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## International Student Convention at Toronto

As the date for the fourth convention of the Student Volunteer Movement, to be held at Toronto February 26 to March 2, draws near, preparations are being rapidly hastened, both at the Toronto headquarters and at the Volunteer office. So general is the interest in this gathering that the utmost resources available are sorely taxed. Colleges and other institutions of higher learning from the Atlantic to the Pacific are taking steps to appoint large and influential delegations in cases where this has not already been done.

Interest in the city where the convention meets is natural. Its architectural beauty, its high reputation as a scholastic centre, and its dominating influence in the evangelical life of the Dominion, combine to make it an ideal gathering place. To this may be added, in the case of delegates from the States, the charm of the transplanted English life as effected by early French traditions. It is a bit of England with something of the Sabbath atmosphere of Scotland, mingled with the spirit and enterprise of America. The student life of Toronto is likewise a unique composite of British and American ideas and customs, with which it will be most interesting to become acquainted.

Interest in the coming convention is further justified by the acceptance received. These include the leading missionary advocates of the United States and Canada, missionaries from all the great fields, many of them with a world-wide reputation, and persons whose fame is in every mouth in connection with the recent uprising in China—the falsely defamed and rightly lauded Dr. Ament, and Professor Gamewell, defenders of the legations, both of Peking, being among them. Young people's society leaders whose names are household words, will be present, as well as men and women of spiritual power, some of whom are already known to students, Mr.

Speer and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor for example. Editors and educators of influence and wide reputation will constitute an important part of the personnel. Best of all, Mr. Mott, who five months' tour among the students of Japan, China and India, has been a prolonged experience of remarkable successes, will preside. His words will alike inspire and empower all who hear him.

Difficulties to be feared in case of a late appointment of representatives are suggested by the fact that at a number of remote colleges delegations twice as large as were sent to the convention at Cleveland in 1898 have been appointed, and also by the plans of large institutions like Cornell University and Yale, where the remarkable record of 1898 is likely to be exceeded. Since the delegates are to be entertained by the hospitality of the people of Toronto, it has been necessary to limit the total attendance to 2,500, of whom 2,000 be students. From present indications it is apparent that this number of men and women from fully 500 institutions will easily be reached—undoubtedly the greatest student religious gathering the world has ever seen.

### Y. M. C. A.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather there was scarcely half the usual number of regular attendance. Dr. McBryde was present to deliver his address; but it was decided to postpone his talk for a prettier day. Mr. Blain then led the service, which was turned into a prayer-meeting. Every one joined in service with an earnestness which made it very interesting.

Next Sunday afternoon we will have with us an alumnus of this college, Mr. Hugh M. McIlhany. He is well known by many of the students; and we hope that the weather will be favorable, and every student come to hear his lecture.

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## Meeting of Virginia Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association

By our Special Correspondent.

This association met at Randolph-Macon college, Ashland, Va., on last Friday, Jan. 24th.

Representatives were present from University of Virginia, Washington and Lee University, Hampden-Sidney College, William and Mary College, Roanoke College, and Randolph-Macon College. The Virginia Military Institute and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute were the only members of the association not represented.

Dr. Brown, president of the association, called the meeting to order; the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, and the regular order of business was taken up. According to the rules of the association, suitable trophies are to be awarded each year to the champions of each section in football and baseball. The trophy for the champion football team of the Eastern section was awarded to Hampden-Sidney College; baseball to Richmond College. The University of Virginia carried off the trophies for both football and baseball in the Western section. The constitution also provides that a suitable trophy shall be awarded to the champion football team of the state, also in baseball, but as the champions of the two sections had not played games to decide the championship, these trophies were not awarded.

The constitution was then taken up and some important revisions made. Among these were: Changing the date of meeting from the second Friday in January to the third Friday in February; making Sec. 2, Art. IV, state definitely that any player who has played on the same team four years is ineligible to play longer on that team. An effort was made to make this section include any player who has played four years in the association, whether on the same or different teams. It seems that this would more nearly do justice to all the schools in the association, for as it

now a player may play four years on some college team and then go to one of the universities to take a profession and play for two or four more years, thus giving the higher institutions a decided advantage in the state athletic contests.

