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Foot-Ball.

From last year's exhibition of football we had very little to hope for this season but as the students came in from vacation there seemed to be among the new men some very good material which together with the older players-Jenkins, Mc-Pheeters, Barclay and Powell of '96's team : Bledsoe, Deacon, Me-Neil and Moore of last year, and Elgin of '94, gives us better chances. The first day twenty-five candidates showed up who, although small and light, show by their enthusiasm and pluck that Washington and Lee's colors are going to be guarded by men who are not beaten until time is called and if beaten will only be so after a hard struggle into which they have put their best work and gone down struggling to the last.

Among the new men this year are Hall, Bagley, Whipple and several others whose earnest work and snappy, gritty play will in time give them positions on the 'Varsity. To those men who play on the scrubs is due in a great measure the success of the regulars, for their opposition is what teaches the first team to stand against its antagonists and to perfect itself in offensive play! Keep it up. The stronger the second team the better practice for the first. The harder the practice the harder will be the men of the team when they meet the U. Va., and go to Kentucky and Tennessee to carry the Blue and White triumphantly through the South

Of course no one can tell what the personnel of the team will be but it would not take a soothsayer to predict that Jenkins will hold down the same back he played so well in '95-'96. He is a hard, earnest, good player, who puts enthusiasm into all the men and whose mere presence on the field will encourage the team and give it confidence. The other backs are not certain by any means and there are many possibilities. Between Bagley,

the !rest and runs hard but high; His handling of the ball shows that he is new to the game but his defects can be cured and he may make a good man. Hall is quick, tackles place so that some one will be well and uses his head but is yery trained. light and is thrown around too easily. Lee is light but that is all that can be said against him. He is an example of what good, hard, patient work can do for a man, and if any of the younger men here have any football aspirations they should follow his lead, working hard and regularly. Of course, he is not sure of a place, but the man that beats him will be a player to be classed with Campbell 96-7-8. Bledsoe is another light-weight but he has last year's experience behind and is certain of a place. If he could be spared from an end he would make a half, but his tackling and general good work make him invaluable in the line.

McPheeters, the captain, will play an end. It's his old position and he has improved greatly in the last year. He follows the ball and is sure to be mixed up in every scrim-

Elgin is certain of his old position in the centre of the line. He is strong but does not follow the ball as closely as a centre should.

Deacon, McNeil, Crockett and Hiter are the candidates for guard and if willingness were the only requisite we would have a pair that could not be equalled. McNeil is the best of the quartette and is also a candidate for tackle. He will undoubtedly get it if Barclay's injury proves permanent. Moore, the other candidate for a tackle, is pretty sure of his place. His running is good and defensive work an im- Crum, Guy Forrester. provement on last year.

The only position that seems uncontested is quarter-back. Powell has had experience but his defensive work is not up to the mark. The only reason that there are no other candidates is that no one will try. This is a deplorable condition for although Powell handles the ball well and is sure to get it to the right this year-about 235 matriculates.

entirely vacant which would mean ruin to the team. There should be a sub-quarter and the only way to get one is to have some contest for

Let us have another quarter in case something happens to the present

Dramatic Club.

For several years there have been ineffectual efforts made to form a dramatic club and this year it should not fail. An organization to give entertainments for the benefit of college enterprises would meet with successful support from students and townspeople, and besides the pecuniary aid to whatever is behind hand in our college life, it members, doing them much good by Lringing together the students in a social way. This would benefit themselves and the college by establishing a closer union among its attendants. To organize such a club all those who have ever done any such work and all those who are interested in such things are requested to meet in Dr. Quarles' class room on Tuesday at 4 o'clock when the advisibility of such an organization will be discussed.

Fraternities.

The fraternities have been unusually quiet this year, and goats seem to be rather scarce articles. Some freshmen, however, have been conducted through the mysterious mazes of goatdom, as the following shows :

Phi Gamma Delta : Sam Glasgow, C. McPheeters, Robert Mc-

Phi Delta Theta: O. T. Feamster, Jim Marshall, John McLeod. Phi Kappa Sigma: John A. Moore, Chas. Spencer, - Fletcher. Mu Pi Lambda: Bernard Shive-

Sigma Nu : George Webb. Sima Chi : W. D. Conrad.

The V. M. I. has a large school

Literary Societies.

