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NEBUCHADNRZZAR REINSTATED.

Society is too busy and its interests too varied nowadays to take time to look up for itself the jewels of contemporary literature. Hence we see the review columns of magazines and newspapers becoming more and more prominent. It is the office then of some to point out that which is best from the general mass for the greater convenience and pleasure of all. It is with this aim that we are undertaking the task of reviewing the latest new departure in literature.

The story is entitled "Nebuchadnezzar Reinstated," and the purpose (all great masters have a purpose), so the author has informed our correspondent, is to give a theory for the accounted restoration of Nebuchadnezzar's reasoning. In short, as expressed by him, it is a "realistic" story founded on ancient history. Having thus diligently ascertained that the purpose was founded on a serious conception of historic life and not on a substratum or a superstructure of burlesque, we venture to present at first, for motives of clearness, a short outline of the plot.

The scene is laid in Babylon, and the *dramatis personae* are : Nebuchadnezzar, the great king ; Ruth, his eldest daughter; Daniel, the Hebrew Daniel ; his colleague, Melzar, a magician; Azariah, Ruth's devoted attendant; patricians and the people in the background.

Our space is limited and we are forced to confine our attention to some of the most sparkling gems of thought and expression. We fear that in re-sublimation and under condensation much of their beauty may be lost. ["The italics are our own."]

"It was a delightful spring evening * * . On a balcony on the western side of the palace stood a middle aged man, and his daughter, in the bloom of youth * * *. From their conversation one would gather that the gentleman was Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon,

and the girl was his eldest child. Presently he grew animated and leaned against the balustrade * * *. "Oh father!" screamed the girl, "don't lean against that balustrade; it is weak. Oh-h-h! it is breaking." This seems to foreshadow the fall; then we have a "sharp report of breaking timber," "a thundering crash," and Nebuchadnezzar lay in the garden below. To our dismay we learn that the servants had been just dismissed (probably it was between meals and Mrs. Neb. had decided to have a cold supper that night.) A dutiful daughter might have leaped over the back porch railing, but Ruth ran down the stairway and found a young "cavaliere" noble standing by the prostrate king.

"Oh father!" exclaimed the maiden, "are you hurt?" The king's reply demonstrates the fact that he had lost his reason and he makes a vicious lunge at the stranger, "calling him most profanely a 'crazy loon.'" The young "cavaliere" has now to face a lunatic and we instinctively tremble for his fate. But we read with great relief that "he was not unacquainted with boxing and soon had the king collared." (According to modern Queensbury rules this would be considered a foul, but our readers must remember that this is in Babylon.) The young man carries off the king "with a sarcastic smile" and we now learn that he is none other than Daniel. En route to the "senate chamber" a man prostrates himself, by preconcerted action, at Daniel's feet. "Rise, you Jewish swine. Take this fellow to Gehennah. If he utters a syllable choke him, * * don't you lose one second."

Now the plot begins to thicken. The king, uttering beast-like howls, is conducted to a prison, and Daniel goes to judgment in the senate chamber. The king, however, breaks loose and comes upon them. Daniel unsheathes his dagger, when lo! a portion of the wall spontaneously opens and a servant rushes in. There being now two to one Daniel takes the extra precaution of drawing his

sword and buried it in the new arrival, who proves to be none other than the king's daughter in disguise. Tis not the time for sad repenting, for the king leaps from the window and the entire senate (now a band of conspirators) leaps after him. Daniel pursues him until dawn but the king escapes "to enjoy the company of the beasts of the field." The mighty hand of Daniel could not stay the reign of anarchy that followed. "Where to find a king, however, was the question." Ruth's body had ne'er been found, and while "Ruth" had been introduced as the "eldest child" we infer that the Salio law (a measure of the Medes and Persians) had declared the other heirs ineligible. * * *

Before breakfast one morning finds the prince meditating in the palace garden, when suddenly "his heart beat faster—not from fear, but from intuition, as it were." How delicately put. None of the modern wishy-washy sentimentality that.

But we must needs hasten on to the climax. Ruth and Daniel are conversing about the king when a voice behind them made them start and they were "astonished to behold a large ox in the middle of the room led, led by Melzar, * * who said, "I bring you the king, clothed and in his right mind." * * He slit the hide and Nebuchadnezzar stood before them! The ox had foreshadowed the scene, but still we were not entirely prepared for it after all, which was a stroke of true genius.

