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One of the most distinguished gatherings of educators which ever assembled in Virginia was held at the University of Virginia during Christmas week when the Modern Language Association of the United States was holding its sixteenth annual meeting. The Association holds its meetings every year during Christmas week.

The first president of the Association was James Russell Lowell who held the position until his death. Many prominent men have been numbered among its mem- Dr. Currell at Birmingham, bers. Professor Alcée Fortier, of Tulane University is the present president.

The Association was welcomed by Dr. P. B. Barringer, chairman of the faculty, and by Mr. George W. Miles, who addressed the Association on behalf of the Board of Visitors. Dr. James W. Bright, & Lee University, delivered a most of Johns Hopkins responded to the cordial words of welcome.

Distinguished members were present from almost all the colleges and universities of the New England, Middle and Southern States, while a few came from as far west as Michigan. Dr. W. S. Currell represented Washington & Lee University at the gathering. He is a member of the executive committee.

Although many very interesting papers were presented, decidedly the event of the occasion was the report of the committee of twelve. This committee was appointed in 1896 to "consider the position of Modern Languages (French and German in secondary education), to examine into and make recommendations upon methods of instruction, the training of teachers, and such other questions connected with the teaching of Modern Languages in the secondary schools and the colleges as in the judgment of the committee may require consideration."

This report of twenty-five thousthe hands of every teacher of Mod-

Prof. CalvinThomas, of Columbia University, chairman of the Institute. committee, gave a brief resumé of read in toto.

The report was unanimously acthe same.

Columbia College, New York, was selected as the place of meeting for meeting for next year.

Alabama.

We are indebted to the County from the Birmingham News of December 17th:

"Dr. William Spenser Currell, professor of English at Washington finished and scholarly address in the Chapel of the Pollock-Stephens Institute last night before a representative audience of cultured citizens. The lecture was given as a compliment to the class of '96, and the subject was "Books a Blessing and a Bane."

Dr. Currell made a topical review of the wide field of English literature, pointing out how books lecture was lighted by constant corruscations of wit and humor, changing from grave to gay with such rapidity as to hold his audience with ease. Indeed a part of the marked success of the address was due to the responsiveness of the audience.

Dr. Currell's address showed great richness of thought together with splendid command of language. The lecture was a treat of the first water.

First-Class of V. M. I.

The remarkable statement that and words is an exhaustixe and the V. M. I. has no first-class is a valuable paper and should be in deplorable fact. The class which was to have graduated in June was ern Languages in America. It dismissed with the exception of will be printed in the report of the Captain Derbyshire. It is with song on Dewey, Hobson, Sampson United States Commissioner of much regret that their friends and Schley.

leave. They are highly complimented by all the officials of the

The cause of the dismissal of the the report, which was too long to cadets (thirty-five in number) was premeditated and concerted insubordination which amounted to mucepted by the Association and the tiny. It was all for a little fun committee authorized to take and the punishment seems severe whatever steps seemed proper for but from a millitary standpoint the the printing and dissemination of offense is quite serious and the punishment just.

Their celebration on New Year's eve was the best ever had and the display of fireworks was splendid and exceedingly well arranged.

Our relations with the cadets this year have been very pleasant and we regret to lose them from our midst but we beg to assure them of every wish for their success in News for the following clipping the various walks which they shall choose in life.

V. M. I. Reception.

The Y. M. C. A. of the Virginia Military Institute gave an enjoyable reception in the Jackson Chapel, December 22nd. The Association extended a cordial invitation to the students of Washington and Lee to attend but the unusually inclement weather coupled with the fact that it was in the midst of our examination and also a great many had already gone home, prevented may be a blessing or a bane. His any students from attending. The students wish to extend hearty thanks for the cordial invitation.

The inclemency of the weather prevented some of the young ladies from attending.

The rooms were pretily decorated with the Institute colors and refreshments was served.

Hon. Isadore Straus, the New York philanthropist, who donated some time ago the library of economics and political science to Washington and Lee University, has added \$500 to his former gift.

A donation of \$100, to be applied to the general library, has been received from Rev. Dr. E. A. Renout, of New Hampshire.

