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Professor Vance's Address.

The students were treated to a highly entertaining lecture by Prof. Vance. He prefaced his remarks by saying he had been requested to speak but a few minutes before and his remarks would, therefore, be extemporaneous. But from the happy manner of his delivery and the readiness with which he spoke of his summer's travels in Europe, one might have thought he spent the summer in preparation.

He first assured us that he was not going to indulge in any traveler's tales, for in these days when communication is so easy and passage so cheap, a Marco Polo tale would receive little credence, even if some of his fellow travellers did not arise and by cross-examination destroy the symmetry of his story.

Some of the things that impressed the speaker most were then pointed out. Among these, perhaps the most impressive are the distinct individualities and personalities of nations. These exist just as strongly in the nation as in the individual. It was formerly thought that no difference could be observed along these lines, but now it can be distinctly seen that each nation has its own ideas of manhood and social life. Nations grow as do individuals. They become strong, are attacked, engage in war and the mightiest commercial enterprises and finally reach the fullness of strength and power. Old age may be strong, as in the case of Great Britain, or weak, as in the case of Italy.

The homogeneity of the people of the United States was next spoken of. No matter where found, whether in Boston, Chicago or New Orleans, we find the American still exhibiting the same hardy parts of manhood. London was spoken of as the most important place to Anglo-Saxon pilgrims. By the justice of its views it has made itself the heart of civilization. As the American stands in Westminster Hall where Charles Stuart made his last appeal for the divine right of kings

or where occurred the fiery deliberations of the Long Parliament, the American feels indebted to these people as to the heroes of the Revolution. A kinship and sympathy is with him wherever he goes. He then spoke of the deliberativeness and capacity for silence which is characteristic of the English people. When the Englishman is silent he is thinking and a conclusion reached is never abandoned. This accounts for his manliness, love of law and liberty; his great ideas stand as finest in the world.

In Paris the pleasure of the minute is the object. An American feels that he is a stranger in a strange land. The French ideas of right and wrong are totally different from those of England or America.

In conclusion the speaker expressed the conviction that with the exception of architecture and art no European power is equal to the United States, and expressed the hope that our government will not continue in that policy which cannot but lapse into militarism and wretchedness.

President Wilson then introduced Mr. Isadore Strauss of New York, to the student body, who made a few well chosen remarks as to relative position of the college man and the non-college man in the business world.

The Southern Collegian.

This is the season when enthusiasm should be at its height among college students. The spirit of the old man has just been invigorated by the renewing of dear associations and the careless heart of the freshman has not yet been saddened by the horrors of exams, and other humiliations which must fall to his lot. Therefore, while the footballist is urging you "to come out" Saturday evening and the frat man beseeches you to "come in" Saturday night, the management and editors of the Southern Collegian beg leave to say that they would be delighted to see your cash "come out" and your manuscripts "come in."

Washington Society.

The program Saturday night was very interesting indeed. Mr. Seig delivered an excellent oration on education in which he set forth clearly and forcibly what constitutes the educated man. An oration by Mr. Wilson was also greatly enjoyed.

Much enthusiasm was manifested in the debate on whether the money appropriated by Virginia to higher education should be given to the public schools. Sloan and Boogher made "long winded" speeches declaring that it should, and neither the arguments of Lamar nor the eloquence of Moore was able to change the impression made on the judges by the gentlemen of the affirmative.

Professor Vance made a short talk urging upon every member the importance of working in the society.

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Bible Classes.

The Bible Study Rally, held last Sunday in the Y. M. C. A. hall, was followed this week by a personal canvass and the results are, so far, excellent. The aim of the association is to give every student an opportunity to join a Bible class, which will benefit him not only as a student of the history contained in the Bible but also as a student of the principals of Christianity. The classes are led by students and meet at times convenient for the members of the class. Those intending to study the "Life of Christ" will meet in the lower chapel Sunday morning at 9.30 to arrange suitable times for the classes. If any student has not been seen by the committee and wishes to know about the work of the classes he will do well to be at the chapel Sunday morning.

The names of Messrs. John Graves and Cameron McCluer were omitted last week from the names of those entitled to wear the University monogram.

