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Wm. L. Wilsob Memorial.

Rapid progress is being made in raising the funds for the endowment of a Wilson Chair in Economics. Already \$20,000 of the required \$100,000 has been raised, and there can be little doubt as to the ultimate success of the undertaking. As will be seen from the circular letter printed below, a number of Mr. Wilson's personal friends and former associates have formed a committee for the raising of the requisite amount. Dean Tuoker has also made several recent trips north in behalf of the movement.

The endowment of a Wilson scholarship will be a small but graceful tribute by the people of the north to the life and character of our late president. The people of the South with whom he was more closely associated as a soldier, a statesman, and an educator, should also be permitted to show their appreciation of his services. It is to be hoped that some time a Wilson Memorial Hall will be erected as a home for the departments of Sociology, Political Science, History and Philosophy.

THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

In view of the great public service, the broad patriotism and beautiful traits of character which adorned the life of the late William L. Wilson, his friends throughout the Union have determined to erect to his memory a memorial worthy of his life and character. In determining the form that such memorial should take, they have been greatly influenced by the following facts:

When Mr. Wilson was elected president of Washington and Lee University in the year 1897, he found that there was no chair of economics in the University, and upon examination found that there was no such distinct chair in any Southern university. His public life had shown him the importance of inculcating in the minds of the young men of the country sound financial and economical views. So impressed was he with this thought

that out of his own meagre salary he established and largely supported a chair of economics, the funds of the University not permitting of such expenditure. His friends have, therefore, concluded that no more fitting and enduring monument can be erected to his memory than the endowment of the chair of economics which he himself established, and for several years sustained, in the University, to be known as the William L. Wilson Chair of Economics; and that the memorial may be worthy of the man in whose honor it is erected and that the services of the highest scholarship may be secured in carrying out his purpose, they have been impressed with the propriety and importance of raising at least \$100,000 for this purpose. The undersigned committee has been selected to take charge of and prosecute the work to a completion; and it earnestly appeals to the friends of education throughout the Union as well as to Mr. Wilson's personal friends, and to those who honor and exalt personal virtue and patriotism, to aid in effecting the desired result.

[Signed:]

- GROVER CLEVELAND, Ch'n.
- ABRAM S. HEWITT,
- GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY,
- ISIDOR STRAUS,
- ROBERT FULTON CUTTING,
- JOHN G. CARLISLE,
- JAMES C. CARTER.
- HERBERT WELCH, Sec'y.

Communicated.

Editor Ring-tum Phi:

I would like to call the attention of the proper authorities to the condition of the path leading to the rear door of the gymnasium. This being entirely constructed of clay, has been reduced by the rain of the last few days to a mass of red mud, each part of which is more slippery and sticky than the other, and hence very conducive to profanity and other uncomplimentary remarks. As this path is used by a great number of students daily, I do not think it would be asking too much to request that it be made passable in wet weather. Q.

Y. M. C. A.

With the resumption of the college work for the coming term, the Association also begins its work afresh. Last Sunday's afternoon meeting, being the first after the holidays, was designed for a mission and Bible study sally. It was hoped that at this meeting many new men would enlist both in the Bible classes and in the mission study class.

Our president, Mr. Graybill, in a few remarks commended the daily Bible study to the men, saying among other things, that it was common to hear business and professional men expressing their regret at not having studied the Bible in college, for it was almost impossible to do so afterwards.

Mr. Sieg then spoke briefly in behalf of the missionary class and its work. He gave three reasons why college students should give this work its just consideration:

First. Every Christian student is bound to consider this question of missions among others in selecting his life work.

Second. No Christian can intelligently and effectually support his church at home and its work abroad without a fair knowledge of the need and effect of the gospel in other lands.

Third. Any man will find in the literature of the class unique, interesting and valuable history. Here are recorded the greatest gospel triumphs.

After a couple of Bible students had testified as to the benefit and pleasure they had derived the past term from the study, the meeting was dismissed.

It is the earnest desire of the association that more of the men of the university will come forward and join some of the five Bible classes now going on among the students. This will be the best term of the session for this study, because there will be fewer out-door attractions to consume the time.