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Now that the trials of examinations have come and gone we have learned some things that we did not know before. Some of us have failed and feel discouraged, some have succeeded beyond our highest hopes. Let us remember that we can profit by these experiences and so let us do it. The next term is the quiet term and hence we can get in good study. Let the next examinations be more satisfactory than those from which we have just come. The RING-TUM PHI wishes all its readers a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Christmas holidays seem to be a favorite time for the meetings of societies and organizations of various kinds. During the holidays just past the Southern Collegiate Journalistic Association met in New Orleans in response to the invitation sent out by the Olive and Blue. We regret very much that the RING-TUM PHI had no representative in the meeting but distance was a great barrier in the case. It is hoped that the Association effected a permanent organization which will be able to cope with some of the perplexing questions which daily arise in connection with college life.

Cotillion Club.

The Cotillion Club met Thursday afternoon and elected Mr. Lister Witherspoon Secretary and Treasurer to fill the unexpired Hyatt; Miss Daisy Preston, Mr. term of Mr. J. R. Tucker, who has withdrawn from College.

It was decided that a dance should Nelson, Mr. Frank Moore. Subscription, \$1.50 per Year, in Advance. be given next Monday night.

In a Social Vein.

On Tuesday, during Christmas, Dr. and Mrs. James Lewis Howe celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage by a reception to their friends.

Miss Nettie Preston gave a delightful Christmas party to her friends on Tuesday of Christmas.

December 24th was the occasion of a very hospitable and delightful debtness. It is hoped that every entertainment at Col Alto. Hon. Harry St. George Tucker had a his father, the late Hon. John Randolph Tucker, whose birthday purpose of Mr. Tucker to have a memory of his father. There were about seventy-five guests present.

Ten Pin Roll.

It seems as if it will rain always here in Lexington but the damp weather did not prevent an enjoyable ten pin roll on Thursday night. A very remarkable thing was the arrangement by which all the ladies rolled on one alley and the men on the other. It was soon seen that the young ladies were outrolling the men. There may have been a difference in the allevs but whether that be true or not they were rolling much better than the men. Had the scores been kept accurately it is likely that the result would have been as two to one. Miss Nelson led with the splendid score of 146.

After the first game (and there was only one game) the party repaired to the Lexington Hotel where refreshments were served.

The young ladies declared it a pleasant evening and the young men knew before hand that it would be so for them if the young ladies were present.

The following is a list of those who were present:

Miss Elizabeth Ross, Mr. Bratton; Miss Campbell, Mr. George Moore: Miss Patty Myers, Mr. Vaughan; Miss Nettie Preston, Mr. Wise; Miss Allan, Mr. H. Waddell; Miss Agnes Ross, Mr. Armistead; Miss Sara Preston, Mr. Myers; Miss Mildred Myers, Mr. Farrar; Miss Eliza Dillon, Mr. Slemp: Miss Fanny Dillon, Mr. tracting parties being Miss Lulu among the citizens.

Several names were proposed for Quarles; Miss Pratt, Mr. Miley; Semmes, one of the most popular

Professor S. T. Ford.

On next Satuaday, January 14th, Prof. S. T. Ford, of Baltimore. will give an entertainment in the University Chapel for the benefit of athletics. It will be rememberthat foot-ball came out considerably short and hence many bills needed to be paid. Prof. Ford has been secured to give a benefit entertainment for the purpose of relieving a part of that instudent and professor and friend of the University can attend. It reunion of some of the friends of is believed that a very enjoyable evening awaits them. Professor Ford is gifted with a fine presence, they were celebrating. It is the graceful manner and a splendid voice and he will give us an evenreunion every Christmas eve in ing of Chaste Humor, Pathos and song. As "Uncle Pete" Prof. Ford will give his views on the War with Spain. The papers and those who have heard him say it is extremely funny. Two thousand people greeted Prof. Ford in New York City last Saturday night. His war stories and songs created great enthusiasm and there were few dry eyes when he told the story of Santa Claus in a Mining Camp, and What the Old Fiddle Told. His Hold Dem Philippines brought down the house. His selections are varied and fresh.

