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Review of Collegian.

The October number of the Southern Collegian is before the college world. It is very pretty in its cover of red and black—colors suggestive of the jerseys of the St. Albans football team. Why this yearning for the colors of other institutions? Last year the Collegian wore a new coat with each issue and each worse than its predecessor. Lets return to our own colors—white and blue, fairer than the fairest. "Our colors, may they ever be right; but right or wrong, our colors."

"On Valentine's Statue of Lee" is worth reading, and then re-reading. This can not often be said of college poetry. And yet the poem is not free from flaws—flaws we are surprised the author did not pause upon. For instance, in this line: "And features where one almost sees the heart." Here we are supposed to forget the literal, but it will not down. It is not often we look for the softening lines of the heart in the features of the living, and never in cold marble. The compliment to the sculptor's genius is far too high and there is a strain about the expression that makes one feel uncomfortable. Again, it is not fair to the stars to say they "shed" a "golden light" that is generally attributed to the vulgar sun. The light of the stars is poetry; the light of the sun is prose. "Immortal statue to immortal dead" is the best line of the poem, but reached a mark the author was not able to sustain. We expect to find the strongest lines at the conclusion, but find the weakest. However, in justice it must be said, the poem is the best that has appeared in the Collegian for several sessions.

We have a few words of comment and not of criticism in regard to "The Meaning of College Spirit." We simply want to protest against the use of the pages of the Collegian by the faculty. We hear enough of that august tribunal in the lecture room, and it is a pleasure to turn from their conscientious harangues to our boyish productions

in the college papers, though they may every one smack of all that is not original and not literary. We have the elbow touch of our fellows in the crowd and the fine spirit of self restraint shown upon the athletic field. Hence we turn with a curious satisfaction to the pages of our college papers to find how they express themselves in the quiet of their rooms, when they know that other eyes are to read and judge. There we learn more of each other and "see ourselves as others see us," and that is the prime object of a college magazine. Point to a man in college who ever reads the commencement number of the Collegian, with its learned addresses upon everything we already knew was good for us. They look at the pictures and throw it away with disgust. We want our papers to be a reflection of student life—"only this and nothing more."

We had a chase, although not a very exciting one, for "A Molecule of Love" promised in the subject of the first bit of fiction and bagged it in the very last line, "then they kissed each other. This is the best of several very poor stories. The author has succeeded tolerably well in infusing in his story a good deal of the college atmosphere, which makes it barely readable, but the story is forced and falls with a clap that sends a chill through even the initiated. A more original "bone of contention" than a woman's hand might well have been chosen.

*For woman's hearts are bubbles blown
Into the sun drenched air
By too s, who grant when they have flown,
They were but passing fair.*

The conversation about marks could have been well cut out. It savored too much of "prepishness" and high school declaimers' medals to suit well in a University magazine.

We shudder to contemplate the desperate straits of the editor when compelled to publish such stuff as "Overheard" and "On the Green-brier." An ink blot generously distributed over both productions

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Communicated.

Editor Ring-Tum Phi:

I would like to make use of your columns to express an idea which appears to me most reasonable and which I believe should be and could be with profit put into practice by the faculty or rather the board of trustees as it would most probably come in their province.

First, I wish to remark upon the very little attention that is paid to advertising by this University, which I believe should be more largely attended to. Every reasonable man in these days recognizes the vast influence of judicious advertising, and a mere glance at the great newspapers and periodicals which are published in this country show to what great extent colleges in this way make known their claims and their inducements to the public.

Secondly, I wish to note how few men are sent out by this institution each vacation to further its interests and secure patrons. We do not have to go far to find an instance of the great advantage which these two means of advertising bring to an institution. The University of Virginia is a good example. They believe in advertising and in having representatives to travel for them. The writer saw several of their representatives the past summer and was in a position to understand the vast good which they accomplished. Moreover, in every reputable paper he saw their well known advertisement, while he saw Washington and Lee advertised but once or twice (and that in no widely read journals) and saw no travelling representatives.

It is true that we had a very few men "on the road" and the large delegation from way down in Florida shows what one energetic and capable "hustler" did. If one man can secure as many patrons from a state as far off as Florida, why can't others secure more from our own state of Virginia. We do not get our share of Virginia college students. It is true that we get the majority of those in this valley and

probably as many from the southwestern portion of the state as any other institution.

