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Communication

Editor Ring-tum Phi:

I read your editorial on coeducation at Washington and Lee with interest and I take the opportunity of heartily endorsing the contents—except the argument for coeducation and a few others brought up in the discussion.

The time-honored institutions of the East are not taking cordially to the scheme of coeducation, and it is to be hoped that Washington and Lee will maintain her position among the great leaders in age and influence which have so far successfully resisted the New Woman. Many of the smaller institutions in this and other Eastern states have succumbed. I attended one of these colleges myself, Mr. Editor, but I hastily withdrew for a good "prep." school in the central part of the state the following year. I understand that you also attended a similar institution from which a similar large boarding school drew some scholars nearly every year. Popularity with the coeds, I suppose, would largely alter a man's opinions and this accounts for yours, but risking the application of the sour grapes theory, I believe that, under any condition, I would always be ready to part company with an old institution that took up the coeducation doctrine. I believe, moreover, that I have a considerable company of obstinate coreligionists on this much debated issue, and we are sincerely hoping that the final report of the faculty and trustees will result "most disastrously" in the negative, as we believe it will.

I will not attempt any argument for space forbids it, but first, as to the strenuous idea in coeducation which is claimed to be such a panacea. The New Woman is undoubtedly strenuous; she is competing with man in every sphere of activity, but does she really gain anything by being "fitted to cope with the world?" It roughens her perhaps, which isn't natural for "the gentler sex," and men, finding that they have to treat her as a rival in

this "coping," do not learn to "cope" half as "altruistically" as in the "old style," but, on the contrary, they regard her as a rival and we soon have the loss of the very "chivalry" which is spoken of as the outcome of the new system. You contrast, Mr. Editor, the North and the South in this connection, but you couldn't have hit upon a more unfortunate illustration of this chivalry. Contrast the treatment of women in New York and Baltimore and we soon see the decline of courtesy where "coping" is most strenuous.

As this "coping" invades our section we regret also to see the exit of the old time chivalry always shown to the women of the antebellum South. Was it this "truer altruism," or a strenuous "coping" or just a homely kind of love and goodness which made the women of the South the ideal and inspiration of its defenders?

No, somehow or other, I don't like too much of the "coping" business. I like the old-fashioned idea of "coping" for or together and not with or against. I may be prejudiced, but I don't like the final product of high coeducation much more than the voting woman or the woman politician—or stump orators. I admit that she doesn't make "goo-goo eyes or talk boo-boo talk"—in fact our view gets so awfully sensible of our relations that we just naturally cross over to the other side of the street when we see her coming.

Once in a long while, Mr. Editor, your correspondent goes calling,—hence he may be classed among the "calic men" whom you say "should understand the real poetry of life." I think I catch your meaning, at least darkly, but somehow or other we infinitely prefer the common sense girl who is very feminine and pretends an awe-struck admiration for our profundity to the most skillful senior wrangler in higher metaphysics. The latter may have a whole lot of that Utopian "altruism," but suppose, Mr. Editor, you should happen to forget it in her

particular presence, and -er in saying something-er-sentimental like (there's nothing new under the moon), you should also wax unscientific—My! how small and uncomfortable you'd get to feel! "You, one or two" would be in the same box.

Now, Mr. Editor, I don't want my humble remarks overwhelmed with a polemical demolition in favor of the affirmative. I don't claim any argument, just a few frivolous observations unworthy of answer or irony. Yet just in general I should like to see a good discussion on behalf of the cap and gown coed. We may have a valedictoriene yet! and you, one, or we may get to—like her, but at present writing we are slightly prejudiced.

Yours truly,

O. D. SOCRATES.

Graham-Lee Society.

Owing to the small attendance at the last meeting of the society, and the absence of most of those on duty it was decided to postpone the regular order of exercises till next week. Mr. Atkins was elected to compete with the candidate from the Washington society for our representative in the State Oratorical contest, Mr. McClure having resigned the position.

It was during the dessert course. He had been sitting next to her for the last hour and a half and was deeply conscious of the beautiful contour of her arms and shoulders.

"Do you know," she said, "I've been in misery for a week? Sometimes I could almost scream with pain."

"Why, what is the matter?" he exclaimed sympathetically.

"I was vaccinated a while ago and it has taken dreadfully."

His eyes fell and his gaze was curious. But he saw no scar.

"Why, where were you vaccinated?" he asked impetuously.

She raised her eyebrows and smiled sweetly.

"In New York," she replied.—Exchange.

Washington Literary Society.

A joint meeting of the Graham-Lee and Washington Literary societies was held in the Wash. hall Saturday night. After the president of the Graham-Lee had taken the chair, officers for the final celebration were elected as follows: President, A. L. Jones; vice-president, L. M. Moffett; secretary, E. W. Kelly; chief marshal, J. Graham Sale.

After the adjournment of the joint meeting the first part of program was eliminated on a motion from Mr. Miller and the debate was taken up. The question was: Resolved, "That college degrees should be required for entrance into professional schools."

