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## "Old Maids Convention."

BENEFIT OF DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY—DIRECTED BY MISS ANNA L. DUNKEL.

The Universal Society of United(?) Old Maids' has finally established an official chapter at Lexington. While delegates and officers of the General Society had been in communication with the young ladies of this city for 38 summers, their efforts were not crowned with success until the year of grace 1901. It was fitting then that after this brief delay the Society should open under such auspicious circumstances and with an unusually large number of initiates.

The grand high motto of the Sisterhood was an imperial ensign bearing the talismanic inscription, "While there is life, there is hope." (This motto having the utmost significance showing the grim determination of its members.)

The Society came to order under the sub-title of "The Lover Club," with President Josephine Jane Green in the chair.

The roll was called by Secretary Rivoly Abigail Hobbs, each member answering by an appropriate saying, either illustrating the noble aims of the club founded on the much embracing principle of bringing the loveless girl to the girlless lover, or else some aphoristic saying having *man* conspicuously suspended in solution.

There was not a single dissenting voice to the sentiment that "It is not good for man to be alone." "My kingdom for a man" was not felicitous, although the voice in opposition was quickly drowned out. "To be married is solemn, but not to be married is solemn," caused a few tears to fall, which became audible sobs over the pathos expressed in thrice repeated query, "Why don't the men propose?" But at this juncture Sister Schreppenheiser pointed to the Club's grand motto as above noted, whereupon all fears and forebodings gave way to the wildest enthusiasm, and amid deafening applause Secretary Rovoly

Abigail Hobbs capped the climax by the proclamation that "'Tis love, sweet love, that makes the world go round."

Here the president rapped for order and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Watch and Wait committee reported a very discouraging outlook for men and proposals, but the general air of pervading gloom was dispelled by the announcement of Charity Longface that she had but the evening before secured a victory of bliss in a promised kiss from Mr. John Letcher.

A point in the by-laws which made it unconstitutional to require any member to give her age or even to mention such was unanimously ratified several times by all present.

According to the constitution a list of the "unmarried men within a ten-mile radius" was then read and disapproved, after which the Sisterhood joined in singing their soul-stirring battle hymn, the rallying cry being something about devotion.

A debate on dress reform threw new light on that all important topic. Sister Portia Olivia Bennett eloquently championed the affirmative, showing by beautiful example how much grace and independence it gave the wearer. There seemed to be no place for the negative until Sister Penelope Gertrude Doolittle touchingly referred to man as the "sturdy oak" with woman as the "clinging ivy," the clinging idea calling forth prolonged applause, the judges deciding for the negative. A mouse appearing at this juncture, all the members rose in a body until the dangerous rodent was knocked insensible by the champion of dress reform.

The number on the program of greatest interest to the convention was the coming of Prof. Makeover and his assistant, inventor of the famous remodeloscope which was guaranteed to transform any "lady of uncertain age" to a blushing lass of sweet sixteen or to perform even greater wonders.

Sister Mehitable Schreppenheiser

in side curls, crinoline and ear trumpet, stepped in first, wishing herself young, beautiful and a talented reciter. Amid much crackling noise from the remodeloscope she came forth with her every wish fulfilled, reciting most felicitously a selection on the dangers of attentions without intentions, vulgarly known as flirtation.

Sister Schreppenheiser's successful makeover hereupon decided Sister Peachy Pinky White to try the machine. With vaulting ambition (so said an unkind member) she wished herself a lovely young bride. The machine rattled merrily as before, and, to the surprise of all (so said an unkind sister), she forthwith appeared leaning on the arm of the professor as fair a bride as ever wore a veil. The effect on the members was electrical and after the foregoing wonderful realization of wishes, why the next member should wish to be a man remains shrouded in mystery. She likewise had her longing fulfilled by the marvelous process. The sister next in order wished to be "a little brunette" but was unfortunately overdone through the carelessness of the professor. However, all went merrily until the coming of Sister Cleopatra Belle Brown, who, admitted to the machine with considerable misgiving, shattered both the remodeloscope and the professor's reputation, whereupon the convention adjourned, seconded and thirded, sine die.