There is more interest and earnestness in the way the Societies are being conducted this year than there has been for several sessions previously. In the Graham-Lee last Saturday Mr. Bernard Shively and Mr. R. E. Moore were the shining lights, the former giving a fine rendition of BenHur's Chariot Race, and the latter making a very goodspeech in opening the debate on the Phillippine question, which was the subject for the evening. A number of other speakers debated the question.

In the Washington Society the chief speaker was Mr. G. Cuth bert Powell, who has been for a number of years past a student of would be a source of pleasure to its this institution, and was therefore well qualified to reminisce, which he did, giving all present the benefit of his long experience here. David Barelay, Esq., of Lexington, followed with a few brief remarks; well expressed and to the point. After the exercises had been finished the Societies went into executive session on a matter of private busi-

College Notes.

The number of matriculates up to this time is 182, a good increase over last year. Washington and Lee is coming to the front. Keep your eye on her.

The dance given on Friday of laste week, though small for the first dance of the year, was a very enjoyable affair. The first class of the V. M. I. came over and there were a number of stags.

The University Cotillion Club met last week and elected officers for the coming year. Mr. J. R. Tucker was chosen president, and Mr. J.W. Johnston secretary and treasurer.

Who was the innocent freshman in the Ancient History class that wanted to know if the absent members of the faculty had gone to the G. A. R. convention? Its a pity Hall, Lee and Bledsoe it is hard to place he is very liable to get hurt, They expect to have an unusually should cause his flunk in ancient.

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Well, here we are ! Up against another year with some old men back and a great many new ones, but to old and new men alike it is the pleasure of the RING-TUM PIII to extend a cordial welcome.

With the session of 1899-1900 the RING-TUM PHI begins the third year of its publication and in entering upon it we have no higher hopes than to be able to fill successfully the place which the EING-TUM PHI has made for itself and held in the student body in the past. The present year is opening with brilliant prospects, and it shall always be our aim to follow closely and enter into the spirit of all the interests of the University, whether ethletic, literay or social. Our football outlook has never been more gratifying with splendid material backed by good and vigorous training, an efficient management, a strong support and eathusiasm among the students at large, Washington and Lee is going to have the best team she ever put on the gridiron. The tennis courts are teeming with players every day, and the new impetus that the faculty has given to athletics will be productive of great results, just as the step that was taken two years ago in regard to entrance requirements is now filling up our halls with a class of students such as they never held before.

To all the men of the University will be just what you make it. The a couple of hours off in the after-fullest.

work and are largely dependent on can find time to come out. They you for contributions which we heartily invite from any student on any subject of interest, While, however, it is our desire to reflect every sentiment of the student body, it shall always be our purpose to hold such views and advocate such policies as shall best promote the interests of our Alma Mater, and believing, as we do, that no one can say that anything partisan, narrow or unfair has ever appeared in these columns we hope to maintain in the future the high standard set for us in the past. The RING-TUM PHI would have every person connected with the University join it in wishing and helping to make the session of 1899-1900 the most successful of the century of sessions which is soon to close.

As a rule there is a large class of students in Washington and Lee who view our athletes with a pessimistic eye or are entirely indifferent to them.

This is not right nor fair to those who are interested in the athletic department and welfare of the University, and are working to place Washington and Lee in the front rank of Southern colleges in outdoor sports. This tendency, moreover, is confined to the students themselves, and is not at all evident among the members of the faculty, who always give their hearty support to every movement looking towards the further development of good, clean athletics in the University. Every afternoon one or more of the professors may be seen on the football field watching the practice and showing an interest in the progress of the team. This shows the right spirit and we appreciate their interest and feel sure that they will do all in their power for our success.

Now, boys, what are we going to do? We have a team which is going into every game to do its best, but they can't win games without backing. Are we going to give them that or are we going to stand idly by and watch the efforts of those eleven men? Let every man in college make up his mind to do whatever he can for the success of this year's team, and we will be inwe would say that the RING-TUM out and play or try to play at any every one who was fortunate enough Deacon, John Lee, Glasgow, E. D. Phi is open to you personally, and rate. Surely you can affore to take to be present enjoyed himself to the Sloan, E. Bledsoe, T. Bledsoe, Kra-

editors can merely supervise the noon, if the members of the faculty have more work to do than you have, notwithstanding your opinion to the contrary.

