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THE CRITIC CRITICISED.

Editor Ring-tum Phi :

"Would some power the critic gie us
To see ourselves as others see us."

If all the readers of the Collegian regarded its contents in the cold and terrible light of its critic in your columns of last week, forsooth I would warn its every contributor against ever daring to look at a pen again, much less attempt to write an article. Its very thunder must be enough to frighten away any young aspirant for literary honors, or even one with considerable experience from ever presuming to run the gauntlet of the fire from my Lord Critic's awful batteries. I, for one, am so supremely grateful to myself that I hadn't an "aspiration" in our magazine that I can never congratulate myself sufficiently. The only hope we can ever have for the further continuance of the Collegian is for our illustrious and august judge of literary merit to write an article himself. Ah! then, and then only, could our time honored monthly be preserved from utter perdition. I have a lurking suspicion (may I be pardoned) that such is his intention, since he condescends to bestow a word of praise on the editorial, and thus saves a remnant of the recent issue from the consuming flame. I agree with him that the editorials were good, also in preferring the old colors of which he writes and which were so unreasonably turned down in last year's edition. I too deplore the fact that the commencement Collegian should be a catalogue or advertisement of the University (and apparently its only one). I agree with sundry of his strictures but I do not agree with our autocrat of criticism in delivering such sweeping broadsides of irony. The whole staff of the Collegian must hang their heads in shame over the first production and they themselves hurled into the depths of despair over the prospect of bringing forth another edition to be subjected to

another such withering blast of "ridiculous satire."

May I dare to say that I think the poem "On Valentine's Statue of Lee" was well worthy of commendation, (of course it was not up to the critic's high standard, but none of us can hope to attain that height) yet I have never seen a hayseed "love ditty" worse "roasted" by the city editor than was that poem by the autocrat—after which follows "In justice may it be said, the poem is the best that has appeared in the Collegian for several sessions." If the author of the poem is a young man he must have begun to raise once more his crushed and bleeding feelings and venture to breathe again to find that his effort, even as it lay torn and bedraggled, was the best brought forth in college, lo, these many years. That, doubtless, saved his life, but was after the aforesaid "roasting" "awful rough" on dozens of previous editions.

The Collegian staff should at once solemnly warn all its would be contributors against daring to write a love story, because thus saith our critic, this must be abolished, "a more original bone of contention than a woman's hand" must henceforth be chosen. Our critic cannot abide "love stories," that's apparent, but I'm curious to know who "she" was that so embittered him against all such "idle sentimentality," for here he is moved to fiercely quote something like the following, "women's hearts are bubbles anyway and blown by fools about in summer air." "She" was probably a light haired lassie and he blew too hard.

In conclusion I would warn every one not to attempt to write an essay on "The Lost Cause." The critic says he is wearied of such. The sons of the soldiers in grey must henceforth let their fathers' names go down to dishonor through falsification and never attempt to right their wrongs. Their attempts may be feeble now but they may be the forerunners of something more able in the future,—so try to be more gentle, Sir Critic, and don't blast

their budding hopes so sternly. Suffer them awhile. "Criticism dealt with kind intent will do the youthful author good * * * while the fiercer turns of ridicule may kill." Z.

A Good Idea.

EDITOR RING-TUM PHI :

During the last year or two class spirit has begun to appear in our midst and is a harbinger of much good to the student body at large. One of its natural outgrowths is the wearing of some emblem by which to distinguish the classes. It has long been customary for each Senior class to adopt some such emblem and last year it extended to all four classes. The rage then was for caps, and there were three different designs. But who last summer wore his cap, when nearly every "prep." schoolboy had one, maybe of a higher class than his own? This is a University, and we ought to adopt University customs, and not those we get from our higher schools.

There is a custom prevalent in this country and abroad which if changed to suit our conditions would make a useful as well as ornamental means of distinguishing the members of the different classes. Instead of wearing caps of different colors, agree on a University hat, which can be easily selected from the various styles now being worn and which can be changed from time to time as occasion may demand. Then let the hatband be the distinctive mark. Colors can be adopted for the different classes and if desired for the different degrees conferred. Thus one can tell at a glance from the colors of his hatband whether the student is a Senior, Junior, Soph., or Freshman. This will look well wherever it appears, and will signify something without having the ugly figures attached. It will be worn more generally and thus help to unite the classes more closely.

