disinterested parties are allowed to vote, it is not the popular man who wins, but the man who can give the most time to meeting freshmen and making himself agreeable to them and who can command friends able to do the same. I do not mean that this is always or necessarily the case but still it is a very unpleasant possibility.

Indeed there is very little use in discussing this subject as it seems

to be the opinion of everyone that a change should be made. I talked the matter over too with several freshmen, before the election and without exception they said that they would much rather not vote as they had no interest in either candidate. It has been suggested that the election be held in the spring but I do not see that this would remedy the evil to any great extent but rather prolong it. Besides it would not be fair to the candidates as the gentleman elected would have a very short time to make preparations and arrangements.

In view of these facts can we not have a mass-meeting of the students and make the necessary reforms.

Respectfully yours,  
A Student.

Y. M. C. A.

The Association met last Sunday as usual. Mr. J. McC. Seig was leader for the evening. There was a fairly good crowd in attendance. After the opening exercises, Mr. Seig spoke of how the religion of Christ is a non-respector of persons; that the personal appearance is no index and the true character of a man, hence the wrong in too hasty judgment.

Mr. T. J. Farrar then made some quite pertinent remarks on meeting and overcoming temptations, especially calling attention to the fact that this acts after the law of geometrical ratio. By resisting and overcoming our temptations, it will be much easier to overcome others. The reverse is equally true. If we are overcome of temptation, we will succumb much more easily the next time until resistance becomes practicably impossible.

We hope very much that the meetings will grow larger from time to time. Here we would say that we are always delighted to have the members of the faculty with us. Their presence always lends a stimulus and we appreciate their interest and encouragement in the work. We wish they would come often and talk when they come.

## Coöperation of the Students and the Faculty.

In every branch of college life the highest success is attainable only by the united efforts of students and faculty. Particularly is this true in the sphere of college athletic life.

It is true that the faculty can lend very little direct aid to athletics yet they can by interest and encouragement and direction do much toward maintaining a spirit which will back up pure athletics and make teams which will win. Degrading the team or holding off at a disinterested distance does more to hurt the teams than the faculty can know of. Just now we are turning all our attention to the development of football. Our object is to make a *winning* team. Much depends on the students and much on the faculty.

We may take a good team and if we give it poor support it is apt to lose, but even a moderately good team will be a winning team if it receives the hearty support and confidence of *both* students and faculty. At our games let us have every student but also every member of the faculty so that our team may know you are encouraging them.

## That Ohio Trip.

It was with the keenest disappointment that both the team and the manager found that our trip for a game with Marietta College of Ohio, at Parkersburg, West Virginia, and with the Ohio University on their own grounds at Athens was doomed to fail. Not until Tuesday did we know positively that the trip would not be taken. For some reasons it was well for us not to take the trip for we had not tested our strength in any game this fall.

Monday we are to have a game and from now on we are to have them right frequently. Later on we may try to take a trip to three or four of the Virginia colleges and then we have the Thanksgiving game in Roanoke where we meet St. Albans.

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Our team plays its first game on Monday. We look for success but it is hard work on the team if they have to go it single-handed. Let's have every student and professor present to cheer and encourage them. Our prospects are brightening every day and with determination and perseverance we may have a team of which we will be proud.

## Yell.

We rarely ever hear the ringing Chic-a-go-runk break out on the crisp fall air. Let's get together and try it once more. Nothing is so inspiring to the team as a good hearty yell from the boys for whom they are working. Let's meet this afternoon after the V. M. I. game and practice the yell for Monday. Meet on the Campus.

## Students Reflect.

It is frequently the case that we hear the alumni of this and other institutions lamenting the neglect of some past duty. Talk to them of college life and of their training here, and they begin to advise us not to skip classes; not to sit up late at night; not to form the habit of loafing; not to exert a bad influence; not to be irregular in our habits; not to be unsociable; but to keep up with daily recitations; to read the best literature in the library; to be prompt always; to keep up with college occurrences; to keep out of debt; to be economical; and then with great emphasis and

feeling they urge us not to neglect our work in the literary societies.

