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EVOLUTION.

"Evolution, quoth the monkey,
Makes all mankind our kin;
There's no chance at all about it,
Tails we lose and heads they win."
—E.V.

The Mass-Meeting.

On Thursday last, the students assembled in mass-meeting for the purpose of electing an editor-in-chief, assistant editor and business manager for the *Calyx* of '99.

Mr. Farrar called the meeting to order and on the motion of Mr. Bryan he was elected chairman. Mr. Crebs then nominated himself for secretary and there being no opposition, took his seat with becoming modesty and grace.

One, P. Harlow, to-wit, then rose and in a brief but impassioned address, delivered in his own enthusiastic way, moved that the method of election followed last year, should be used this year. This motion was seconded by Mr. J. S. McCluer and carried without opposition.

The chairman then announced that nominations for editor-in-chief were in order and Mr. E. B. Pancake crawled from behind the stove and prefacing his remarks with the statement that "he had no polished words," (it was very evident before he was done that he had not) nominated Mr. M. G. Perrow, of Lynchburg for the office. Mr. Bryan, of Florida then rose and after talking a good while about stars and things ended up by seconding the nomination. There being no further nominations Mr. Perrow was elected by acclamation.

Mr. King then rose and nominated Mr. Robt. Withers for assistant editor-in-chief. Then Ox Allan had his innings and in an eloquent speech, which was rendered warmer by the plentiful supply of hot ashes which he dropped from his pipe upon the upturned faces of those nearest him, seconded the nomination.

Mr. Withers was elected by acclamation and being called upon for a speech stepped forward, jauntily twirling his hat upon his left forefinger and looking the very ideal litterateur and got off

his little "spiel" about this being the banner year and so forth.

Nominations for business manager then being in order Mr. J. C. McCluer announced that although he had just returned to town (I wonder where he had been) and had no time to prepare a speech as the other gentlemen had, he wished to nominate Mr. J. R. Tucker for this office. In an instant Ox was on his feet again seconding the nomination with fervor and ashes. There being no opposition Mr. Tucker was necessarily elected and being called on for a speech gracefully asked the assembled gentlemen to "ante up the dough" when the time came.

Mr. Tucker then moved that the wearing of the college emblem should be restricted to those men who had played on one of the teams in one regular game, the members of the boat crews, the winners of the tennis championship and one all-round gymnast to be selected by the Physical Director. Mr. Shively seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Some one then moved that the method of electing the final ball president should be taken up and that was where the trouble began.

Mighty dissensions arose in the camp and long was the war waged, even unto night-fall and still they "gassed." The freshmen gathered in awestruck admiration around "the triumvirate."

'And still they gazed and still the wonder grew
How three small heads could carry all they knew.'

Finally, however, the pangs of hunger overcame all the orators of the evening (except Mr. E. D. Ott) and the meeting was declared adjourned.

We were glad to see the following notice in a recent copy of the *Richmond Dispatch*: Major David D. Price was last night presented with a handsome sword and belt by the citizens of Richmond as a mark of the esteem which his courteous manner and his straightforward methods in dealing with the military of Virginia have begotten.

Cotillion Club Hop.

The Cotillion Club gave their November "hop" in the Art Gallery of Newcomb hall on last Tuesday night and was much alike many of the preceding delightful occasions of the same character.

Among those present were, Miss Cook with Mr. Witherspoon, Miss Wilson with Mr. Johnson, Miss Conrad with Mr. Smith, Miss Tucker with Mr. Robinson, Miss Semmes with Mr. Garrow, Miss Jordan with Mr. Jolliffe, Miss Brockenbrough with Mr. Martin, Miss Graham with Mr. Withers, and Miss Shipp with Mr. Frierson.

The chaperones were, Mrs. S. B. Walker, Miss Annie White, and Mrs. Turner.

Among the stags were, Messrs. Dillon and Owen, from town, and Messrs. Barclay, Dixon, Tucker, Moise, Barret, King, Capito, Shipp, Woolridge, Crebs, Shields, Carmichael, and Mullen.

The dance was a very pleasant one, and all had a fine time.

