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## Christening of Annie Joe II.

Expectant crowds thronged the Island on Monday, the 4th. The occasion was one of importance; Annie Joe No. 2 was to be christened.

Through the tremendous energies and efforts of the librarian, assisted by many enthusiasts, the long-needed and much desired shell had been obtained.

Perhaps it was appropriate that the old Harry Lee crew should have the honor of first propelling this craft through the water, and of occupying her when the bottle was broken across her bow and the magic words uttered by the sponsor which gave to her an identity and a name. Confident Albert Silveyites predict that this will be all the Reds will get this year, but that is a matter which only time can tell. They will at least come in for second place.

After the few preliminary skirmishes and delays incident to such affairs, the boat was rowed to shallow water, and President Wilson made a talk which delighted every one. He said that the occasion and the object was one worthy of the poetic pen of some W. L. U. Long-fellow, but Jenkins had gone from amongst us and his harp hung unstrung on the wall of the Blue. Consequently we would have to be satisfied with a more prosaic enumeration of the qualities possessed by this excellent specimen of the boat builders craft.

He advocated strenuously this sport as bringing into play the faculties of judgment, cool-headedness and self-control.

After making some complimentary allusion to the lady vice-president of the University, through whose efforts the boat was secured, Mr. Wilson congratulated the boat crews, the students, the faculty, the citizens and every one else on this acquisition to the boat outfit, which made possible this year a successful contest between rival crews. For fear, he said, that Mr. Hogue or Dr. Quarles might feel slighted in this enumeration, he also congratulated

the sporting fraternity.

At the conclusion of Mr. Wilson's remarks Miss Bettie Wilson christened the new boat, which enters upon its existence with so much fame attached to its name.

## Reception to the Ball Team.

At their hospitable home on May 31st, Prof. and Mrs. Humphreys gave a reception to the baseball team of 1900. All those present join in pronouncing it a most enjoyable occasion and this last meeting of the team will be remembered as one of its most pleasant meetings.

Here we were met by the host and charming hostess and made to enjoy ourselves,—while the pleasure of the evening was increased by the presence of many lovely young ladies who are enthusiastic supporters of W. & L. U.

Here our captain's face shone as he was congratulated on some brilliant play; here each man of us had a chance to relate to eager ears some experience of the diamond.

After such a course of conversation we were invited to a course of refreshments scarcely less enjoyed; withal it was a course of pleasant experiences such as we love to remember.

Among the young ladies present were: Misses Glasgow, Allan, McCrum, Stuart, Lucilia and Helen Booker, Smith, Houston, Pratt, Nelson, Moore, Dunlap.

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## Hon. J. G Carlisle Sick.

It will be a great disappointment to many who had expected to hear the brilliant Kentuckian speak on Tuesday to hear that Mr. Carlisle is sick and that his doctors have forbidden him to be with us during commencement. A great many persons had looked forward to his address as one of the features of next week's exercises. Dr. Quarles, however, has consented to deliver the address at the dedication of the Tucker Hall, and in him the occasion will be fully met. Other persons will also deliver short addresses.

## Physical Director.

Mr. Wm. Wertenboker of Charlottesville, Va., has been appointed Gymnasium director for the session of 1900-1901. Mr. Wertenboker comes highly recommended. For two years he assisted Dr. W. A. Lambert in the U. Va. summer school, and with marked success. For one session he was Gymnasium director at Wafford college, S. C. Since that time he has trained Richmond college in foot-ball, and is now completing the third year of his medical course at the U. of Va., where he is in charge of the medical department. Mr. Wertenboker is a grandson of Mr. Wm. Wertenboker, who was for so many years librarian at the University. His father, Colonel C. C. Wertenboker, is a well known veteran of the Confederate army.

His wife is a daughter of Mr. Keen Peyton, who was for many years proctor of the University.

Mr. Wertenboker is a skilled gymnast, a man of high character, of fine address, and of considerable experience in managing and training athletic teams, as well as in conducting gymnastic exercises. He will be well received at Washington and Lee and his appointment must be regarded as a distinctly forward movement in athletics at this University.

## Graham-Lee.

The closing session of Graham-Lee was interesting. The resolution to amend the by-laws so that no member not having paid all fines and dues can vote at any meeting, was passed to its second reading and was unanimously adopted.

The regular literary program was dispensed with and committee appointed to work up membership for next year. The president was commissioned to arrange program for the opening night, and it will be a good one.

President Wilson, Mr. Herbert Welch of Philadelphia, and Professors Burks, Willis and Denny were elected honorary members of the society.

