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The Boat Race.

We were waiting in a light double sloop at the mill. Behind us were some several vehicles of various sorts together with a few horseback riders. Presently our patience was rewarded, and just a little way down the river could be heard the light splash of oars and soon the blue flag of the Albert Sidney crew appeared fluttering in the gentle evening breeze. The crew was greeted with wild shouts of encouragement, and coxswain Keeble called "oars" as if to permit his men to acknowledge the graceful salutes from those on shore.

It was rapidly nearing the time for the race. "Where is Harry Lee?" queried a pretty maiden of our party. For answer came the bright red of the Harry Lee flag and the gaudy jackets of the crew. "Oh, aren't they just lovely!" cried an excited Miss of perhaps eighteen summers whose gay decking in flaming ribbon was all superfluous for the bright red color of her cheeks was evidence enough for Harry Lee.

Both boats now slowly moved up to where the judges on horseback were waiting to start them. It took perhaps a quarter of an hour to start and our patience was again verging toward exhaustion when a pistol shot told us the race was on.

The race was on, but it seemed no race; yet too it was a wonderful start. Such a spurt as that of the Albert Sidney has seldom, if ever, been seen on the old North. The Harry Lees this year had the favorite side of the river which along with a much better boat gave them immense advantage. At the start however by a tremendous burst of speed the Sidney boat, shattered and dragging as it was shot in parabolic curve around the Lee boat and took their course away from them just as though the Red was not moving. Wild cheers from the bank greeted this feat of the Blues, and from the jubilant countenances of their sympathizers on shore and the solemn aspects of the Red wearers that the race was already won. Albert Sidney was now a full two lengths ahead, had the inside track and little Keeble

was hugging the bank with a skill and determination that showed the genuine coxswain.

But the Harry Lees had by no means abandoned the race. The brawny arms of big "Stiffy" Moore, the stroke, were setting a pace to which all of his men responded in perfect unison. It was delightful to see them row, these Harry Lees. Light they were, save big stroke Moore, and save Moore again, without the muscles and great strength of their opponents. Trained however they were to a finished exactness, and now with the Blues two lengths ahead with dogged determination they settled down to work. Slowly they crawled up nearer and nearer to the Blue. Their boat at every stroke leaped forward with the speed and agility of a leopard. The Blues too were bravely struggling, but it was in vain. At the bend, the disparity in boats had told, and the Red was actually ahead, only slightly it is true, but still ahead for all that. But it wouldn't keep it long and to the gentle remonstrances of their gallant little coxswain, the Sidneys instantly once more took the lead, overcoming the dragging of their rickety boat by the main force of muscle. It was now nip and tuck to the end, with Albert Sidney leading. Almost at the very goal, when Blue was still ahead and Blue sympathizers were just about to rise in exultant shouts of victory, by three great strokes the Red flag sprang forward and the race was won by scarce a yard.

It was one of the prettiest races ever seen on the river. The difference in boats, for in justice it must be owned that the Albert Sidney crew was the stronger and with a boat of equal excellence would have won by at least several boat lengths, as said a Harry Lee committee man.

Final Celebration of the Literary Societies.

Monday evening the annual celebration of the Literary Societies was held in the chapel and comprised a contest for the orator's medal offered by the University between Everett D. Ott, of Harris-

onburg, Va., the representative of the Washington Literary Society and Edmund B. Pancake, of Romney, W. Va., the representative of the Graham-Lee Society. Inspiring music was provided for the occasion by a Richmond band which arrived that afternoon and furnished the music for commencement. The large audience was in a great degree composed of young ladies, many of whom were in attendance upon the exercises. President William L. Wilson announced the terms of the contest and the celebration was then opened by the president of the evening, Mr. F. W. Goshorn, of West Va., who after welcoming the audience in a happy manner, introduced the speakers. Mr. Ott, the first speaker, had as his subject "Patrick Henry." Mr. Pancake's subject was "Imperialism in the Light of America's Past policy." Mr. Ott did well but Mr. Pancake made the speech of the evening. He discussed this live topic of the day with a thoughtfulness and force that was highly creditable. The medal was awarded to him by the judges, who were Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, of Roanoke, and Major B. B. Morgan and Mr. M. W. Paxton, of Lexington. W. J. Lauck, of West Virginia, and W. C. Moore, of Virginia, occupied seats upon the platform as vice-president and secretary respectively of the celebration.