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Graham-Lee Hall.

It is gratifying to note the increased interest which is being taken in the society, both among the old men and the new.

On last Saturday night Mr. Daniels delivered an instructive oration on the Negro problem, tracing the history of the race in this country and suggesting a plan for developing it in the future. His oration was well written and delivered. Messrs. Moffett and Warner were the declaimers of the evening.

Stress of time cut short the debate and an anxious world is still groping in uncertainty as to whether or no President McKinley's re-election was an endorsement by the American people.

Politics were the next thing on the program as this was the night for the election of men to serve in the Intermediate Celebration on Jan. 19th. Mr. R. C. Biggs was chosen as chief marshal on that occasion. Mr. R. H. Allen was elected president of the celebration; Mr. M. T. Pendleton, vice-president; Mr. Warner, secretary. Messrs. Wall and Shively were elected to compete for the orator's medal. The debaters elected were Messrs. Breckenridge, J. W. S. Tucker, McClure, Tenter.

Notice.

The management has decided to reduce the price of the RING-TUM PHI to \$1.00 for the remainder of the session. Only one-third of the guaranteed number of issues have appeared, leaving 20 more issues to appear during the year, and it is the hope of the management that every student in college who is not already a subscriber will take advantage of this offer and help us out. It is surprising but it is a fact that not one-half of the students of the University are subscribers to the college weekly paper. This is a deplorable condition of affairs and is one which it should be a matter of pride with every student to correct.

A canvass of the college will be made next week with the purpose of seeing personally every man who is not now a subscriber, but it would be a gratification if every student who wishes to subscribe would give his name to the manager or his assistant.

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The review of the Collegian met with the concurrence of the RING-TUM PHI. The writer of the communication in the present issue also seems to fully agree with it, except in the fact that the critic was too rigorous in his strictures. Such was not his intention. The criticism was not meant to be destructive nor to drive away would-be contributors to the Collegian, but to benefit it as much as possible. If it so far transgressed the limit of legitimate criticism as to deal in wrong, as some are inclined to think, we hope that something may be pardoned to the spirit which prompted it. Again, it was not the intention of the article to create the impression that the faculty were trying to control the Collegian, or attempting to thrust some of their articles down the throats of the unwilling students. We all know that the articles which appear in the Collegian from the faculty are requested. We merely wished to say that the Collegian should be made as nearly representative of the students as possible.

Many things have been said and can be said about the game on last Saturday. The habitual croaker has had his fill of things to talk about, and is now giving vent to prophetic utterances in regard to the game with Central. Be these things as they may, we know what the students feel and think. Their sympathies are with the team and they know that they did their best, and in doing that did well, as they were opposed to one of the best, if not the

best eleven in the South. We yelled before the game, we yelled after it, and shall continue to yell as long as we have a team on the gridiron. It would be poor college spirit that was diminished or grown faint in the day of adversity. Let every student make it his duty to be down to the train on Wednesday and give the eleven a rousing start for their trip to Charleston.

A good way to get rid of the delay in attending to matters which effect the whole student body, and of transacting business without friction in mass-meetings would be to elect an officer to be known as the president of the student body. Upon him could be laid the duties of calling all mass meetings to consider matters in which the students are interested, and of presiding over them when assembled. This plan has been tried in other institutions and has been found to work admirably. We would like to hear the expressions of the students on it here.

Phi Delta Theta Convention

The biennial convention of the Phi Delta Theta meets at Louisville, Ky., Nov. 26th to Dec. 1st, 1900. The Zeta chapter of Washington and Lee will be represented by Messrs. H. R. Keeble and J. W. Marshall. The attendance will be the largest on record as the society is very strong in Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and as the social features are unusually elaborate. Reduced rates on the certificate plan are offered by all railroads. In addition to the business sessions there will be two receptions and a dance on the opening night, a ball, a banquet, a smoker and a theatre party on succeeding evenings, with a buffet breakfast, a 5 o'clock tea and a football game in between. The fraternity now has 11,000 members, among them General Benjamin Harrison, Hon. A. E. Stevenson, Hon. E. H. Conger, minister to China, Hon. A. C. Harris, minister to Austria, Senator Blackburn and General Funston. About 1,100 members are now college students, there being 64 chapters of these and 41 alumni clubs, the largest number of any fraternity.

