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Dr. Wertenbaker Resigns to Accept Position in W. Va.

Dr. Wertenbaker left last Monday for Charlottesville. After a few weeks in New York he expects to go to Anstead, W. Va., where he will be resident physician at the mines of the Gauley Mountain Coal Co. His many friends here were sorry to see him go. Dr. Wertenbaker has been with us for the past two sessions. Athletics, by his persistent and efficient work, have received a much needed stimulus. Practical proof has been given of the importance of having a man here whose main business is the care of this department, and we hope that provision may be made for this in the future. With a training table and coach the outlook for football next season is bright. On the whole we think that athletic spirit is better at W. & L. than it has ever been before. It is growing. We gratefully recognize Dr. Wertenbaker's important part in bringing about the present conditions.

A New Boat-House Wanted

(Communicated)

EDITOR RING-TUM PHI,

Dear Sir:—Movements for getting a new boat are now being started and I would like to call the attention of the proper authorities to the necessity of a new boat-house. Without a new boat-house we do not have a place to put and keep a boat with any degree of safety. The roof of the present boat-house is as full of holes as a colander and after a rain the entire floor is as wet as if the river had overflowed it, while the sides of the boat-house, where not torn off or rusted through, are so weak that most any one can drive his naked fist through it and hardly bruise the skin. Can we afford to put a \$300 boat in such a place where it will be warped out of shape and cracked to pieces by the weather? Can an oarsman work well in a boat that is warped out of shape? Some of them had experience in that last year when the Annie Joe II was so badly warped that when the stern was in trim, the hands of the bow oar were about three inches too high. This disease is incurable and is quite a disadvantage to the rowers.

Then too, I think the material covering the boat-house is cheap and very poor. It not only rapid-

ly rusts but if one wishes to get into the boat-house, all he needs to do is to catch a corner of the sheet-iron and give a little pull and he has as large an opening as he desires. It would be but a ten minute job for any man in college with his bare hands and no other tool or instrument, to strip an entire side off the boat-house. We want a larger, better built and more convenient boat-house. If any of our friends has a thousand dollars to give to W. L. U. athletics, here is the best place of investment that he can find.

Let us look at the present location of the boat-house. It is placed on the left-hand side of the river, looking up, and is above the ice-house. There are three ways of approach; 1st, from the end of the R. R. bridge, up by the mill-race, over the base of the cliff; 2nd, up across the island to the ice-house; and 3d, over the cliff. The first way is that generally taken, but it is muddy until at times impassable and in two or three places even in moderately good weather, where one must exercise the greatest of care if he does not wish to take a bath in the mill-race. Across the island is alright in good weather but in fairly bad weather it is covered with a thin slippery mud that would make a saint lose his rep. The third way, over the cliff, is mean, dirty and at times dangerous.

Then, the landing is at the foot of a very steep slope and every rain however small, brings down large quantities of thin mud that finds the landing, platform, and steps an excellent resting place. This week there is some three or four inches of thin mud on the landing, lower platform and steps.

This not only rapidly rots the wood but it makes a nasty place for the crews to go on and it may be even dangerous. Last year some two or three fellows were hurt rather badly by slipping in the mud there or by the boards of the landing giving way beneath them. Can such a place be a fit place to store a boat worth \$300, when at least twice a day it is in danger of being ruined by the slipping of one of the fellows? Last year one of the good boats was being turned over on the landing when one of the fellows either slipped or broke through and fell against it, almost throwing it to the ground. That would

have retired it to the scrap-pile at once if it had fallen.

Let the athletic committee take up and inquire into this subject and let the students kick for it.

P.

Graham-Lee Celebration Monday Night

The annual celebration of the Graham-Lee, on Monday night, promises to be a good representation of the work of the society.

Mr. Pilkington, of Kentucky, will preside. W. B. Crawford, of Florida, will speak on "Oratory," and J. T. Bouchell, of Georgia, on "Southern Poets."

