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## Humorous Entertainment Next Week.

Professor Willoughby Reade, who is pronounced by the press and public as the best humorist and reader in the South, will give an entertainment in the chapel next Friday evening for the benefit of athletics. He will read humorous, dramatic and pathetic selections, personating comic characters in costumes.

The entertainment will afford two hours of hearty laughter and intellectual enjoyment and none should miss it. Professor Reade comes highly recommended by prominent educators and newspapers of the state, and will no doubt delight his audience here as he has done in other places.

## Calendar of Events.

- March 14—Willoughby Reade's entertainment.
- March 15—Gymnasium exhibition.
- March 20—Examinations begin.
- March 30—Mr. Robart Harper's lecture.
- April 1—Mr. Robart Harper's lecture.
- April—Mr. Livingston Barbour, B. O., "Nicholas Nickleby."

## Travel Lectures—Mr. Barbour in Nicholas Nickleby.

On the evenings of March 30 and April 1st, Mr. Robart Harper of London, England, will deliver two of his superbly illustrated travel lectures in chapel. This is Mr. Harper's 14th American tour, during which he has lectured in all the large cities and everywhere met with success. His brilliant work in recent years has raised the drawing powers of his Illustrated Travel Lecture until they rank among the strongest attractions of the Lyceum. He possesses that rare merit that pleases all classes—the untravelled and unlearned, as well as the cultivated and the learned. Colleges and universities engage him in their courses, declaring that his Illustrated Travel Lectures instruct and elevate while they entertain.

During the first week in April Mr. Livingston Barbour, B. O., who so successfully rendered "David Copperfield" in chapel last year, will give a dramatic recital of Dickens' great novel, "Nicholas Nickleby." Mr. Barbour is professor of elocution and oratory in Rutgers' college, and all who heard his splendid entertainment last year will be glad to have him with us again.

## Scout Life in the Confederate Army.

Rev. Frank Stringfellow lectured to a large and appreciative audience in chapel on last night. His delivery was forcible and the stirring scenes of scout life which he narrated and in which he was an active figure, had all the interest of a romance, and although the lecture lasted for almost two hours no one noticed the passing of the time.

The lecture was a recital of a trip made by Dr. Stringfellow through the enemy's lines to Alexandria, Washington and Baltimore, in which cities he remained about six weeks, establishing a mail service from Washington to Richmond. His return home through the lines as a coachman, his meeting with Captain Farrar and his men, the attack made by them upon an exposed picket post, the death of Farrar, and the retreat with the horses and prisoners, were all told with a force and vividness that brought them in living play before the mind's eye. Those who failed to hear this lecture missed a delightful evening.

## Miss Glasgow's Party.

Early this week invitations were issued to a meeting of that mysterious club called D. M. K.'s, at Miss Nellie Glasgow's Thursday evening. The invitations requested each one to bring a small present for one of the other guests, to be accompanied by a short poem. This was the interesting feature of the evening, so much talent being displayed that one might easily predict a new era in American literature. After serious deliberation the judges, Misses Daniel, Smith and Preston, decided that the prize had been won by Miss Grace Stacker of Clarksville, Tenn., and the body by Mr. A. M. Hamilton.

Those who enjoyed this delightful entertainment were: Misses Stacker, Catlett, Nettie Preston, Helen Booker, Pratt, Denny, Myers, May Ross, Mary P. Moore, Mary C. Moore, Martha Moore, Bruce Houston, Mary Houston, Stuart, J., Allan, Poague, Lucy Smith, Edmonia Smith.

Messrs. Parks, Ellis, Crawford, W. C. Young, Spencer, Forrester, Foster, Daniel, W. C. Moore, Pendleton, McNulty, Tabb, Anderson, Saunders, Pancake, Hall, A. M. Hamilton, Preston, Smith, McPheeters, Glasgow, Shields, Wallace, Burks.

## Graham-Lee.

This society met at the usual hour on last Saturday evening with President Wall in the chair. As there were no declaimers present, after Mr. Lauck had attempted to make an oration, the question for debate was taken up, and the discussion became quite sensational as some members seemed loth to acknowledge that their genealogical tree had its root in an ape-like ancestor, while others were equally as firm in declaring that it had. It was finally determined that the monkeys were in the evolutionary process closest to man, from which he came by means of the missing link to his present estate.

Under the head of new business a committee, composed of Messrs. White, Biggs and Lauck, was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Washington society in regard to remaining in or withdrawing from the Southern Collegiate Oratorical Association.

## Kentucky Club.

The Kentucky Club met at Sander's room last Wednesday evening. Dr. Howe, an honorary member, was invited to take the chair, but refused, although assured that he was in no danger whatever while occupying that position.

The Club having been called to order, the secretary (who is a chemistry student) was requested to read the minutes of the last meeting, but he claimed that on account of having worked very hard since that time, he had not had time to write them up. The committee appointed to correspond with James Lane Allen in regard to delivering the annual address before the Kentucky Club, reported that it would be impossible for Mr. Allen to come. The other committee indirectly stated their loyalty to the old adage: Never do anything to-day that you can put off until to-morrow. Mr. Lord then presented resolutions which, after stating first that Kentucky makes the best mint juleps, and secondly, that a certain member of the faculty in a Wednesday morning address had made the rash statement that Virginia had this distinction, and thirdly, that there is no evidence of this although diligent search has been made by him the club demand that this person shall either produce some of the Virginia juleps before the Kentucky Club sitting as a tasting committee or have his erroneous position made known to the world.

