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NO. 1.

## Athletics.

MASS-MEETING HELD—A FOOTBALL COACH TO BE SECURED.

The first meeting of the Athletic association for the present season was held last Monday, the results and interest shown by the number present being very satisfactory, and argues well for a successful season. The freshmen in particular were there in force and contributed liberally, showing thereby even this early that the new class is not behind in college spirit and promises to be one of the best we have had in recent years.

The business of the meeting having been stated by President Smith, Manager McNulty made a forcible talk on the need of support, not only on the field by those able to play, but financial backing by the student body, in order that the schedule could be carried out successfully. One of the chief points in his address being that since football had reached its highest state of perfection in the North, where systematic training was most scientifically studied and practiced, it was there, at headquarters, as it were, we must look for a coach to assist our physical director in rounding our team into shape, if we wish to keep abreast of the times and acquire those ideas of unity and team work most lately developed and tested in the yearly struggles of the gridiron champions; that it was the only way by which we could compete with those teams which employed such coaches, even though we had superior material upon which to begin.

Dr. Wertenbaker was then called upon and heartily endorsed Mr. McNulty's remarks, adding that he hoped that every man in college who had ever handled or felt that he could handle a football would come out on the field and try for the team, not only this but he hoped that those not so inclined would come out also, not in the spirit of criticism of a hard wording coach or captain, nor of sarcastic comment upon a green man's accident-

tally running his nose into the ground, but with a willingness to lend encouragement to all. Messrs. Sydenstricker and Causey having been called upon followed with impromptu speeches.

The manager then called for voluntary contributions and \$340 was raised by those present, the major part of which is to be devoted toward the expense of the coach.

The athletic committee, previous to the meeting, had made a change with regard to the season ticket, deciding to issue separate tickets for football and baseball. This alteration not having been announced was the cause of considerable discussion and delay.

The last business transacted by the association was the appointment by the president of a committee to look after "the absent ones," and it is almost certain that, subsequently to these private interviews, the manager will see his way clear to securing the Northern coach, so needed by our line, and with him to look after the line while Dr. Wertenbaker trains the backs, we will be in a position to give all comers a warm reception and a close contest.

The material we have, in point of weight and numbers, is far superior to that of last year. It is true that much of it is new, as then, but if enthusiasm and ambition is displayed by the same and support willingly given to captain and coaches, the team of 1901 will rank with the best.

Enthusiasm, combined with willingness to learn, work, and think, is that which will always make a successful player and a winning team.

"Uncle Rus" Allen has been visiting his old haunts during the past week.

B. F. Johnson, who graduated last spring, left Friday for Eastern Kentucky to join a railroad engineering corps.

Tom Bledsoe is teaching the boys at Locust Dale Academy what he knows about books and football.

## The Southern Collegian.

The first issue of the Southern Collegian will be out about the 10th of October. This issue is to be an "Alumni Edition," composed of contributions from noted alumni of W. and L. U. Among those who have contributed articles we may mention ex-Governor O'Ferrall of Virginia, Professor L. M. Harris of South Carolina, Hon. E. B. Kruttschnitt of Louisiana, John Paul Bock, on the staff of Harper's magazine, and many others. Thus the literary department of the Collegian is an assured success. But this cannot cause the whole magazine to be a success. We must have finances to run the publication and the only way to get this and make our monthly a complete success is for every student and alumnus to subscribe for it each year. We need this for the coming session, as we are going to get out nine issues, two or more of which will be extra, illustrated editions. Now let every student in our University, and especially the members of our Literary societies, hand in his subscription at once to

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- Oct. 2. Open.
- Oct. 12. V. P. I. at Blacksburg.
- Oct. 19 or 21. Hampden-Sidney College, W. L. U. grounds.
- Oct. 28. Richmond College, W. L. U. grounds.
- Nov. 6. V. M. I. on W. L. U. grounds.
- Nov. 12. Roanoke College, on W. L. U. grounds.
- Nov. 18. Open.
- Nov. 28. Central University at Charleston, W. Va.

"Beel" Robinson, B. L. '01, and John Graves, A. B. '01, are in town.

## The Calyx.

ELECT EDITOR AND MANAGER NOW.

The matter of electing the editor and manager of the Calyx early in the session was much agitated in the columns of the RING-TUM PHI last year, but to no effect. It is very important that this matter should be attended to at once, as by postponement it heaps a amount of work upon the persons elected that cannot be done justice in a short time.