Reception.

Last night Professor Nelson's house was the scene of much hearty enjoyment. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson received the members of his classes. In this reception they were assisted by Miss Nelson and about twenty of the young ladies of the town. The generous hospitality which characterizes Mr. Nelson's home was very manifest. Delightful refreshments were served and the boys seemed loath to leave the presence of the fair ones who graced the reception.

A Novel Wedding.

Quite a novelty occurred on the campus Thursday. About two o'clock a small party gathered on the pavement at the east door of the College Chapel. Provided with a minister it was not long that single blessedness delayed the union of the happy pair.

It was learned that the young people were "running away" but the names of the contracting parties were not found out.

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The unusually bad luck which has attended our efforts to make the trip to Richmond has at last been overcome and now it is a settled fact that the team goes to Richmond Monday. The trip was all arranged when Randolph-Macon telegraphed and backed out. The team fortunately got a game with Pantops Academy but just on the eve of starting for the trip Hampden-Sydney telegraphed that it would be impossible to play. This morning, however, the manager has succeeded in arranging a trip and so we will play Richmond College Monday in Richmond and Pantops Academy on Tuesday in Charlottesville.

The conduct at the recent mass-meeting was surely not such as to be commended. The matter of minority rule when accomplished in a creditable way can hardly bring serious criticism on those who undertake it, but it is sincerely hoped that no such conduct as that on Thursday will ever mark another mass-meeting.

The faithful practice and constant effort to put up the very best showing cannot fail to bring the team the hearty sympathy of the students at large. Circumstances have been only discouraging to them and yet they have earned the generous commendation of all who are in any way connected with athletics.

The October number of the *Southern Collegian* has come to us.

It came too late to be reviewed for this issue but we hope to give a full review of what apparently is well worthy of the high reputation that the *Collegian* has sustained in years past.

A little less than a year ago some Virginia ladies revived the plan of building at the University of Virginia an alumni hall, to be used as a place of resort by the former students of that institution while visiting their alma mater, and so far \$5,000 has been secured for the erection of a suitable hall. Recently Mr. Samuel Spencer, of New York, sent \$500 to the society of the alumni to be used for the alumni hall. The latest contribution, \$1,000, is just at hand from Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page.

Owing to the unpleasant breaking up of the last game of football between the Virginia and Georgetown, these teams will have another game. *College Topics* has the following: "We are glad to announce that another game with Georgetown has been arranged to be played on their grounds. This gives us an opportunity to demonstrate that Virginia has what she claims, the representative football team of the south."

It is proposed to render the hotel De Hart useful by connecting it with an electric car line. Of course the line will be extended in Lexington. Just think of it, Lexington with a car line!

The All-America baseball team selected by B. A. Smalley of the *College Athlete*, for the season of 1898, is as follows:

Pitcher	Greenway (Yale)
Catcher	Kafer (Princeton)
1st Base	Kelley (Princeton)
2nd "	Houghton (Harvard)
3rd "	Lauder (Brown)
S. Stop	Camp (Yale)
R. Field	Wallace (Yale)
C. "	Wear (Yale)
L. "	Rand (Harvard)

—*College Topics*—

Last Saturday's games were a great surprise to everyone. Pennsylvania's best plays were met by the surest resistance on the part of Harvard and Penn. could not cross the goal line at all. Harvard likewise failed to cross goal line but two goals were made from field.

An Alumnus Honored.

To those who knew John W. Davis it will not be a surprise to hear of any advancement he may make or of any honor he may receive. He was last Tuesday elected to the West Virginia legislature by a majority of over 1,400 and this in a county where the republicans usually have a large majority. He was the only Democratic candidate elected. The result of the election is but a just tribute to the popularity and merit of one so highly esteemed as student or instructor here at Washington and Lee.

Y. M. C. A.

The meeting last Sunday was conducted by Mr. Waller Blain on the interesting subject "China." Besides a talk from Mr. Blain there were talks by several others. The first Sunday in each month is regularly given over to the Missionary Committee and topics of interest are invariably taken up. Tomorrow Dr. Thornton Whaling will address the meeting on "Some Perils of College Life." It is earnestly hoped that as many students as can will be present and hear this helpful and interesting address.

