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Personal Recollections of Washington College.

By Prof. A. L. Nelson.

(Continued from last issue.)

In those days every student was a member of one or the other of the two Literary Societies. The Washington Society held its anniversary celebration on February 22nd because it was the anniversary of Gen. Washington's birth; and it had been supposed that the 19th of January was selected for the anniversary of the Graham Society because that was the anniversary of Gen. Lee's birth. Previous to the session of 1947-8 the Graham Society celebration was held on December 19th because that was the anniversary of the birth of Rev. Wm. Graham, the founder of the College. During that session this celebration was changed to January 19th in order to allow more time for the selection of the speakers and to allow the speakers more time for preparation. By a happy chance it fell on Gen. Lee's birthday. I remember that after Gen. Lee became President he asked me how it happened that this celebration occurred on January 19th. I had to tell him the truth. It seems then that the Literary Societies took the lead in forshadowing the connection between Washington College and Washington and Lee University.

The campus was more circumscribed than it is at present. It was limited by an avenue which ran from the Institute gate to Nelson street in a straight course and passed in front of the present Chapel site. A line of trees grew along the fence on either side of the avenue, and many of the trees standing still will be recognized as the oldest trees on the campus. They continue to mark the position and limits of the avenue.

In 1849 Dr. Ruffner resigned the Presidency and was succeeded by Rev. Geo. Junkin, D. D., who had been president of Lafayette College, Pa. Dr. Junkin was a short heavy set man with keen black eyes which never required glasses; of ardent temperament, of quick temper and disposed to controversy. He held the office for twelve years.

At the beginning of 1849 Col. Ewell resigned the Professorship of Mathematics to become President of William and Mary College, Va., where he he remained to the end of his life, which occurred only three years ago. He was succeeded by Major Hill, afterwards Lieut. Gen. D. H. Hill of the Confederate Army, whose daughter and family are now living in Lexington and whose grandson is a student of this University.

After graduating in 1849 I was absent from Washington College for five years. I returned in 1854 as Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Junkin was still President. The rest of the faculty was changed. Prof. Jno. L. Campbell, the father of our two estimable officers of this University, was Professor of Chemistry. Prof. James J. White so long a prominent feature of the college was Professor of Greek. Prof. Junius M. Fishburne, brother of a present member of the Board of Trustees, was Professor of Latin.

The policy of inspecting students rooms at night was discontinued, and the conduct of the students became more orderly than under the former system. Prof. Fishburne died in 1858 and he was succeeded by the brilliant Prof. Carter J. Harris.

College affairs moved on quickly until the political storm of 1861. The first sensation in College was manifested by the students in placing a Southern flag on the top of College in the keeping of the statue of George Washington. As soon as this was observed by Dr. Junkin he made a servant take it down. Another was promptly put in place by the students. Dr. Junkin called a meeting of the faculty and demanded that they order this one to be taken down. Some objection was mentioned by a member of the faculty on the ground that the feeling of the students was natural under the circumstances. Dr. Junkin said at once that if the faculty would not order it down he would hand in his resignation, and he left the room. The rest of the faculty continued the discussion of the question and concluded that they would not pass the required order. Dr. Junkin did resign and after setting out his effects, return-

ed with his daughter in a one-horse rockaway to Pennsylvania.

As the political excitement continued to grow the students organized a volunteer company with Prof. J. J. White as captain, and entered the military service, and remained in service from first Manassas to Appomattox.

In the battle of First Manassas six of these brave young men were killed outright and several others were desperately wounded. I see one of that company present to-day who carries the mark of his honorable wound.

It has been said that it was a pity that the students did not have a memorial day for the company. The answer given is that if every battle in which the company took part was set apart as a memorial day the College would have a holiday once in every week.

It would be well to set apart some day in the Spring as a suitable memorial day for the many battles in which the company was engaged.

(To be continued.)

A Drawing Attraction.

The students and people of Lexington promise an unusually attractive evening next Tuesday at the opera house when amateur local talent will present a very amusing farcical comedy entitled "Snowball." The farce is in three acts and the cast is made up of those who have already proved their fitness by pleasing the people here or elsewhere in some popular rôle. It is only necessary to mention that Miss Annie R. White, whose skill and indomitable perseverance are so well known, has the management of the performance. We trust that the boys will show their appreciation of the efforts of Miss Annie and those who are helping her by turning out in full force. The proceeds are for the depleted treasury of the baseball team. During this bitter cold weather the opera house Tuesday will be the only place to get a comfortable "Snowball."

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A Lovely Entertainment.

The reception given by President and Mrs. William Lyne Wilson to their friends and to the students of the University, last Tuesday evening was another one of the handsome entertainments that have marked the present season and have made it so enjoyable. The weather was so inclement that many had to send their regrets but most of the invited hastened to avail themselves of the pleasure that they knew was in store for them. So there was a continual stream of callers all evening and the spacious parlors were kept comfortably filled with Lexington's "brightest and best."

The house is well adapted to entertaining and the whole lower floor was thrown into one large room, but arrangements for tête-à-têtes for those so inclined had not been overlooked.