The conclusion is, however, like any great novel and the king proclaims "a great feast in honor of the Most High God, and then you two shall find your highest happiness."

Football Scores.

The football games of Wednesday resulted as follows:

West Point 24, Pennsylvania 0.
Columbia 6, Annapolis 5.
Randolph-Macon 11, Richmond College 0.
V. M. I. 44, Maryland 0.

A Freshman's Voice.

Editor Ring-tum Phi :

Being a new man—a freshman—I feel that I am somewhat presumptuous in asking for any of your valuable space, but freshmen, if they do not fall by the wayside, hope some day to be seniors and perhaps even go so far as to "mould public opinion."

It is on the latest issue of the Southern Collegian that I wish to say a few words. When I picked it up it was with the expectation of being duly "moulded," but my spirit rebelled and bubbled clean over the cast. I found the contents to be mostly editorials, or maybe a better term would be editorial speeches, for speeches allow greater extravagance in diction and hyperbole. [See Genung Course in Junior English.] We read that in spoken discourse, it is always allowable to have a slight sacrifice of literal truth for the sake of vividness. Perhaps the editors meant the Collegian to be read aloud, because the sacrifice there is beyond all expression in prose writing. We are almost compelled to ask if the editor or editors know or appreciate the value of words. Genung affirms that words mean something.

It would not be good taste to refer to the address at the last but the extravagance of rhetoric there brought into play is a shock to the senses.

Extravagance and exaggeration out of place, fit a mock heroic style, but not anything really serious and thoughtful. How many "pale and thoughtful seniors" have we seen in these "classic halls." I've looked across the aisle in chapel several times and have yet to see one. Those chaps on the front bench looked stupid but one could hardly apply the above combination to even the post graduates.

Further on we learn that the editor is going to kill the fatted calf for the [prodigal] alumni. I hope it will be that muley cow that perambulates the campus at nights.

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Up to the present 33 volumes of the Southern Collegian have been issued and during the greater part of this period it has enjoyed the reputation of being one of the most excellent college publications in the country. So far as we can ascertain it has always abstained from political discussions. In fact it has usually given notices that nothing of a political nature would be admitted to its pages. Now, in the second number of volume 34, this tradition has been thrown to the wind, and we find a fierce editorial discussion of the Roosevelt-Washington episode.

It may be very gratifying to one to mould public opinion, but we are afraid that when the editor undertakes to mould public opinion in the South according to the opinions he expresses he has chosen a metal not easily cast. However, we do not care to enter upon any controversy as to the matter in question. It is not the purpose of these columns to discuss such things, and clearly the columns of the Southern Collegian were never designed for such. We can only regret that such an innovation has been allowed in the traditions and purposes of the magazine. As to the propriety of the President's action everybody probably has some opinion, but he doesn't have to express it, and he at least ought to some extent consider the propriety of the medium used for that purpose.

In regard to our views as to the propriety of the President's action,

we can express ourselves in no more satisfactory language than that of the President of the Virginia constitutional convention: "Every man to his liking as the old woman said when she kissed the cow." So far as we are concerned, the President of the United States or the editor of the Southern Collegian may kiss the cow anywhere they desire, but we reserve the right to select the objects of our osculations.

Dummies Defeated.

w. & l. 17, STAUNTON 0.

The last game of the season was played here yesterday between the Varsity's second team and the team from the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Institute in Staunton. The Staunton boys were considerably lighter in weight, but they put up a clean, plucky game and it didn't seem to be any easy matter to score on them.

In the first part of the game McNeill got through our line on a fake play and but for his being tripped, the chances are that Staunton would have scored. Hicks, the little right tackle, was a star, while the whole Staunton team showed that they knew something about football. McNeill played his usual game and did some specially fine offensive work.

For Washington and Lee Dotson at left, Campbell, quarterback, and Stone, centre, played a good game, while the runs of Boogher and Harrison were the greatest gains, the former making a touchdown on Staunton's kickoff. Campbell kicked a difficult goal in the first half and made a pretty drop kick goal from the field in the second half.