At four o'clock in Chapel.

Program of

Washington Literary Society,
November 19th.

For Orations:

Brown, Barnes.

To Declaim:

Crockett, Jolliffe.

To Debate:

Neg.	Aff.
Perrow,	Allan,
Goshorn,	Senft,
Smith, E. C.	Graves, J. K.

Question: *Resolved*, That the sea-coast defenses are more important than the navy in defending the country from invasion.

For Orations Dec. 3d:

Sieg,	Sloan,
Roark,	McNulty,
President.	Secretary.

The University of Virginia redeemed herself at the hands of Georgetown. What will be the result of V. M. I.'s contest with Georgetown to-day is not yet decided.

Fraternities.

Since our last mention of fraternities two chapters have been revived, Phi Delta Theta and Phi Kappa Sigma. The initiates since a previous mention are as follows:

Alpha Tau Omega: H. D. Moise.
Phi Kappa Psi: C. F. Harrison.
Delta Tau Delta: H. C. Ellett.
Phi Delta Theta: J. M. McBryde,
H. B. Graybill, T. D. Sloan, A. Epes, H. R. Keeble.

Phi Kappa Sigma: R. O. Crockett, J. M. Theobald, C. S. McNulty.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon: F. W. Goshorn, J. H. Arbuckle.

Mu Pi Lambda: J. E. Senft.
Sigma Nu: W. T. Ellis, Jr.
Theta Nu Epsilon: C. R. Robinson, S. L. Crebs, J. W. Johnson.
Delta: R. W. Withers.

Instructive Address.

Next Thursday evening at eight o'clock a lecture will be given under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the University Chapel. The lecturer, Rev. K. H. Basmajian, is a native Armenian and will lecture on Armenia, Turkey and Oriental Life. His lecture is illustrated with over 100 Stereopticon views which show life in the East. There will be no admission fee and it is hoped that a full house will hear him.

Literary Societies.

The plan of having joint debates between the societies was helpful last year. The societies have just selected their representatives for the contest the last of the month. Messrs. Ott and McNulty have been selected to represent the "Wash." and Messrs. Withers and Bryan will uphold the side of the Graham-Lees.

Recent Football Scores.

Harvard 10, Pennsylvania 0.
Princeton 5, West Point 5.
Yale 10, Chicago A. A. 0.
Naval Cadets 52, Columbian 5.
University of Virginia 12, Georgetown 0.
North Carolina 28, V. P. I. 0.
University of Georgia 4, Vanderbilt 0.

Posters are out announcing the coming of the "Great Southern Band" Wednesday, November 16, at the Opera House.

Personal Mention.

Cards of invitation to the marriage of Miss Lucy Scott Shipp to Mr. Benjamin Huger, of South Carolina, are out. The marriage will take place in the Grace Memorial Church, November the seventeenth.

Mr. A. B. Shipp, our quarterback, left for Richmond yesterday morning. He accompanied the Virginia Military Institute team and will remain in Richmond until Monday when he joins our team for a game with Richmond College.

It is with much regret that the RING-TUM PHI learns of the death of Professor Perkinson who occupied the chair of German languages at the University of Virginia.

H. B. Chermiside was forced to go home on account of sickness. We hope he will avoid any serious spell and will soon be with us again.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Jones, of New York City, have been visiting at the home of Colonel and Mrs. Thomas M. Semmes.

Miss Virginia Stuart has returned to New York where she will resume her studies in art.

Miss Mildred Myers has returned from a pleasant visit to Charlottesville.

The student mass-meeting was fortunate in their selection of officers for the *Calyx* of '99. The following gentlemen were selected: Editor-in-Chief, M. G. Perrow; Assistant Editor-in-Chief, R. W. Withers; Business Manager, J. R. Tucker, Jr.

Boys We Knew.

W. K. McClung is in Pueblo, Colorado. Much to the delight of his friends he reports that he is improving rapidly. No more enthusiastic student has ever been at W. & L. U. than "Willie Kyle."