The question selected for debate is, Resolved, "That the United States is justifiable in the acquisition of the Phillipine Islands." Messrs. Howell, of Florida, and Crum, of Md., will speak on the affirmative side, and Messrs. Smith, of Georgia, and Handley, of West Virginia, will uphold the negative.

The V. M. I. orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

Wash. Literary Society

The Wash. society held its first meeting since the holidays, on the night of Jan. 10. The new officers who were elected in December took their places, and Pres. Thompson delivered a very entertaining inaugural address. The resignation of Mr. Wm. McDowell who was elected to represent the Society as orator, on February 22, was accepted, and Mr. Stanley Scott was elected to fill the place. After the report of Mr. Glasgow, the late president, the program for the evening was taken up. Messrs. Tupper, Williams and Scott entertained the society with declamations. The question for discussion was, Resolved, "That the right of proposal should rest with the fair sex alone." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Hamilton, Armstrong, Miller and Cromer, while Messrs. Williams, Glasgow and Gilbert defended the negative. The argument brought forth by Mr. Hamilton was decidedly the most impressive and showed deep study together with the advantages gained by several years experience. Mr. Mercer Hartman, an alumnus of the Society, then gave a few words of advice and cheer to the present members, after which Mr. Meredith and Mr. Wiseman were taken in as new members and the Society adjourned.

Subscription Dance

An informal subscription hop was given in the gym. on Tuesday evening, from eight to eleven.

The innovation of early hours seemed to meet with universal approval, as did the music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Pennington, on the violin and piano. It is to be hoped that these informal dances will be continued throughout the winter, as they really seem to be more enjoyed than the more pretentious affairs, which involve evening clothes and late hours.

The dancers Tuesday evening were, Misses Brockenbrough, Dunlap, Haskins, Jordan, and Tucker, of Lexington; Miss Miller, of Roanoke, Miss Paxton, of Natural Bridge, and Miss Jones, of Staunton; students Osburn, Price, Burks, Conrad, Bagley, Shields, Gibbs, Haw. Withers, Day, Stephenson, Smith and others.

Miss Annie White and Mrs. Claytor, of Bedford City, acted as chaperones.

No wonder Brown went to the Florida legislature.

Athletic Fee Debated

The first meeting of the Graham-Lee after the Xmas holidays, was held on Saturday night, most of the men being found in their old places. The regular program for the evening was dispensed with, but a most interesting voluntary debate was held, on the question, Resolved, "That the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University shall require of all matriculates a fee of \$5.00 for Athletics." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. McClure and Blain, while the negative was ably sustained by Mr. Pilkington.

The negative won by a wide margin.

It is reported that they are using slates in the Law department.

During the ten years since women were first admitted to the Graduate School of Yale, 189 have been enrolled, 91 of these having remained at least two years and 65 at least three years; 47 have received the degree of Ph. D. The large majority of these women who have received the Ph. D. degree are either holding college positions or other positions requiring this advanced education.—E.v.

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The new marking system meets with general approval. Its chief merit lies in the effect it has of doing away with the tendency to look upon marks as a universal criterion and of causing some men to work for the sake of marks alone.

Politics in the Law Class

Tucker Hall on Wednesday afternoon was the scene of the closest elections held in the University for many days. The campaign for the Law Class orator has been the chief topic of interest for some time and quite a number of students both from the Junior Law class and from the Academic department were on hand to see the fun; however, they were doomed to disappointment. At 3:45 P. M., the meeting was called to order by Mr. Chevalier, President of the class. Mr. Baker, of W. Va., moved that a reporter from the RING-TUM PHI and the Collegian be admitted to the room. This motion was carried by a small majority. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Roll call showed 27 members of the class present. The chair stated the purpose of the meeting, and requested that, in view of the high feeling, the meeting be conducted in an orderly manner; and stated that the nominating speeches be limited. There was quite a discussion as to the privilege of the presiding officer to vote, each faction showing the value which they placed on a single vote.