Lexington, Va., was chosen as the next place of meeting, and J. Randolph Tucker of Washington and Lee university, was chosen president. This association has it in its power to do much for the athletics of our state institutions and we believe will do much during the coming year to fix definite schedules between the various schools and to preclude the possibility of any professionalism in any of our state contests.

### Class of 1903 Meets.

Last Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock the class of 1903 met for the purpose of electing officers for this year. The result of this election was that Mr. J. W. Bagley was chosen president, W. J. Turner, vice-president, and John McClure, secretary.

Realizing then that the class had risen to a place of distinction and prominence in college life, Mr. Guthrie was chosen class editor on the Calyx board and Mr. Wither- spoon historian.

Elections had now become exciting. Pancake was made captain of the baseball team and Lamar manager. Whipple had an exciting contest for the captaincy of the football team, and Flanary was selected as manager.

A motion was offered that the class hold a banquet, at which all the members would have a chance to get together and have a good time and recount their brave deeds of the past. This motion was adopted and a committee appointed to make the necessary arrangements. This event will take place Feb. 14, at Mrs. Booker's.

Iowa elects her yell masters. Over 400 votes were cast when the six official rooters were elected.—The Northwestern.

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It is with sincere interest that we note the career of our regular professor of Economics and Political Science, and we congratulate him on the receiving of successive important honors and trusts in the short time he has been absent. It is also a gratifying circumstance that Mr. Willis' volume on the Latin Monetary Union has attracted such wide notice in the economic journals of the United States. Washington and Lee surely ought to be thankful for the honors he has thus brought upon her.

## Base-Ball, 1902.

The prospects for a good baseball team were never brighter than they are this season. Nearly all the members of the team of 1901, one of the most successful in our history, are again ready to don the white and blue, and also many promising recruits from the new classes. The management has been working hard to get a good schedule of games, which is not only of interest to the spectators but also of great benefit to team. But the finances are in a very crippled condition. Everybody must realize that the receipts from our Lexington games are small and inadequate to support a good schedule, let alone the running expenses and equipment of the team.

The effort to raise funds by providing entertainments for the students and townspeople has so far proved a failure, a fact which seems

strange in the light of circumstances. But nevertheless it is true, and we must have a "brace" for the two entertainments that remain on the list. The first of these is to be on Feb. 26th, and is an impersonation of David Harem, by a first class impersonator. The second is musical, Miss Clara Bell Palmer, a pianist of national reputation, and surpassing talent, being the artist. We hope they will be duly appreciated.

In the matter of equipping the team this season, the management will be at a heavy expense. This is due to the fact that the new uniforms gotten last year and also the old ones, which were stored in the gymnasium at the end of last season, were stolen during the summer months. These uniforms are expensive and consequently this loss means a great deal. If the students will show as much spirit as was manifested last fall at the football meeting and contribute as liberally, baseball finances can be put on a very good footing and we will be able to have a good schedule and well equipped team. We can see no reason why the interest should be any less, as baseball is usually our strong point, and we want to unite our efforts this session and make the season of 1902 the best we have ever had.

Season tickets will be placed on sale next week at the price of \$3.00. The worth of your money is guaranteed, and in the absence of any contingency preventing, there will be several extra games. Every student in college ought to buy a season ticket, and there are very few who ought not to make an extra subscription to help along this cause which depends upon good financial support. If every student will do his part the team will do the rest and it will be done right.

## Committee Meeting

Last Tuesday the committees from the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary societies met to select some one to address them during Commencement. The names of Herbert Welsh, Bryan, Edward M. Sneider, Senator Daniel and Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge were discussed, and those of Shepherd and Breckinridge most favorably. However, on account of the work, modesty and prudish nerve of many, Shepherd will be chosen over Breckinridge.

