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Washington Celebration.

The twenty-second of February is the time for the annual celebration for the Washington Literary Society, this being the birthday of the Father of our country.

Last Wednesday night at nine o'clock, (wonderful to say it was only a half an hour after the appointed time) the officers and speakers of the Wash celebration marched up the aisles of the Chapel to the music of the V. M. I. band, making quite a brave show. The audience which greet them was rather small on account of the mud, the show and other hindrances. They were appreciative, however, as was shown by their applause, which broke out at times during the speeches. The officers of the evening presided with great dignity and the marshals were all that could be desired as note, stool, and broom carriers. Mr. Perrow, the president, after recalling to the minds of the audience the day which was being celebrated and welcoming them in the name of the society, introduced Mr. E. D. Ott, of Virginia, as the first orator. His subject was "Virginia's Past." Mr. Ott had his subject well thought out, showing that he had studied it very carefully; beginning with the first colonization of the State he traced the growth through all the different stages of development, first a colony then as a state, showing what a noble part she had played in the history of the country, and how she had always been found ready to face any peril for the common good in time of danger. In the last part of his oration he spoke with great fervor of the heroic men and women who suffered for the Lost Cause during the Civil war. In closing he expressed the hope that Virginia would never prove false to the glories of her history. The speaker was presented with a broom by some admirer as a token of the success of his effort.

The other orator was Mr. J. Powell Royall, of Virginia, whose subject was, "Some Evils that Threaten Our Country." In his dreams he said he saw a country blest with all nature could give and inhabited by a free and happy peo-

ple. This was the America of the past, but he looked again and saw in his dream a country beset with many evils and as it were chained down by them. This was the America of the present. He appealed to all Americans to rescue her from these faults in which she had fallen ere it be too late. Mr. Royall's speech was characterized throughout by the elegance of his language and his striking comparisons.

Mr. W. C. Moore, of Virginia, then read the question for debate, "Resolved, That the Average Young American of to-day has a better opportunity for making life a financial success than his forefathers had."

Mr. C. S. McNulty, of Virginia, was the first speaker for the affirmative. The first showed who an average young man is and what financial success is, declaring it to be not great wealth but a moderate and steady income from capital invested. He next discussed very clearly some of the advantages both in education and business which this age has over the past. His speech on the whole was logical and to the point.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. J. McC. Seig, of Virginia. He, too, spoke of the educational side of the question showing that the number of educated men was increasing much faster than the demand for them, thus making the competition sharper. Competition in all professions, said the speaker, had made made success harder to attain now than it had been in the past. A little capital was much more valuable to a man seventy-five years ago than now, for the demand for it was so much greater. Mr. Senft, the next speaker on the affirmative declared that the great improvement in agricultural and mechanical implements which enables one man to do more than a score could do without them was a great help to young men in gaining success in life. The fact that the wages of the average American bought him more of the necessaries and comforts than the men of seventy years ago had, was one of his strong points.

It was much regreted that Mr. Goshorn, the last speaker, was

compelled to read his speech. It was a very able effort. His points were well taken and clearly brought out. A laboring man is probably the best type of the average American citizen, and Mr. Goshorn showed what a poor chance for success he now has; again a new country always has great advantages over an old one for a young man. The last point he took up was trusts, which he discussed at some length in reference to the financial success of the people.

After the bad had played and the audience had become sufficiently excited, the president announced that the judges had awarded the orators medal to Mr. Ott and the debaters medal to Mr. McNulty.

On the whole the celebration was a creditable one. The speaker showed that they had a thorough knowledge of the subjects and had made careful preparation for the occasion which is the thing in literary society work.

The office of chief marshal was very efficiently filled by Mr. Thomas A. Bledsoe, who was called upon at the very last moment to take the place of Mr. Graves, who had been elected chief marshal for the occasion.

Memento of the "Bombardment of Lexington."

A few days ago while Mr. Joseph Ettinger was making some repairs in the residence of Dr. J. A. Quarles on College hill, he came upon some interesting mementoes of the cannonading to which it was subjected in June, 1864, by the Federal army under General Hunter. At that time Federal batteries stationed on the hills north of the river fired at the the troops of cavalry under General McCausland which were retreating through Lexington before the advance of the Federals. The V. M. I. cadets had left the Institute and were stationed in the College grounds in the lawn in front of residence now occupied by Prof. C. A. Graves. Their presence was detected by the Federal gunners who turned their guns in this direction. One shot struck an oak tree in the rear of

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In another column is a communication in regard to an article which appeared in the Exchange Department of the *Collegian*. We were surprised beyond measure that anyone should have given vent to such opinions as the writer of that article holds, and we were still more surprised that the editor would admit it. The writer displays his ignorance in regard to the matter he was discussing, and showed a by no means praiseworthy disposition to criticize that about which he seems to possess but meagre information. His premises are largely wrong and necessarily his conclusions are erroneous. Those students who take no active interest in religious movements approve anything which helps to elevate young men. We regret that the article appeared, for all are inclined to believe that it will only provoke unenviable criticism.