Board of Trustees of W. & L. University.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University Tuesday Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., was chosen rector to succeed Judge William McLaughlin, dec'd. Dr. W. H. Ruffner resigned as a member of the board. Vacancies in the board were filled by the election of Judge A. Hunter Boyd, of Maryland, William Ingles, Esq., of Radford, Rev. A. H. Hamilton, of Augusta county, Professor D. C. Lyle, of McDonogh, Md.

Appropriate resolutions were adopted on the death of Judge William McLaughlin, late rector of the University.—County News.

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The RING-TUM PHI this week is for its appearance greatly indebted to the faithful labor and efforts of Mr. M. G. Perrow, for which he will accept the thanks of the Business Manager.

We are glad to see some interest taken by the professors in trying to get new students. It is a crying shame for an institution like Washington and Lee to have a paltry 150 matriculates. Rich, of high standing, a splendid faculty, a University, with one hundred and fifty students! For this smallness of numbers, there are, we think various reasons but *one* reason is the hitherto (until recently) indifference displayed toward getting new students. While, we believe, all the members of the Faculty are awakening to the importance of some such effort, no one is more fully aroused and keenly active than Professor Addison Hogue.

There are denominational schools and always will be, for there is a direct need of such schools. A sectarian school however should openly proclaim itself as such and not put on the false garb of universality. No institution can prosper that is not non-sectarian, if it claims to be non-sectarian.

One great trouble with our own University is that while claiming to be undenominational, it is in fact denominational. Our most solemn assertions, our most powerful protestations fail to convince an incredulous public to the contrary. Everywhere (even at home) Wash-

ington and Lee is known as a Presbyterian school, and very naturally. We have Presbyterian professors, Presbyterian trustees, have just elected a Presbyterian minister as Rector, and the first question put to our graduates when seeking a position to teach is "are you a Presbyterian?"

We would say nothing whatever against the Presbyterians, they form of our citizenship one of the most safe, conservative, and intelligent parts, but we *do* think that if Washington and Lee is going to be a Presbyterian school it ought to throw away the tattered rag of sham and say behold a Presbyterian college. If however she is to fulfil what we believe is her noblest and highest missions and become a great broad and catholic university, as well be broad and catholic in reality as well as in name. Again, have we a right to be sectarian? Was not our first great founder, George Washington, an Episcopalian? Was not Robert E. Lee and his son Custis, Episcopalian? And, thank heavens, is not William L. Wilson a Baptist? Our endowment too has come from various sources. Washington and Lee then is too great to be narrow minded, to be restricted. There is no such thing as a sectarian University. Washington and Lee is, and is to become (we hope and believe) the great University of the South; but this Presbyterian clog is retarding and delaying what should be easy and rapid progress.

Wm. R. Vance a Full Professor.

The Trustees of the University did no wiser thing at their meeting than when they elected Adjunct Professor William R. Vance, of the Law School to the chair of Commercial Law as full professor.

Professor Vance is a distinguished Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy of this University as well as Bachelor of Law. His scholastic attainments have been brilliant, and his teaching capacity during his two years in the Law School has been shown to be great. An earnest and sincere student, a sympathetic and progressive teacher, he cannot fail to impress himself on his classes as a man of force and ability.

While speaking of Mr. Vance, we are unable to restrain from congratulating the University on the able corps of professors in the Law Faculty. Henry St. George Tucker, William L. Wilson, William R.

Vance, can any school show a better equipped or abler list of teachers? This election of Professor Vance as full professor, puts Washington and Lee ahead of any school in the state, as no other institution has as yet three full professors in the Law School.

Sunday's Sermons.

The commencement exercises of Washington and Lee University for the session of 1898-'99 opened Sunday morning with the delivery of the Baccalaureate sermon in the chapel by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, of Mississippi.

Bishop Galloway's eloquence created a sensation in Lexington and made the services of Sunday morning of exceptional interest. It happened, remarkable to relate, that Baccalaureate Sunday, which is usually one of the brightest and most beautiful June days, was this year accompanied by almost uninterrupted rainfall. The chapel was, however, comfortably filled. The music in its excellence well became the address and the deeply devotional spirit which found expression in both marked the occasion as most impressive.