It is not only an injustice to those in charge of this publication that they be elected late in the year, but also to the University, as it but right that it should send out an annual that will reflect no discredit on it, and no effort should be spared to make it surpass all preceding ones. It is well known that former editors and managers have been much handicapped by this procrastination, and now is the time to profit by their failures, and apply what is at least to a great extent the remedy.

## Washington Society Report.

Washington Society was reorganized on Saturday night, the 15th, for another session.

After the roll call Mr. E. D. Ott delivered an oration. Mr. Lamar and Mr. McDowell made declamations, and Messrs. Miller and Phelps were the debaters. Professor Vance and Rev. Mr. Grubb, an alumnus of the University, at the request of the president delivered addresses touching on the importance of literary society work.

By request of Mr. Ott, Mr. Sydenstricker was designated as associate editor of the Southern Collegian and he is to be elected at the regular time for such election, as stated by the constitution and by-laws of the society.

A number of old members re-entered their names on the rollbook, and three new members were received into the society.

The outlook for a reputable society this year is favorable. Let the interest that was manifested at the first meeting continue, and Washington society will be kept up to its usual high standard.

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After a rest of three months from academic duties we are assembled to begin the work of another year. We find it difficult to banish from our minds the pleasures of this summer season and doubtless many of us as we delve in Greek and Latin roots or scan the pages of our respective texts will find our minds reverting to the past and thinking of "the days that are no more." Such thoughts must be banished, else we must soon learn to our grief that they constitute no part of a college course and have no weight in a sick room.

The student body of a college is in general made up of three classes. First, the man who plugs unceasingly and in his greed for knowledge or pecuniary reward loses sight of the many other phases which form a part of student life little less important than text-books.

Second, the man who studies not at all, whose sole ambition is physical pleasure. Both of these classes are to be strongly condemned and the ideal student is he who limits his entire effort to no one specific line, but whose mind is sufficiently broad and whose views so liberal that he may feel a vital interest in every activity that concerns his Alma Mater. With such alone is to be found college patriotism, an element as essential to the welfare of an institution such as ours as national patriotism is to the country in which we live. It is not only the privilege but, moreover, the duty of every student to his college and

his fellow students to use his talents in such a way as to be of the greatest benefit to them, whether they be literary, athletic or otherwise. And if there be any whose native talents cannot permit them to engage in literary pursuits or in games of physical prowess, let these with the other classes bring forth talents which though not native to the mind or body are of equal importance with these and whose purchasing power is vastly superior.

In the present day money is needed to conduct all enterprise. A kite can't make much headway without wind, neither can a football team, but neither one can be run on wind alone. We must have a football team the present season that will represent us creditably on the gridiron and to do this it must be trained by up-to-date methods.

It is proposed to get an efficient coach as soon as possible and the amount subscribed to this purpose, considering the number of subscribers, is very gratifying. Still there are many who have not as yet subscribed, and upon these rests, to a large extent, the responsibility of success. It is strongly urged, therefore, that these shall give as liberally as is in their power, and in such case there can be no doubt that we shall be able to bring success to our efforts.

## Football Songs.

Now is the time to arouse your muse and compose some suitable song with which to encourage our football team and increase college spirit. These will be published in the RING-TUM PHI in order that every student may have an opportunity to learn them, provided they don't come in in such numbers that lack of space shall preclude their publication.

## Contributions.

The editor will be glad to receive at any time contributions on any subject of interest to students or alumni. The columns of this paper are open to all students for such purposes. Such contributions should be deposited in the RING-TUM PHI box in the vestibule of Newcomb Hall or else handed to the editor in person.

Miss Nellie Dunlap of Roanoke, is visiting Miss Mary C. Moore.

## Memorial Services.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS OF UNIVERSITY AND CITIZENS OF LEXINGTON SHOW THEIR ADMIRATION AND RESPECT FOR THE MARTYRED PRESIDENT.

Last Thursday afternoon in the College chapel memorial services in honor of the late President McKinley were conducted by the pastors of the different Lexington churches.

All classes had been suspended since 2 o'clock and most of the students besides many of the townspeople gathered to pay their last sad tribute to the murdered president.

The services were opened by the singing of "Lead Kindly Light," the favorite hymn of Mr. McKinley. Rev. Mr. Light then read a selection from the Scriptures, after which a fervent prayer was offered by Dr. Whaling in which he prayed that the Lord might sustain and aid the new President in his great work.