We would stop and ask ourselves what does all this mean? Is it in that spirit which always could have done something but never did anything? Is it mere admonition given because of some total failure? Not so, such cautions are expressions of deeply rooted interests and come from those who know from experience whereof they speak. Let us look at them closely; the observance of them forms the ground-work of our education, the bone and sinew of our progress. We advance just in proportion as we appropriate the experiences of those before us. Then we cannot afford to turn a deaf ear to their warnings. Already the seniors, now nearing the close of their college career, look back upon their four years' course and see many a stone left unturned. What path would they tread were they again on the other side of the field? Start with them there and follow them through a second four years' course, and we have made two steps at one stride, gained eight years' experience in four years. We know too well the fate of him who hid his talent. Let us not bury the advice of wise and earnest alumni, but put it out on interest that it may return to us a hundred fold.

Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear some student say, "I am a week behind in Math.," or "I can't get up my Physics." We see them too passing away time foolishly showing a lack of interest in their moral and social duties. Remember the purpose of your being here. Those who have yet the greater part of their course before them should make good use of their time and embrace every opportunity they have to improve themselves, least at the end of their course here they are obliged to say with the poet,  
"Of all sad words of tongue or pen,  
The saddest are these: It might have been."  
—The Tar Heel.

## A Lively Contest.

Those who one year ago occupied the bleacher, and watched with enraptured gaze, swelling hearts, and bursting throats those magnificently contested games of football, between the "Never-will-bees" and the "Never-have-beens," thought that the height of perfection in all of the art and science of the gridiron had been reached.

When those sturdy giants wrestled and tumbled, and scratched and scuttled, and groaned and glided into a touch-down the spectators marveling said: "*Ne plus ultra.*"

Strange! In the dim ages it is said, those same words were written on the jaws of Gibraltar. But as the seas were crossed, and a western World discovered, so across the span of a year another team has been aroused whose glories as far outshine those of the "Never-will-bees" as the melodious music of Roumanie surpasses that of Siamese. And on Monday last the proof of this was shown, when the "Is-nows" and the "Hope-to-bees" lined up on the University Athletic Grounds.

Never before has there been seen in Lexington such an array of strength, and manly beauty as was exhibited when these two lines dashed in a terrific struggle for the pig-skin.

When the dust had cleared away, the "Is-nows" had managed to gain one yard, but the "Hope-to-bees" remembering always the motto suggested by their name were nothing daunted, and when the second down was called, by means of some Herculean effort on the part of "Montana Bill" aided by the strategy of "Duffy" the "Hope-to-bees" had gained ground and encouraged by the scent of a trip North they pushed on toward the goal of their ambition.

But their hopes were blighted, their foreheads bruised, and their progress checked when victory seemed within their grasp.—"Third down and two yards to gain" yelled the referee. With reluctance the "Looking-forward-to-be-something-in-the-futures" yielded the ball to the "Are-at-presents," which was passed to *le petit* Bryan who by some method, not understood, managed to break through the line, although it was guarded, and strengthened and made well nigh impregnable by both "Duffy" and "Montana Bill" who are stars in the Athletic world and Monarchs in the Kingdom of prowess.

Away flew the fairy Bryan across the dark green sward, but the giant Joyner joined the jaunt, and gently juggled the gent; whereupon the cranial appendage of the hitherto fleeting fairy was downed by the corpus of one "Duffy," to-wit.

One might think these mighty men remained all spraddled on the grown, but strange to say they didn't, and stranger still they again formed line, these giants with pigmies here and there like Muir and

McClure, and Barclay and Rogers.