But where are we in the eastern and southeastern part of this state? We are nowhere. We stand idly by and see numbers of students from this section gobbled up by our contemporaries, whose inducements are far inferior to our own. This section of Virginia is known to be the most prosperous and enterprising part of the state and sends hundreds of representatives to different colleges each year. Why can't we get them? Don't we want them? To be sure we are not overcrowded. Certainly we want them and we can get them if we try.

Sad to say, there are many young men in this very state who are ignorant of any of the advantages of Washington and Lee University and only know of it from its historical connection. It is even supposed to be out of date and at a standstill by many intelligent people in eastern and southeastern Virginia. It cannot be denied that there is some excuse for this. Disinterested persons cannot be expected to follow the fortunes of an institution so seldom brought to their notice with any degree of concern.

Hustling tells. In the present time of wide-awake and enterprising institutions we cannot expect our past laurels to forever keep us prominently in view and secure for us that patronage which the merits of our institution can justly claim.

I, for one, wish to see my college forge ahead and keep abreast with the times and I am sure that I voice the sentiments of every loyal son of Washington and Lee University. Let us have more "hustlers." Send the right men to the right section of our own state and reap the benefits that others are each year securing with no competition on our part. There can be no doubt that the plan will pay in the end so let it be adopted.

PATRIOT.

Miss Jean Sprunt of Rock Hill, S. C., is visiting the Misses Booker.

Miss Elizabeth Ross is at home from a visit to Richmond.

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At the next student mass-meeting the question whether or not the wearing of the University monogram should be limited to those who have won athletic honors or the privilege should be extended to all students of the University will be taken up. We are of the opinion that the latter should be the case. Those who have played on the athletic teams or rowed on the boat crews should be accorded the privilege of wearing some distinguishing mark, but the monogram is not an athletic monogram. It is the monogram of the University and as such every student should enjoy the right of wearing it, if he so desires.

Notice.

There will be a mass-meeting of the students in Tucker Hall on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of electing an editor-in-chief, assistant editor and business manager for the Calyx of 1900-1901.

Football Scores.

V. M. I., 10; Georgetown, 17.
Princeton, 0; Cornell, 12.
Yale, 35; Indians, 0.
Virginia, 17; V. P. I., 5.
Hampden-Sidney, 34; Richmond College, 0.
Harvard, 11; Brown, 6.
Michigan, 5; Iowa, 28.
Chicago, 0; Northwestern, 5.
Richmond, 11; Randolph-Macon, 6.

The Greeks.

As the rush for goats has greatly subsided and the different fraternities have assumed their working basis for the year, we give below a list of the various Greek letter societies with their membership.

Kappa Alpha—Allen, R.H.; Robert Ring, W. J. Turner, S. C. Bagley. Affiliates—L. Newman, Randolph-Macon; R. P. Daniel, Jr., Sewanee. Initiates—Foster, Allen, Bozeman, Floyd, Montgomery.

Delta Tau Delta—Old men: M. P. Andrews, W. D. Cooke, B. D. Causey, W. G. Pendleton, T. C. Turner. Initiates—G. G. Worthen, T. G. Stone.

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Nu Pi Lambda—Old men: W. P. Ott, R. C. Biggs, T. Eals, Bernard Shively, D. E. Witt, J. C. McClure, W. J. Lauck. Initiates—R. C. Lord, McCoy, G. Niswander, Henry.

Sigma Chi—Old men: J. R. Tucker, W. D. Conrad, W. S. Robertson, Jr.; G. B. Shields. Affiliates—Massie, Ohio State University. Initiates—M. P. Burks, Jr.; Price, Dennis, Baker.

Phi Gamma Delta—G. M. Forrester, William Allen, R. McCrum, S. M. Glasgow, Henry Hall, J. C. McPheeters. Initiate—Tabb.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon—Old men: C. R. Robinson, J. H. Hiter, F. W. Goshorn, Arbuckle. Initiates—Pettet Robinson, Barnett, Osborne, Thomas, Clark, Preston.

Alpha Tau Omega—Moise.

Kappa Sigma—E.E. Booker, Harby, Woodson.

Pi Kappa Alpha—T.N. Jones, H. C. Hobbs.