Mr. E. C. Watson, after a lame excuse for not being prepared, made a short plea for the affirmative. He was followed by W. P. Lamar on the negative, who made a very pathetic appeal in behalf of those too poor to take a collegiate education. These men were followed Mr. Salisbury and Mr. Cooper, holding up their respective sides of the question with considerable force, especially Mr. Cooper.

After the decision of the judges was announced in favor of the negative, with some other reports, etc., the society adjourned.

Athletic Meeting.

The attendance at the meeting of the Athletic association posted for Friday evening last would remind an observing individual of the student representation at one of the lectures for the benefit of baseball, only a few of the faithful.

There seems to be an abhorrence among us for things of things of this nature, perhaps the fear of the dreaded subscription is the cause; we hope not. Anyhow, the "turn-out" should be better, for this is the second meeting this year that adjourned, no quorum being present.

The president has received several copies of the constitution of the Virginia Intercollegiate Association which he will be glad to distribute among those interested.

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It is a fact worthy of notice to both the faculty and to outsiders that the "doings" of last Wednesday night were not representative of the student body. For we do not think that the general consensus of opinion among the students would tend to any excuse for the conduct of some of the students, either as regards the cause or effect, or the cause of the cause. There were two unfortunate elements which were the most evident; first, that university students could show so little respect for university property, and second, that they could so little appreciate the real justice of the faculty's action, which was the proximate cause. In regard to the first it has often been said that boys will be as God created them—degenerate beings, so to speak; however, we all know that it ought to be the aim of every one to regenerate, and the deliberate wrecking of property that has been given for their use shows a pitiful lack in general principle on the part of the men who did it. As regards the second point, we have enough confidence in even those same men to give them credit for having enough honor in their quieter moments to agree with the opinion of the faculty. For all must recognize the necessity of preserving a standard of righteousness in an institution which has the important mission of education to perform. We heartily appreciate the motives of the faculty and concur with their action. And we think that those who took such a rash step will agree with us when they think the matter over.

The Toronto Convention.

The fourth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement was held at Toronto, Ontario, last week, beginning at 2.30 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 26th, and closing on the following Sunday night. It is a significant fact that this, the largest meeting of students ever held in the world, was for the purpose of advancing the kingdom of Christ. The number of student delegates was 2,296, while the registered professors, secretaries of mission boards, speakers and returned missionaries swelled the number of delegates to the unprecedented figures of 2,955.

The meetings were held in the Massey Music Hall, whose seating capacity was nearly 5,000. Each session saw every seat occupied and at night an overflow-meeting had to be held in a neighboring church, at which there was always present between 2,500 and 3,000 people.

The delegates were entertained at the homes of the good people of Toronto, and more genuine hospitality could have been found in few other cities. No trouble was spared to make everything pleasant for the visitors, but after attending all the sessions of the convention very little time was left for social enjoyment.

Of W. & L. U.'s delegates, Spencer and Thompson were entertained by Mr. Blackford, a wealthy shoe dealer, while Hamilton and McClure were the guests of Mr. Creighton, assistant receiver-general of the Dominion. Our men could not have been in better hands.

But now let us notice the convention itself. The first assembly was called to order by Mr. John R. Mott at 2.30 p. m., the purpose of which meeting was to get those present in an attitude of prayer for an outpouring of the Spirit upon the convention and to prepare them for the lessons to be heard. Very impressive talks were delivered by Mr. Robert E. Speer of New York, and Mrs. Howard Taylor of Chicago. Many striking addresses were listened to during those days, but the words of these two served to produce a more profound effect than those of any one else.

Thursday morning Mr. Mott made a report of the Student Volunteer Movement since the convention at Cleveland four years ago. He showed that there are now 325 mission study classes in our colleges,

and 5,000 students in these classes; that 1,950 of those who have volunteered are now in the foreign field; that 27 of the 45 leaders of the movement have already sailed and nine others are awaiting appointments; also that the program of the movement is (1) to increase interest in mission study, (2) to enroll more Volunteers, (3) to train them for their work, and (4) to get them to go. After this an instructive address was made on the qualifications of a missionary.

That afternoon at different churches conferences on the various special needs and conditions and encouragements in each. These were entirely informal and were very instructive. The subject for the night was "Un evangelized missions."

Friday morning the important subject was "The duty of the church at home to train men for missions." Under this much was said on the importance of the "printed page," "The place of missions in the college and seminary" and "The pastor as a missionary force." All these remarks went to show that missions must be taught at home if the world is ever to be evangelized.

Friday afternoon was devoted to conferences of the different denominations. The principal feature of the evening session was the taking of a subscription to support the Volunteer movement for the next four years, which resulted in raising \$15,000 a year for that time.

Saturday morning the problem of raising money to send out the missionaries was discussed from many standpoints. The theme for the night was: "The wonderful challenge to this generation." The most instructive talk was by Mr. Speer, who showed that the material resources of the Christian nations were never so great as now, and that spiritual resources also are abundant in that we know the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of prayer and that God is always with us.

Bishop Baldwin of Huron, preached a grand sermon Sunday morning on the text, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." In the afternoon separate meetings were held for the men and women, at which a few Volunteers gave the reasons that had led them to take this step. Sunday night numerous short talks were made to impress some more important features of the

meetings, and at half past ten Mr. Mott announced that the fourth international convention of the Student Volunteer Movement was at an end.

