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Athletics at W. and L. U.

The object of a college today is to turn out of its doors a well-rounded man, mentally, morally and physically. If one of these departments is neglected the college has not fully done its duty. The mental development is perfected by the professors through the work in, and attendant upon their class rooms. The morality of the student body depends on many things-the associations formed in and out of the class rooms, giving them enough work, mental and physical, to keep them occupied most of the time, and by showing them clearly that intemperance and immorality are the greatest foes to a man's physical advancement and health.

Most certainly W. and L. U. inot paying the same amount of attention to her men physically as she does to their morality and mental work. It is not enough to provide the men with a football or base ball field and a well-equipped gymnasium. It is the duty of the officers of the University to provide them with teachers (conchers) both in their outdoor and indoor work, and of such a quality that they can command their respect and interest, and of such ability that when a man goes out of the gymnasium or has been on one of the athletic teams of this University, the men will have the same stamp in the athletic world that their diplomas give them in scientific, academic or professional circles. 1 For it is as necessary that men shall be interested and enjoy their physical work as their mental, if they are to become proficient in either. Time should be given each day in which all the men are free from class work at the same time, in order that the teams can practice together, and college spirit and enthusiasm fostered.

It is the duty of the students who are not physically disabled, to make use of the gymnasium and fields, to come out each afternoon to try discouraged if at first their ability be considered within the statute; of the case, which would have been

proving. For he may rest assured year, the contract would would be that it is to the interests of both the merely terminated and not performteam and the coach that the best men get the positions on the team. The players must come out each afternoon to practice from 3.30 to 6 the evening. For a great amount of work is necessary to develop the team properly in the few remaining weeks. Again, it is absolutely necessary for the players to keep themselves in the best of physical condido their work properly; and in or- court. der to show them that their efforts are appreciated, each week a criticism of their individual work will appear in these columns written by our coach, Mr. Trenchard.

It is the duty of the men who cannot play tootball to come out every afternoon to see football practice, to cheer the men when they make good plays, and in this way show the players they are watching them and expect them to uphold the honor and prestige of the University. In no way must they discourage them, for football is such hard work at best that the players deserve applause instead of "guying."

Let us all work together, professors, players, non-playing students and the coach, and we will have a football team this fall that we will all be proud of, and one that should represent our honored University.

The Law Debate.

While the law debate was not as well attended last Thursday as the previous ones have been, those present were treated to a discussion of unusual merit. This time the counsel were chosen from the junior class and the case selected for discussion, Sickles v Packett Co., was one involving the law of contracts, and more especially the application of the famous Statute of Frauds.

If the contract, according to its express terms and the intention of the parties, was possible of perfor-

ed, then it fell within the statute which would require it to be in writing.

It was, then, on the question of o'clock, and to the talks at 7.30 in and the distinction between defeasance and performance of a contract that the debate was carried on.

Mr. Riggs opened for the appellant and after stating the facts very concisely, brought out the main issues of the law involved in the case tion in order to avoid injuries and and laid them clearly before the

> He was followed by Mr. Frierson for the appellee, in a well delivered argument addressed directly to the

Mr. Corbett next appeared on behalf of the appellant and read a well present. written argument in favor of his side, and was followed by Mr. Miller, counsel for appellee.

Mr. Miller very happily demonstrated the fact that an address before the court could be witty and humorous and yet not devoid of and her teams grow daily. weight and legal arguments. His address, in its ultimate analysis, word for anything, take it in writ-

After Mr. Rigg's rejoinder, voluntary debate was indulged in by some of the members, Messrs. Skyles and Bushong speaking for the appellant and Mewsrs. Glass and Hickman for appellee.

The opinion of the court was then heard, Mr. Chief Justice R.E. Moore held that if, as in this case, the contingency is in the mind of the contracting parties at the time, of the making of the contract, then the happening of the contingency performs the contract, and gave his decision for the appellant. The decision of the Supreme Court stood three to two in favor of the appellants, Justices Wornell and Knipmeyer concurring and Justices Hampton and Moise dissenting.

Professors Tucker and Vance then spoke, declaring themselves for the appellant, and complimenting the for the football team and not to be mance within a year, it was not to debaters for the excellent handling does not seem to be appreciated, but if on the other hand, on the hap- to continue working hard and impening of the contingency within a next debate is by the seniors.

The not be guilty of cancelling any more games.

"Rooten."

Communicated.