## The Collegian.

The January Collegian is dedicated to the memory of John H. Hamilton, a former editor of the magazine, and who lost his life in July, 1900, at Parkersburg, W. Va. A short sketch of his life while at the University is given, and an address delivered by Dr. Currell on the occasion of the unveiling of a monument erected to his memory, is a handsome tribute to his noble character and marked ability.

Among the "fictional" contributions, "A Commencement Decision" will give to the minds of the lay-readers what, on some occasions, the va'dictorian goes through before delivering himself of his last farewell. When we think of the "dormant flame," which upon a fresh supply of fuel being added, bursts forth into an "unquenchable" fire, we must be lenient with our young Demostheneses, if they break out with unusual warmth and ardor.

This article by "Enoch Arden" is fittingly followed by "Two Phases of Tennyson," a very readable contribution and one that shows a familiarity with the poet and his critics. We would suggest, if the Eauptous bard is more than two-phased, let us have some other views.

We are sure Mr. Geo. Ade will accept the apology of his admirer and congratulate him upon his efforts, and no doubt "many a chap that goes wrong" wishes that this style of writing was adopted in the department of English, for he would never be at a loss for a word, and if there is an especial point to be made "Capitalization" "cinches" it. For those who wish food for reflection, after a perusal of "Woman and Her Fool," "The First Protective Movement in America" furnishes the staple article, no duty attached except a conscientious fulfilment of the work undertaken, reading the contribution through and verifying statistics.

Our call for poems brought forth a number by "Ex." This gentleman has evidently a very easy ticket or stanzas flow from his lips like Attic notices on the bulletin board calling Homerites to their "ecclesia."

Tuesday night, Feb. 4, at 12.30, the junior chemistry class of 1900-1901 will meet at the gymnasium. This will be the anniversary of the demise of the chemistry benches, and appropriate memorial exercises will then be observed. Let every member be present.

## Some Literary Essays\*

This is a compact little volume with a great deal in it about some very large subjects, such as Thackeray, Carlyle, George Elliot, Matthew Arnold, Ruskin and Geo. Meredith. Bgt the author has treated them admirably, and in such a delightful way that his rather philosophic method does not mar its readability for the average reader. He treats the vogue, style, philosophy, personality, and art of each one besides particular sections on the peculiarities of each. Mr. Brownell's style is admirable—clear and concise, and nature of his book is thoughtful and shows a thorough conversance with each author he discusses.

The only criticism of any importance which we can find is that if the authors he considers are the prose-masters of the Victorian period, he has done a wrong to the work and memory of Dickens. Although he makes frequent mention of him as the peer of his favorites, yet he either does not deem him of sufficient importance to be discussed in particular, or the title of his work is misleading.

We confess that we, who are admirers of Dickens, were disappointed when we found that he had been omitted.

The book, however, gives an excellent general view of the greatest writers of English prose in the last three-quarters of the past century, and will prove a valuable addition to the library of every student and professor.

\* Victorian Prose-Masters, by W. C. Brownell. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York, 1901, \$1.50.

At the Yale bi-centennial there were representatives of 130 foreign institutions.

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### Washington Society.

The first burst of eloquence that thrilled the hearts of the "Washite" at the last meeting was an oration by E. W. Kelly on Commodore Perry. He treated vividly the career of this gallant officer and pointed out the probable result of the war of 1812 had it not been for his victories on the sea which offset our defeats on land.

The next orator, C. R. Whipple, thought he could make a better impression with a product of someone else's mind than of his own, so begged to be transferred to declamation. The president agreed with him and granted the request. The gentleman chose as his selection one of Kipling's ballads, and rendered it in such a natural way that it was much enjoyed.

The purpose of the debate was to prove that Longstreet was to blame for the Confederate's defeat at Gettysburg. H. W. Hamilton and Landis presented strong arguments for the prosecution—the former showing that he had studied American history at W. & L. U., while the latter had gotten his information by a general reading. Magruder and Arnold defended the General against this grave charge. Arnold said that as he knew nothing about the subject he would follow the example of other great speakers and give a few personal reminiscences of Longstreet; but Magruder made such an able defense that the jury was forced to bring in a verdict of "not guilty."

