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NO. 3.

Trustees Meet.

DR. DENNY ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The board of trustees have met, voted and elected a president of the University. Dr. George H. Denny, professor of Latin and acting president was the choice. His services in the latter capacity during the past summer seem to have been appreciated highly and to have influenced the decision. He will enter upon the duties of the office at the close of the present session and will be formally installed at the next commencement. A committee was appointed consisting of Trustees Wm. A. Glasgow, Wm. A. Anderson and A. T. Barclay to arrange for the inauguration.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

George Hutcheson Denny, president elect of Washington and Lee, is a native Virginian, having been born in the county of Hanover Dec. 3, 1870. He is the son of a Presbyterian clergyman. His father was Rev. George H. Denny. His mother was before marriage Miss Charlotte Wright of Essex county. He received his early education in the public schools of Amelia county, and when he was in his 16th year entered the Hampden-Sidney college from which he was graduated in June 1891, with bachelor's degree and in the first honor man of his class. He remained at Hampden-Sidney as Fellow in Latin and Greek during the session of 1891-92 and at the close of that year received the degree of Master of arts. From 1892 to 1896, inclusive, he was assistant master at Panteops academy at Charlottesville. He was a graduate student at the University of Virginia during the sessions of 1895-96, 96-97, and received from that institution in 1897 the degree of doctor of philosophy. He became professor of Latin and German in Hampden-Sidney college in 1896, a position which he held until 1899, when he was elected professor of Latin in Washington and Lee university to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor E. W. Fay. In June last he was appointed acting president of the University by the board of trustees upon the resignation of Professor H. St. George Tucker from that position. June 1, 1899, Professor Denny married Miss Junie Junkin Strickler, daughter of Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler of Union Presbyterian Theological seminary.

President-elect Denny is a man of fine scholarship and excellent abilities. He has as a teacher in this

and other institutions shown interest and enthusiasm in the work of administration and attracting students. He is cordial, approachable and sympathetic and makes friends. His attractive personality and interest in the affairs of the students soon made him particularly popular among them here, and his abilities and character quickly earned for him the appreciation and esteem of his colleagues in the faculty and his fellow citizens in this community. He possesses live interest in current events and public questions and has personal gifts which serve him a good purpose in bringing him in touch with the people and enabling him to effectually approach them on the subject of education with which he is particularly conversant. He was laborious in his devotion to the duties of acting president during the summer and for the manner in which the University has more than held its own in numbers at the opening of the present session his intelligent and earnest work has received due credit. The dignified and instructive address he made at the opening of the University on Sept. 12 emphasized his possession of oratorical gifts he had formerly shown. His presentation before a committee of the constitutional convention in Richmond a few weeks ago of the claims of the colleges of the state to the original amount of interest on state bonds held by them impressed his friends with his ability to guard the interests of the University.

The Third Meeting of the Y. M. C. A.

Sunday evening witnessed a very interesting assemblage of young men in the lower chapel. The number in attendance was not so large as at the previous meeting, but the spirit seemed to fully make up for that deficiency.

All eyes were turned upon the speaker, Dr. A. C. Gordon, who delivered the address. His theme was: How are we to take possession of the world, which is ours? All Christian education hinges on that point. All true education enables us to take hold of these possessions. In using them there is an evil that must be eradicated; and it must be eradicated by that potent power from within, self-control. The solution of this difficult but important subject is: To keep Christ's life constantly before us, and to follow His example continually. In His life all that was wrong had been repressed by self-control, and all that was noble and grand was developed.

Washington and Lee.

The following is a part of an editorial on Washington and Lee in the Baltimore Sun of last Thursday:

"In a letter to the New York Evening Post in reference to his effort to raise \$100,000 for Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va., Mr. Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia, states that \$74,578 has been subscribed so far, of which sum \$38,950 cash is on deposit with the Girard Life and Trust company. It is important, he says, that the whole \$100,000 be completed by next January, since \$10,000 of the subscriptions already secured are conditioned upon the subscription of the whole amount by January. The fund being raised is called the "William L. Wilson Memorial fund," in honor of the late president of the University. Mr. Welsh urges potent reasons for increasing the endowment, in view of the great influence of the University on Southern thought. Its record is excellent, but its work need broadening and deepening, both by enlargement of laboratories and curriculum and by the representation of alumni on the board of trustees. The two things are interdependent to a certain extent, in the opinion of a large proportion of the most prominent alumni, in order to insure that the management shall never be unduly controlled by local ideas. An effort, in fact, is now being made by an influential committee of the alumni, with a prospect of success, to have a certain minor proportion of the board appointed "at large" at the suggestion of the body of alumni. Such action, it is held, will secure a wider interest in the University, facilitate the increase of its endowment and bring it more closely in contact with the forces that make for progress. It would, in conjunction with the recent election of Dr. Denny to the presidency, open a new era of hopefulness for the friends of the institution.

"Southern universities and colleges deserve a larger share of the attention of generous capitalists.

Washington and Lee has special claims which Mr. Welsh states in detail. "Our great Northern and Western universities are today," he adds, "the objects of unprecedented benevolent generosity; they should have no less than they get, but such an institution as Washington and Lee should have infinitely more than it receives. It will get it if our generous men and women, North and South, appreciate its possibilities and see clearly the work that it is doing. To the thoughtful visitor who has opportunities for seeing the work of the University its importance, directly considered in relation to its students individually and indirectly to the influence which it brings to bear upon great questions in the South, is apparent. Its traditions are noble and inspiring and constantly exert an elevating influence on the minds of its students."

The amount which has been raised as the "William M. Wilson Memorial fund" is largely due to the energy and efficiency of Professor H. St. G. Tucker, the dean of the Law school, at whose suggestion the movement was begun.

The Fortnightly Club.

The Fortnightly club, not doomed to die from the blow dealt in the last issue of the Calyx, resumed operation for another session last night at the home of Mrs. Booker.

Dr. Crow was the host and entertained most gracefully. The paper of the evening was read by Colonel Nichols, whose subject was The Intellectual Value of the Study of Mathematics.

Athletic Association Meeting.

The fall meeting of the Athletic Association has been postponed until the last Friday in October. The football manager requested this change, as he will probably have matters to present to the Association then that could not be attended to so early in the season.

William C. Whitney has given \$25,000 to the Yale bi-centennial fund.

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A Brilliant Suggestion

Another display of editorial genius has burst upon the unsuspecting world. Educators are stricken dumb by its *glittering brilliancy* and the world stands aghast before its generator. Not since the days of Napoleon has such a mammoth scheme been unfolded—the machinations of Cardinal Wolsey have been equalled in the 20th century. In the columns of the Central Presbyterian of Sept. 25th, as the leading editorial and bearing the modest caption, "A Suggestion," it invites public attention. Illustrative of the author's faith and confidence in sinful humanity he even forebore the precaution of a copyright. It is generously bestowed, full and free, on the world stumbling in the darkness of error. Obedient to the command, "Freely ye have received, freely give," we undertake to respond.

It is with this "suggestion" in so far as it touches Washington and Lee University that we have to do and to us who cherish her past and hope for her future, and respect those in whose hands her management has been placed, it is revolting. The purport of the suggestion is to form a great system of Presbyterian institutions to consist of Hampden-Sidney and King colleges, "the strong and polished pillars," the academies, Hoge Memorial, etc., and Washington and Lee, the "fine capstone, the Presbyterian University." The plan is that the boards

of trustees of these institutions establish a council to draw them into a scheme of concerted education under the control of the Presbyterian church. Do this, it says, "without any change of title, without any disturbance of endowments and their faithful administration."

Have the trustees of Washington and Lee University a moral right, if not restrained by law, to do such a thing? As an institution, declaring itself non-sectarian, it has solicited and received endowment and patronage, the vast bulk of which under different conditions, it would never have possessed. Less than 6 per cent. of this endowment has come from the Presbyterian fold, and more than 94 per cent. from non-Presbyterian sources, under these representations. To usurp control for this church under such circumstances is not to be thought of and the argument produced by the writer is in the nature of an *insult* to our board of trustees. Washington and Lee University, he says, is regarded as closely related to the Presbyterian church and receives nearly all its patronage from Presbyterian homes. He says that it has "claimed an undenominational attitude hoping thereby to secure students from a wider field;" in plain language, that it has acted a lie, has perpetrated a fraud hoping to increase its patronage. The harvest reaped from this sowing of tares is not sufficiently abundant, so now let us hold on to what we have gotten, "without any disturbance of our endowments," and declare that we are *sectarian* and really have been so all the time, and we can then probably get enough students from Presbyterian homes to make up for the loss sustained, and keep them from other institutions. This is the tenor or the insult offered our board of trustees. The author also states that the great majority of our students come from Presbyterian homes, which, sad to say, in the light of actual facts, is untrue.