This fraternity is one of the oldest in the country. It was founded in 1848 at Miami University, Oxford, O., where it celebrated its semi-centennial two years ago with appropriate exercises.

Mass-Meeting.

A mass-meeting was held in Tucker Hall on Monday afternoon to elect editors and business managers of the Calyx for '00-'01. Mr. Jenkins was called to the chair and presided over the meeting.

Nominations were first in order for the editor-in-chief. Mr. Lauck proposed the name of Mr. H. R. Keeble and he was unanimously elected. Messrs. Bledsoe and Sydenstricker were nominated for the position of assistant editor and the vote resulted in a good majority for the former.

Next the question of having two business managers instead of one manager and an assistant was taken up. The vote on a motion to this effect resulted first in favor of the negative. After much discussion a motion for reconsideration of this matter was carried and the first motion being again placed before the house, was carried.

Messrs. Graves and Ring were elected joint managers without opposition.

The Calyx business being disposed of, a motion to the effect that the privilege of wearing a University cap with the letters W. L. U. thereon be extended to all students, was introduced. This privilege is at present confined to the members of athletic teams and they seemed loathe to have it extended to others. There was much confusion in the discussion of this matter and many failed to get a clear idea of what was proposed.

The crowd was tired, however, and the confusion so great that the meeting adjourned without reaching any decision on this subject.

Brockenbrough Memorial

A movement has been started among the admirers and friends of the late Judge Brockenbrough to raise a fund sufficient to place a portrait and memorial tablet in Tucker Hall in honor of Judge Brockenbrough as the founder of the Washington and Lee law school. The movement is in charge of Hon. Wm. A. Anderson, Judge W. P. Houston and Mr. W. G. McDowell, and in the hands of such competent gentlemen it will doubtless soon be carried into successful execution. Mr. John L. Campbell is treasurer of the fund.

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After tea some games were indulged in to the thorough enjoyment of every one—games of most ingenious invention, calculated to test quite accurately the literary ability of every participant. Miss Ross carried off the first honors, while the claimants for the "booby" were numerous. Thus the hours flew by and only too soon was it realized that the merry party was breaking up and that one more evening of genuine pleasure had been added to the lives of all. Those present were Misses May Ross, Nellie Glasgow, Edmonia Smith, Martha Moore, Hope Stuart, and Messrs. A.M. Hamilton, Tabb, H.W. Hamilton, Owen Wilson, Sanders, Blain, Anderson, Wallace and Laird.

The Game With Central.

On next Wednesday afternoon the eleven will leave on the 4 o'clock train for Charleston, W. Va., where they will meet Central on the gridiron on Thanksgiving day. A special rate of four dollars for the round trip has been obtained and all the students that possibly can should take advantage of it and go along to cheer the team. The trip from Clifton Forge will be made on a special car. The football men who will play in the game have not yet been selected.

The University of California is to have a \$2,000,000 gymnasium to be built of white marble. Open air exercise will be made possible by the construction of a movable roof.

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Debut of the D. M. K.

ITS FIRST APPEARANCE A SOCIAL SUCCESS.

The young ladies' club, the D. M. K., made its debut last Tuesday evening at the library party given by the Misses Booker. Each guest wore something indicating the title of a book and a prize was offered to the one guessing the largest number of books represented. It was won by Miss Glasgow. The judges were unable to decide whether Miss Mary Preston Moore, Miss Mary C. Moore or Mr. Wooters deserved the prize for the best representation. The difficulty was solved by resorting to lots, and the goddess of chance gave her decision in favor of Miss Mary Preston Moore who wore a picture of a donkey and the letters O. & T., being "Don Quixote."

The next feature of the entertainment gave each one an opportunity of trying their skill at guessing a number of pictorial advertisements, from which the names had been removed. Mr. Myers was most successful in supplying these and was given the prize, while Mr. Jones, the most unsuccessful, was rewarded for his trouble with the booby.