Dr. Whaling then read the proclamation of President Roosevelt setting aside Sept. 19th as a day of "fasting and prayer." The choir sang another hymn, after which Rev. Mr. Hall made an address. He began by mentioning the fact that within the memory of men not yet old, three presidents have been slain, and that while each shocked the whole civilized world, still probably the last was the saddest of all.

Mr. Hall touched upon three points. He said that God would care for the American people in their bereavement, and that good would come from the religious services held all over this country. That legislature, both national and state, should enact laws to punish and expel anarchists. And thirdly, that the masses should be reached by the gospel in order to restrain them from performing such deeds of violence as that of Czolgosz.

Rev. Mr. Light followed Mr. Hall. He said that McKinley was an intellectual man; clear rather than farsighted, not seeing as far ahead as some but seeing his way more clearly than most when the time for action came. He said that Mr. McKinley possessed a generous, lovable disposition, which caused all who knew him to love him. His domestic virtues stand unexcelled. But with all these virtues he pos-

sessed a still greater. He had the heart of a Christian and it was his greatest pleasure to serve his God. The latter part of Mr. Light's address was especially touching, as he told of Major McKinley being cut off from earthly honors and position to receive a more lasting reward on high.

After Mr. Light's address the audience sang "Nearer my God to Thee," and Dr. Whaling pronounced the benediction.

From the addresses and from the looks of the people it could be seen that the people of the South love McKinley, who has done so much to unite the two sections.

## Graham-Lee Society.

The attendance at the opening meeting of Graham-Lee society was not as large as on some former occasions, but most of those present were either new students or those who had not been prominently identified with either of the Literary societies of the University. It is gratifying to note this fact as it is superfluous to say that all who have been associated with Graham-Lee in the past will have no hesitation in reuniting their fortunes with hers.

The society was addressed in accordance with notice posted, by Acting President George H. Denny and by Professor H. St. G. Tucker, dean of the law school. Both of their addresses touched upon the great advantages of literary society work. Dr. Denny stated that he believed this element in University training to be of no less importance than that to be obtained in the classroom. More than this, he said that if by pressure of work he were called upon to decide between that done in a literary society and that of a class, he would unhesitatingly choose the former, feeling safe that the training there would be of far greater benefit, if not an absolute prerequisite to success in life.

After these addresses which were a regular part of the program, a most entertaining and gratifying "extra" was a short speech by ex-Attorney-General Snythe of Indiana, who was present and invited to address the society. Several new members were elected and enrolled before the meeting adjourned.

W. C. Moore, A. B. '01, will teach at Accomac C. H. the coming session.

### Opening Hop.

The session's opening hop given Friday evening was a decided success, everything being propitious for the occasion. The weather could not have been improved upon and the mercury was just where it should be—neither too high nor too low. From the standpoint of the average man, the men were somewhat too plentiful when one was wishing for a little more than a "half round," and there were many such occasions, but he may have derived some consolation from the old saying, "the more the merrier."

Among those present were Miss Dunlap with Mr. Burks, Miss C. Harman with Mr. Bagley, Miss J. Harman with Mr. Burnwell, Miss Moore with Mr. Smiley, Miss Martha Moore with Mr. Crawford, Miss Purcell with Mr. W. Lamar, Miss D. Butler with Mr. Ran Tucker, Miss N. Butler with Mr. Breckenridge, Miss Bruce Houston with Mr. Pendleton, Miss Margaret Graham with Mr. Bridges, Miss Chamberlayne with Mr. Heth.

Stags—Keeble, Feamster, W. P. Lamar, Stevenson, Vertner, Barclay, Anderson, Shields, Graves, Waddell, Buckingham, Pancake, Andrews, Dennis, Shively, Woodward, and members of the first class of the V. M. I.

Chaperones—Mrs. Walker, Miss Annie White, Mrs. Garrow.

### The Auspicious Opening of the Y. M. C. A.

Although the hour for the meeting of the young men was unfavorable, owing to the rain, there was a attendance. Mr. Coulter made a few introductory remarks, setting forth the advantages of the Young Men's Christian association, both to old and to new students.

