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Dr. Smith's Address.

Dean Tucker gave us a very pleasant surprise Wednesday morning by introducing Dr. James P. Smith of Richmond, who was a Confederate captain in Stonewall Jackson's brigade, and was with that general when shot at Chancellorsville.

Dr. Smith said that youth looks to the future and old age to the past, and because he had a few gray hairs himself he would tell us of his former visits to Lexington.

His first visit was with the body of Stonewall Jackson. He then made a few remarks on the valor and virtue of that great Confederate soldier.

The second time he came it was to accompany the remains of a brilliant young Confederate colonel, A. S. Pendleton, his faithful comrade and tent mate. A man of rare ability and an officer fully competent to fill the high position which he held at the time of his death.

He was now on his third sad errand to Lexington. He had come from Richmond with the body of William Preston, a distinguished graduate of Washington and Lee, and also a faithful director of the University. He had been carried away just in the prime of his life. He was one of the most distinguished lawyers of Richmond. All of his many undertakings had been carried out in such a manner as to win him the trust and admiration of his fellowmen.

Dr. Smith closed by saying that young men were strong and for this reason their mothers, their community and their state expected something of them.

"Mr. Harper's lecture was excellent, and his pictures and mechanical and artistic effects have never been excelled or equaled in Washington. Those in the lecture proper are masterpieces every one, and the perfected mechanism in the cloud effects, the coloring and the rolling up of the pictures as of a scroll are certainly remarkable."—Washington Evening Post.

Graham-Lee.

The central feature of last Saturday's program was the debate, which was on the important issue as to whether the college professor had more opportunity for working his jaw than the prize fighter. Mr. Lauck said he did and Messrs. Lord, Massie, Blain and White thought the same thing. Two law students, Biggs and Corbett, took the opposite view and made every effort to persuade the audience that the prize-fighter had the better opportunity of the two, but their efforts were not successful, and by a large majority it was voted that the professor had the advantage.

On motion, the Washington society was asked to meet in joint session to discuss the withdrawal of W. & L. U. from the Southern Oratorical Association. They accepted and after some discussion it was decided to withdraw and a representative was appointed to notify the secretary of the Association of the determination.

The business of selecting orators to compete with those from the Washington society for the place in the State Oratorical Association was considered, and the society was fortunate enough to secure two very competent speakers in the persons of Messrs. White and Massie to represent it in the contest.

Y. M. C. A.

On last Sunday afternoon Mr. Waller Blain addressed the Association, having for his subject the life of St. John, the disciple of Christ and writer of the Gospel that bears his name.

Mr. Blain began with the narrative of the baptism of Jesus, at which time John first appeared as a probable disciple of Jesus, and traces the character of the man through the following incidents in which he was mentioned. His modesty was shown by the way in which he always spoke of himself in the third person; his spirituality by his writings as a whole. Mr. Blain recalled some instances in which the peculiar intimacy between John and Jesus was shown.

Albert Sidneys.

Loyal Albert Sidneys never had better reason for enthusiasm. The boating season has opened up with a flourish and between 15 and 20 men have applied for the crew and are now in active training. Although there is only one old man among the candidates, experience has taught us that often green men are the most faithful workers and consequently make the best oarsmen. The material is unusually good and a cup-winning crew will not be hard to pick.

The following men are trying for positions: Sieg (of last year's crew), Jones, Fielder, Foster, Smiley, Sale, Whipple, Stone, Pendleton, H. W. Hamilton, A. M. Hamilton, Laird, Conover, Massie and F. N. Johnston. Miller and Keeble are the candidates for coxswain.

J. R. Tucker (of the crew of '99), and Keeble (coxswain '99 and '00), are superintending the preliminary training.

Base-Ball Schedule.

Fishburne, at Lexington, April 1.
Univ. of Pennsylvania, April 4.
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Maryland Agricultural College, April 11.

Va. Military Institute, April 13.
Randolph-Macon, April 22.
Roanoke College, April 25.
*V. M. I., April 27.

*Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Roanoke, May 2.

University of Virginia, at Lynchburg, May 9.

V. M. I., Lexington, May 11.
*Dates not definitely settled.

Negotiations are under way for games with Richmond College in Lynchburg and for a Western trip.

Season tickets are now on sale at \$2.50. *Subscribe now for any date on or before April 4.*

"The lecture was instructive and at its close the audience was unanimous in declaring it to have been superb and one of the best to which they had ever listened."—Atlanta Constitution.

"Gub" Shields is sick.

Willoughby Reade.

The entertainment by Willoughby Reade on Wednesday seemed to be very much enjoyed by those present. Owing to the fact that the churches of the town were offering inducements on the same night, the crowd was not what it might have been.

The humorous part of Professor Reade's program was much the best, although some of his pathetic selections were listened to with interest. Doubtless the most ludicrous was the last, in which he made use of costume. The audience was often convulsed with laughter, but evidently too hard-hearted to shed tears over the "Lil' Fellale" when he died.

Dr. Denny in a very happy manner introduced the speaker and predicted a successful season for our base-ball enthusiasts.

Mr. Barbour in "Nicholas Nickelby."

All those who had the good fortune to hear Mr. Barbour last year in his impersonation of the character in "David Copperfield" will be pleased to know that he will be here on April 4th. He is one of one of the very best elocutionists we have ever seen, having a remarkable power of expression. The faculty with which he changes from the grave to the gay and his almost perfect gesticulations are other points of dramatic excellence possessed by him.

Miss Annie White has charge of the arrangements, she having persuaded Mr. Barbour to come. The entertainment is for the benefit of athletics, which is an additional reason for a large attendance.