We desire to thank some kind friend who seems to take so much interest in the RING-TUM PHI.

We have recently received a copy which had been carefully read and corrected (?)

While we thank our friend for calling our attention to two typographical errors and one, possibly, in orthography, we fear that in the matter of punctuation he has allowed his zeal to outrun his knowledge and that he has converted ordinary wind-mills into giants of Quixotic proportions. We also desire to call our friend's attention to the fact that, as a stu-

dent in college, we have some other duties besides those connected with the RING-TUM PHI and for our short comings we think we deserve some leniency rather than unnecessary criticism.

Had our unknown friend given his name we should have been glad to write him a personal letter of thanks.

The *Collegian* has come out and a hasty perusal suggests much of interest. Next week it will be reviewed in full.

Editor RING-TUM PHI:

In the *Collegian* just out appears in the Exchange Department a purely gratuitous attack upon the Y. M. C. A. and the "Student Volunteer Movement."

I am not defending the Y. M. C. A. One does not attempt to prove a mother's virtue when her honor is assailed. Does the Exchange Editor of the *Collegian* present the views of anyone except himself in this matter? Does the society which elected him support his sentiments? Do his expressions and criticisms meet the approval of any one except himself? These movements have opposition, but they are not often attacked in this way. If our critic voices the judgment of only one, why is he allowed to expose his nakedness in this public manner? Why does he thrust his crude opinions, expressed with monumental assurance, upon an unwilling public?

This article, though apologized for and disavowed by the Editor-in-Chief, is a disgrace to the *Collegian* and in befouling the fair pages of our highly-reputed magazine, it casts a blot upon our University.

PAT.

Don't forget the exhibition to be given by the gymnasium class next Friday.

A Sad End.

It is currently whispered that Mrs. —, while cleaning house, asked her husband to nail up some [J]. He refused. She looked † † at him; told him his conduct was without a ||; beat him with her ~~rod~~ until he saw **. He now lies in a, tose state and may soon be a fit subject for dis§. A man must be an * his life in this way and put a . to his existence.—*Ex.*

The Concert Company.

The sale of tickets for the Louise Brehany Concert Company has advanced rapidly and the promise of good weather will make it certain that a large audience will greet this Company of artists. To those who have subscribed for seats the sheet will be open at Graham & Co.'s Monday morning at nine o'clock. To others it will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday. Those who come first will have choice of seats.

The sword swallower swallowed an auger,
And moaned with his dying breath,
"I do not regret that I'm dying
But I do being bored to death."
—*Ex.*

Class of '99.

Dr. Quarles' lecture-room last Saturday was the scene of the gathering of a select score of wits and orators, the equals of whom would be hard to find.

The occasion was the meeting of the Senior Academic Class of '99 called the purpose of discussing several matters connected with its organization and welfare.

President Davis occupied the chair and opened the meeting by announcing that one of the first things to be considered was the adoption of a cap, gown, ring or pin, or some distinctive mark by which the worthy members of this most worthy class might be known to the outside world,—dignity and superior intelligence alone being seemingly insufficient.

Upon instructions from the President the Secretary read before the meeting several communications from different firms offering prices on such articles and the matter was then thrown open to discussion. Then it was that the dormant wit and eloquence was awakened and given free scope.

Many were the suggestions offered, witty and sarcastic remarks galore, and theories both wise and otherwise were advanced. When each member had soared aloft the rather simple conclusion reached was that each member was to be the proud possessor of a monogram cap.

A committee of three was then appointed by the President to choose and procure them. Next came the matter of *Calyx* representation and when the members had

sufficiently recovered from the mental strain consequent upon the formation of the above idea a heated discussion was initiated.

In this discussion as in the other, marked interest, enthusiasm and eloquence was shown and it was finally decided that the class should accept the manager's terms and appear in the *Calyx*—a very wise conclusion.

As individual pictures are to be inserted instead of a group picture, each man was requested to present a copy of his beauty to Mr. McClure, who was also instructed to gather up other necessary material, while the Secretary was requested to assess and collect funds to cover cost of representation.

The class then congratulated themselves upon the formation of such wise conclusions and the meeting adjourned *sine die*.

Washington Society Program, March 11, 1899.

Orators: Graves and Senft.

Declaimers: Sloan and Crocket.

Debaters: Affirmative, Perrow, Lefel, Roark, Moore and Wade; Negative, McDowell, Chermiside, Barnes and Graybill.

Question: Resolved, That the United States should have a standing army.

M. G. PERROW, President.

H. B. GRAYBILL, Secretary.

Graham-Lee Program, March 4, 1899.

For Orations: Pancake, Shively, Sullivan, Tucker.

To Declaim: Gish, Holmes, Keeble, Huff, Lakin, Lauck, Lind.