It was decided that the voting should be by ballot. Mr. Brown, of Fla., suggested that a hat be provided for the reception of the

ballots, and some patriotic lawyer sacrificed his bonnet to the cause. Nominations were declared in order. Mr. Shields in a short speech nominated Mr. Harvey, of Ark., for Class Orator, and Mr. Dillard seconded. At this point the surprise was sprung. Mr. Ott, who all along had been Mr. Harvey's strongest opponent, rose and nominated Mr. Farrar, of Va., a dark horse, and Mr. Ball seconded the nomination. Consternation reigned among the Harvey men, and in order to scutter the vote, Mr. Harvey nominated Mr. Ball, of Texas. Mr. Ball declined the nomination and requested that Mr. Harvey withdraw his name, which he refused to do; this caused a sharp discussion in which Mr. Ball was successful in having his name withdrawn. Mr. Larrick moved that the candidates retire during the voting, but after some discussion on this point, he withdrew his motion.

The vote was, Farrar 14, Harvey 12. On motion, the election was made unanimous. The result was announced amidst great applause, and Mr. Farrar, in response to repeated calls, in a very neat speech thanked the class for the honor conferred upon him.

The remaining elections were not so exciting, as it was in each case a victory for the faction which carried the first election. The nominations for Class Historian were declared open. Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Shields, of Miss., seconded by Mr. Ar buckle. Mr. Brown nominated Mr. Saulsbury, of Ky., seconded by Mr. Thomas. The vote showed Saulsbury 15, Shields 12. For first representative to the Calyx staff, Mr. Massey of Va., and Mr. Gibbs, of Fla., were the opposing candidates. Massey received 14 votes, Gibbs 12. In the election of the second Calyx representative the Harvey faction gracefully accepted the inevitable and nominated no one in opposition to Mr. Baker, of W. Va., who was elected by acclamation.

J. C. McPheeters to Fill Dr. Wertebaker's Position

J. C. McPheeters has been selected to fill the vacancy caused by Dr. Wertebaker's departure. The selection meets with general approval, for he is the logical man for the place, and holds the prize for the best all-around work in last year's gymnasium exhibition. Regular class work will be continued after the plan adopted by Dr. Wertebaker, and a gymnasium exhibition be given, if the students will manifest an interest and coöperation in the work.

Chapel

On last Wednesday morning we were disappointed to hear that Mr. De Leon, through some misunderstanding, was not present to deliver the regular monthly address. His place, however was well filled by Dr. Latané, our new professor, who holds the chair of History. His subject was the Monroe Doctrine, which is receiving considerable discussion at present, on account of the Venezuelan complications.

Dr. Latané first discussed the origin of the doctrine. In settling the territory of Europe, after the Napoleonic troubles, the powers agreed to help Spain recover her lost territory. Among these were several independent states in South America. England had established a large trade with these former colonies of Spain and so desired to keep them independent. So she proposed to the United States to form an alliance to prevent Spain's encroachment. John Quincy Adams, then Secretary of State, opposed any alliance but proposed a statement by the United States of its position, as Monroe did in his famous message, bearing his name, Adams being really its author. Congress long hesitated adopting such a principle. Its chief importance up to recent years, was immediately after the Civil war, when France was advised by our government to withdraw her troops from Mexico.

Several of the Presidents since then have alluded to it in their messages. Its vital force was given to it, Dr. Latané said, by Grover Cleveland in 1895, when he wrote to Congress, saying that our government must resist with force, if necessary, any encroachment of Great Britain on Venezuela.

He closed by showing that the acquiring of the Phillipines in no way nullified the original doctrine.

Harry Lee Meeting

The Harry Lee boat club held a large and enthusiastic meeting yesterday afternoon. About fifty men were present and half that number announced themselves as candidates for the crew next spring.