After this Ott brought up some matters with regard to the celebration which probably called forth greater oratorical effort than did the regular programme, but the result was satisfactory to all present.

### Economic Class

Mr. Hoxie has introduced a new and no doubt beneficial feature in his economic class. In order to let the men get a better idea of the money question he has decided upon a debate, the question being that the commercial nations should re-establish bi-metalism at the ratio of 28 to 1.

Briefs are to be submitted by every member of the class. The authors of the best three on each side are to be chosen to debate.

The men are working hard and no doubt they will have speeches which Carlisle, Bryn or W. C. P. Breckridge might well envy.

### Personals.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Campbell left Saturday on a ten days' trip to Washington and Old Point.

Prof. H. St. G. Tucker has been invited to attend a banquet given by the Manhattan club, New York, on Feb. 22.

Rev. Dr. H. A. White attended a meeting of the committee on the Twentieth Century fund of the synod of Virginia held Tuesday in Lynchburg.

Cards of invitation were this morning issued by Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Brockenbrough to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Louise, to Mr. Robert Leigh Owen of Lexington. The marriage ceremony will be celebrated in the Presbyterian church, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12, at 8.30 o'clock.

The marriage of Miss Janet Alexander Preston, daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Thomas L. Preston, to Mr. William Dickinson of Charleston, W. Va., is announced to take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Thomas Lewis Preston, in Lexington, Wednesday evening, Feb. 12th, at 8 o'clock.

Professor H. P. Willis of the chair of economics at Washington and Lee, who was granted leave of absence for a year by the board in June that he might try the experience of filling an editorial position on the New York Evening Post, has accepted the position as Washington correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce. It is a distinct promotion for Mr. Willis, and was accepted by him with the cordial assent of the management of the Post, who regretted to give him up, in order that he might try a different sphere of newspaper life. He expects a few months of this work to wind up his newspaper career and he will resume his duties as professor at Washington and Lee at the opening of next session.

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**Communication.**

*Editor Ring-tum Phi:*

I have seen in the last week or so an announcement of a meeting of the board of trustees at which it is said that the point will come up in securing a successor to Dr. Denny in the department of Latin as to whether he shall have a full professorship or be an assistant. This latter course has been proposed in the "interest of economy."

That it will save immediate cash expenditure is doubtless true, but there are some things which pass under the head of "false economy" and this measure, in my humble opinion, would easily fall into this latter division. All money saved is not money wisely saved. A man may save money by not advertising; a policy which is generally conceded to be penny wise but pound foolish. We do not believe in an institution of such high standards as Washington and Lee, that the remuneration of any of its officers ought to be curtailed. The institution ought to offer as much to each of its officers as it can possibly afford from the President down. In this way we can obtain and permanently secure the services of the most competent men. Not only this, but every opportunity should be given to each individual, whether President or professor, to specialize in his own preferred department and have control of it. We have an able body of men in the faculty, and it would pay the institution to expend even more in their interests and not to economize by fanning a half chair when it has supported a whole one.

One reduction has already been made, at the top notch as it were, and it is, we believe, a movement in the wrong direction.

A more remunerative offer elsewhere lost to us a good law professor not many years since. We have not felt his removal simply because we secured an even better man in his stead, but that does not argue that we will always be so successful.

The institution has sufficient endowment "to hold to the good things we have got" if they are sufficiently appreciated.

In this connection it might be said that the board has imbibed the idea that the professional and scientific departments require no more room or apparatus than the chairs of Psychology and and Ancient

Languages and greatly groan in spirit every time they grant a professor an extra test tube.

The President, however much he may be a "hustler" by nature, cannot be omnipresent. So let us not apply too much economy but hold fast to our full professorships and an unincumbered presidency as far as possible and the board will suffer them without impedimenta, a state of affairs which the past has shown to be not wholly imaginary.  
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