"Mr. Roberts Harper is a man whom to talk with is to admire. His long experience as a journalist, his extensive travels, and his pleasant and affable manners, make him not only a charming person to hear, but give him a knowledge of nations and people that make his opinions worthy of more than a passing notice."—Washington Post.

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Law Notes.

Most of the law magazines have a department entitled "Lawyers in Trouble." Far be it from us to establish such a department in the RING-TUM PHI. We prefer instead of giving publicity to their shortcomings, to draw the curtain of charity about our brethren whenever possible. But duty compels us to report that a rule was issued, by Judge Burks, against E. R. Preston to show cause why he should not be attached and fined for contempt of court in failing to respond to the service of a venire facias on him.

G. I. Richardson—"Your Honor, this is a bill for the sale of infants' lands."

His Honor—"Let the bill be read."

"How often, O how often,

How often, O how oft,"

have we listened to the above colloquy between Richardson, the persistent, and his honor, Judge Tucker. It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Richardson is counsel for Mary Lyle Wilson, guardian ad litem for John B. Wilson, aged 10 years; Ezra Wilson, aged 14 years; Susan Wilson, aged 12 years; William E. Wilson, aged 15 years; Ephraim Wilson, aged 17 years; Ellen W. Wilson, aged 13 years; Eliphaz Wilson, aged 16 years; George Wilson, aged 11 years, and baby Wilson, aged six months.

If the above were the only bill for the sale of infants' lands that had been hanging fire "from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," life might still be livable. But C. C. Burns filed such a bill for George Bowman, guardian ad litem of James Bowman, aged 9 years; Budd Bowman, aged 7 years; Joseph Bowman, aged 11 years; John C. Bowman, aged 16 years; Anne Bowman, aged 14 years; Sophia Bowman, aged 18 years; Susan Bowman, aged 17 years; Jennie Bowman, aged 6 years, ad infinitum.

Now, with the above two cases in mind, pass upon the accuracy of the following quotation from the comic Blackstone:

"Estates may be either in possession or in expectancy, just as the

bird may be either in the hand or in the bush. And the doctrine that one of the former is worth two of the latter applies equally to estates, especially when the estate is in that very thorny bush, the court of chancery."

It seems that the lawyers are going in for athletics. We have a goodly representation on the diamond, and a lesser one in the gymnasium and on the river. Fox, Montgomery, Breckbridge and Wilson, will demonstrate the fact that the mental athlete, of which the lawyer is the highest type, can also play ball.

Judge Tucker—"Where is the spittoon of the court?"

Prof. Burks—"I will lecture from 12.30 to 1.30 today."

Prof. Vance—"But that will give me only a half an hour."

Prof. Burks—"I remember that same objection being made by an applicant for admission to the bar. I also remember that the judge said that he had ample time to expose a delinquent in half an hour."

"Jim" Marshall and Harry Pratt of Richmond, were present at the interment of Mr. Preston's remains on Tuesday.

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Law Notes.

Most of the law magazines have a department entitled "Lawyers in Trouble." Far be it from us to establish such a department in the RING-TUM PHI. We prefer instead of giving publicity to their shortcomings, to draw the curtain of charity about our brethren whenever possible. But duty compels us to report that a rule was issued, by Judge Burks, against E. R. Preston to show cause why he should not be attached and fined for contempt of court in failing to respond to the service of a venire facias on him.

G. I. Richardson—"Your Honor, this is a bill for the sale of infants' lands."

His Honor—"Let the bill be read."

"How often, O how often,

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have we listened to the above colloquy between Richardson, the persistent, and his honor, Judge Tucker. It is hardly necessary to state that Mr. Richardson is counsel for Mary Lyle Wilson, guardian ad litem for John B. Wilson, aged 10 years; Ezra Wilson, aged 14 years; Susan Wilson, aged 12 years; William E. Wilson, aged 15 years; Ephraim Wilson, aged 17 years; Ellen W. Wilson, aged 13 years; Eliphaz Wilson, aged 16 years; George Wilson, aged 11 years, and baby Wilson, aged six months.

If the above were the only bill for the sale of infants' lands that had been hanging fire "from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," life might still be livable. But C. C. Burns filed such a bill for George Bowman, guardian ad litem of James Bowman, aged 9 years; Budd Bowman, aged 7 years; Joseph Bowman, aged 11 years; John C. Bowman, aged 16 years; Anne Bowman, aged 14 years; Sophia Bowman, aged 18 years; Susan Bowman, aged 17 years; Jennie Bowman, aged 6 years, ad infinitum.

Now, with the above two cases in mind, pass upon the accuracy of the following quotation from the comic Blackstone:

"Estates may be either in possession or in expectancy, just as the

bird may be either in the hand or in the bush. And the doctrine that one of the former is worth two of the latter applies equally to estates, especially when the estate is in that very thorny bush, the court of chancery."

It seems that the lawyers are going in for athletics. We have a goodly representation on the diamond, and a lesser one in the gymnasium and on the river. Fox, Montgomery, Breekenridge and Wilson, will demonstrate the fact that the mental athlete, of which the lawyer is the highest type, can also play ball.

Judge Tucker—"Where is the spittoon of the court?"

Prof. Burks—"I will lecture from 12.30 to 1.30 today."

Prof. Vance—"But that will give me only a half an hour."

Prof. Burks—"I remember that same objection being made by an applicant for admission to the bar. I also remember that the judge said that he had ample time to expose a d—n sight of ignorance in half an hour."

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