The writer has imbibed the spirit which has been attributed to Romanists and against which Protestants have declaimed—that is, the desire to control education and eventually, politically government. He says, "We would draw into their (the system proposed) halls the students that are scattering wisely and most unwisely. We would protect them from error and fill up their

defects, and crown them with the blessings of the religion of the fathers who planted them. We would * * * give to the world around us the men, strong in character as well as in education to be the citizens and sovereigns of our free country." (How beautiful!)

Out of respect to the men who have administered the affairs of this University and out of simple justice to its benefactors, if the opinions of its alumni and outsiders are to be overlooked, the writer should have added: "Return our endowments gotten under false pretenses to their rightful owners, and as the institution we propose to have is to be Presbyterian, root and branch, return the names of Washington & Lee which we have borrowed and by whose association we have become established." But he has adopted Mohammed's principle of ends justifying means and remains silent.

We would venture to "suggest" in closing that this revised edition of Washington and Lee University be christened with the immortal name of the author of "A Suggestion." Then let its originators sit on their haunches and evolve plans to accommodate the myriads of ambitious young men, all eager to become the sovereigns of this country, who will flock thither.

The New President.

It is becoming in us to congratulate our new president on his accession to a post of such distinguished honor, and to express our personal regard and best wishes for the success of his administration. Into his hands has been committed a trust made sacred by association with illustrious predecessors and to him is committed the privilege and the duty of upholding and perpetuating the hallowed memories that cluster round the names of Robert E. Lee and William L. Wilson.

We believe that from the nature of the man, Washington and Lee will, under his administration, pursue such a broad-minded and catholic policy as to place it above the charge of sectarianism and narrowness; that by the light of wisdom he will discern and proclaim that fair, liberal and the only true education is that which is placed above the petty and grasping designs of denominational dogmatists and czars; that Washington and Lee univer-

sity shall stand as a representative of the civilization and enlightenment of the twentieth century, and becoming broader and broader as time and evolution go on, shall be recognized the world over as an ideal institution of learning, a *true University*.

Miss Mary Strickler of Richmond, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George H. Denny.

Miss Judith Anderson left Monday for Washington, where she will attend school during the coming session.

Mr. J. W. Marshall recently underwent an operation in Richmond for appendicitis. We are glad to learn that he is getting along well.

The Misses Butler of Little Rock, who spent the past summer in Lexington, left on Tuesday, much to the regret of their numerous friends.

Van Astor Bachelor of the Law class of '95, passed through Lexington on his way to Atlanta, where he is now practicing his profession.

W. D. McSwain, B. L. '99, is judge of his county court at Newport, Tenn.

Cabell Tutwiler, who is now located in Philadelphia, with the United Gas Co., is at home for a vacation.

E. A. Quarles of Louisville, is spending a few days with his father, "Gus" is on the staff of the Courier-Journal, and is having marked success in the newspaper world.

The manager of the football team expects the trainer, Mr. Trenchard, here the first of next week. There are many who subscribed to the coach fund who have not paid, and also some who have not been seen on this all important subject. For a change hunt up the manager and pay your subscription and save him the trouble of a perpetual pursuit.

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The Game at Charlottesville.

From the football game last Wednesday between the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee, the supporters of W. & L. may well feel encouraged. Although Virginia won by a score of 27 to 0 it could be seen that W. & L. played a much better game against them than they did last year. This could be seen from several standpoints. In the first place the Virginia's team is stronger than last year when they beat W. & L. by a score of 29 to 0 in 24 minutes of actual play while the time of actual play this year was 30 minutes and the score only 27 to 0.

Washington and Lee played hard ball throughout, contesting every inch of ground and carrying the ball at one time by bucks through Lloyd to Virginia's six yard line.