After the convention adjourned, graceful and beautiful poses by groups were given by the young ladies of Lexington. This in itself was worth a dozen subsequent "flunks," and the unfortunate "grinders" who missed these last missed a very fountain of inspiration upon which to draw when their facts and data are altogether dry or absent.

Not meaning anything derogatory to the convention (for they are honorable and mighty), the poses seemed to win the greater popular favor and the man who had secured a seat in "baldheaded row" was deemed most fortunate.

Those taking part in the figures

were Misses Poague, Deaver, Tucker, Glasgow, Smith, Moore, Dunlap, Rhodes, Houston, Pierson, Adair, Ridgely, Booker, Williams, Boogher, and, in the figure of "Our Flag" 50 little girls.

## Graham-Lee Society.

The society opened last Saturday night with Vice-President Blain in the chair. After calling the roll and reading the minutes of last meeting, upon turning to the head of election of members, five men were signed.

The program for the evening was a most interesting one, being billed for the most part with a variety of different kinds of oratory. Mr. Preston, the orator, delivered an address upon "The Effect of Public Opinion," which was greatly relished.

Mr. Warner was the only one to respond to the call for declamations, but his selection on the "Dutchman" was so rare and well delivered that perhaps it sufficed.

The question, Resolved, "That the author has more influence than the orator," was next taken up, and though the affirmative had but one champion, still it was victorious. The discussion was filled with spirit while occasional flashes of wit would arise amid the broad and more dignified expressions uttered.

## Football Games.

Wednesday's football games resulted as follows:

- Univ. of Va. 5, Pennsylvania 20.
- Princeton 23, Dickinson 0.
- Harvard 16, Wesleyan 0.
- Yale 45, Bowdoin 0.
- Univ. of North Carolina 39, A. & M. 5.
- Swarthmore 5, Lehigh 6.
- Lafayette 16, Manhattan College 6.

## Notice.

Students having business with a member of the faculty after 4 o'clock in the evening can see any of these gentlemen on the golf links behind the hotel. If they appear to have a bad score, it might be well to postpone interview to another day.

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Considerable wire pulling could have been noticed by an observer about college during the past few days. The electric wires were being removed from the main building and placed on poles. Prof. Stevens' sanctum was also telephonically connected with the mechanic's office.

Virginia's game with Pennsylvania on Thursday showed that they are not so far behind, and the showing we made against them under the conditions was not so discreditable.

A few more evenings of football practice like that seen yesterday on the "Wilson Field" will give Washington and Lee a team that will make the rooters' hearts glad.

What's the matter with candidates for final ball president? It's time for them to make their aspirations known?

## Entertainments.

Some high class entertainments by the Southern Lyceum Company will be given under the auspices of the Athletic Association during the season. These entertainments are the real thing and come most highly recommended.

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The first of the entertainments will be given early in November and probably two others will follow later in the season.

## Bradford Law Debate.

The meeting was called to order by President Burks and after the usual routine business Messrs Lemmon, Wilson, Breckenridge, Abernathy and Dillard were appointed judges.

The case under discussion was Rice vs. Butler, 160 N. Y., 578, affecting infant contracts. Mr. Mahoney, the first speaker, made a strong speech for the prosecution and incidentally eulogized two gentlemen who disagreed with him, Lords Mansfield and Swearingen.

Mr. Swearingen followed him for the defence, and while having an uphill case made a very fine argument. Mr. Hays then spoke for the prosecution, citing cases from all over the world, and said that even the Indians had followed his side of the case, as well as the Fiji Islanders. Mr. Moore made a good speech showing much thought and study. King, Tucker, J. R., and Eckles made voluntary debates. The opinion was then rendered. Lemmon, Dillard and Abernathy decided in favor of plaintiff, Wilson and Breckenridge in favor of defence. The chair rendered its decision concurring with decision in favor of the plaintiff. Mr. Swearingen was awarded the prize for making the best argument of the evening.