Following is the line up:

W. L. U.	Position.	Staunton.
Harrison	Left end	Hasnick
Logan	Left tackle	Wood
Collins	Left guard	Spain
Osborne	Centre	Hubbard
Jones	Right guard	Barbour
Cave	Right tackle	Hicks
Stone	Right end	Davis
Connor	Quarterback	Rule
Grove	Left halfback	McNeill (Capt.)
Smiley	Right halfback	Ledbetter
Campbell	Fullback	Reedy
Dotson	Left halfback	Boogher
Harrison	Right halfback	Touchdowns—Dotson 2, Boogher 1.
Lomax	Fullback	Goals from touchdowns—Campbell 2, Goal from field—Campbell. Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Walker. Umpire—Tucker. Linesmen—Logan, Worthen and Gill. Score W. & L. 17, Staunton 0.

"Tubby" McNeill didn't have the heart to leave Lexington with his team this morning at 4 o'clock and decided to stay over till Monday.

We are all Greek Poets. Where oh where are the prose writers?

Bradford Society Wednesday Night.

LAW DEBATE.

The Bradford Society met on last Wednesday evening for the discussion of the case of White v. Snyder. Messrs. Lemon and Abernathy represented the plaintiff and Messrs. Newman and Crockett the defendant.

White gave his horse to Jackson, his agent, instructing him to sell for \$125 cash in hand. Snyder held a past due note of Jackson for \$75. When Jackson offered to sell him the horse for \$125 cash in hand he accepted the offer and took possession of the horse. He then tendered in payment \$50 in cash and Jackson's past due note for \$75 which he held.

This tender was refused as it did not comply with the terms that the payment was to be in cash, and White brought action in detinue to recover the horse. The point upon which the case depended was whether title passed to Synd'r.

The attorneys for the plaintiff contended that the defendant did not comply with his obligation under the contract, that his part was not fulfilled as the plaintiff never agreed to accept anything but cash in payment for the horse, and that title had not passed. The attorneys for the defendant contended that the tender by the client was sufficient to satisfy the terms of the contract and even if this were not so, that there had been mutual consent to make the sale at the price, which was sufficient to place title in the vendee and that plaintiff could have no remedy in detinue. ETK

Chief Justice Tucker delivered his opinion in favor of the plaintiff, basing his decision on the ground that the past due note was not equivalent to cash and its tender in payment along with the cash balance did not fulfill the agreement which Jackson intended should be made. Justices Causey, Hays, Dilard and Glass delivered opinions concurrent with that of the Chief Justice. The vote of the class affirmed the decision of the court, Mr. Mahoney alone dissenting.

President Vance then delivered an opinion in favor of the defendant based on the reason and justice of the case, conceding the weight of judicial authority to the plaintiff.

The Society then voted the prize book to Mr. Lemon. The court for the next session were appointed and the meeting adjourned.

Communicated.

Much to the sorrow of Coach Wertenbaker the football team has disbanded, after making a creditable showing. The men have worked hard and as the manager was unable to arrange a game with a team they had not played, decided to devote the rest of the season to their studies. There are a number of "scrubs" who will make good men next year and we will have most of the old men back. The men who have done the best work are Capt. Swartz, right end; Smith, left end; Trundle, right guard; Hall, quarter-back; Walker, full-back, and Haw, right-half, and no doubt one of these men will be elected captain for next year. Some of the men, especially Trundle and Walker, have been very unlucky, being injured most of the time, and have not had the chance to do themselves justice, and distinguish themselves as they would have done had they been in good condition all the year. Smith and Hall have both played exceptionally well, while the whole team has done its share. Look out for next year and see what the team does if it has a good Northern coach at the beginning of the season. We suggest that the manager have another picture taken of the regular team.

Mrs. J. T. McCrum gave a very pleasant entertainment to some of her young friends on Thursday evening at her home on upper Main street. "Sports" were the order of day and no doubt after the revelation of characters the number of pleasant and unpleasant surprises were as numerous as on other similar occasions. Among some of those present were Misses Josephine Allan, Hope Stuart, Nelly Glasgow, Edmonia Smith, Mary Moore, Bessie Pough, Jessie Shanks, Lily Catlett, Margaret Witt, and Susie Effinger, while of the sterner sex the "McCrumites," Sam Glasgow, Robert Glasgow, C. Spencer, Sternberger, McCulloch, and Davis were the fortunate ones.

Meeting of RING-TUM PHI board Monday at 3:30 p. m. Everybody be on time.

Miss Lawrence, who has been visiting the Misses Houston, has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Mr. W. W. McCluer, an old student of the University, who is now in business in North Dakota, has been in Lexington several days.