Theta Nu Epsilon—C.R. Robinson, R. H. Wooters, J. R. Tucker, G. B. Shields, E. E. Booker, W. J. Lauck, F. W. Goshorn, J.W. Bagley, R. L. Owen. Affiliates—T.N. Jones, Witherspoon. Initiates—S. C. Bagley, W. D. Conrad.

Phi Kappa Psi—Old men: E.R. Preston, Smith, Lamar. Initiates—Anderson, Swartz.

Phi Delta Theta—H. R. Keeble, S. A. Witherspoon, H. B. Graybill, J. W. Marshall, O. T. Feamster, J. W. Bagley, Allan, Epes, Stockton, Heth, T. D. Sloan. Initiates—Wm. Hankins, Bright, Fielder.

Phi Kappa Sigma—C. S. McNul-

ty, R. H. Wooters, R. O. Crockett, C. F. Spencer, J. A. Moore, W. J. Elgin, W. W. Glass, Jr. Initiates—McRae, Tucker, Glass.

Beta Theta Pi—Bridges, Pancake.

Bradford Debating Society.

The question before the society at its regular meeting on last Thursday was the case of Field v. Holland, 6 Cranch. 27, the appellant being represented by Messrs. Arbuckle and Malony, and the appellee by Messrs. Eckles and Fox. The president appointed the following gentlemen to act as a supreme court: Wall, C. J., and Swaringen, Glass, Weinberg and Brown, J. J.

The counsel for the appellant ably upheld the cause of their client, insisting upon the equity and justice of the "Civil law rule" in regard to the application of payments on a debt, which was the principal point in the case.

The counsel for the appellee delivered several well directed thrusts at the above mentioned rule and based their case on the rule as laid down by the supreme court of the United States.

Wall, C. J., then delivered his opinion, Swaringen, Glass and Brown, J. J., concurring, and Weinberg, J., dissenting.

The case was then put to the class sitting as a supreme court of appeals and the decision of the supreme court was reversed.

The members of the society should remember that the hour of meeting has been changed from 8 o'clock to 7:30 and try to be on time.

Letters from China.

Dr. Howe instead of delivering a formal address in chapel on Wednesday morning, entertained the students by reading a series of interesting letters from a chaplain with the American army in China covering the entire period from the fighting at Tien Tsin to the capture of Peking. The letters were fresh and interesting and were greatly enjoyed. They abounded in incidents which came under the personal observation of the writer, and gave the hearers a peep behind the curtain in China. The descriptions of the Chinese cities and country, of the bravery of the American troops, of the peculiar customs of the Japanese and other foreign soldiery, were given in an entertaining and vivid manner. We regret that the bell forced the Doctor to stop before he had finished reading the letters.

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Personals.

Dean Tucker is absent on a northern trip.

Kolb has been sick during the past week.

Mr. John L. Campbell has been spending a few days in the country hunting.

Horace Moore has left college and will travel for a manufacturing firm in the South.

Prof. Harry Campbell on last Saturday night delivered a lecture geology to the young ladies of Hollins Institute.

Prof. W. R. Vance was in Kentucky this week attending the marriage of Mr. Kennedy Helm, an old University man, to Miss Elizabeth Nelson of Winchester.

Class of '01.

The senior class met in Dr. Quarles' room Thursday evening to consider the question of adopting a suitable emblem. Several suggestions were offered and there was some difference among the members as to what would most suitably distinguish the '01 from the other classes and add more dignity, if that be possible. A committee was appointed to look into the matter. Some original ideas were considered, but they will not be divulged for fear that '02 will seize them and regard them as evolved by some particular bright member of her class.

The Last Tick from the Wire.

Special Dispatch to the King-tum Phil.

Lexington, Va.,

11.59 a. m., Nov. 15, 1900.

Your reporter here has just found out that there is a movement on foot among the members of the faculty to furnish the polished, extraordinary hard wood benches in the chemistry lecture room with a perfectly lovely set of beautiful plush cushions. This is an official secret for the faculty wish to present the above cushions as a Christmas gift to Dr. Howe in token of their esteem and in order to better preserve the benches.

I have consulted some of the leading students who thoroughly approve the idea and give enthusiastic evidence of appreciation. From interviews with the leading tailors I find they will strenuously oppose the scheme as it will greatly decrease their sale of trousers.

