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Graham-Lee Celebration

The Graham-Lee society held its 92nd annual celebration in the Chapel on Saturday night, the anniversary of General Lee's birthday. Strange to relate the elements were favorable. Contrary to custom the rains did not descend from the heavens above, nor the wind blow, nor the omnipresent mud appear on the earth below, and thereby the heart of the calico man was made exceedingly glad for the rotundity of his pocketbook was not contracted, or, in other words, his credit expanded by the price of a cab. Stranger still, the order was better than usual, and the speakers were enabled to confine their attention to their subjects, and were not forced to vie with the audience in oratorical feats.

The V. M. I. band enlivened the occasion with music, and incidentally added to the excitement by precipitating their music and rucks upon the heads of the audience from the choir loft. The speaking was of a higher order than has been heard at society celebrations for several years, and every man acquitted himself creditably. Taken as a whole the celebration was a success.

The officers of the celebration were Mr. R. H. Allen, Va., president; Mr. W. G. Pendleton, Va., vice-president; Mr. J. W. Warner, Md., secretary; Romulus C. Biggs, Ky., chief marshal.

After a few appropriate remarks apropos of the society and its work, Mr. Allen introduced the first orator of the evening, Mr. B. B. Shively of Indiana.

Mr. Shively had taken for his subject "The Real American," the "real" Americans being the original Indian races of this country, whom, he said, had been cruelly and unjustly treated by the original settlers and their descendants, and to the character and fortitude of whom he paid a glowing tribute. His speech was well written and gracefully delivered, but it was not as logical as it might have been.

The second orator, Mr. J. P. Wall

of Florida, had for his subject "Ungratified Ambitions." He showed that failures, if taken aright, are the builders of character; that many men whose vaulting ambitions have led them to conquer the world, have never been able to conquer themselves, and that, in many cases, ungratified ambitions are the stepping stones to higher and nobler things. The voice and delivery of the speaker was good and his sequence of thought clear.

Mr. Warner then read the question for debate, Resolved, That the tendencies of the times point to the downfall of the Republican form of government.

Mr. M. A. Breckinridge of Va., opened the affirmative. He showed clearly the tendency to imperialism and militarism in this country at present, but constantly lost sight of the question in denouncing the present administration. His speech was well written and forcibly delivered.

Mr. R. P. Daniel, Jr., opened the negative. After refuting Mr. Breckinridge's argument he showed that the gentlemen on the affirmative had wrongly read the signs of the times which point more and more to the spread of the principles of free government over the face of the globe.

Mr. Daniel was followed by Mr. J. W. S. Tucker of Virginia, in one of the best amateur speeches ever delivered in chapel and truth forces us to say that we have heard older and more experienced men deliver worse. His arguments followed one another like links in a logical chain. His delivery was good and his entire speech clear and well written. He took the three departments of the government—the executive, judicial and legislative—and showed conclusively that the president had overstepped his constitutional power, that congress had carried its legislation beyond the limits of the constitution, and that the judiciary had carried its functions into the legislative field. All this went irresistibly to prove that the tendency of this government is away from republican ideals.

Mr. Teuten of Fla., closed the debate in a pretty speech. He reviewed the arguments of the affirmative and combated them, closing with a plea for the negative side of the question.

The judges, Prof. Campbell, Capt. Moore and Rev. Mr. Hamill, then delivered their decisions, awarding the orator's medal to Mr. B. B. Shively, and the debater's medal to Mr. M. A. Breckinridge.

Y. M. C. A.

The Association was favored on last Sunday afternoon with a talk from Prof. D. C. Humphreys. Prof. Humphreys introduced his talk with a few remarks upon the manner of the origin of the Young Men's Christian Association at Staunton, Va., 25 years ago, he having been there at the time. He spoke of the spiritual and the material benefits received by all young men who enter heartily into the interests and work of the Association.