After order had been restored, Dr. Howe made a talk in defence of the Kentucky mountaineer in general, and the moonshiner in particular. A kind of refreshment most pleasing to Kentuckians was served after which the members being in the best of spirits by this time discussed politics, religion, horse-racing, and other things dear to the heart of Kentuckians.

## Commencement Speakers

Hon. Hoke Smith, of Ga., has accepted the invitation extended him by the law classes to deliver the annual address on Law Class Day during Commencement.

Mr. Thomas Barrett of the same state has accepted an invitation to address the Alumni. Mr. Barrett graduated with the degree of B. L. in '82, and is now a prominent business man of Augusta.

Owing to a previous conflicting engagement, Hon. Oscar Strauss has been compelled to decline the invitation which he received to address the Literary Societies.

### Personals.

Miss Janet Allan has returned home from a visit to Baltimore.

Mercer Hartman of last year's law class, is in town.

S. L. Krebs, president of Final Ball '98, is visiting his old friends in college.

Rev. Frank Stringfellow will preach at the Episcopal church tomorrow.

The congregation of Old Street Presbyterian church in Petersburg, Va., has extended a call to Harry Pratt, who will graduate from the Union Theological Seminary in May.

Ewing Sloan, '00, accidentally shot himself through the left hand with a pistol on Wednesday. The wound, we are glad to say, is not serious. Sloan is on an engineering corps working near Pikesville, Ky.

"To say that the audience heartily enjoyed the reading at the opera house by Willoughby Reade Thursday night would scarcely describe the violent mirth at the comic, the scream at the tragic, and the wrapt attention of the listeners during the whole performance."—Bedford City Index.

### Gym. Exhibition.

On next Friday night a public exhibition will be given at the Gymnasium by the men who have been under Mr. Wertebaker's instruction during the winter. Work will be done on the bars, rings and mats, and the two cups so generously donated last week will be awarded to the successful contestants. No admission will be charged, but the public invited by printed invitations.

### Y. M. C. A.

On Friday, the 1st inst., the Association elected the following officers for the coming year: C. S. McNulty, president; Charles McPheeters, vice-president; R. T. Wallace, both recording and corresponding secretary; Samuel McP. Glasgow, treasurer.

"His (Willoughby Reade) impersonations are simply wonderful, and his pathos of a genuine type rarely met with in these days."

"His visit made a fine impression and will secure him a cordial welcome in the future."—President Hampton-Sidney College.

### Wash. Notes

The Wash. program Saturday night contained no sensational features aside from Anderson's oration on Mrs. Nation, "the Joan de Arc of the 20th century."

Hamilton, A. M., declaimed a selection entitled "Hohenlinden." Wilson thought of rendering his long time favorite "The Burial of Sir John Moore," but thanks to President Turner the debate was announced at this point.

The question of corporal punishment for petty crimes was debated by McNulty and Ellis on the affirmative, and Miller and Glasgow on the negative. The judges after careful deliberation and the tossing of sundry coins in the ante chamber brought in a verdict for the affirmative.

Neither Sanders nor Lamar made any remarks during the meeting and the society adjourned early.

The baseball schedule will be published next week.

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quick and pretty ineld work. Pan-  
cake is a new man, applying for  
bag No. 1, having officiated there  
last year for Hamyden-Sidney, and  
judging from the way he handles  
the ball he did very fine work, but  
so far he has insisted on using a  
stick with a puncture in the big  
end. Spencer, out for a second  
term on first, had not been holding  
his former high record in fielding  
(which is one hard to beat), but has  
been batting liners hard and regu-  
larly of late. Thompson, of Ken-  
tucky, a "Noey," has been distin-  
guishing himself on third base and  
will play ball in the snow, mud, or  
by moonlight. To him the captain  
is about to give up in despair as the  
"champion long winded crank,"  
which title he has held for some  
time against all comers. Last, but  
not least, must be mentioned Smith,  
who, though a new man, bats in the  
most approved form, and rarely ever  
fails to get his hit or liner to centre  
or right per game. A sprained  
thumb has hindered his usual accu-  
racy and speed in throwing to bases  
as well as marred his catching in the  
recent practices.

"Baseball instinct" rather than  
the score book has largely figured  
in sizing up the candidates at pre-  
sent, for had the score book been  
strictly followed many men who  
will almost certainly stand at the  
top of the list are now exchanging  
places with strictly second team  
men. This picking may and doubt-  
less will not be permanent, as such  
instinct is not infallible, and there  
are 19 or 20 good men to be had at  
any time for practice games.

There was some time ago consid-  
erable discussion concerning a pro-  
spective grand stand. Was that "in  
nubibus," or, outside of "Bobby"  
Burnsian legal Latin lore, merely a  
castle in the air? Because the nec-  
essary funds are not immediately  
in sight, should the matter be drop-  
ped when it is "and of right ought  
to be," held that the present "catho-  
lic" accommodations are a disgrace to  
the athletic grounds of Washington  
and Lee. Perhaps we could send a  
survey down to that "prep." school  
to which a writer recently refer-  
red and which school had a com-  
fortable grand stand in the proper  
position.

M. P. A.

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