## Asheville Conference.

The summer conference of the College Young Men's Christian Association of the South will be held again this year at Asheville, N. C. A large delegation of college men is expected and the list of speakers is quite as attractive as formerly, among them being Mr. Robert E. Speer. The department of "Work Among College Men" is in charge of Mr. H. M. McIlhany, Jr. The object of the conference is to train men for the leadership of the Bible and Mission classes and all departments of Y. M. C. A. work. Our Association last year was unusually represented and aside from the profit gained the men had a most delightful trip. We will be represented this year by Messrs. Graybill, Spencer, Hamilton, Cooper and McDowell, and no doubt the usefulness of our Association next year will be greatly increased by the training they receive.

## Washington and Lee University Commencement Exercises, 1900.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 17.

11 A. M.—Baccalaureate sermon, by Rev. Randolph H. McKim, D.D., D. C.  
5:30 P. M.—Address before the Young Men's Christian Association, by Rev. W. A. Barr, Va.

### MONDAY, JUNE 18.

8 P. M.—Annual Regatta.  
9 P. M.—Final celebration of the Literary societies. President, W. J. Lauck, W. Va. Secretary, F. W. Kallinger, Va.  
Orators: Graham-Lee society, H. R. Keeble, Tex.; J. H. Shively, Ind.; Washington society, W. B. Wade, Va.; E. D. Ott, Va.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 19.

10 A. M.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.  
11 A. M.—Dedication of the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Hall.  
Addresses by Hon. John G. Carlisle, N. Y.; Hon. Holmes Conrad, Va. Ode by Rev. Beverley D. Tucker, D. D., Va.  
5:30 P. M.—Annual meeting of the Alumni association.  
9 P. M.—Address before the Alumni association, by Hon. John W. Davis, W. Va.  
Presentation of the Pinkney Prize Cup to the winning crew.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20.

11 A. M.—Closing exercises. Delivery of certificates, prizes, etc. Delivery of diplomas.  
10 P. M.—Final Ball.  
President—J. W. Garrow, Tex. Chief Marshal—John W. Johnson, Ala.

Prof. Denny delivered the address at the closing exercises of the Harrisonburg High School on the 6th. His subject was "Contributions of the South to the History of the Nation."

**Mediation in Behalf of the Boers.**

**METHODS OF NOMINATING THE PRESIDENT.**

At Chapel Wednesday morning President Wilson said that as this was the last of the lectures for this year he deemed it proper to speak on those subjects of which knowledge was gleaned in the school of experience, a school in which tuition is high, where there are no endowed scholarships or free admissions, and a man pays full value for the lessons learned—a school, however, that every young man insists on entering and taking the full course in, though he might save much of labor and of pain by heeding the advice and instruction of those who have passed through it.

He dwelt at some length upon the action of President McKinley in extending such small consideration to the Boer emissaries, and while not attempting the defense of the administration, he approved of the course the President had taken, considering that it was the only one consistent with international obligations and believing that the President had gone to the limit of his authority and of our rights as a nation when he had volunteered his services as mediator. Mr. Wilson said that he had followed the course of difficulties between the British and the Boers with great interest and close attention, and while the natural tendency of our national sympathy was towards the weaker of the contestants and that one which claimed the name of a republic, there still lingered within him some of that old prejudice which consider that taxation without representation is tyranny and oppression.

Adverting to the unfavorable newspaper criticism to which the President had been subjected, Mr. Wilson said it was plain that the editorial writers had forgotten that this county was once before faced by just such an occurrence. He then dwelt at some length upon the affair of Citizen Genet and the turmoil and confusion which was engendered by his actions during the period when France anticipated war with England and concluded by strikingly distinguishing the individual rights of citizens to sympathize with, and express themselves in favor of the Boers, from the duty

devolving upon the executive to carefully avoid all prejudice and act in the manner prescribed by the law of nations, and in such a way as to keep clear of international entanglements—where our interests are not involved.

Mr. Wilson then spoke of the incidents of the coming presidential campaign, the endeavor of politicians to impress every legislative, judicial and executive act with a partisanship which might be utilized with the people at the polls. He regretted the departure from the former method of electing the president and declared that today the electors were but the messengers who carried the vote to the Capital and in no wise exercised their individual discretion in the selection of the president.

He then spoke briefly upon the principal differences between the Democratic and Republican convention methods. He favored the individual count of delegates as is practised by the Republicans rather than the unit rule which prevails in the Democratic conventions, and remarked upon the preference which the individual rule is given in all the minor Democratic meetings.

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