There were no special decorations but the home was cheerfully lighted and the handsome portraits which adorn the walls and the dainty taste shown everywhere were the delight of many an eye.

The V. M. I. orchestra which was stationed in the hall added much to gaiety of the occasion, and throughout the evening delicious light refreshments were served in the dining room.

Miss Annie R. White presided at one of the smaller tables and served delightful café frappé to the many comers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson standing just inside the parlor door received their guests most graciously and

were ably assisted by their daughters, Misses Mary and Bettie, two of Lexington's charming bells. Others who assisted in receiving were Miss Nettie Preston, Miss Sue Wellford, of Richmond, and Miss Rosa Tucker.

The affair was a success from beginning to end, was complete in every appointment and will long be remembered as one of the handsomest entertainments known to Lexington society.

Among those present in the earlier part of the evening besides the receiving party were: Dr. and Mrs. Reid White, Mr. and Mrs. Addison Hogue, Col. Hunter Pendleton, Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. McBryde, Mr. Jno. L. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Witt, Major and Mrs. Mallory, Judge Letcher, Professor Willis, Mr. and Mrs. H. St. G. Tucker, Professor Stevens, Mr. Jos. Turner, of Roanoke, Professor W. R. Vance, Professor Chas. A. Graves, Mr. B. Estes Vaughan, Mr. Wm. M. McElwee, Major Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Corse, Mrs. Morrow, Mrs. Hill, Dr. and Mrs. Jas. Lewis Howe, Col. Wm. A. Anderson, Dr. Jas. A. Quarles, Mrs. Brockenbrough, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Walker and Mr. William Glasgow. Later in the evening were Miss Nettie Houston, Miss Mary Moore, Miss Dunlop, Miss Watson, Miss Mary Barclay, Miss Josepha Allan, Miss Arnold, Miss Martha Moore, Miss Preston, Miss Anna Anderson, Miss Brockenbrough, Miss Miss Graves, Miss Glasgow, White, Messrs. McIlhany, Crebs, Preston, Withers, Barclay, Farrar, Cooke, King, Capito, Cadets Polk and Ervay, Barrett, Marshall, Andrews, Ellett, Ellis, Witherspoon, Wooldridge, Caruthers, Lawson, Tucker, Wilson, Harrison, Watson, McPheeters, Shipp, Kirkpatrick, Martin, West, Bledsoe, Chiermside, Garrow, Fishburne, Hamilton, Arbuckle, McNeill, Roach and others.

Mr. Editor:

In a recent copy of the RING-TUM PHI, I noticed that an attempt was being made to organize a dramatic club among the students, but as I have seen no further mention of it, I suppose that it has followed its predecessors into the region of oblivion. Now, I, as one very much interested in the success of all legitimate college affairs, am sorry to see such a laudable enterprise fall through.

The various branches of the stu-

dent institutions in college rarely if ever pay for themselves and generally leave their managers or the people they deal with, or both, far behind when the day of reckoning comes. In most cases the managers to fill the deficit, get some lecturer or other entertainer to speak for the benefit of whatever cause it happens to be. The lecturer comes, speaks to a small house and goes bearing with him the lion's share of the proceeds, if not, leaving the manager in the hole. A dramatic club that exhibits, not for its personal aggrandizement but for some popular college cause would do away with the necessity of outside aid and give the manager, not only the little share that generally falls to his lot but the whole of the proceeds. Then, as home-talent is always a drawing card the houses would be fuller and so increase the revenues.

Apart from these pecuniary considerations a dramatic club would be most beneficial to its members, affording them occupation during the long winter months, giving them confidence before audiences, training their minds by the memory work, and bringing them together in a most pleasant social way. Therefore, Mr. Editor, I hope you will use the columns of your paper in forwarding such a beneficial undertaking.

Sincerely,

G. C. P.

At Chapel Wednesday.

Dr. R. J. McBryde was present and conducted the devotional exercises after which President Wilson briefly discussed the most important points about the Philippines.

He said there are twenty-five or thirty different dialects spoken on the islands, and the government up to recent years, especially since the opening of the Suez canal, when hungry Spanish adventurers rushed to the country, has been run solely for the purpose of benefitting those in power. Naturally this state of affairs brought resentment on the part of the Philippines and in August, 1896, they rebelled, being led by Aguinaldo, a young man with high ambitions, decided military ability and a strong love of country. Spain in 1897 agreed to assent the demands of the rebels and to pay them \$800,000 if Aguinaldo and the other leaders would leave the country. The rebels kept their part of the agreement, but Spain, aside from paying

the \$800,000 never did anything else, consequently Aguinaldo felt called to again take up the cause of his country when the U. S. went to war against Spain. Now that Spain's control has been removed, it is impossible to state whether the islanders would submit to the desires of the U. S. or not.

In concluding President Wilson said he believed that for good or evil the treaty agreed to last Monday by the Senate was one of the most important acts of government in the history of our country.

Mass-Meeting.

All students, having the success of athletics at heart should come to the mass-meeting to be held at four o'clock Monday afternoon. We sincerely hope that all come under this class and therefore that everybody will be there. Matters of general athletic interest will be discussed as well as the petition already referred to.