> Even if you are a pygmy and never saw a football, come out and watch the practice, encourage the team, applaud a good play, take an interest in what is going on, and above all don't stand along the sidelines with a lemonade face and make disparaging remarks about the players who are doing their best. Probably if you were captain you would run the team differently and much better, but you are not, so make up your mind to see all the good things you can and look the other way when they don't suit you.

Our first game is next Thursday and there is a great deal of work to be done before that time. Are you going to do your share? The team is all right, the faculty is behind us, the manager has arranged a fine schedule and everything points toward a successful season, the issue is with von. Let every one turn out and watch the team attend to the little boys from Albemarle on Thursday.

The schedule as arranged by Manager Johnston is given below: W. L. U. vs. Pantops, Lexington. Oct. 5th. W. L. U. vs. U. Va., Charlottesville, Oct. 7th, W. L. U. vs. V. M. I., Lexington, Oct. 14th. W. L. U. vs. Richmond College, Lexington, Oct. 21st.

W. L. U. vs. Hampden-Sidney, Lexington

W. L. U. vs. Center College, Louisville, Ky. Nov. 14th.

NOV. 14th.

W. L. U. vs. Kentucky University, Lexington, Ky., Nov. 18th

W. L. U. vs. Central University, Richmond,
Ky., Nov. 18th.

W. L. U. vs. V. M. I., Lexington, Nov. 25th.

W. L. U. vs. University of Tennessee, Knox-

ville, Tenn., Nov. 30th.

The Y. M. C. A. reception to the freshmen took place, as is customary, on Friday following the opening of college. Mr.C. C. McNeil, president of the Association, presided over the literary part of the programme and introduced the speakers, among whom were President Wm. L. Wilson, Rev. Henry P. Hamill, pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. R. J. McBryde of the Episcopal church, and Dr. H. A. White. After the feast of reason the flow of ice cream and cake began and continued until every man present was obliged to acknowledge his own deficiencies and cry vincible. If you are a big man come "enough." It is needless to say that

A Delightful Occasion.

Bright lights, pretty women and men looking as well as they could. Everybody talking and laughing at once, everybody enjoying themselves, these were some of the characteristics of the delightful debut party given last Friday night by Colonel and Mrs. W. T. Pougue in honor of their daughter, Miss Bessie.

The Misses Strickler, of Richmond, Va., Misses Effinger of the county, and the Misses Shanks of Lexington, assisted Miss Poague in receiving.

There are times when everybody seems to be in a frolicking humor, and to have their talking "togs" on, so to speak. Last night was one of those times. The different young ladies chose their own places of retreat, and there each held a little reception. // One chose the steps, much to the distress of those around her, as they had to swing mechanically in and out of their seats like the pendulum of a clock whenever a late comer arrived. Refreshments were served later in the evening, which had a very quieting effect on the guests for a short while. Then camethe time to break up, for such things will come. Some lingered longer, loath to leave until the last guest almost had gone, when they too had to say goodnight.

Among those present were Miss Zeta English of Richmond, Mrs. G. H. Denny, the Misses Strickler, also of Richmond; Misses Effinger, Moore, Mary Moore (1), Mary Moore (2). Joe Allen, Edmonia Smith, Misses Booker, McCrum, White, Welford, of Richmond and many others. Professor G.H., Denny, Professor Crow, of W. and L. U., a number of the first class of the Institute, and tudents.

We beg leave to again call the attention of the student body to that rule of the Athletic Association which restricts the wearing of the letters W. L. U. on caps or sweaters to such men as have been members of one of the teams, rowed on one of the boat crews or have won the championship in the annual tennis tournament. We publish below a list of the men now in college who are entitled to this privilege : Jenkins, S. B. McPheeters, E. McD-Moore, Elgin, G. C. Powell, J. W. S. Tucker, J. R. Tucker, McNeil, C. R. Robinson, Andrews, Frierson, ble and Will Allan.

2901 Personals.

Heath Tyler, B. L. '96, was in town last week.

Miss Mary Wilson is at Virginia Beach.

Miss Armistead of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Maggie Freeland.

Miss Budd of Petersburg, is visiting Miss Haskins.

Miss Overton of Kentucky, is the guest of Mrs. Hunter Pendleton.

Preston Allan will teach at Fairfield this year.

A.W. Webb, C. E. '98, was with us a few days at the beginning of the session.