All of the men played their best and special mention can be made of the playing of Trundle and "Smut" Smith.

When W. & L. had ball played on the Va. six yard line it could be seen that both the Va. players and routers were uneasy lest the ball should be carried over.

The game in detail is as follows:

W. & L. wins the toss and takes the northern goal. Virginia kicks off and W. & L. advances the ball several yards but failed to make but one of the required five yard gains and the ball goes over. Va. by a series of short rushes carried the ball over for the first touchdown, the most of the work being done by Bradley Walker, Va's big tackle.

Smith kicks off for W. & L. and Va. by a series of fine plays carries the ball to the centre of the field where W. & L. succeeds in holding them for downs, but after a few short gains had to kick. Virginia again begins her line bucking as she found it impossible to get her end men past Smith and Swartz, and carried the ball up the field for the second touchdown.

Smith again kicks off for W. & L. and Va. after a few gains loses the ball on down. W. & L. here made her best stand and carried the ball through Va's left tackle for short gains, aggregating 25 yards, to Va's six yard line. The big fellows here took a brace, however, and held W. & L. for downs and before the end of the half carried the ball

back up the field for another touchdown. Walker again proving the chief ground gainer for Va. Time was called soon after, the score standing 17 to 0.

Smith opens up the second half by kicking off for W. & L., both teams having put in several new men. W. & L. in this half allowed her opponents only two scores and showed up better in her defence. Smith, Trundle and Hall doing especially fine work.

All through the game it was noticeable that the lighter men from Lexington were quick to take advantage of Va's fumbles and tackle in good form against their heavy opponents. This half ended with score 11 to 0, making the total 27 to 0.

W. & L.	LINE UP.	U. Va.
Smith, A. v.	Position.	
	l. e.	Hobson Williams
McNulty,	l. t.	Lloyd, Cook
Trundle,	l. g.	Moore, Hurt
Whipple, Connor	c.	Waters
Crockett.	r. g.	Bennett
Hutcherson,		
Laird, Grove,	r. t.	Walker
Swartz, Capt.	r. e.	Connett, McGill
Hall	q. b.	Mason, Tutwiler
Haw, Allan	r. h. b.	Church
		Coleman, Capt.
Felder, Mith, T.	l. h. b.	St. John, Koller
		Lankford,
		Carroll
Walker Glasgow	l. b.	
Score—Va. 27, W. & L. 0		
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Graham-Lee Society.

As ever flourishing. Graham-Lee society opened last Saturday night by taking in three new members. These "faces have the grimness of granite" and of course will, therefore, help in adding even more dignity to this able body.

Upon turning to the program for the evening we were first favored by an oration from Mr. Wall on the topic, "Are all men created equal." He treated the subject in a clear, thoughtful and flattering manner, while he delivered the same in his usual graceful style.

Upon finishing the declaimers entered the arena, their minds burdened by weighty poems, perchance learned but for the moment, simply to recite. Mr. Steves from Texas, who was next on the program, gave a selection from "Macbeth." To hear him you would say he had been there before. There are more inexperienced fellows.

Following him came Mr. Preston and his Dapple Gray, a portion from "The Lady of the Lake." Experience and natural talent had given to him the great power of deep pathos and he put it to use upon the death of the faithful steed.

As for the debate, well, it always is good, and I am compelled to state that the assertion upon the part of the editor from the Wash. "that the negative side never did amount to much" will not hold good in regard to the Graham-Lee. The question at issue was discussed with a great deal of fire, essential for a good debate, and showed much preparation upon the part of both sides, and even the voluntary also.

As that was the night for the election of editors upon the board of the Southern Collegian the matter was then taken up and Messrs. M. P. Andrews of W. Va., and B. B. Shively of Ind., were the fortunate ones.

The meeting then adjourned.

Football Games.

The results of Wednesday's games were as follows:

- University of Pennsylvania, 6;
- Franklin and Marshall, 0;
- Harvard, 12; Bowdoin, 0;
- Princeton, 25; Villa Nova, 0;
- Yale, 6; Amherst, 0;
- Gettysburg College, 6; Carlisle Indians, 5;
- Cornell, 50; Rochester, 0.

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.

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

Coltition 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.

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