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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

Chapel Exercises.

In his Wednesday morning lecture President Wilson said he had read with much interest the result of the past term's work, and felt that the reports reflected honor on both students and professors, for he knew that success has meant faithful work where much is required. To those who failed the President extended encouragement, saying, that but few, if any men of success could not recall some failure which was instrumental in making them more successful. Yet even in doing back work the President said he believed that studying until two or three o'clock at night was unnecessary and should not be done, for the over-drawing of a young man's health account is liable to leave bankruptcy when the realities of life are to be confronted.

As a student Mr. Wilson said he made it a point to close his books at eleven, and during his hard work in Washington he always stopped at twelve. Experience having shown that regular study hours, with plenty of sleep and exercise, are absolutely necessary for one to obtain the full benefit of his mental powers.

During the holidays Mr. Wilson attended a meeting of a committee of the American Bar Association. The committee consisted of five members from different sections of the country. The President of Washington and Lee was the representative from the South. The object of the meeting was to report and recommend measures which would raise the standard of the Bar. Already much has been done in this line, at least a high school education now being required by the best colleges before the study of law can be undertaken, and aside from a good foundation the course as now prescribed by most law schools requires three years study. President Wilson said that an examination of our two years' course showed that we covered as much ground and as thoroughly as is done elsewhere in three years, as our law course consists of longer terms and requires a greater number of hours per week.

A Sumptuous Book.

Our University Library received a Christmas present of a very unique and costly volume from the Authors' Club of New York, its famous *Liber Scriptorum*. This Club includes almost all the prominent names in American literature of to-day. Several years ago its members resolved to publish a book, the proceeds of which were to be the nucleus of a fund for securing a home. To this book one-hundred and nine members made original contributions. The paper is hand-made, the best procurable in Holland, and the large volume is bound in the highest and most costly style of the De Vinne Press. Each paper is signed by its author in pen and ink, in every copy, and a very interesting account is given in the preface of the travels of some of these papers around the world, to secure these autographs. The volume was published by subscription and its price to subscribers was enough to buy a small library. It is therefore a most substantial donation. Our president is a member of this Club.

Graham-Lee Celebration.

As next Thursday is the nineteenth of the month there will be a suspension of duties during the day. At night the Graham-Lee Literary Society will have its annual intermediate celebration to which the students at large and the friends of the University are invited.

The following are the speakers: Orators, W. J. Bryan, of Florida, and T. F. West, of Florida; Debaters, J. H. Shively, of Indiana, C. C. McNeill, of Virginia, J. A. McClure, of Virginia, R. W. Withers, of Virginia.

Library of Economics.

Professor Willis spent some time during his trip East in selecting and buying books for the Library of Economics and Political Science, with the additional fund donated by Hon. Isidore Straus. These books now rapidly coming in, are piling up in the Librarian's office and will soon be accessible to students on the shelves of the Special Library.

Senior Law Class Election.

On last Wednesday morning a committee composed of the Law Professors and the members from the senior class in that department, met in the Library to consult as to who should be invited to address the school on commencement day. As a result of their deliberations, Hon. John G. Carlisle is to be invited, and if his consent to come is obtained, it will guarantee a treat to both the University and the citizens of the town. After the meeting adjourned the Senior Law Class met in the Lecture Room to elect one of their number as Class Orator for the Finals. On motion of Mr. Jones the name of Mr. King, of Virginia, was put before the house, and as the other candidates withdrew from the field Mr. King was elected by acclamation.

Junior Law Class Elections.

Thursday the Junior Law Class met for the purpose of organization and election of officers. The result of the election showed the following officers: President, L. M. Loftin, Florida; Vice-President, C. F. Harrison, Virginia; Secretary and Treasurer, A. D. Hamilton, Virginia.

Board of Trustees.

At the meeting a few days ago the Board authorized the building committee to proceed at once with the erection of the Tucker Memorial Hall. At the same time they made available funds for carrying on the work. The plan is to have everything in readiness for the beginning of the session next September. This will be a much needed addition to the constantly improving facilities of the Law Department which is now second to no school in the South.

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

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An Interesting Paper.