G. B. Shields spent the holidays with his father in Mississippi.

Under Vesuvius.

Our first Wednesday morning Chapel service of the new year was made highly instructive and interesting by an address by Dr. Campbell on the above named subject.

He first presented a map showing the location of Vesuvius, and called especial attention to the location of Herculaneum and Pompeii, those two important cities that were destroyed by the terrible eruption of this volcano in A. D. 79. He then gave us some extracts from the minute descriptions as given in the writings of the Younger Pliny. These descriptions are very graphic, and even if they were a little egotistic on the part of Young Pliny, they were so well rendered as to produce an awe-inspiring effect on the audience.

Dr. Campbell then gave us an account of his own visit to this mountain in 1883. It was then a cone several thousand feet high and in a state of eruption. He told us of climbing to its summit and carrying away some of the hot lava from its very mouth. To say the least, it was a lecture enjoyed by all, and we feel that it is not saying too much to express the hope that we can have many such lectures on current subjects to go along with the abstract things of college life.

The Graham-Lee Celebration.

On the 19th of this month, General Lee's birthday, the Graham-Lee society will hold its annual celebration. From the list of orators and debaters the exercises promise to be unusually entertaining and instructive. Music will be furnished by the V. M. I. band.

The officers of the celebration are Mr. B. H. Allen, president; W. G. Pendleton, vice-president; Warner, secretary; R. C. Biggs, chief marshal. Messrs. Shively and Wall will compete for the orator's medal. The debaters are Messrs. Daniel, Breckenridge, Teuten, and Tucker, J. W. S.

Let everybody turn out and by their presence inspire the speakers to put forth their best efforts.

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The new year is now upon us. Six long months of books and professors separate us from the pleasures of another vacation. No doubt many good resolutions have been formed to atone for past omissions by making a better record between now and the finals. Some one has said that the streets of Hades are paved with good resolutions. Let us see to it that we do not contribute anything toward paving the sidewalks of the infernal regions, but rather that these good resolutions find expression in action. The man who was overcome by the stress and heat of the Christmas exams, has before him the opportunity of retrieving himself; for the man who did well there always remains the opportunity of doing better. All of us have the privilege of taking active interest in student enterprises, in athletics, and in all things that tend toward the upbuilding of a healthy college spirit.

For several years there has been talk of organizing a track team. The prospects for such a team were never so good as this year and steps should at once be taken for its organization. The faculty have set aside a day in the spring for field and track exercises, and with the material on hand, under the charge of the physical director, a team could be put in the field of which we might feel proud.

Latin.

All the people dead who wrote it.
All the people dead who spoke it.
All the people die who learn it,
Blessed death, they surely earn it.
—Ex.

A Modern Fable.

STOLEN FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD.

In the ancient city of Athens there once lived a great master. Under him was a company of teachers who taught the people from their little books. But, once a week, the great master would speak to his children from his heart, which was filled with wisdom, and the people gathered together gladly and hearkened to his words and grew wise.

At last the great master was gathered to his fathers, and the people hungered for his words. Then the teachers summoned them together once a week as befores, and spoke to them after the custom of the master. But the words which they spoke were all taken from their little books. And the stories which they told and the things which they taught were familiar to the people, and they profited nothing by them. So many of them went away unsatisfied and came not again, saying, "These things have we heard in our infancy."

Then the teachers were filled with wrath, and made a decree, saying, "He who cometh not to the weekly assembly, and hearkeneth not to the ancient sayings which we shall teach from our little books, shall be punished even as a cutter of classes, and as a transgressor of the law." Thus were the people forced to finish their morning sleep upon the hard benches of the assembly room.

Moral—1: What the teachers can't find in their little books isn't worth knowing.

Lecture for the Benefit of Athletics

Rev. William Alexander Barr, D. D., of Norfolk, has kindly consented to give a Shakesperian recital here for the benefit of athletics. The first Thursday in February is the date fixed for the entertainment. To those who heard the address of this distinguished preacher at our finals last June it is useless to speak of his powers as a speaker, but for the benefit of those who have never heard him in any elocutionary effort, we will say that his ability as an elocutionist is of a very high order and that he has never failed to delight his audiences.