"9-7-5-4-328" and around the end shot Davis like a comet, his flowing fiery locks streaming like the tail thereof. On, on he fled, till "little Mac," the graceful but powerful left end of the "Hope-to-bees" interrupted like a mighty planet, the wild course of this comet, and brought both to earth with a hard thud and a quake.

And so they went, back and forth. I fain would tell you all about the ups and downs, the grunts and groans, the magnificent flying tackle, and the Herculean block made by those matchless teams on the gridiron but space will not permit. Sufficient to say, that when the game was over, there was a sunset smile on the face of "Idaho Jones" such as has not been seen there since the discovery of gold in the Klondike, while "Texas Jack" with a sage-like voice remarked that such success was never seen, save in the cause of free silver.

## A Practical Joke.

Last Monday evening several of our men took tea with the various professors. Some one had issued quite a number of invitations asking the young men to come and take tea with the several professors. With a feeling that they were highly honored by this mark of interest in them the young men dressed in their best arrived at the proper time. After their arrival they found out to their great embarrassment that they were victims of a very practical joke. The professors made them feel easy and entertained them until the pleasant evening was well spent. Some of them though young were done up brown, yet their conduct was excusable for like David Crockett they made sure they were right before going ahead. Next time they will take more thought before accepting an invitation to tea.

## Coming Marriages.

The marriage of Rev. Thos. A. Johnson, pastor of the Lexington Baptist church, to Miss Katharine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gaines, of Eminence, Ky., will take place in the Baptist church of that place, at noon on Wednesday, October 19th.

The marriage of Mr. James Quarles to Miss Fannie Kent Harrison, of Staunton will take place in Emmanuel church on the twenty-sixth of October.

### Personal Mention.

Mrs. H. A. White is still visiting her father, Judge B. R. Wellford, of Richmond.

Miss Leila McGuire, of Winchester, is the guest of Mrs. J. R. Tucker.

Elijah Funkhouser, of Chicago, is visiting his father, E. R. Funkhouser. This is the first time he has been home in four years. Mr. Funkhouser is traveling now.

Miss Bessie Poague is visiting friends in Richmond.

Mott Moore, of Lynchburg was visiting in Lexington a few days this week.

"Pat" Harlow decided to return to college and has entered upon his studies.

Professor Willis was forced to be absent from class owing to sickness.

The Misses Mary and Bettie Wilson left Wednesday to visit friends in Charles Town, West Virginia.

Ran Preston has been sick for some days but we are glad to know he is improving.

Miss Nettie Preston is having a delightful visit to New York.

Miss Amy Tutwiler, of New Orleans has been visiting at the Misses Davidson's but left yesterday.

Rev. R. H. Fleming, D. D., president of the University Alumni Association was in town this week. He was on the platform Wednesday and conducted the devotional part of the exercises.

Miss Gussie Conrad, of Winchester and Miss Virginia May, of Staunton are visiting at Col Alto, Professor Tucker's home.

G. W. Muir withdrew from college this week. In him we lose a good football player and the captain of the team.

Gran. Campbell has been elected captain of the football team. With his energy and perseverance we hope to build up a good team.

As announced elsewhere, Rev. Thomas A. Johnson will soon illustrate the truth that one and one make one.

### Boys We Knew.

H. V. Canter has been appointed to a scholarship in Johns Hopkins University from Virginia. We doubt not that he will maintain the high standard which characterized his work at Washington and Lee University.

Lewis Hickman, Jr., has gone to Due West, S. C., to enter Erskine College. Mr. Hickman is taking the Theological course.

Braden Vandeventer rose to the rank of Second Lieutenant in the Volunteer Army.

E. L. Green, A. B., '92, has recently been elected Professor of Greek at Central University. Mr. Green's record was one of the best ever made at Washington and Lee and his work at the Hopkins has fitted him for very successful work as an instructor in Greek.

### Wednesday Morning.

The opening exercises at the chapel Wednesday morning were conducted by Rev. Dr. Fleming, of Lynchburg.