A question which seriously confronts every editor, and more particularly the editor of a college paper, is how he shall make his paper most interesting to those who read it. In proportion, as he most nearly carries out the purposes of the paper he makes it more or less interesting. That a college paper may carry out the purpose of its existence, it is first necessary that it realize what the purpose is. The purposes vary largely just as the college interests vary largely. There is need of the literary magazine that the student with literary bent may find an outlet for his work. The scientific societies and clubs of all kinds have their needs and they find them supplied by publications suited to their demands. But what is the purpose of the college weekly or daily as the case may be? Is it not to be a great mirror which shall clearly and without distortion reflect the college life in its every department? If there be defects, shall it not hold them up in their true light? If there be benefit, shall it not speak of them with such merit as they deserve? If there be failures, shall it not caution against a like occurrence? Shall it not criticize freely whatever deserves criticism, expecting in turn to be criticized? This in short seems the purpose of the college paper.

The RING-TUM PHI hopes to realize this purpose and to prove helpful and interesting to the friends of Washington and Lee. From its

love for alma mater it shall criticize freely whatever seems worthy of attention at the hands of those who are interested in its well-being. From its pride in her it shall praise that which is laudable. In order for the RING-TUM PHI to carry out its purpose most fully there is need of hearty coöperation on the part of those who form our University. Some phase of college life needs emphasizing and the fact occurs to a student. Let him not blame the RING-TUM PHI for not handling the subject, for possibly its importance has not occurred to others; let him rather discuss it clearly and fully and hand it in to the paper for publication. Should it be a professor or a trustee who sees some point needing discussion, let him not smother out his ardent interest but let him rather give expression to it, or at least suggest it to the paper.

We urge then our subscribers and all those who are interested in making the paper a more perfect mirror of college life as it exists at Washington and Lee, not to hesitate to send in any contributions or suggestions which may be of interest to our readers. Do not think that to the editors alone is entrusted the work of the paper. They are responsible for what it has in it, but should not be expected to run the whole thing without assistance from others.

Let us strive by hearty coöperation and active interest to make the RING-TUM PHI for the rest of the year the most interesting yet publish, and most interesting because reflecting college life as seen from many different points of view.

A Dramatic Club.

There is here as well as elsewhere a great tendency to talk about some plan for a while and then let it drop. Along with such progress as the University has been making in point of equipment we need to keep pace with such student enterprises as seem necessary and desirable.

In college there is good material for dramatic work and a good club would help to develop such material as is most capable of training and development. The club could afford many a pleasant entertainment during the "shut-in" period of the session and further it might offer material help towards raising funds for the various departments of athletics. What's the matter with our forming such a club? We should have one by all means.

Mirth and Gaiety.

Last Monday night the home of Mr. Wm. Glasgow was the scene of unusual mirth and gaiety. For the entertainment of her friends Miss Bettie Glasgow had arranged an elaborate program, composed of light theatricals, lays serious, lays comic and lays serio-comic, all of which were tuneful and well-entertained.

The most pleasing feature of the program was "Mr. Brown; the Only Man in Town," in which Master Sam Glasgow, "the only man," was besieged and beset by several of those fair sirens who ruthlessly dash the hopes they inspire and smile at the destruction they have wrought. After being "thoroughly done-up" by them he "swears by the powers" that he will "go to the desert of Sahara, go anywhere, but never, so long as his name shall be Brown, will he stay where he's the only young man in the town."

The young ladies who took part in the entertainment are Misses Mary Moore, Louise Brockenbrough, Hope Stuart, Lucy Smith, Nellie Glasgow, Edmonia Smith, Mildred Myers and Margaret McCrum. The chorus was increased by several men from the University and boys from the Academy.

Any description of the program would be very incomplete without reference to the delightful piano music rendered with so much expression by Miss Catlett.

After the entertainment the *dramatis personæ* were invited to remain and the fun was continued until a late hour. Hospitality was dispensed with lavish hand and all agreed that Miss Glasgow is the most charming of hostesses.

Cotillion Club Hop.

The first hop of 1899 was given by the Cotillion Club in the Art Gallery of Newcomb Hall on last Monday evening. The number of ladies present was unusually small, but the good spirits of everybody contributed to make the occasion exceedingly pleasant.

Among those present were, Miss Dunlap, of Roanoke, with Mr. Shields; Miss Brockenbrough, with Mr. Witherspoon; Miss Bettie Wilson, with Mr. Frierson; Miss Mary Wilson, with Mr. Hamilton; Miss Graham, with Mr. Pope, and Miss Jordan, with Mr. Jolliffe.