EDITOR RING-TUM PHI:

In your last issue I read with much interest an editorial on our need of a coach, as so conclusively demonstrated by the result of our last game with the V. M. I. The writer also drew a forcible comparison between a trained boxer and one who is not, which comparison is not a mere fancy but an established fact. When the professor referred to cites the team of '96 as an instance of a winning team without a trainer, he must remember that this team represents the great exception that proves the rule, and in this era of progress court, and possessing especial merit we must also "jine the procession" because of its almost entire lack of or else, falling hopeless behind, live in the past and content ourselves only with telescopic glimpses of the

> The student body has responded generously in this our necessity, showing their college spirit by purchasing an unusually large number of season tickets. Let the good work go on and interest in the 'Varsity

In the past few days our manager has resigned. His successor is placed seemed to say, "if you want a man's in a rather difficult position by the unexpected disbandment of the team at the Institute, thereby necessitating the giving of larger guarantees to visiting teams. But even taking this into consideration, the outlook ought not to be discouraging, from tne fact that the treasurer reports the amount of money in the treasury now to be double that of the whole of last year; therefore let the manager make every effort in his power to fulfill his obligations in the number of games to be played on our grounds. This should be his first consideration and any extra trips a matter of secondary importance, remembering that in the fulfilment of the former, he restores confidence in athletics and gratifies the whole student body, while the latter is all right and proper, if not at the expense of the former. Let no trip be planned which is not certain of accomplishment and let us "ROOTER."

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It is very gratifying to see the good work that is being none by Washington and Lee men in our preparatory schools. It speaks well for Washington and Lee that the men we turn out, who make teaching their vocation, are so uniformly successful, and it is an assurance of continued prospérity in the future, that these same men are her most devoted and loval alumni.

A teacher, respected and admired by his pupils, has great influence in determining their future movements; so let all Washington and Lee men who have the youth of the land gathered under their charge, remember that their work is not lone until they have put the aforesaid youth on the straight and narrow road that leads to Lexington.

The team and the college are to be congratulated on securing the services of Trencharl, ex-captain of the Princeton teams of '93 and '94, to coach our team.

Mr. Trenchard, who is better known to football enthusiasts as "Doggie" Trenchard, is one of the best known and most competent coaches of this country, and under his direction the team should be one of leading teams of the South.

The men have been well drilled in the rudimentary principles of football by Mr. Jenkins and should show up well in a short time; our new manager is a hustler, and will furnish the games; so, although we were late in starting, there is small doubt but that we will "be in at the finish."

Bilyardcalic to the Cutters.

Delivered at Squire's.

Friends,

I come not here to talk, ye know too well

The story of our failing. We are flunks!

The bright sun rises at noon and lights

A race of flunks! He sets and his last beam

Falls on a flunk; not such as swept

By a good memory, the "jacks" led To A. B's and Ph. D's,-

But base, ignoble flunks! flunks to a horde

Of petry profs., big bugs, lords R ch in some thousand forms:

Strong in some thundred paridigms; only great

In that strange spell,-a "rep."

This last exam An honest man, a football player,-

there he stands-Was flunked,-flunked like a cow,

by one who bore The name of Patsy, because forsouth.

He raised not high his ready cap in

Nor laughed with his feet at the

Of heard jokes of that great ruffian! Be we men

And suffer such dishonor? Men and wash not

Away the stain with "plugging ?" Such shames are common.

I lave known deeper wrongs, I that speak to ye,

I had a brother once, a gracious boy, Brother at once and frat man! He left my room

A summer bloom on his fair cheeks, -a smile

Parting his innocent lips. In one short hour,

The pretty harmless boy was flunked! I saw

His face, the pale, sad face, and then I cried

For vengeance! Rouse ye Cutters! Rouse ye flunks!

Have ye ambition? Look in the next exam.

To see them shattered! Have ye fair hopes? Look

To see them vanish, drowned in a flood of

Red ink! and if you dare give one

are cutters.

Was greater than a "sub!" And once again-

Hear me ye walls that echoed to the tread

Of either Mason! Once again I swear

The cue-wielders shall have degrees. H. B. '02.

Literary Societies.

The debate last Saturday night in the "Wash." was excellent, and Mr. Wilson, a freshman, showed much promise in his first attempt.

The declamations by Pres. Ott and Mr. Spencer were well received and loudly applanded.

The new critic, Mr. Hartman, proved himself to be the "find" of the season, and his criticisms, though caustic, were good.

The society, by voluntary subscriptions, was enabled to free itself of all past debts and for the first time in several years the "Wash," is a creditor instead of a debtor.

After adding several new men to the roll the society went into executive session.

GRAHAM-LEE.

The society met as usual, President Shively in the chair and the posted program was carried out, Mr. Beale delivering an oration, of Rates \$2.00 and \$2.50 Per Day. which we were so unfortunate as to hear only the latter part, but which had the right ring. Mr. R. E. Moore made the hit of the evening by his voluntary declamation on the differcut grades of preachers. Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Lanck debated ably on the trust question. At this point the reporter of the proceedings was compelled to leave on account of an important engagement, notwithstanding the fact that some wicked members wished to keep him; for what reason we can't imagine. Remember and take heed all ye that vote against excusing a man that a day of reckoning is coming when that same man will raise his voice against your leaving the hall, no matter how much pleasure awaits you or how pressing your business.