Communicated.

Editor Ring-tum Phi :

I do not wish to find fault with the last issue of the Collegian, but may I call attention to one point in particular. I would like to ask a few questions in reference to the editorial on the Roosevelt-Washington affair. This has already been noticed in a very marked way by the students, and we recall with sorrow the sad spectacle which was on the bulletin board some days ago.

The editor of the Collegian is perfectly free to entertain his own opinions in regard to this matter, and we should be glad to hear him announce them in some public place, on the campus, if he chooses. But has he the right to use the editorial columns of our magazine as a vehicle for these opinions? I say "our magazine" because it is the pride of every student, and its editor should regard in some degree the feelings of his fellow-students. We say with pride that Thomas N. Page, a novelist of wide fame, was one of the first contributors to the Collegian. What would he say if he should read this eloquent editorial?

The editor is certainly to be censured for his indiscretion in this matter. Will not outside people who read this Collegian say, "Can this be the Southern Collegian, the best known college magazine in the South, published by the University which bears the name of Lee? Is it possible that we read such sentiments in its columns? Can this come from that old college, dear to all Southern hearts as a stronghold of Southern principle?"

With swelling eloquence the editor, his heart burning with patriotism, goes on to say, "We believe the majority of American people *** have no patience with the few remaining demented fools and hair-brained idiots, who feed their empty stomachs on ancestral deeds, and clothe their godlike persons with priceless heirlooms." From this we are to infer that we, who do not desire to eat with Negroes, are gods. We rejoice in our divinity. We do not have this objection, because our fathers fell at Bull Run, but we draw it from an inborn feeling of common propriety and decency, and furthermore, we are proud that the sentiment is born in us. I am sure that we can safely say that not one of the heroes who fought in the

civil war would have done what Mr. Roosevelt did. Were they demented fools and hair-brained idiots? History tells us that their enemies did not think them such.

Surely the descendants of the editor will hold as a "precious heirloom" this noble work from the pen of their distinguished ancestor.

ONE WHO READ IT.

Y. M. C. Association.

The "week of prayer" was closed by a talk from Rev. J. H. Light on the subject, "How to Become Fruitful." To give the substance of this talk, faith is the foundation to which all other things must be added. To faith must be added virtue; to virtue, knowledge, etc. Each one of these questions were explained and illustrated. All of them must be possessed; but if ye would be "neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," they must "be in you and abound." This is a vital subject, and we hope that it has made a deep impression upon the minds and hearts of all who heard it.

Quite a number of students were out Monday evening looking to see a good game between V. M. I. and the Univ. of Maryland, but were grievously disappointed. The visitors were outplayed at every point by their opponents. The result of this game will give (if comparative scores tell anything) the Cadets good chances to win against V.P.I. Thanksgiving day.

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116 in seeming ecstasy but we cut it out for lack of space.—EDS.]

The article on Roosevelt and Booker Washington was the most amusing disquisition we have yet seen—that's the way the subject ought to be treated—as a mock heroic burlesque. "Brother college brevet men "libertas docendi et dicendi"—let us emphatically waive our dark skinned prejudices! If we didn't scrap at Bull Run we can "scowl" at all those "demented fools and hair brained idiots" who don't agree with us.

The welcome to the Phil-o-math-ean Monthly of Bridgewater College, "Our Own County," is the best we have yet seen (p. 132.)

[At this point mention was made at some length of "Nebuchadnezzar Reinstated," and an expression of commiseration for Mr. Hoxie that his excellent article should have such environments, but we already have a review of the above fiction.—EDS.]

A FRESHMAN.

Death of Prominent Young Alumnus.

S. B. M'ELDONNEY.

A dispatch from New Martinsville, W. Va., dated Nov. 18, is as follows :

"Samuel B. McEldowney, a prominent young attorney of this city, died last evening at 10 o'clock from typhoid fever. He was 28 years of age. The funeral will occur Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of his parents on Maple avenue. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Fannin of the Methodist church, South.

"Samuel B. McEldowney was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John McEldowney of Maple avenue. He was a member of the New Martinsville bar with very bright prospects before him. During the last few days of his illness he had a number of hemorrhages and six of an internal nature yesterday were the cause of his death. He was very well and popularly known all over this section."

Mr. McEldowney was a double course law student in the session of 1898-99.

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