Before continuing his address begun two weeks before on the Territorial Expansion of the United States, Mr. Wilson spent a few minutes in paying tribute of respect to the late Hon. Thos. F. Bayard. His eulogy of the work and character of this distinguished American statesman was both eloquent and impressive.

Mr. Wilson then took up a passage in American history which in the current histories of the day is usually passed over with only a brief mention,—namely, the part played by the few heroic men under George Rogers Clark in acquiring for the United States that great body of land lying north of the Ohio River and east of the Mississippi. He spoke of the daring young pioneer of Kentucky, who made a trip on horseback all the way to Williamsburg, Va., in order to obtain permission from the governor of state to undertake an expedition against the English forces under the command of Hamilton at Detroit. The successful outcome of this bold venture marked the brave young Clark as a born military genius,—one to be classed not far below Stonewall Jackson, as a leader who by the rapidity of his movements and the inspiration imparted to his men could defeat a force much larger than his own, and thus give added glory to the annals of his native land.

Mass Meeting, Newcome Hall, Tuesday, 4 p. m.

The dancing class is meeting regularly and Messrs. Smith and Crebs expect a very large and successful class and promise us several new dancers for the next dance.

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### The Circus.

The tidings that a circus was coming—the best, the greatest show on earth, brought many a smile of pleasant anticipation to the inhabitants of Lexington. Nothing since the arrival of "Pin-afore" had arrived to change the topic of conversation from theories as to when so and so was going to get married to facts—plain facts like those which glaring bill posters announced on every side.

Some had grave doubts as to whether it would be possible for the grandest of all known pleasure servers to reach Lexington before Sunday; much relief was felt, therefore, when it was learned that the circus owned and managed its power for traveling purposes. Only yesterday was it discovered what this power was and it is hardly possible that anyone had the remotest idea of the system of travel introduced to Lexington on the morning of the eight. Just at break of day an odd and strange sight might have been seen on the other side of Timber Ridge, for slowly but sturdily trudging up the railroad grade were six elephants, to each was attached a heavy cable which in turn was connected with a wheezing, half sister of the Virginia Creeper. Thus "Sells Bros." reached Lexington early in the morning and thus a new mode of travel was inaugurated, the advantages of which at present it will be hard to estimate.

While the circus was making preparations for its grand street parade, two enterprising students did a rushing business taking pictures for the mountaineers. Posing to suit the artistic eye of the ex-football Captain, satisfaction was guaranteed (the crowd).

Numerous were the orders taken and great the disgust of many when they found the parade was coming and they could not get their picture.

Both parade and show gave general satisfaction and many will be the happy recollections of what took place last Saturday.

Did you have your photograph taken at the circus Saturday? The posing was good and the effect pleasing but the expression was quite blank.

Student from Illinois: "Mr.—, in giving the yell here, do you say the Chicago-runk very rapidly?"

### Cotillion Club Hop.

The first of the Cotillion Club hops which took place last Tuesday was one of the most enjoyable social events of the season.

The inclemency of the weather seemed to detract nothing from the pleasure of the evening and all seem to have enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Taking this as a type of those to follow we feel safe in predicting an unusually delightful season for the dancers.

Miss Annie White was chaperone of the occasion and the following couples were present:

Miss Lulu Semmes with Mr. Tucker, Miss Mary Wilson with Mr. Witherspoon, Miss Rosa Tucker with Mr. Harrison, Miss Anna Anderson with Mr. Martin, Miss Louise Brockenbrough with Mr. Coleman Robinson, Miss Margaret Graham with Mr. Frierson, Miss Tutwiler with Mr. King, Miss Bessie Hunter with Mr. Anschutz, Miss Bettie Wilson with Mr. C. T. Smith, and Miss Annie Jordan with Mr. Mullen.

Among the stags present were quite a number of cadets and Messrs. Crebs, Johnson, Barclay, Woolbridge, Capito, Withers, Dixon, Garrow and Joliffe.

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