With II Kings 9: 20 as a text, an interesting truth concerning personal character was given us. Just as Jehu by his habit of furiously driving his chariot betrayed himself to his enemies, so, said he, we often unconsciously reveal our own character now by some unsuspected habit. Especially is this the case when we have done something which we know to be wrong.

Dr. Whaling will address the students on next Sunday afternoon in the lower Chapel at 4 o'clock. We insist that all the students note this fact and encourage the Association with a good, full house.

Washington Society Celebration.

The intermediate celebration of the Washington society will be held in chapel on the 22nd of February.

The orators of the occasion are Messrs. Miller and Hamilton, A.M.

The contestants for the debater's medal are Messrs. Duncan, Ellis, Conover and Barnett.

Music will be furnished by the Glee club.

Chapel.

Rev. Dr. Thornton Whaling delivered the address at the student assembly on Wednesday morning. His remarks related mainly to the new century and its prospects. The outlook for the future is good, he said, and the golden age of our country and the world is not behind but before us. He spoke of the great strides made by civilization during the past century of the modern inventions for facilitating progress, the spread of education and religion and predicted for the new era an advance no less marvelous.

He advised young men to have their faces set to the living future and not the dead past. To make money, he said, should be their object, in order that they might further with their wealth the cause of education and Christianity. In times not far distant the man who accumulates money solely from selfish motives for the furtherance of his own pleasure and happiness will be an object of hate. Such men will then no longer be known and broad-minded and liberal men will possess the wealth of the world and dispense it so as to better the condition of all mankind.

The new age will see more of the divine in history and society, more of godliness and of peace.

Kentucky Club.

The Kentucky Club met Wednesday evening at the apartments of President Young. Quite a number were present and considerable enthusiasm was manifested by the members. It was decided to put a suitable representation in the Calyx and a committee consisting of Messrs. Anderson, Tabb and Arnold were appointed to recommend some plan. Refreshments were not served owing to the limited supply, but all eyes looked eagerly at the samples of the Kentucky product shown. There being nothing else to do the club adjourned.

At the next meeting is the semi-annual election of officers and a full attendance is desired.

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Under the direction of Mr. Wertenbaker the gymnasium is being greatly improved and the gymnasium work is becoming very popular. The old apparatus has been overhauled and several new pieces have been added to the equipment. The dumb-bell class is larger this year than it has been for several years, and more students are persevering in the work and taking an interest in it. A class also meets on every other afternoon for work on the parallel bars, and a number of men are taking work on the other apparatus preparatory to a public exhibition in the near future. Mr. Wertenbaker is to be congratulated on the work he has done.

There are several other matters, however, demanding an improvement, in which he will be forced to have the financial assistance of the board of trustees before he can go further. One of the most important of these is in regard to furnishing a sufficient supply of hot water. The tanks now in use are not large enough to supply the number of students who daily use the bathroom. Consequently the men who use the bathroom first are the ones who get the benefit of the hot water. Tanks of larger size would abate this difficulty.

The good order maintained at the celebration on last Saturday night was very gratifying, not that it was exactly what it ought to have been, but for the reason that it was

a great deal better than usual. It was a step in the right direction and perhaps is a presage of the time when every member of the audience will not indulge in a small-sized oratorical contest of their own. Another reform sorely needed at these affairs is punctuality—bringing the celebrations off at the stated time. Let the public understand that this will be the case, and they will be there on time.

We wish to disclaim all intention of indulging in personalities in the leading editorial of last week's issue. We were merely discussing the most expedient methods to adopt in order to secure publicity for University news, and feel sure that no one could take the editorial in the light of a personal attack.

All this discussion about the need of a University reporter for the daily papers has developed the need of a University Press club. Such an organization could discuss ways and means of giving the affairs of the University greater publicity, and consider all such questions as the one being agitated at present. Not only could it have as its object the disseminating of the University news through the daily papers, but it could arouse much more profitable interest in the affairs of the University by means of the members keeping their local paper in touch with University news. Press clubs exist in almost all of the Southern institutions and have been found to be of considerable benefit. We have had a nominal one here. Why not make it a reality?