H. W. M. Drake who has been at Monteagle, Tenn., on account of the yellow fever will soon return to Port Gibson, Miss., where he will continue the practice of law.

Borden Burr, is practicing law in Talledega, Alabama.

D. M. Hammat is in Indianapolis, Indiana, arranging for the practicing of law.

E. R. F. Wells is studying law at the University of Virginia. We trust the "Lieutenant" will meet with great success.

Among the Colleges.

The \$50,000 recently presented to New York University by an anonymous contributor is said to have come from Miss Helen Gould, daughter of the late Jay Gould.

The Chicago University has more women students than any other university in America. It has a total of 459 against 697 men.

A new fellowship has been established at Cornell University in the Department of Architecture. The first competition will be held this fall. The fellowship is worth \$2,000 to the winner, who will then spend two years of study at Cornell and in Europe.

Admiral Dewey has again been honored by an American University. This time it is the University of Pennsylvania, which grants the degree of LL. D. to the hero of Manila Bay.

The V. M. I. expects to have a new Academic Building next year. The increase in attendance makes it necessary.

Bequests and gifts made by Americans to various institutions, educational, charitable and otherwise, during the past year alone, amount to \$45,000,000, the maximum figure reached in any one year. For the past five years the total is \$165,000,000.

The alumnae of Radcliffe College, Harvard University, are trying to raise \$50,000 to erect a dormitory for the students.

Five thousand dollars has been secured for the erection of a memorial hall on the grounds of the University of Virginia. It is not known just when the work of the building will commence.

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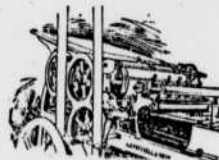
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At Chapel.

President Wilson lectured Wednesday morning on the partition of Africa, taking Egypt as a preliminary to future lectures on the same subject.

The continent of Africa has been divided up very quietly during recent years and though the information is meagre, it is now known that seven-eighths of it is claimed by European nations, the Sahara being a part of the eighth remaining to natives.

By means of an excellent map which Mr. Anschutz had drawn the President rapidly traced the English successes and losses up the Nile. He said that England's relations to Egypt were at first similar to those we now bear to Cuba. The Egyptian princess by extravagance became very much indebted to European nations and the six powers resolved to act as trustees of Egypt.

The people, however, were becoming tired of being virtually ruled by foreigners and they rebelled against their Prince. England to protect her citizens in Egypt sent a force there under Sir Garnet Joseph Wolseley and the Queen not long afterwards said in her report to Parliament: "The rebellion in Egypt has been put down by Arabi through my troops."

At that time the feeling in England was to withdraw the troops as soon as possible, both Gladstone and Salisbury pledging themselves to see it done. The troops have never been withdrawn and today England in reality owns the Nile from source to mouth. On acquiring the territory she has had several reverses and quite recently she found the French flag waving over Fashoda, trouble was averted however by the withdrawal of the French. They had in all probability marched into the Soudan from their state on the Congo river.

Next Wednesday morning Mr. Wilson will resume the topic of African partition showing the relative importance of the different possessions.

Bradford Debating Society.

The Bradford Debating Society had its regular meeting last Thursday evening. The debates are very interesting, and highly beneficial to those who purpose to follow the Legal Profession, and should be attended regularly by all Law Students.

A Negro Turning White.

A curiosity rarely ever witnessed in this country was seen at the office of the pension examiners in this city to-day. It was a negro man turning white. The man's name is Sam Smith. He is 67 years old and came here to-day from Georgetown to stand an examination for a pension, he having served in the Union army. More than three-fourths of the man's entire body is white, the skin fairer by far than that of the ordinary white man. The dark skin remaining on the body is only in small spots. Smith says that his skin began turning white in 1867, and the dark skin has been disappearing from the body ever since. The physicians that examined him to-day think that should the old man live a few years longer he will be entirely white save perhaps the face. A peculiar feature of the case is that the face has not been turning white along with the rest of the body, the white only showing at a few places beneath the hair on the forehead, and not on the face at all.—Lexington, (Ky.) letter in *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

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