Jr. Law Class Election.

The Junior Law Class has elected the following officers for the current year : President, Mr. Corbett of Florida ; vice-president, Mr-Hariston of Virginia ; secretary, Mr. Robinson of Kentucky; historian, Be put upon probation! Yet we | Mr. Garrow of Texas. With such able and efficient officers the welfare Why in that elder day to be a cutter of the law class of 1901 is assured.

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Tom Webb is engineering in Greenbrier county, W. Va

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G. B. Capito, A. B. '99, is studying medicine at the College of Phyisicians and Surgeons, New York.

Harlow S. Dixon is with the Dixon-Paddock Lumber company., Ronceverte, W. Va.

Allan Epes of the law class left for home this week. He will return to college after Christmas.

Mr. Thos. C. Kinney of New York, was the guest of Prof. Tucker for several days this week.

Prof. Nelson was absent from town a few days this week attending Presbytery, which met at Old Stor Church, Augusta county.

R. Waller Blain is teaching in his father's school, Cove Academy, at Covesville, Va. We hear that he will return to college next year.

Washington and Lee is well represented at the Union Theological Seminary this year. Those in attendance are C. F. Myers, J. A. Me-Ciuer, H. W. Pratt, M. E. Hansel and A. M. Earle.

Thomas J. Farrar, last year's editor-in-chief of the RING-TUM PHI, is teaching in the Donald Fraser Preparatory school located at Decatur, Ga. That Tom is fulfilling the expectations of his friends is evidenced by the following words from the principal to an officer of the University: "Mr. Farrar is all we expected and wished and I am thoroughly delighted at having such a strong, healthy, well-balanced man. I can never cease thanking you and Dr. Currell for this good office."

Cotillion Club Dance.

The dance given by the Cotilhon club in Newcomb Hall last Tuesday night proved to be a very enjoyable affair. The music furnished by the V. M. I. band was good, the floor was good, and nowhere can a better lot of dancers be found than Lexington's charming young ladies. Everyone voted it the best dance of the year. Among those present were: Miss Mary Wilson with Mr. G. C. Powell, Miss Brockenbrough with Mr. J. H. Hiter, Miss Annie Jordan with Mr. J.R. Tucker, Miss

Bettie Wilson with Mr. John Johnson, Miss Eliza Dillon with Mr. Garrow, Miss Frances Dillon with Mr. E. A. Quarles of Louisville, Misses Mary and Bettie Wilson Miss Margaret Graham with Mr. have returned home after visits to Hartman. Stags: Messrs. Speers, Harrison, Goshorn, Caffery, Schawbe, Owen, Barelay, Arnold, Frierson, Harlston, and Dr. Hartman and Trenchard

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Football.

The team did not recover from the cadets until Tuesday morning when the coach arrived; Mr. T. T. Trenchard of Princeton. That he knows football is evident from the few days coaching he has done already and with that material evidence and his past record, both as a player and a coach, we can be certain if our team is not successful it Speers; Captain, S. B. McPhecters, will be because we have no material and not because we could have done better in getting a coach. Mr. Trenchard was an end on Princeton for four years and was picked out by Casper Whitney as one of the two best in the country and put on the All America team in '93. On B. Gravbill. leaving Princeton Mr. Trenchard coached the University of North Carolina in '95 when they had such a fine team, only being beaten by Virginia on a fluke play. The next year he was at the University of West Virginia, turning out one of the strongest teams they ever had, Since then he has coached in the north until we were so fortunate as to get him. It was thought when the V. M. I. team disbanded that the prime object of getting a coach was gone but it was understood before the cadets left that they would play us on the 23rd of next month in spite of the disadvantages, which really are hardly as great asours when we played them last week. That would give them ten days practice and we only had eighteen days which, although almost twice as long, was nothing but raw practice, starting at the beginning and training up, while they have nothing more to learn but only to pick up the broken thread where it was dropped and get into prime form again. But even if we don't get another game with the V. M. I. Day you. Mr. Trenchard's work will not be lost, for it will make us carry Washington and Lee's name and fame into Kentucky and Tennessee in a way which has never been done before and the seed that he sows this fall will bear fruit in after years, so that his coaching will enable some future team to retaliate on the cadets. It will establish new ideas and methods which will change the aspect of footcall at Washington and Lee and will instill a new game to be handed down from year to year by returning members of the team.

University Directory.

General Athletic Association : its crushing defeat at the hands of President, F. H. Anschutz : Vice-President, Jim Marshall; Secretary, E. R. Preston; Treasurer, M. P. Andrews.

> Executive Committee: Professor D. C. Humphreys, Professor H. D. Campbell, Messrs. Anschutz, Preston, Marshall and Andrews.

Football Team : Manager, L. C.

Baseball Team : Manager, -Captain, M. P. Andrews.

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