Miss Daisy Chamberlin and Miss Ellis Glen are the guests of the Misses Harman at "The Oaks."

Richard Flournoy is assisting Gordon Houston, C. E., '98, in his school in Lewisburg, W. Vu.

A. B. Winfree, B. L. '99, left for Colfax, Wash., last month. Manila is his ultimate destination.

Miss English of Richmond, and Miss Mattie Denny are the guests of Prof. Denny.

Miss Bettie Wilson left last week for a visit to Charlestown and Washington.

Charlie Myers will enter the Union Theological Seminary at Richmond next winter.

G. B. Shields is teaching in Charleston, W. Va. He will be back at W. L. U. next year—possibly sooner.

We are glad to have with us again this year L. C. Speers, who was a member of the law class of '97.
'Silas' is about the same thing.

The Misses Hunter, who have been visiting Miss Haskins for some time past, left for home on Wednesday

"Among the familiar faces seen around the campu» when he can be separated from his "bones" is that of R. [T. Shields, A. B. '98. Shields will continue his medical studies in Richmond next winter.

The arrival of Mr. A. G.Jenkins, known to all the students as "Jenks," was hailed with delight by everbody and football prospects have been improving ever since he came. "Jenks" was the captain and the creator we might say of the famous team of '96.

00 Final Ball Election.

On Friday of last week a massmeeting of the students was held for the purpose of electing a president of the final ball of 1900. Very few of the students were on hand at the appointed hour, but those who were proceeded at once to business by electing Mr. R. T. Shields, A. B., '98, chairman of the meeting. Mr. Shields stated the purpose of the meeting and Mr. E. R. Preston in a few well chosen words nominated Mr. J.W.Garrow of Texas, for the position. The nomination was seconded by Mr. J. R. Tucker and Mr. Garrow was elected by acclamation. The RING-TUM PHI congratulates Mr. Garrow on receiving this the highest office within the gift of the student body and at the same time congratulates the students that they will have as their next ball president one so eminently fitted to fill the position.

The Law Debating Society.

On Wednesday last the Junior and Senior Law classes met in joint session to organize the Bradford Law Debating society. After the re-adoption of last year's constitution and by-laws in toto the election of officers took place. Prof. W. R. Vance was elected by acclamation to the office of president, Mr. F. W. Goshorn, '01, to that of vice-president, and Mr. H. H. Skyles, '00, was made secretary.

The first debate is to take place next Thursday night, the subject being the well-known case, Wolverton vs. Harris. Messrs. Throckmorton and Glass will be counsel for appellant, and Messrs. Hickman and Nitmeyer for appellee.

Washington Literary Society Program-Oct. 7, 1899.

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Graybill, Moore, Chermside.

DEBATERS.

NRG.

AFF. NEG.
Speers, Ott,
Anderson, Sanders;
Spencer, McNulty,
Hartman. Jones.

QUESTION.

Resolved, That Admiral Dewey should accept the free residence offered by his admirers.

Jno. K. Graves is assisting Jim A gentleman from that reg Mason at the Valley High school. A gentleman from that reg ports that he has had a case.

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Chapel Exercises.

On last Wednesday morning the address to the students was made by Dr.Quarles. Anything from our admired professor of Philosophy commands respectful attention. this occasion he chose a subject of particular interest to students entering college for the first time, and also to the older men, starting in on another year of their college career -- "The College Course-Its Object and How Best Attained."

The object of the college course, he said, is two-fold. The gleaning of valuable and useful information; knowledge that is interesting and important in itself, or that may be of practical value in our life work. The second object, the attainment of character, culture and fitness for service, is the prime purpose of the advanced work of college life, and transcends in importance the amassing of knowledge however much of it we may get. It is the development of the powers, the formation of correct habits that evolves into a stalwart, intelligent, virtuous manhood and makes the college graduate a manly, cultured, christian gentlem, resolved to do his part as a leader of civilization.

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Dr. Quarles brought forth in his talk the different sciences taught at college and in the discussion of their nature he disclosed the many valuable secrets that lie hidden in them for the enjoyment of the conscientions searcher after knowledge.

In conclusion he epitomized his address: Mathematics and Logic are especially valuable for discipline in exact reasoning, the Physical Sciences, for habits of minute and accurate observation; the Languages, for nice discriminations of thought; and the Mental Sciences, for the information they give and the judgment they cultivate as to the higher nature of man.

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