The selection which will be rendered here is Julius Caesar, a play in which all the powers of a master

elocutionist may be well exercised, and Dr. Barr ably fulfills the requirements of the piece. Tickets will be on sale shortly. As this is the greatest and perhaps the only attraction of the season it should be largely attended. You can't afford to miss it. Get tickets for yourself and your friends and see that everybody else gets one.

Washington Society

The "Wash." began the new century with the following new officers who entered upon their duties Saturday night:

President, Mr. W. J. Turner; vice-president, Mr. R. L. Jones; secretary, Mr. Edgar Sydenstricker; treasurer, Mr. J. McC. Sieg; critic, Mr. C. S. McNulty; censor, Mr. J. M. Anderson.

Mr. Turner made his inaugural address short and to the point. He emphasized the importance of strict conformity to the rules of parliamentary procedure in the sessions of the society.

Mr. Sieg reported on the financial condition of the society and we are convinced that under his management the "Wash." will continue to meet every obligation as scrupulously as it has in the past.

The literary program was short, owing to the distracting influence of the holidays. The feature of the exercises was a most creditable declamation by Mr. Miller. Mr. A. M. Hamilton also declaimed.

The merits of the "point system" were discussed in an impromptu debate. The judges reported in favor of the continuation of the system in vogue at W. & L. U.; Mr. Sanders to the contrary notwithstanding.

After due deliberation the society adjourned to meet at 7.30 o'clock this evening.

Base Ball.

All men who intend applying for the team will please hand in at once their names to the captain, and also inform him as to whether or not they are supplied with a suit or glove. Let this matter be given prompt attention, so that the management may have all applicants for the team equipped for practice at the opening of the season.

J. E. Tipton of the law class, is once more with us after recuperating at home for some months.

The D. M. K. Again.

MISS MOORE ENTERTAINS THE CLUB.

On Thursday evening of this week Miss Mary Moore entertained the Young Ladies' club, the mystic D. M. K., at a progressive game party. The guests began to arrive about 8.30 and were received by Miss Moore and Miss Dunlap in the most charming manner.

After all the guests had arrived, a large heart was given to each one. On the heart there was a number, which assigned each to a table daintily prepared with nuts, candy and games. The games were of many varieties, prepared to test either the skill, luck or ingenuity of every contestant. When all had gotten their places the bell rang and the game was on. Time flew merrily by for all, and especially for those who had a majority of pink hearts. Without any warning whatever the game was stopped, the hearts gathered in and delicious refreshments served.

After the refreshments everyone rushed to the parlor to find out who had won the prize. Miss Hellen Booker and Mr. Daniel were the lucky ones, while Miss Mary Preston Moore and Mr. Goshorn secured the boobies.

Those that were present were: Misses Hellen Booker, Lucilla Booker, Nettie Pratt, Mary Houston, Bruce Houston, Joe Allan, Nellie Glasgow, Carrie Harman, Jean Harman, Hope Stuart, Lucy Smith, Edmonia Smith, Misses Denny, Myers, Ross, Dunlap, Mary P. Moore, Martha Moore, McCrum; Messrs. Hall, McPheeters, Goshorn, Spencer, Pendleton, Boaz, J. W. Bagley, S. C. Bagley, Hutcheson, Heth, Pancake, Osborn, Worthen, Jones, Cook, Forrester, Daniel, Sale, Burks, and Cadets Bailey, Roler and Kean.

To Elect a President.

The board of trustees of the University will meet in Lexington on the 15th for the purpose of electing a successor to our late president. Of course we look with much interest to the result of their deliberations, but judging them by their past record in the matter of selecting the head of the institution, we may place full confidence in the wisdom of their choice.

Personals.

C. H. Young and Johnson have matriculated since Christmas.

Ran Tucker spent Christmas among his friends in Kentucky.

Sydenstricker, Duncan, B. H. Allen and Corbett took in the sights at Washington during the holidays.

Mr. Mahoney is a new student in the law department. His entrance brings the total matriculation up to 221.