Graham-Lee.

Last Saturday evening Messrs. White and Ring were formally inaugurated and inducted into the positions of president and vice-president respectively. Before taking the chair Mr. White made a forcible address in which he outlined the policy of his administration, declaring that one of the strongest planks in his platform would be found in a rigid adherence to the constitution and bylaws, and to parliamentary procedure. Mr. Ring could not be prevailed upon to speak. Mr. Corbett was appointed critic, and Mr. Tucker censor by the president.

Mr. Oberlin was the orator of the evening and delivered a well written oration in which he worked out some rare combinations of the figure four. The declamation of Mr. Causey was excellent and was well received. The debate hinged on the question whether we grow less happy as we grow more learned. None of the vast learning of the members present seemed to be oppressive to them, and consequently the affirmative side of the question had few champions. Messrs. Tucker, Blaine, Oberlin, Corbett and several voluntary debaters made some very good points on the subject.

Tonight two orators and four debaters, together with a president, vice-president and secretary will be elected to take part in the intermediate celebration of the society on Jan. 19, General Lee's birthday. By a constitutional amendment passed last year a member was debarred from voting in any election unless his dues and fines were paid, so that all delinquents should see the treasurer at once in order not to be disfranchised.

The Wash.

The meeting of the Wash. Saturday night was large and enthusiastic. Our meetings this year have been far above the average of former years. This may be attributed largely to the fact that the freshmen are showing up better than ever before. The election for intermediate orators and debaters takes place tonight and we expect the freshmen to get their share of the places.

The orations Saturday night were delivered by Swank and H. R. Phelps. Both speeches were to be commended. The declaimers were Ellis, Spittler, Sampson and Barnett and all delivered excellent declama-

tions. Mr. Spittler is a good speaker, but, however, seems to be of the opinion that "even this shall pass away."

The debate, "Resolved, That the period of the school and college education is the most important period of a man's life," was handled ably on both sides. On the affirmative were Armstrong, Conover and Glasgow. On the negative Phelps, R. R., and Hankins. Special mention should be made of Phelps' speech. It was clear, logical and to the point.

Let everybody remember the election tonight and come out prepared to see that the right man is elected. The officers to be elected are two orators, four debaters, a president, a secretary, a vice-president and a chief marshal.

University Directory.

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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.

Fraternities : Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Mu Pi Lambda, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon.

Student Publications : The KING-TUM PHIL, published weekly by the students; J. R. Tucker, business manager; W. J. Lauck, editor-in-chief.

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would have been truly a dispensation of providence, or the printer (which, is not material), and would have been a "consummation devoutly to be wished." "Sammy, the Sang Digger," the hero with a consumptive cough, stirs us to bloody tears of compassion, although we labor under the horrid suspicion that he was only the hero because he died—a natural death.

The author of "History; True and False," tells us we must look at several sources for the truth of history, and then tries to prove the truth of the assertion by quoting from one source alone. The article shows more preparation and deserves more credit for that fact alone than it will probably get, for there are some few of us left in Lexington who are tired of hearing orations and reading essays on the "Lost Cause."

"Stella, a Star," by Marks M. Max. We hope the gentleman will make his mark in the world, but that for the sake of literature it will not depend upon his "Stella, a Star." The thing is utterly without sense. It is hard to read, but reading it backwards by paragraph the writer suggests an improvement. Try it.

The "Tale of a House" is the flash of a pistol in a Southern love story, in which jealousy, love and revenge are the star performers. The story is lacking in originality of plot and style. In its directions and brutality it brings up visions of the Chicago stock pens or a company of barn stormers at popular pries.

"The Revelation" reveals the fact that a thread-bare simile can be drawn out eight verses in length.

The editorials are the best we have had the pleasure of reading in the Collegian. Stereotyped apologies are absent and a pleasant assertion of independence, linked with a wholesome style, gives promise of greater productions. "Squibs from a Scribe" are very entertaining and we wish the author had favored us with another page or so. But "linked sweetness long drawn out" is not for him or us.

L. A. Hickman, A. B. '99, is studying law at the University of Louisville.

C. M. Barnes is first assistant in the University school at Montgomery, Ala.

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