The text of the discourse was the words of the Saviour in the parable of the True Vine—"For without me ye can do nothing," and the words of St. Paul to the Phillippians, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Man's dependence upon God and the strength he derives from this spirit of dependence we would summarize as the subject which the Bishop presented to his hearers with a great clearness of statement and richness of illustration. As a speaker Bishop Galloway is a possessor of the power that appeals not only to reason but to the highest and best emotions. His pleasing voice and pleasing and sympathetic countenance well suit the words he utters and combine to make him a singularly attractive preacher. The music was furnished by a choir composed of Mrs. S. B. Walker, Miss Sally Preston, Mrs. Reid White, Professor A. L. Nelson, Mr. B. E. Vaughan, and Mr. S. B. Walker accompanied by Mrs. Andrew D. Estill on the organ and Mr. G. B. Capito on the violin. A reverie played by Mrs. Estill and Mr. Capito as the congregation was seated was strikingly sweet and full of harmony and this aptly describes the music of the services

which concluded with the singing of "Old Hundred," "Before Jehovah's Awful Throne," in which all the congregation joined standing. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. T. A. Hall, pastor of the Lexington Baptist Church. The congregation was dismissed with a benediction by the Rev. H. P. Hamill, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

The Rev. Dr. P. T. Hale, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, delivered an earnest and excellent address to the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday evening, taking as his subject "No compromise in the line of duty." The text was the words of Moses to Pharaoh, found in Exodus, tenth chapter and twenty-third verse, and the uncompromising attitude of Moses in his demands upon Pharaoh, that not only the men of Israel but their little ones and wives, their flocks and herds all should be permitted to go, was used to illustrate his theme and show the uncompromising attitude the young Christian should assume toward the world.—*County News.*

Graduating Exercises.

Wednesday morning, unlike the other days of Commencement, favored the graduating exercises with a cloudless sky and gave the "calic" an opportunity to show her prettiest dress.

President Wilson presided over the exercises which were opened with a prayer by Rev. A. R. Cocke, D. D., of Waynesboro.

After the delivery of certificates and university prizes and announcement of honorary appointments, Mr. Floyd W. King, B. L., of Palmyra, Va., delivered the Law Class oration, a speech which showed careful preparation and research, and which excited most favorable comment from all sides. Mr. Jas. A. McClure, A. B., of Spottswood, Va., then followed with the valedictory address which was full of humor and held the attention of all. Rev. Thomas Hume, D. D., LL. D., of University of N. C., delivered an excellent lecture reviewing the poetry of Shakespeare, after which the exercises were closed by the conferring of degrees.

This issue of the RING-TUM PHI completes the thirty numbers guaranteed advertisers and subscribers.

Personal Mention.

Miss Ann Lee, of Cuba, is staying with the Misses Duval.

Miss Ella Ranson, of Staunton, is the guest of Miss Bettie Glasgow.

Miss Mary Buford, of Richmond, is the guest of the Misses Ross.

Miss Virginia May, of Staunton, is at Mrs. S. R. Moore's for the Finals.

Miss Greiner, of Philadelphia and Miss Evy McGuire are at "Blandome."

Miss Mable Goshorn, of Charleston, W. Va., is stopping with Mrs. Carmichael.

Misses Jones, Faulkner and Robinson are visiting Miss Rosa Tucker during the Finals.

Misses Harris, Broughton and Lorry, of Parkersburg, W. Va., are at the "Pines."

Miss Annie P. McKenney, of Petersburg and Miss Mary Powell, of Alexandria, are with Miss May Haskins.

Mr. and Mrs. Tazewell Hubard and Miss Cannon, of Norfolk, are guests of the Misses Duval during the Commencement.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Garrow, of Houston, Tex., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capito, of Charleston, W. Va., attended the commencement at Washington and Lee this week, to see sons graduate.

Entertainments During Commencement Week.

Commencement week this year has had the ordinary exercises interlarded with various social entertainments which have added considerably to the enjoyment. We regret that lack of space forbids any more than bare mention of the social events.

On Thursday evening Miss Hope Stuart gave a charming "At Home" to her guest and schoolmate, Miss Watkins, of Mississippi. The large number of young ladies and gentlemen present with happy and beaming countenances fully evidenced the pronounced success of the entertainment.