To Debate: J. S. McCluer, (to open affirmative), J. A. McClure, McPheeters; Ott, (to open negative), Pancake, Parrish, Moore.

Question: Resolved That the U. S. Government should coin silver free and unlimited at the ratio of sixteen to one.

W. P. OTT, President.

J. W. S. TUCKER, Sec'y.

Don't forget the exhibition to be given by the gymnasium class next Friday. All student and professors are invited and expected to be present.

All history repeats itself,

A proverb says, I've heard,
But when in class I am called upon,
It never says a word.—*Ex.*

Personal Mention.

Professors Houston and Mason were with us a few days the past week.

Mr. Howard M. Terrell, of Lynchburg, was in town on a short business trip this week.

Mr. Roland G. Mitchell's many friends were glad to see him last Thursday.

Dr. Howe delivered an address before the pupils of the Valley High School last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Sam Wooldridge left for his home last week but hopes to be with us again soon.

After a short visit to the family of Professor D. C. Humphreys, Miss Sallie Hamilton, of Raphine, has returned home.

Mr. Albin Pelkington, of Lexington, Ky., was here for a few days last week to see his friend Mr. Paul Bartlett.

Miss Belle Webb, of Columbia, Tenn., who has been for some time the guest of Mrs. Paxton, has returned home.

At the meeting of the Athletic Committee this week, Mr. H. W. Kirkpatrick was appointed baseball manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly Tucker entertained at cards last Thursday evening. Miss Rosa Tucker and Mr. Mason carried off the first prizes.

Samuel Young, C. E. '98, who has been engaged on the U. S. Deep Water Survey at Little Falls, New York, is on his way to Mississippi. He is spending a few days in Lexington, where he has a large number of friends.

The December number of the *American Naturalist* contains a paper on the "Variation in the Shell of *Helix nemoralis* in the Lexington, Va., Colony" by Dr. Jas. Lewis Howe, of Washington and Lee University. The paper was read at the Boston meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science.

Boys We Knew.

W. W. McClure is at Cando, N. D.

V. A. Batchelor, B. L. '98, is practicing law in Atlanta, Ga. His office is in Temple Court.

C. F. Myers is teaching in Martinsville Military Academy, Martinsville, Va.

W. H. Keister is principal of the High School in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

W. Joyner, A. B. '96, is at Strayer's Business College, Baltimore, Md.

J. McC. Hogshead, familiarly known as "Chess," is studying pharmacy at the University College of Medicine in Richmond.

B. H. Burr, B. L. '98 and A. C. Birch, B. L. '98, two promising lawyers of Alabama, expect to be with us commencement.

B. C. Flournoy is teaching at Pantops Academy. He expects to take a course of architecture at the Boston School of Technology next year.

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Tom—How so?

Jack—She refused to accompany me on the piano the other evening without her chaperon.

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—Ex.

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the college buildings; another entered the residence of Prof. John L. Campbell, now the home of Dr. J. A. Quarles. It created no little consternation in that house, for Mrs. Campbell was in it at the time with her children. Fortunately they had sought the cellar as a place of safety. They were gathered about a little blaze in the fireplace in the front part of the cellar. The shell entered just under the floor of the second story room, passing through the wall just to one side of this chimney. As it passed through the brick wall the percussion cap upon it exploded. As many as seventy spots in the room were afterwards counted which had been struck by pieces of the broken shell. So great was the power of the explosion that only one piece failed to disappear in the wall or stick firmly in the outside of it. That piece passed through a studding partition into the hall, indented the brick wall on the other side and fell to the stair steps. Where the shell entered the force of the explosion tore a hole eighteen inches square in the floor, and threw debris to the floor below immediately over the heads of Mrs. Campbell and her children.

Last week in a stud partition separating from another room, the room in which the shell exploded, Mr. Ettinger found the percussion cap of the shell. A piece of the shell was found under the floor near the spot where the shell on entering had torn the floor. These are two of a number of pieces which have from time to time been secured.—*County News.*

Y. M. C. A.

Perhaps the largest attendance of the year was that of the past week, owing to the announcement that the Association would be addressed by Prof. H. St. George Tucker. Mr. Tucker's great popularity and the interesting subject announced by him very naturally attracted the students, and great was the disappointment felt that sickness prevented his filling the engagement. It was not known until the hour for opening that he would not be present. Late hour as it was Dr. Quarles very kindly consented to speak to the boys and realizing the great disappointment felt by all he was inspired to dissipate this feeling, which he succeeded in doing. Taking up the theme of

the hymns just sung by the Association he entered into their immediate sentiments and gave one of the most enjoyable talks of the session. Falling in with a feeling fresh in the hearts of his audience his words seemed to go straight to the heart of each one carrying a deep impression with it.

It is hoped that in the near future Mr. Tucker may be able to fill this engagement to the delight of the many students who are so anxious to hear him.

To-morrow the meeting will be conducted by Mr. S. B. McPheeters.

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