## Cap and Gowns Adopted by Senior Classes.

Messrs. Cottrel & Leonard have had a representative hanging around college during the past week, who has persuaded the members of the senior classes of the University, or a majority of them, that caps and gowns are necessary to support the dignity which belongs to them.

The academic and law classes of '01 both had meetings and decided to adopt this dignified ornamentation. There was, however, some opposition to the movement.

It is rumored that the faculty are also considering the adoption of gowns, and this will probably be made a permanent feature in the University.

The senior classes at Tulane university have decided to adopt the historic cap and gown. This idea seems to be gaining in favor, a good many colleges having adopted it during the past few years.

The root of the whole matter is

## Lexington Matrimonial Market

Everything quiet today, but men move briskly on the square. Several handsome strangers in the city, but all engaged to girls elsewhere. We give the following quotations:

Mr. Andrews and Mr. Heath have been absorbed.

Prof. C. L. Crow, reported active as ever.

Prof. W. R. Vance is found to be fluctuating.

Mr. Sandy Waddell, regular. Judge Letcher, old stock, but old speculators bidding.

Mr. B. E. Vaughn, quoted as good investment.

Mr. David E. Moore, quiet.

Mr. Maitlin Burks, unsettled.

Mr. L. W. Smith, long on the market.

Mr. Frank Moore, cornered.

Mr. R. Preston, a good prize but prefers politics to petticoats.

Mr. Flap Pancake, shy of the market.

Capt. Melton, tendency to fluctuate, at present steady.

Mr. R. Crawford, prospects good when stock matures.

Mr. Sam Glasgow is dealing heavily in futures, and is said to be a plunger.

Prof. W. R. Vance, many plans of consolidation have been talked of for this desirable security, but all bids have been rejected. He is very fond of cash dividends and old maids.

Mr. J. R. Tucker, nothing doing—market being watched from abroad.

Mr. Jim Davidson is devoting himself assiduously to widows and orphans—particularly widows.

Mr. Bridges is closing a heavy deal in Staunton.

Mr. R. C. Owen is gilt edge—but hard to secure.

Mr. Nelson Myers, good bids, but no stock offered.

Mr. John Bratton and Mr. Bess Anderson are still at the same old stand.

Mr. Fred White—bids are spirited but he is only on the market for spot cash.

Major R. C. Marshall—it is reported that this desirable security is no longer on the market.

Mr. Osborne and Mr. Barnwell—There were no quotations, it being too early in the season. If not knocked in the head by the frost,

they'll be heard from next season.

Mr. David Barclay is a great favorite and much sought after, but cannot leave his Ma.

Mr. Edgar Waddell—controlling interest held abroad.

Mr. McNulty is an old favorite and will have a red letter day before long.

Mr. McElwee is much sought after by spinsters and debutants, but seems bent on single blessedness.

## Washington and Lee Man Honored.

Hon. J. H. McCleary, former attorney-general of the state of Texas and judge of the supreme court of Montana under President Cleveland, has been appointed associate justice of the supreme court of Porto Rico by President Roosevelt.

Judge McCleary graduated from Washington and Lee in 1868 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and in the following year that of Bachelor of Law. He has held numerous government positions, among them that of alcalde of Santiago de Cuba for a few months, being the first and only American mayor of that city.

Hampden-Sidney played the Virginia Military Institute team today. This is the first game the V. M. I. has had this season, several teams having cancelled engagements with them. They have an unusually strong team.

The chapter of the Phi Kapp Alpha fraternity has been revived at the University.

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**Personals.**

Dr. H. A. White will not meet his classes next week on account of necessary absence from the University.

Dr. Carnett, the V. M. I. line coach, reached Lexington this week and will assist Mr. W. Walker in his work with the team.

Miss Mary Campbell Moore and Miss Joseph Allan have returned from a three weeks visit to Miss Elizabeth Moreland at McDonogh, Md.

Mr. Benoist Shields having, completely recovered from his sickness, left this week for Natchez, Miss., where he will go into business. We wish him success.