Friday evening, Miss Mildred Myers invited a favored few to meet her friend Miss Richardson, of Fredericksburg, Va. The evening passed off delightfully, and the guests after partaking of elegant refreshments departed with the most pleasant reminiscences.

Saturday afternoon Miss Nettie

Preston gave a "tea" to Miss Hamilton, of Mississippi, only young ladies being present.

Monday at high noon, Mr. John Preston Allan entertained his fellow members of the Academic graduating class. Light refreshments were served and the guests extracted great amusement from becoming authors of extempore poetry. The poems were for a prize, which was won by handsome and talented Sam Frierson.

Miss Rosa Tucker Entertains.

A no more fitting introduction to the social pleasures attendant upon Finals could have been had, than that found in the delightful entertainment and dance given by Miss Rosa Johnstone Tucker at their lovely home "Col Alto" on last Saturday evening.

A large number of the fair daughters of Virginia and other States were present attended by their friends from the University, who were doubly happy in their emancipation from study.

Delightful refreshments were served during the evening, and it was almost with a sigh that the young people greeted the sound of "Home, sweet home" which warned them that Time was about to usher in the Sabbath, when revelry should cease and devotion begin.

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The Dances.

It has been a gay Commencement for the students and their young lady friends. Following the society celebration Monday night a German was given in the gymnasium by the Cotillion club in which about sixty couples were upon the floor. It was led by J. Lewis Bumgardner, of Staunton. Tuesday night while the alumni and officers of the University were enjoying social pleasure at the banquet another German was in progress; this time in McCrum's hall down town. It was given by the Theta Nu Epsilon club and was led by G. Cuthbert Powell.

The final ball took place in the University gymnasium Wednesday night. The hall was beautifully and tastefully decorated in fraternity colors, plants, flowers and electric lights. In the centre of the one side was the inscription "Class '99" and directly opposite was "W. L. U.," both being composed of electrical effects with background of sweet peas. At 11:30 o'clock the orchestra, which was stationed in the front end of the hall, began a march which announced the beginning of the mazy whirl. The sixteen who participated in the opening figure entered from the conservatory in the rear of the building. The opening figure consisted of many intricate and graceful movements. The ball was opened by Mr. Stewart L. Crebs, of Carmi, Ill., with Miss Bettie Wilson, of Lexington, who was gracefully gown'd in white organdie.—*County News.*

Exercises Tuesday Night.

One of the most practical and instructive addresses delivered during commencement was that by Judge U. M. Rose, of Arkansas, on Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock in the Chapel. He was presented to the audience by Mr. Robert W. Withers, of Suffolk, president of the Law Class. Judge Rose gave some valuable advice for the young lawyer about to enter upon the real duties of his profession and throughout his address showed the experience and thought of years.

Immediately after the address of Judge Rose, the two boat crews were ushered up either aisle to the rostrum where the Harry Lees, the winning crew, were presented with the Pinkney prize cup by Rev. Dr. Hume, of the University of North Carolina. After congratulations to one and words of encouragement to

the other, the exercises for the evening being concluded, the audience was dismissed. The personnel of the crews was as follows:

Harry Lees (red)—Stroke, E. H. Moore, Lexington, Va.; No. 3, S. B. McPheeters, Columbia, S. C.; No. 2, E. D. Sloan, St. Louis, Mo.; No. 1, Petrie D. Hamilton, Miss.; Coxswain, W. Allan, Lexington, Va.

Albert Sidney (blue)—Stroke, J. S. McCluer, Parkersburg, W. Va.; No. 3, R. G. Campbell, Lexington, Va.; No. 2, R. W. Flournoy, Bethesda, Md.; No. 1, J. W. S. Tucker, Lowesville, Va.; Coxswain, H. R. Keeble, Abilene, Tex.

Tucker Memorial Hall Corner Stone Laid.

Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock the corner-stone of the memorial in stone to the Hon. John Randolph Tucker, the beautiful hall intended to perpetuate his memory and in which it is to be continued the work he loved, that of instructing the youth of the land in the principles of jurisprudence, was laid with the impressive ceremonies of Masonry by the grand lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Virginia. Hon. R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, grand master of the grand lodge, officiated, and after the ceremonies of the order were finished, delivered an excellent address in which he eulogized the virtues and genius of Mr. Tucker. Prominent Masons from all parts of the State were present, and took part in the ceremonies.

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