Business Notice.

All bills to the RING-TUM PHI were due Jan. 1st. Subscribers and advertisers who have not already settled their obligations will confer a great favor on the management by handing the amount due by them to the manager or his assistant.

Many of our out-of-town subscribers have not yet paid up and these also we would ask to settle their accounts at their earliest convenience. We try to settle our obligations as we go and require cash for this purpose.

Important.

The Shakesperian Recital will be given on Friday, Feb. 8th, instead of Thursday, the 7th, as advertised.

Hearken Ye Artists and Literati.

In order to lend some interest toward obtaining some original drawings, stories and poems for the annual, the Calyx board has determined to offer several prizes. For the best short story or poem, a season ticket for the baseball games will be given. For the best drawing, a copy of the Calyx is offered. All manuscripts and drawings intended to compete for the prizes must be handed to the editors on or before March 15th. On that date the contest will be closed and the manuscripts referred to a competent and disinterested set of judges for their decision, and the prizes awarded in accordance therewith. It is hoped that the students will take advantage of this offer and that a number of contestants for the prizes will be developed. All the students, old or new, who have drawn or will draw for the Calyx this year, would confer a favor on the editors by handing them their names, as they desire to form a corps of illustrators.

Calic Meeting.

The members of the Washington Literary society being devoted admirers of the fair sex, as all true students should be, it has been decided by them to testify their admiration by a "calic meeting" to be held the night of Feb. 2nd. The question for debate is one of peculiar interest: "Resolved, That W. and L. U. should adopt a policy of co-education." It will be debated on either side by three of the society's best speakers.

It is expected of every member of the society that he bring his best girl (or next best he can get). The members of the Graham-Lee and all students in general are invited to do likewise and to help by their presence in making the occasion a success. The faculty, too, particularly those who feel the need of enlightenment on this subject, are invited to add dignity and grace to the occasion by the presence of themselves and their wives.

It is hoped that every one will work to make this one of the events of the season. Monday, Feb. 4th, is "John Marshall day," so let everybody come.

Virginia is to have a new athletic field costing \$10,000.

Personals.

Saunders has been sick with the gripe during the past week.

Miss Janet Allan is visiting in Baltimore.

"Possum" Anderson stood second in mathematics in a class of 166 in a recent examination at West Point.

Prof. Willis has been sick for several days and unable to meet his classes.

J. W. S. Tucker has left college permanently on account of trouble with his eyes.

Shields and Conrad have escaped the clutches of the gripe and are out again.

Dr. Whaling will preach a special sermon at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning entitled "Christianity and the Legal Profession."

Mrs. J. Upshur Dennis and her daughter arrived in Lexington Tuesday and will remain here during the winter.

Mrs. Blair Wilson, Miss Nancy Jones, Miss Louise Booker and Miss Mary Shields of Hampton, are visiting Commandant R. C. Marshall at the V. M. I.

William K. McClung, A. B., died on January 12th at the home of his father in Covington, Va. Dr. Quarles, by the request of the young man before he died, preached the funeral sermon.

Acting-President Tucker delivered an address before the Virginia society of Atlanta, Ga., on January 19th, and was the leading speaker at a banquet of the society held at the Aragon hotel in commemoration of General Lee's birthday.

The editors of the Olla Podrida of Richmond college have resigned at the request of the faculty on account of an editorial which was claimed to be disrespectful, and an alumnus will run the paper until the time for the election of a new staff.

Mrs. Cary Nation, who has been breaking many whiskey barrels in Kansas, would have small opportunities for doing business here.

The path to the rear door of the Gym. will be quite an improvement when finished.

The Greek professor sat in his chair. His brow was marked with dire despair. "When," quoth he, "in this horseless age, will the horseless student come on the stage."

Law Department.

Law Notes.