It is reported that Mr. Bridges will entertain the Hampden-Sidney team on Monday evening at the Lexington. An infallible sign of one's devotion to his alma mater.

Mr. W. J. Lauck, well known around college, is a candidate for the West Virginia legislature. He has a position at New Creek, W. Va., and received the nomination of his party in that district. His chances for election seem bright.

**Athletic Association.**

The regular fall meeting of the Athletic association, which was postponed from the first Friday in October, will be held next Friday, Oct. 25, at 4 p. m., in the Y. M. C. A. room. All students who have purchased season tickets or have contributed the sum of \$1 to athletics are considered members and should attend the meetings.

**Pay Up.**

A good many who subscribed to the Coach fund have not paid up. All such are requested to do so at once as it is absolutely necessary for the management to have these funds. They were counted on to defray the expenses of the season and should be paid promptly.

**Fortnightly Club.**

Dr. Hunter Pendleton entertained the Fortnightly club last evening at his home on Letcher avenue. Professor Humphreys read an able paper on "Trusts as viewed from the standpoint of the engineer."

The law school has had two or three additional members during the week.

**Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Boaz Reach Fort Worth**

Fort Worth Register: Last Thursday evening a very pretty reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Clement A. Boaz by the parents of the former, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Boaz, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Luther B. Coe, on St. Louis avenue. About 150 guests were daintily served in the diningroom, which was beautifully decorated with red carnations and amilax. The reception hall and parlors were trimmed with LaFrance roses. A band of musicians rendered sweet music throughout the evening, which added much to the gaiety of conversation. There were many pretty costumes, and the affair was a very warm welcome to Mrs. Boaz into Fort Worth society. She was formerly Miss Lucilla Booker of Lexington, Va.

Misses Nannie, Mary Preston and Margaret Graham have gone to Baltimore to spend the winter. Mrs. John A. Graham is visiting them.

Lynwood R. Holmes, O. E., of Washington and Lee, class of 1900, is now with the Norfolk & Western road, locating new work in McDowell county, W. Va.

Mrs. J. Randolph Tucker and Mrs. John L. Logan, who have been absent from Lexington throughout the summer visiting in New York and elsewhere, have returned home.

At Old Street church in Petersburg Tuesday evening, Licentiate Harry W. Pratt was ordained by a commission of East Hanover Presbytery and installed as pastor of the church.

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**Chapel.**

**PROFESSOR HOXIE'S ADDRESS.**

Wednesday morning's chapel service this week was probably more enjoyable than many who were in attendance had expected. This was caused by the excellent address of Dr. Hoxie and the announcement by Dr. Denny that chapel service would occur but once a month hereafter.

Dr. Hoxie spoke on expansion and mainly from an economic standpoint.

He opened his address by stating that it was his opinion that the most active promoters of the Spanish war and afterward the expansion policy were actuated not so much by patriotic motives as by greed for gain, although there were and are some who are prompted by patriotism.

Dr. Hoxie, after reviewing to a certain extent our expansion policy, stated that from even an economic standpoint it has been a failure. Nor does he think that it will ever prove successful if the expansion of other nations with tropical possessions may be taken as a criterion.

While he dealt mostly with the economic phase of the question Dr. Hoxie also pointed out other disadvantages in this policy.

**The Hampden-Sidney Game**

From all we can learn Hampden-Sidney has a team this year that is not to be easily vanquished and we will have to work to give them what we should. We need more enthusiasm among our rooters than usual. It is true that we haven't had much opportunity for rooting so far, but we should take advantage of the game Monday to see what we can do in this line.

Nothing will encourage the team more than enthusiasm and loyal support among the non-combatant students and this is what we need more of. Let every one get his vocal chords in good order by Monday and prepare to do all he can to encourage the White and Blue.

Our team is fast getting into shape under Coach Trenchard's training and bids fair to represent us on the gridiron better than for several years. The second team is doing good work in giving the first team practice and it is probable that some changes will be made in the teams before the season is over.

**University Directory.**

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

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

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