Gymnastic Tourney.

At a meeting of the applicants for the gymnasium team last week, the date for the exhibition was set for next Thursday evening, March 13.

As most of last year's team will again enter the contest, the prospects are bright for even a better exhibition than before. The men are hard at work every day in the gymnasium and are fast rounding into good form.

Hall (captain), Glasgow, Davis, McPheeters, Moffett, Stone and Burks of last year's team, with Chafee, Landis, Boise, Gill, Sampson and McCulloch from among the new men, are showing up well and will probably compose the team.

Two handsome cups have again been presented, one by Mr. James E. Irvine of Charlottesville, for the all-round trophy, and one by Messrs. Graham & Co., of Lexington, for the flying ring. These with the other trophies have been ordered and will arrive in time to be placed on exhibition before the contest comes off.

Dr. W. A. Lambeth of the University of Va. has again consented to act as judge.

University Assembly.

The regular meeting of the University assembly will be held on next Wednesday morning, March 12, at 8.45. Dr. Jas. Lewis Howe will make an address on Education and Commercial Expansion.

This will be the last issue of the RING-TUM PHI until exams are over. Good luck to everybody.

A good deal of rain was raised last Wednesday night by a party of students, aided by a regular gale of snow and other things. The faculty was burned in effigy, and some damage was done to the lights and buildings,—by the wind, of course.

Mr. Isacca S. Wampler, principal of Mt. Clinton academy, in Rockingham county, has been appointed by the Washington and Lee authorities to take charge of the Blue Hotel, the University boarding house, next session to succeed Mrs. John D. Rogers, who will give up the hotel in the summer to occupy the new home she is having built on Jackson avenue. Mr. Wampler desired the position that he might pursue a course of study at Washington and Lee.

Personals.

Mr. C. S. McNulty is on the road to recovery from a threatened attack of appendicitis.

Professor D. C. Humphreys attended the funeral of his uncle, Captain John M. Humphreys, at Betnel church in Augusta Sunday.

Dr. J. W. Moore, an alumnus of W. L. U., is visiting his parents, Captain and Mrs. J. P. Moore. Dr. Moore expects to leave on March 16th for California as private physician to an invalid gentleman of New York city.

Colonel James H. Paxton, one of W. L. U.'s oldest alumni, died Monday morning at his home near Buena Vista, on North river. Colonel Paxton was graduated from Washington college in 1833 with an A. B. degree, which in those days means a great deal more than in the present time. A few years after graduation he became assistant professor of languages, and then took charge of a preparatory school which rendered excellent work in "feeding" his alma mater. His life was a long and useful one.

Y. M. C. A.

After the usual Friday night prayer and song service the members of the Y. M. C. A. were called to a business session by J. C. McPheeters, vice-president, President McNulty being unable to be with us.

After definite prayer for the guidance of the spirit in the choice of those who should lead in the Christian work of our University, the house was open for nominations. Of the two nominees for president, Mr. Spencer and Mr. McPheeters, Mr. Spencer was elected. Of the two nominees for vice-president, Mr. Glasgow and Mr. A. M. Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton was elected.

For the office of secretary the name of Mr. M. T. McClure, Jr., was suggested by the committee. Mr. McClure was then nominated and elected to the office of secretary for the ensuing year. There was still another office to be filled. Acting according to the suggestion of the committee Mr. LeRoy Thompson was nominated and elected treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. of this University. We hope that these men may live in the fear of God and be guided by His Spirit, so that much may be accomplished for Christ's kingdom.

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Baseball.

The snow still obstructs the beginning of practice and the team of 1902 is yet to materialize; but when the time does come for regular practice, the student body need not have any fears that Washington and Lee's reputation upon the diamond will "bite the dust." The reputation of Washington and Lee that was gained last year will not be lost when we realize that six of last year's team is again with us and will endeavor to uphold W. L. U's reputation.

But this is not all. Last Saturday Captain Crawford requested all applicants to assemble on the lower campus for practice. The weather was rather threatening but some 20 or 25 students braved the same, and quite a good practice under the circumstances was indulged in. Our attention was directed to the new material, and, from casual observation, we must say that the new material from which the team of 1902 is to be selected, comes up to all expectations—more than has usually been the case, we will venture to assert. So well was the preliminary work of the whole body of applicants, that we refrain from commenting upon the work of any one. But we will venture this much: if the old members do not look well to their laurels they will not be the representatives of the team of 1902, a team (from the present outlook) that will surpass any that Washington and Lee has put upon the field in many years, notwithstanding the croakers who might say otherwise.

Though the snow which fell last Tuesday and Wednesday will obstruct further practice for several days, at the present writing the sun is shining brightly, and the snow is fast disappearing to the delight of those who have the interest of the team at heart. While it is but a little over two weeks before the season will begin, from the work that we saw last Saturday, we have no hesitancy in saying that with enough practice to get thawed out and limbered up the team of 1902 will be ready to repeat last year's record. May she do so!

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