Prof. Ford was in Lexington a few years ago and those who heard him will be glad to know that he is again to entertain them.

Death of P. M. Jaffray.

It was quite sad to learn of the death of Mr. P. M. Jaffray whose athletic record had recently been so good. He was centre on Harvard's team and the newspapers have reported that his death was due to injuries received in playing football. It is a sad death at best but we are glad to know that reliable medical authority pronounces that "there was no injury which could in any way have had an influence in producing the condition." His death was the result of bloodpoisoning.

Marriage of Miss Lulu Semmes to Mr. Roberts.

One of the prettiest weddings ever seen in Lexington was celebrated in Grace Memorial Episcopal Church early in December, the con-

membership and all were elected. Miss Morrison, Mr. Walker; Miss young ladies of Lexington, and Mr. William Archer Roberts, a young attorney of Washington, D. C.

> The novel arrangement of the wedding and the pretty effect of the decorations delighted the audience.

After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the bride where a reception to the party and a few friends was held.

Growth of Football.

A careful estimate made in 1897, and at close of the football season returned 2,200 elevens playing the games in this country. In other words, there are are between 25,000 and 30,000 players of the game in the United States. This total, unexpectedly large, gives rise to a number of speculations. It is proof of the universal interest in a noble game. It shows that football is not confined to colleges and school circles but is becoming a game of the people. And it is an unanswerable argument for those to refute who are continually decrying the gridiron as a scene of College physical injuries .- The

Whitney's All America.

Casper Whitney, in Harper's Weekly makes out the following all America eleven:

Full. Romeyn, W. P. Harvard. Yale. Dibblee. Halves. McBryde, Quarter, Center, Daly, Cunningh'm, Harvard. U. Mich. Penn. Hare, Guards, Boal, Harvard. Chamberlain, Tackles, Hillebrand, Princeton. Palmer, Hallowell, Princeton. Ends. Harvard.

Substitutes: Burden, Haughton and Donald of Harvard; Overfield Poe and Folwell of Princeton; Brown of Yale: Reid and Warren of Harvard; Kromer of West Point; O'Dea, of Wisconsin.

The Atlanta Constitution recently had the following notice: "J. Sam Slicer, of Bedford City, Va., and a recent graduate of Washington & Lee University, has located in Atlanta and entered upon the practice of law. Mr. Slicer belongs to a well-known Virginia family and comes to Atlanta with cordial letters of introduction from many prominent citizens of Virginia. He has been warmly welcomed by members of the Atlanta bar, and, although a resident of only a few days, has made many friends

Personal Mention.

Miss Nettie Houston is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Miss Fannie White spent Christmas in Baltimore visiting friends.

R. J. McBryde, Jr., of the Courier-Journal, spent the holidays in Lexington.

Miss Page Nichols, of Petersburg, is visiting Colonel and Mrs. E. W. Nichols.

Professor D. C. Humphreys was re-elected a trustee of the Lexington Public Schools.

Miss Annie R. White, our popular librarian, visited friends in Philadelphia during the holidays.

After a prolonged visit to Eastern Virginia Miss Patty Myers returned home just before Christmas.

Miss Bruce Houston who is a student at the State Normal School at Farmville, spent the holidays at home.

W. H. Mason was here for a few days and was looking quite well after his experience aboard a mano'war.

Mr. Thomas Williamson who recently took charge of the Danville schools, spent Christmas in Lexington.

Dr. and Mrs. H. A. White spent the holidays in Richmond. Mrs. White is still at the home of her father, Judge Wellford.

J. R. K. Cowan paid his friends a short visit during examination week. Jim looked as if farming was agreeing well with him.

Much to the regret of her friends Miss Frierson who has been spending some time in Lexington returned to her home a few days ago.

Professor H. Parker Willis attended the annual meeting of the American Economic Association which was held in New Haven, Conneticut, last week.

Harry W. Pratt, Physical Director at W. & L. U. for some years but now a student at the Union Theological Seminary, spent Christmas at home in Lexington.