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Final Ball Election.

On last Saturday evening a mass-meeting of the student body was held in Newcomb Hall for the purpose of electing the president of the ball of 1901. As was the case last year, there was only one candidate, and as a result the meeting was small, the great majority of the "voters" not feeling called upon to attend an election the result of which was a foregone conclusion.

Mr. D. M. Barclay, '98, presided over the meeting, and having called for nominations the name of Mr. Coleman Rogers Robinson of Louisville, Ky., was presented by Mr. W. D. Conrad.

This nomination having been duly seconded, Mr. Robinson was elected by acclamation.

The RING-TUM PHI congratulates the students upon the selection they have made, and feels sure that under the efficient direction of Mr. Robinson the ball of 1901 is destined to be a brilliant success.

Law Debating Society.

In response to a notice on the bulletin board, the senior and junior law classes assembled in joint meeting Monday morning in Professor Tucker's lecture room and reorganized the "Bradford Debating Society," which has in the last few years proved so valuable an adjunct to the regular work of the law department.

It was decided that the same program should be followed this year as last, the society meeting every Thursday night, and the law faculty to have the selection of both the subject for debate and the debaters, the latter to be chosen from the seniors and juniors alternately.

The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Professor W. R. Vance; vice-president, Mr. W. W. Glass, Va., and secretary, Mr. J. R. Tucker, Va.

The first debate will be held on next Thursday.

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It is fitting and proper that men who play on the athletic teams, row in the annual regatta, or who are successful in the tennis tournaments should wear some distinguishing mark, but 'tis a question whether or not the wearing of the University monogram or the letters "W. L. U." should be limited to such men. Such a law is based on a false premise. It would be just as proper to pass a resolution to the effect that the wearing of the University monogram should be confined to those students who had more class honors or distinctions in any other department of University life. But the question is not what class of men it should be limited to, but whether it should be limited at all. We all love to do honor to the athlete and believe that it is eminently proper that he should wear some mark of distinction, but we also believe that the law limiting the wearing of the monogram to such men has not the effect of bringing the student body into closer union, but rather of detracting from college spirit, and of losing the University no small amount of gratuitous advertising in the sections of country from which its students come. Some of the Universities have adopted the rule of having the men on the athletic teams wear caps with the initials of the teams to which they belong. This could well be put into practice here.

On the whole the football outlook during the past week has become more encouraging. A larger num-

ber of men have been out on the field, and although some of the best material has been compelled to lay off for a few days, a number of men sufficient for two teams has generally been on hand. The practice on Friday afternoon was especially good.

The need of heavy men on the line, however, still exists and the men in college who have been endowed with avoirdupois above the average are still under obligations to go out and use it for the sake of the University. We have an unusual good amount of material this year behind the line, and had we a heavy line we could put a team upon the gridiron of which we might well feel proud.

Those who cannot play the game should go out and give the team their moral support. The financial side of the question also should not be overlooked and everybody should get his season ticket as soon as possible so that the management will not be handicapped on account of the lack of funds.

College Notes.

Did you see the side show?

Who was the accommodating man who gave the lemonade man \$2.00 in small change for a \$5.00 bill?

The new tennis nets have at last arrived and have been placed in position. All of the courts are now available for playing.

Mr. Wertenbaker will commence taking the physical measurements next week. Men who desire to try for the athletic point should give their names to him.

The matriculation books show an enrollment of 208 men, an increase of 26 men over the number of matriculates at the same time last year. A gain of almost a hundred students over the first year of President Wilson's administration. A number of new men are still expected, especially in the law department, and the enrollment will probably go beyond the 225 mark before the end of the year. This is an admirable record and denotes a healthy growth in the University.

J. M. Preston, W. Va., is wearing the S. A. E. pin.

Wm. H. Martin, B. L. '00, has hung up his shingle in Woodstock, Va.

Communicated.

Editor Ring-tum Phi:

Captain Bledsoe had an excellent article in last Saturday's issue on college athletics, but there is one point I should like to enlarge upon a little and that is the false idea that playing on the Varsity team or indulging in any athletics detracts from one's studies,—“haven't got time to study and play ball too.”