Miss Gatewood Stephenson of Warm Springs, Va., visited the Misses Penick for a short while during the latter part of December.

Capt. B. F. Harlow, nee Pat, is teaching the young idea how to shoot in New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, N. M.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of Mr. B. H. Burr, B. L. '98, to Miss Mamie Caup, daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. E. Camp, of Talladega, Ala. The wedding will take place on Jan. 18.

Mrs. Dennis of Baltimore, wife of Judge J. Upshur Dennis of the Maryland Supreme Court, has rented the residence occupied by the late Mrs. Anna M. Paxton, and will spend the winter with her son.

G. W. Muir, '98, is a promising young lawyer of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Muir was recently chosen chief of the fire department of that city to take the place of his father who had met with an accident.

C. T. Smith, a former student of this institution and afterwards of the U. Va., has been compelled to withdraw from the latter institution and go to Arizona for his health. We hope he may speedily recover.

Wooters was suddenly called home last week by the news that his father had been injured in a railroad accident. The extent of his father's injuries have not been yet ascertained, but we trust that they will not prove serious, and that Wooters will soon be with us again.

Dr. J. L. Howe, professor of chemistry at Washington and Lee university, who is an authority on the chemistry of platinum metals, is at the University of Virginia working up the spectra of various metals of this class and their residues. He in connection with Dr. W. J. Humphreys, is using the spectroscopy of the Rouss laboratory, which is of the largest size in use in America.—Ex.

University Directory.

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

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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.

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Fraternalities: 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.

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Southern Collegian, published monthly by the students; W. C. Moore, business manager; H. R. Keeble, editor-in-chief.

The Calyx, Annual, published by the students.

Athletic Notes

The prospects for baseball at U. Va. this year are excellent. Of the old men, Nalle, Stearns, Mallory and Carter are back. Walker, Bride, ex-captain University of California; Woodward, ex-captain of North Carolina; Pollard of William and Mary; Pelson of Hampden-Sidney, and Lavinder of Randolph-Macon, form the best of the new material.

The following is the percentage made by each college team in the Eastern division of the State association;

	G. Played.	W.	L.	Per Ct.
Hampden-Sidney	3	3	0	100
Richmond	3	3	1	66
Randolph-Macon	3	5	2	33
William and Mary	2	0	2	00

Said the Professor—"Fools can ask questions which wise men cannot answer."

Said the student—"I suppose, sir, that's who so many of us flunk out."—Ex.

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Only a Dream.

Wearied and exhausted by my morning's labor, I deposited my weary form on my couch to indulge in that sweet restorer of the student's mental faculties, an afternoon nap. Soon I was asleep, and being borne by the wings of a restless imagination across the fields of alluring fancy on one of those journeys that leave no traces on our memories. Soon this state seemed to give way to one of another sort and more real, and I seemed to be in a large room around whose walls were arranged rows of numbered boxes. Clear and shining incandescent globes were suspended from the ceiling, sending their bright rays into the uttermost corners of the room, revealing the forms of many graceful youths, who, after the arduous exercise of the gymnasium were preparing for the bath. Following their example, I disrobed and made my way into the bath; and there, oh! joys of joys and pleasure of pleasures, divinest gift of the gods, I touched, I felt, I reveled in HOT water.

To describe my sensations in the experience of this long denied pleasure is impossible for a pen unskilled as mine, and I can only add that I enjoyed it as one enjoys a wished for pleasure that he never thought to realize. But I was disturbed in the midst of my almost denied pleasure by a voice calling my name, and awoke to find my roommate informing me that it was time to go to the gym, and as I entered the dingy room, where a smoky, sputtering kerosene lamp sent a few feeble rays out into the general gloom, and as I thought of the freezing water in the bathroom whence even now the agonized shrieks of my fellow victims came, can it be wondered that I thought of my dream with a sigh of regret, and asked myself the question, why cannot we have such things in real life?

The Class of 1901.

The graduating class met shortly after the last issue of the RING-RUM PHR and elected a class historian and two representatives for the Calyx. Those elected were: Messrs. White and Ott, representatives on the Calyx, and Mr. W. C. Young, historian.

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