The Southern, Southwestern and Southeastern Reporters, and the American and English Railroad Cases were recently added to the library.

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The case of Friend's Adm'r v. the Norfolk and Western Ry. Co., was tried at the first January term of the moot court. The action was to recover damages for the negligent killing of plaintiff's intestate. C. R. Robinson appeared for the plaintiff, and N. G. Woodson for the defendant. At the conclusion of the examination of the witness defendant demurred to the evidence, in which demurrer the plaintiff joined. Judge Burks thereupon ordered the question of damages to be argued before the jury. Mr. Robinson presented his instructions to the court, and Mr. Woodson objected to their imperative form. The objection was sustained and the word "may" was substituted for "must." The jury brought in a verdict for \$2,000, subject to the opinion of the court on the demurrer to the evidence.

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This demurrer to the evidence recalls the following colloquy:

Prof. Burks—"Mr. B—s, what is a demurrer to the evidence?"

Mr. B—s—"Why a demurrer to the evidence is a-er-ah-er- is a demurrer to the evidence."

Moral—Don't "glance over syllabi."

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At a recent meeting of the class of 1901, W. R. Allen was elected class orator, C. R. Robinson, historian, and F. W. Goshorn and R. H. Allen representatives on the Calyx.

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Dog cases have always furnished a temptation to use extra-judicial language that few judges can resist. Thus in Miley v. Slater, 22 Barb. 506, Allen, J., declares his firm belief in the "inalienable, if not semi-divine, right of dogs to fight," and with the poet would say,

Let dogs delight to bark and bite
For God hath made them so;
Let bears and lions growl and fight,
For 'tis their nature so."

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Justice Lumpkin must have had in mind the above verse when in Richardson v. Roberts, 23 Ga. 215, he ungallantly said: "Women will talk, for God has made them so."

Our Contemporaries.

Tulane and Texas are to have a joint debate.

Thirty men took the recent Virginia Bar Exams. and only 11 passed.

Five hundred students are estimated to be working their way through Harvard.

The seven richest colleges of America with endowment are: Genard, \$15,250,000; Leland Stanford, Jr., \$13,500,000; Harvard, \$10,000,000; Cornell, \$8,000,000; Columbia, \$9,500,000; Chicago, \$6,500,000; Yale, \$4,200,000.

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S. B. C.

Some of those having pessimistic predilections, feeling that the study of Schopenhauer and other unpleasant fellows needs an impulse in this University, have formed an organization for the cultivation of systematic sourness.

The following are the officers elected for the ensuing term:

- C. S. B.—John M. Corbett.
- V. C. S. B.—Frank L. Downey.
- S. B. S.—Edgar G. Sydenstricker.
- S. B. T.—Thos. A. Bledsoe.

The Committee on Membership, to whom all applications for membership in this exclusive body must be addressed, is composed of Fellow Sufferer Duncan, chairman, and Fellow Sufferers Downey and Biggs.

The committee on formulating a constitution is composed of C. S. B. Corbett, chairman, and Fellow Sufferers Lauck and Keeble.

F. S. Duncan is ex-officio Ex of B. and those contemplating application will save him time and themselves the humiliation of a rejection by having the quality of their discontent analyzed before hand.

Those to whom things look lovely and to whom life is one long sweet symphony are barred from the organization by inherent incapacity; at the same time neither fools nor those who have served jail terms will be received.

It is expected that at the next meeting, which will be on January 31st, there will be a number of resolutions of censure and denunciation introduced.

The suicide branch will be established later—it is hoped by some that it will not be very late, however.

'02 Meets.

The class of '02 met in Dr. Denney's lecture room Tuesday afternoon. Mr. H. R. Keeble was elected historian of the class and Mr. C. S. McNulty representative on the Calyx board.

After these officers had been elected with much difficulty, the class went into executive session to consider several schemes with which they will surprise the college world in the near future.

The All-Southern team for 1900 will appear in the Outlook for February.

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