The average grade of the footballist, etc., and the rest of the college body (including even the “everlasting pluggers”) having been compared by the faculty, the comparison was decided favorable to the former.

This goes to prove that athletics is a decided help and not a hindrance as all the “plugs” would have us believe. The only time when an excuse of no time is valid is when a man is taking double course law or his A. B. in two years—if the latter be possible. Anyone will then admit that he had better stay at home and plug night and day. It is a mistaken idea if a man thinks he has to do this continuous “boning” on anything less, surely he can easily spare two or three hours out of 24 for a little beneficial exercise. “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,” and if he is not numbskull already he can do it. He may have conscientious scruples and imagine that he can't, but let him try it with real determination and he will do it, and all the better for him. If exercise is heartily taken a man can then do in two hours of application at his work what he couldn't do otherwise in three.

Some may say “it takes my mind off my books,” which is exactly where it does the greatest good; it gives the mind a much needed rest and diverts it into another channel. And then some one says, “but it is apt to stay diverted too long.” Not if you have any respectable force of will power to bring it back, refreshed and invigorated, to your studies. If you haven't the necessary will power then “stir you stumps” to get it; it is the thing you stand most in need of at the present moment, and it will be worth several tickets for you to develop that phase of your character. The graduates most in demand today, especially in our schools, are the ones who combine the two—

studies and athletics. In pursuance of the latter they will have acquired much valuable knowledge that “the book-worm” would never get, will easily distance him and have the greater success in life.

One set of pluggers are those having a strong physique, will not use it for the benefit of the University in her annual contests and who labor under the mistaken notion that they cannot study and play (foot) ball too. The second set are those who plug at the expense of their physique and fail to be men. A third are those who have the physique and make use of the pluggers' cry only to avoid the trouble of training; and the fourth class are—well, just Jack, the plugger, pure and simple. Hence the first three should do all in their power to avoid even the appearance of evil (or membership in the fourth division) and come out at once and help the football team under Captain Bledsoe, who, by the way, has one of the heaviest tickets in college, and yet is not only offering his services as a player but has assumed the additional responsibilities of running the team. A ROOTER.

F. L. Bushong, B. L. '00, is located in Charlestown, W. Va.

H. H. Skyles, B. L. '00, is practicing law in Pennsylvania.

LeRoy C. Barrett, M. A. '98, physical director '98-99, has been visiting his old haunts for the past few days.

Hon. Isadore Strauss of New York, a friend and former colleague of President Wilson in congress, was a guest at the President's home for a few days this week, and addressed the students in chapel Wednesday morning. Mr. Strauss has manifested a substantial interest in Washington and Lee, having given last \$1,000 to the Economic library.

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Kentucky Club Organizes.

A meeting of the Kentuckians in college was held on Thursday in the room of Mr. W. C. Young for the purpose of organizing a Kentucky club.

After the preliminaries which usually accompany a gathering of the sons of this state, a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the regulation of their habits and customs. Other business matters were then attended to. Resolutions of sympathy for the family of the late Mr. Goebel and regret that he had no opportunity to revenge his wrongs were adopted. Ex-Governor Bradley and Professor William Reynolds Vance were unanimously elected honorary members of the association.

A few regulations as to conduct and equipment of the members were agreed upon and ordered to be entered in the by-laws.

The first of these appointed Friday of each week as the regular day for target practice; the second required the leaving of arms outside the meeting house on all occasions except the election of deacons or other church officers.

It was decided to have a commissary, and a dispenser was also thought necessary, owing to result of the recent "spiritual" election. The meeting had by this time become quite enthusiastic and being unable to agree upon any other matters, the Kentuckians adjourned in true Kentucky style.

Graham-Lee Literary Society.

If the acquisition of new members is a criterion of success, Graham-Lee is promised a season of unprecedented activity. Last week a dozen or more men were added to its roll and all of them appeared imbued with the desire "to make things happen" in the literary field.

The regular program as published was carried out. Mr. Preston's oration on "Practical Idealists" was admirably produced. Mr. Shireley's rendition of "The Chariot Race" was well received. After the program, officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: President, W. J. Lauck; vice-president, W. C. Young; treasurer, J. M. Corbett. The last named would be glad of a confidential chat with all members who have not paid their dues.