After these contests the guests repaired to the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The house was decorated with yellow and white, the club colors predominating, while those mysterious letters, D. M. K., apparently overcoming all laws of gravity, arranged themselves under an arch of yellow and white, entwined with ivy.

The club members present were: Miss Helen Booker, as "Cast Up by the Sea;" Miss Lucilla Booker, "Under Two Flags;" Miss Denny, "The Initials;" Miss Glasgow, "Nicholas Niehleby;" Miss Bruce Houston, "Lucile;" Miss Mary Houston, "Yesterday, Today and Forever;" Miss Mary C. Moore, "The Past and Present;" Miss Mary P. Moore, "Don Quixote;" Miss Martha Moore, "One Summer;" Miss McCrum, "Hilt to Hilt;" Miss Myers, "In Ole Virginny;" Miss Poague, "White Apron;" Miss Pratt, "The Ky. Cardinal;" Miss May Ross, "Good Luck;" Miss Edmonia Smith, "The Initials;" Miss Stuart, "The Lilac Sunbeam."

The guests were: Miss McGuire of Winchester, Va., as "Two on a Tower;" Miss Sprunt of Rock Hill, S.C., "Nicholas Niehleby." Messrs.

Allen, "The Light that Failed;" Boaz, "That Frenchman;" Bledsoe, "Letters from Hell;" Booker, "The Lamplighter;" Crockett, "Between Two Lights;" Cook, "The Red Cockade;" Ellis, "Innocence Abroad;" Foster, "The Sign of the Four;" Hall, "The First Violin;" Hutchison, "Innocence Abroad;" Hamilton, "Ivanhoe;" Jones, "Youth's Companion;" McNulty, "Innocence Abroad;" Myers, "Treasure Island;" Preston, "Youth's Companion;" Vaughn, "The Quick and the Dead;" Wooters, "Paradise Lost;" Young, "Essay on Man;" Captain Watts, "The White Company;" Mr. Sales, "Benjamin on Sale."

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.

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The ball was put in play by Smith of W. L. U., who kicks to the 40 yard line. Roller catches the ball and returns it 10 yards. McCabe advances the ball 3 yards, Kirk 4 yards, and Wise 5 yards. The V. M. I. continue to advance the ball until they reach our 30 yard line. Then they lose the ball on downs, but our backs are unable to gain an inch. Booker makes a beautiful punt of 40 yards. V. M. I. gets the ball and by steady gains through our line score a touchdown but failed to kick goal. Thus the first half continues until the V. M. I. have made 22 points.

Second half begins with a big brace up on our part and our men play like different players. Bledsoe, Montgomery and Foster by terrific bucks carry the ball 3 or 4 yards into the territory of the enemy. But alas! Just when a touchdown seemed certain our plucky captain was knocked out and was compelled to leave the field. The rest of the game was but a shadow of a football game. The game ended with V. M. I., 41; W. L. U., 0.

Those men who deserve special credit on W. & L's team are Bledsoe, Allen, Hall, Storrett, Smith and Montgomery. The whole V. M. I. team played as one man and it would be impossible to determine the ones that deserved most credit.

The lines:

V. M. I.	Position.	W. L. U.
Marshall, S. Tucker	left end	Bledsoe, (Capt) Thompson
Marshall, G. Martin	left tackle	Ellis
Johnston, J. Milton	left guard	Trundel
Wright	centre	Allen
Smiley	right guard	Whipple
Tucker	right tackle	Storrett
Lee		
Wise, H.	right end	Smith
Johnson		
Roller (Capt.)	quarter back	Graves
Hudgins		Hall, Allan
McCabe	left half back	Robinson
Claggett		Montgomery
Rawn	right half back	Foster
Perry		Booker
Kirk, Roller	full back	
Touchdowns—Johnson, G. Marshall, Claggett, Rawn, Perry & Kirk. Goals kicked—Kirk & Tucker. Timekeepers—Cadet Hudson and Student Goshorn. Linesmen—Cadet Hyland and Student Swartz.		

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