The chaperones were Mrs. Turner, Misses Letcher and Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker, the latter of whom also participated in the dance.

Among the 'stags' were Captain Watts and Mr. Derbyshire, from the V. M. I.; Messrs. Block, Morena, Jones, Talbot, Quarles, Garrow, Barclay, King, Barret, Dixon, Robinson, Capito, Dillon, Moise, Wooldridge, Shipp and Martin.

A New Class in Chemistry.

On the bulletin board will be found a notice from Dr. James Lewis Howe offering a new class in chemistry. Although the department of chemistry is conducted on an eminently practical basis, Dr. Howe realizes that even yet he may add a class which will offer practical good in another line of work. The instructions will be by text books, lectures, and occasional excursions. The formation of the class depends upon the desire of the students to enter upon such study. Those who desire to enter the class will follow out Dr. Howe's request and hand in their names at once.

University Directory.

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Fraternalities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Mu Pi Lambda, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon, Delta.

Student Publications: THE RING-TUM PHI, published weekly by the students.

Southern Collegian, published quarterly by the Literary Societies.
The Calyx, Annual, published by the students.

Personal Mention.

Miss Frances Dillon has gone to Philadelphia to enter school.

Miss Nettie Pratt expects to leave Monday for a visit to Staunton and Richmond.

Miss Janet Allan left on Monday to pay an extended visit to friends in Baltimore.

Messrs. Lauck and Hickman, who were detained at home on account of sickness, have returned to college.

Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Smith, of Davis, West Virginia, are visiting at Professor Hogue's.

H. S. Dixon was elected by the Junior Law Class to represent it on the editorial board of the *Calyx*.

We are sorry that C. T. Smith did not return to college. He has entered the West Virginia University.

J. W. Johnson, who was removed to Richmond to undergo an operation by Dr. George Ben Johnston for appendicitis is getting on well.

Mrs. H. A. White has returned from a visit to Richmond. Much to the pleasure of her friends Miss Sue Wellford is visiting Mrs. White.

R. G. Campbell has resigned as captain of the baseball team. We were all sorry to see the notice on on the bulletin board which showed Gran's decision. A new captain has not yet been elected.

Mr. W. K. Mathews, College Secretary for the South, is in town. His visit is for the purpose of helping the Y. M. C. A. work at the V. M. I. and at Washington and Lee. The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations now has eight secretaries in the field.

By a recent vote of the Corporation, \$100,000 has been added to the library funds. Owing to the decline in the income of the library, books that were very much needed could not always be bought, and accordingly a petition was sent to the Corporation asking for an increase in funds.

The Corporation gave to the library, without restriction, \$50,000 from the bequest of Henry L. Pierce, and from the same bequest the interest from the remaining \$50,000. These two sums will give the library \$4,000 a year more, raising the annual sum available for the purchase of books to about \$17,000.—*Harvard Bulletin*.

Y. M. C. A.

The first meeting of the year was on last Sunday when the exercises were conducted by Mr. C. C. McNeil who offered the example of Jesus Christ as the one worthy of initiation in every point, the man after whose life every young man should model his own.

The several classes in Bible and Missionary study have begun in real earnest. If more of the students could realize the importance of systematic *daily* Bible study, the classes could be enlarged and new ones formed.

For the past few days Mr. W. K. Matthews, of the International committee has been with us and has rendered material aid towards encouraging and advising the committees. To-morrow Mr. Matthews will conduct the devotional meeting at four o'clock. It is earnestly desired that as many students as possible attend.

Professor to Freshman—Please to punctuate the following sentence: I saw Ella going down the street.

Flashy Freshman—"I'd make a dash after Ella."—*The Baylor Literary*.

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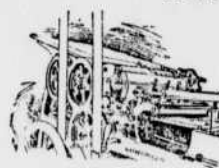
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Business Notice.

THE RING-TUM PHI should come into the hands of every student or alumnus who is interested in his alma mater. It will try to give all the college news as it happens and will thus serve to keep the men in touch with college. They will know what is going on, what the people are doing, and in general everything of interest about college. The business manager desires to have as many friends as possible take it and so he offers it for the rest of the session for half price. It will thus come for the two remaining terms of the session for seventy-five cents *in advance*. You may wish to send it to some friend as well as to have it come to you.

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