E. A. Quarles, of Louisville, is on a visit to his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Quarles. He is on the staff of the *Louisville Post* and acted as reporter for that paper.

Rev. T. A. Hall, of Greenville, Tenn., accepted the call recently tendered him by the Baptist Church and has reached Lexington. His first sermon was preached last Sunday.

Trueman S. Vance was in town this week representing the Louisville Courier-Jouunal. Vance got the Santini medal in '96 and is now on the editorial staff of the above paper.

Recently President William L. Wilson was elected a member of the American Bar Association on "Legal Education and Admission to the Bar." This week he is attending a meeting of that committee in New York.

The demands upon President Wilson's time are on the increase. It is announced that he will deliver an address in Winchester early in February and later on he will address the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond.

Professor Addison Hogue has recently returned from the sick bed of his uncle, Dr. Moscs D. Hoge, of Richmond, whose sickness has been watched with such prayerful longing for his return to the great usefulness which has marked his long life.

Dr. W. S. Currell visited various points in the South during the intermission of classwork. During the Christmas week he attended the meeting of the Modern Language Association of the United States at the University of Virginia. Dr. Currell is a member of the Executive Committee.

Professor Edwin W. Fay paid a visit to Baltimore just before Christmas. During the holidays he was a visit to his old home in Louisiana. It was during this visit that the death of his father occurred. Dr. Fay has the sympathy of the RING-TUM PHI in the hour of his bereavement.

Christmas week saw a good many of the old boys come to their homes in or near Lexington. Among the number we mention Livingston W. Smith who is teaching in the Fishburne Millitary Academy in Waynesboro; Hugh White who is a student at the University College of Medicine; William B. Morrison, instructor in an academy at Rockville, Maryland; Charles F. Myers, who is teaching in a Military Academy in Martinsville; Cabell C. Tutwiler, of Philadelphia; Ran. T. Shields, who is studying at the University College of Medicine in Richmond.

Be sure to have a ticket for the entertainment by Professor Ford in the University Chapel next Saturday night. It is pronounced very good and you will want to bring your calic also.

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The Andrews Opera Company.

About a week before Christmas the lovers of music were treated to a feast such as rarely comes to Lexington. The occasion was the presentation of the charming romantic opera, "Martha," by the Andrews Opera Company. The parts were all well sustained. The principal roles were filled by Miss French, soprano; Miss Nightser, contralto; Mr. Howard, bass and Mr. Walters, tenor. The voices were all 1ich, clear and musical, and the acting good. Miss French's voice was especially clear and rich. The best actors were Miss Nightser and Mr. Howard. The chorus was full and well sustained. While the audience was good it was nothing like what might have been expected at such a treat. It is a pity that better audiences do not greet the coming of good entertainments. It results in our losing the good companies that might Everett Waddy come here.

The Season of '98--Work of Engraving, Monograms, Visiting Cards, the Southern Football Team this Fall.

This has, indeed, been a year of surprise in football circles. In the North Yale and Pennsylvania have fallen before Harvard. In the West, Chicago lost the companionship to Michigan, and in the South, North Carolina has taken the lead.

It is with the Southern teams that we are chiefly interested, and a comparison of their respective merits may prove interesting to our readers.

Vanderbilt's great falling off has astonished all the Southern cranks. Last year Tennessee stood equal with Virginia in claiming the championship of the South. This fall, however, Vanderbilt has met continuous defeat. But fully as surprising as Vanderbilt's weakness is Sewanee's strength. Out of seven games formerly played between these two colleges, Vanderbilt had won six. However, on Thanksgiving Day Sewanee beat Vanderbilt 10 to 4 and thereby established a claim of championship honars.

North Carolina began early on her triumphal tour, and left a clean path behind her. Out of nine games played, she lost none and was only scored against once.

Virginia, after playing Princeton o-12, fell before North Carolina on Thanksgiving Day. These are the representative Southern BAKER teams,-Red and Black.

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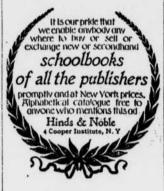
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