We don't know why it is but there seems to be lack of college spirit among the students as a whole. Lethargy seems to be the order of the day instead of enthusiasm for all things pertaining to college affairs and something must be done. To remedy this restore the old time enthusiasm and interest.

Therefore let every student in college come, and come prepared to say something in regard to these subjects.

Law Debate.

The Law debate last Thursday night, involved a question in corporations, the great case of Case vs. Kelly was ably argued, on appeal by Messrs. Harrison and Nowlin for appellant and Shipp and Hamilton for appellee. The case was well sustained on both sides and the arguments brought forward to bear upon the subject showed good work and an ability on the part of the speakers to clearly and concisely state difficult points of law that was highly creditable. The Supreme Court decided on the merits of the cause in favor of the appellee.

The Yale Literary Magazine is the oldest college publication in America. It was established in 1836. The Yale Banner (annual) is almost as old, the first issue being printed in 1841.

Personal Mention.

Messrs. John and Lucius Dillon spent a few days with us last week.

Professor Currell was unable to be out last week and met his classes at home.

Mr. Benoist Shields has recovered from a short spell of sickness and is able to be with us again.

Mrs. Hogshead and daughter, Miss Maggie Turner, of Greenville, are visiting Mrs. Waddell.

Judge Johnson, of Texas, an alumnus of the University, has been on a visit to Mr. W. S. Hopkins.

Miss Pearl Watson, of Coveseville, Virginia, who has been visiting Mrs. W. T. Shields, has returned home.

Professors Mason and Houston, of the Valley High School, took advantage of their holiday and came to town Monday.

Miss Lucy Effinger, of Wesley Chapel, and Miss Bellinger, of West Va., are guests at Mrs. McCrum's.

Mr. Walter Wilson, U. S. N., and Prof. Jos. Turner, of Hollin's Institute, were among visitors to town in attendance at the reception last Tuesday evening.

Miss Rosa Tucker entertained the Friday Night Club very delightfully at cards Friday evening last. The first prizes were won by Mrs. M. L. Turner and Mr. R. L. Owen, while Mr. Frierson carried off the booby.

Cotillion Club.

The University Cotillion Club held its regular February meeting in Newcomb Hall last Wednesday and elected its officers for the ensuing term. Mr. S. L. Crebs was elected President and Mr. J. W. Garrow Secretary and Treasurer.

Upon discussion it was found that all the evenings till next Wednesday had been spoken for for other entertainments which fact of course rendered a dance before Lent impossible.

Fraternity Picture for The Calyx.

It has been decided to permit those fraternities that desire to put the pictures of their chapters in

The Calyx. The picture may be inserted either instead of the cut of the insignia or the bit of roll of chapters. All fraternities should decide at once in what way they wish to appear in the annual and make the necessary arrangements. For particulars see Mr. Jno. W. Garrow or the editor-in-chief.

We notice that several of the members of the Senior Law Class are wearing red ribbons on their vests and we infer that a society has been founded amongst the students in that department, though it is impossible to find out with any degree of certainty as they are uncommunicative and will answer no question nor make any remark concerning it. We are, of course, unable to find out when or by whom it was organized and only know that it was one day during the past week that the ribbon appeared, bright red in color, with the letters T. R. I. L. F. O. across the top and Phi Gamma lower down on the badge. Its name and where the meetings of this order are held we are unable to learn.

Some of our college professors, particularly those who are 'stuck on' anything, just so it is English, may be amused at a bit of translation by a fourth form youth.

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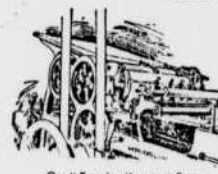
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The first regular meeting of every month is devoted to some missionary topic. The last meeting was conducted by Mr. J. A. McClure, who spoke on "Livingstone as a Missionary, Explorer and Scientist."

After a brief account of his birth and education, and particularly the motives that prompted him to engage in the work of African Missions, Mr. McClure showed that Livingstone believed that Christian colonization was the best means of accomplishing the Christianization and civilization of the African tribes.

It was as an explorer that he did his greatest work, both to missionaries and humanity. In these explorations he traveled 29,000 miles and added 1,000,000 square miles to the known part of the globe. Most conspicuous among his explorations was the attempt to discover the origin of the Nile and he had almost accomplished this when he died, May 1, 1873.

As a Scientist he was scarcely less distinguished than as an explorer. During his travels he made himself familiar with not only the physical structure of Africa but also, its fauna and flora which he copiously illustrated in his reports to the scientific societies of England.

The Friday night meetings seem to be increasing in interest if we may judge by the steady increase in the number of those that attend.

To-morrow is the day of universal prayer for students and on that day prayer will go up from a larger number of pulpits and student societies than ever before. The meeting will be conducted by the president of the Association and it is earnestly hoped that a large number of the students can be present. The time is four o'clock in the afternoon.

Gymnasium.

There will be an exhibition of horizontal bar and mat work given by the gymnasium class in the gymnasium on Tuesday, February 21st. All person connected with the University are cordially invited to be present.

It is hoped that a large crowd will be present in order to encourage the boys in their work so well begun.

The gymnasium is now well lighted as new lights have been put in.

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