University Directory.

General Athletic Association:—President, Charles S. McNulty; vice-president, R. W. Crawford; secretary, M. P. Andrews; treasurer, T. A. Bledsoe.

Executive Committee:—Professor D. C. Humphreys, Professor H. D. Campbell, Messrs. McNulty, Andrews, Bledsoe and Crawford.

Football Team:—Manager, F. W. Goshorn; captain, T. A. Bledsoe.

Baseball Team:—Manager, W. J. Lauck; captain, M. P. Andrews.

Cotillion Club:—President, J. Harlan Hiter; secretary and treasurer, W. D. Conrad.

Washington Literary Society:—President, Chas. S. McNulty; secretary, A. L. Burger.

Graham-Lee Literary Society:—President, J. M. Corbett; secretary, W. C. Young.

Y. M. C. A.—President, H. B. Graybill; secretary, W. G. McDowell, Jr.

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Graduating with distinction and with the rank of captain at V. P. L., he came to W. and L. U. for a few months of the session of '98-'99, resigning from college to accept a position with an electrical in New York. While in the discharge of his duties there came a call from "the great beyond." 'Tis splendid to face death bravely at all times, but to face it with faith and an unflinching eye at the post of duty when the Master calls, is sublimity.

The Cotillion Club Hop.

The second hop of the season was given last night at the University gymnasium under the auspices of the Cotillion club.

At 11 o'clock the hop was turned into a german, and under the excellent leadership of President Hiter of the Cotillion club, some very pretty figures were executed.

While the number of those present was small every one enjoyed the dance, from the beginning until the last strains of the Home, Sweet Home waltz.

The V. M. I. orchestra furnished the music for the occasion.

The ladies present were Mrs. S. B. Walker, who wore blue organdie; Mrs. M. P. Burk, black satin and lace; Mrs. Withers, black satin; Miss Annie R. White, white organdie; Miss Virginia Nichols, white organdie; Miss Bruce Houston, white organdie, trimmed in black ribbon; Miss Williams, black organdie, with pearls; Miss Bettie Wilson, white

organdie; Miss Butler, black organdie, with diamonds; Miss Brockenbrough, white organdie, trimmed in black velvet; Miss Elizabeth Nichols, white organdie.

The gentlemen were: Messrs. Graves, Waddell, Price, Robinson, Hiter, Booker, Osburn, Bagley, Barclay, Barrett, Rouse, Burks, Conrad, Daniels, Bridges, McCluer, and Major Marshall of V. M. I.

An Observation.

Chewers of tobacco in the junior law class should make a study of the tobacco worm. He is an inveterate chewer of the weed; nay, he even eats it with great pleasure to himself—to the disgust of the grower. Yet the professional epicure in the dining saloon of the Waldorf-Astoria could not be more fastidious or cleanly with all the necessary accoutrements of spotless linen, finger bowls, etc., than is the beautiful creature chewing away assiduously during the summer nights, cool and sweet with rest for man but of ceaseless toil for nature and her minion hirelings. These observations have led to the conclusion that it might be well for the chewers of the junior law class to acquire the habit of eating tobacco instead of merely chewing it. Of course, the stomach might at the first trial offer slight objections but persistence in the effort would surely overcome unnecessary repugnance, a repugnance that is heroically overcome in learning to chew. If this perfection in the use of tobacco is reached it will eliminate the necessity of making a pool near your seat much like the drippings from an umbrella, or of usings the windows for cuspidors. We cannot believe the maple floors of law building were intended for the purpose set forth above, although we confess it might be a fruitful subject for debate among the juniors.

It is pitiful to contemplate a man who cannot conquer a desire to take an inhale of a cigarette or to take a chew of tobacco for a period of one hour and a half. ANARCHIST.

E. L. Beale is in business in Courtland, Va.

W. R. Allen, Ky., is wearing the Kappa Alpha pin.

Mr. Wilmer H. Shields, '73, who has been visiting his sons, left Friday for Natchez, Miss.

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