He afterwards named the four class of students which such a meeting always suggested to him: (1) The old Christian men, (2) those who have been at college for years, and yet not Christians, (3) the new Christian men, and (4) those men who have come from non-Christian homes. Now is the turning point for those last two classes, either for good or for evil. The meeting was then thrown open; and many men unhesitatingly spoke a word for their Master. It was indeed an encouraging opening.

### Y. M. C. A.

#### RECEPTION TO NEW STUDENTS.

The annual reception given by the Young Men's Christian association to the new students was held on Friday evening, Sept. 13th, in the Association hall. After a few remarks by President McNulty, Dr. Thornton Whaling, on behalf of the ministers of the town, delivered an address of welcome. Dr. Whaling assured the new students that they would receive a most cordial welcome from the various pastors and congregations of the town, and urged upon them the necessity of identifying themselves with the work of the association. The address from the faculty was delivered by Dr. Jas. L. Howe, who pointed out the duties of the student, not only with reference to the association work and all religious exercises of the University. The address was well received and much enjoyed. At its conclusion delicious refreshments were served and the men had an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with one another and with their professors. The reception was well attended and its success fully up to those of former years. Much of the enjoyment of it is due to the ladies, who so kindly lent their assistance in the part that was last, but the opinion of some at any rate, not least; to them the association extends its heartfelt thanks.

An official call has been issued by Dr. Strickler, the rector, for a special meeting of the board of trustees of the University, to be held here on the evening of September 30, "for the purpose of electing a president of the University," if the way be clear.

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**Mass-Meeting.**

**RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT M'KINLEY.**

A mass-meeting of professors and students was held in Tucker Hall on Saturday afternoon for the purpose of passing suitable resolutions of sympathy for the wife and family the dead President, and also denunciatory of the deed of the assassin.

Professor Tucker was elected chairman of the meeting and gave a brief address on the life of the late President. Upon motion the chair appointed a committee of three, one respectively from the Faculty and the Law and Academic departments of the University, to draft suitable resolutions. Dr. Currell, as chairman of the committee, reported the following:

The President passed away this morning at 2.15, and the nation, bereft of its honored head, is in mourning. The assassin's hand has done its dastardly work and the world is aghast at the awful crime. The stern hand of the law will soon be felt, but at this hour the profound grief of the whole nation obliterates the thought of vengeance, and all, united by a common sorrow, mourn the loss of one tenderly loved by his friends, honored by his political opponents, respected and admired by all the nations of the world.

President McKinley's administration will be noteworthy in the annals of American history. Abroad it marks the extension of the power and influence of the United States. At home it cemented two sections, once severed by war, into a union stronger than ever before. But in death's dread hour the ability of the statesman and the fame of the ruler are for the moment forgotten. It is the man then of whom we think, the tender, devoted husband, the loyal friend, the Christian who passes away with a prayer on his lips. Therefore, be it

Resolved 1, That we, the faculty and students of the Washington and Lee university, while mourning with the rest of the nation over our irreparable loss, do extend to the stricken wife and family of the President our heartfelt sympathy, and pray that God will support and sustain them in this trying hour.

2. That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the college journals, and that a copy be forwarded to the president's secretary, Mr. George B. Cortelyou, Buffalo, N. Y.

(Signed)

HENRY ST. G. TUCKER,  
Chairman of Mass-Meeting.  
W. S. CURRELL, Faculty,  
W. J. MAHONEY, Law,  
A. L. JONES, Academic,  
Committee.

The meeting also instructed that a telegram be at once sent conveying the sympathy of the faculty and

students of this institution to Mrs. McKinley.

Out of respect to the deceased executive all academic duties were suspended for that day.

**University Directory.**

*General Athletic Association:*—President, L. W. Smith; vice-president, J. W. Bagley; secretary, Wm. Allan; treasurer, Robt. L. Owen.

*Executive Committee:*—Professor D. C. Humphreys, Professor H. D. Campbell, Messrs. L. W. Smith, Bagley, Allan, Owen.

*Football Team:*—Manager, C. S. McNulty; captain, O. E. Swartz.

*Baseball Team:*—Manager, W. S. Robertson, Jr.; captain, R. W. Crawford.

*Collition Club:* \_\_\_\_\_, secretary and treasurer.

*Washington Literary Society:*—President, A. M. Hamilton; secretary, A. L. Jones.

*Graham-Lee Literary Society:*—President, W. G. Pendleton; secretary, D. V. Guthrie.

*Y. M. C. A.*—President, C. S. McNulty; secretary, R. T. Wallace.

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