R. W. McCrum was elected chairman, and Mr. McPheeters was unanimously elected to fill the position of secretary and treasurer. Upon a motion a ballot was taken for a committee to select the crew, and Messrs. Trundle, McNulty and McCrum were appointed.

A motion was made that a committee be selected by the chairman to confer with the Albert Sidneys about the crew which would get the cedar boat and, if necessary, they were ordered to solicit sub-

scriptions for a new boat. This committee is made up of Messrs. Glasgow, Bledsoe and Sampson.

Another committee was appointed to confer with the Athletic committee, jointly with an Albert Sidney committee about a new boat-house. Messrs. McPheeters and Payne were appointed to serve on this committee.

Since Wednesday's election, R. E. Brown has received a flattering offer as first-lieutenant, from Richard Croker, and E. D. Ott has received overtures from Devery and T. C. Platt. We trust that the gentlemen will remain with us until the completion of their law course, before entering the field of practical politics for which they have demonstrated so remarkable capabilities.

On the Outside

Five out of thirty-five candidates for admission to the bar failed at the recent Virginia State Board examinations. The representatives from the University were successful. They were Messrs. Dillard and Hairston, who took special work at the University before the holidays, and Mr. J. R. Tucker, of last year's class, now taking graduate work at Harvard.

Beginning next fall, the University of Tennessee will have a three years' law course.

The ten largest law schools in the United States, with their enrollments in 1901-02 are as follows: University of Michigan, 835; New York Law School, 811; Harvard, 632; New York University Law School, 515; University of Minnesota, 504; Columbia, 439; University of Pennsylvania, 375; Boston University, 334; Georgetown, 288.

—Ex.

New Boat

EDITOR RING-TUM PHI,

Dear Sir:—We have entered upon a new year and as yet no steps have been taken toward raising money for a new boat. Why do we delay in this matter when it is necessary that we get a new boat, and when to get it we must have our order in early? If we desire the boat in time to do any good, we must have our order in during February and we cannot send in the order until we have at least \$250 subscribed and half of it collected.

It is important that we have another cedar boat like the one we got last year and which is half a minute faster than our paper boat, Annie Joe II. H. L.

Personals

Miss Annie White is getting the Dramatic Club into shape and hopes to give a performance within a few weeks.

President Denny was present at a large meeting in Carnegie Hall, New York City, on last Friday night. The meeting was called in the interest of education in the South. He was also one of the guests at a dinner given on Thursday evening by Mr. Ogden to the leaders in this work.

President Roosevelt has been invited to Lexington to attend the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church.

On last Friday a telegram was received here announcing the sudden death of Mr. A. S. Hall, the father of Henry Hall.

Miss Elizabeth Jones, of Staunton, the guest of Miss Rosa Tucker, returned home yesterday.

Executive Committee

The following executive committee for the Final Ball, has been appointed by President Bagley.

- A. M. Duncan,
- W. G. Pendleton,
- G. B. Shields,
- W. J. Lauck,
- C. C. McNeill,
- J. M. B. Gill,
- C. S. McNulty,
- Malcolm Campbell,
- R. W. McCrum.

Florida Club Banquet

The Florida Club met at the rooms of Messrs. Brown, Crawford and Henderson, at Mrs. Northern's, Monday night.

After a short business session, presided over by President Gibbs, the club retired to the banquet room where an excellent supper was served. Several impromptu toasts and speeches were made, the most notable being:

"Fair Florida, the Brightest Gem that Sparkles in America's Diadem," by W. B. Crawford.

"Our Loved Ones at Home—Mothers, Sisters and Others," by L. D. Howell.

"Examinations, with Hopes that We Passed," by Max. M. Brown.

After supper, stories were told and songs sung until a late hour.

The club will be entertained on the 16th of February by Messrs. Gibbs, Peek and McKay.

College journalism is characteristic of American institutions, not being found in other countries. The college weeklies and dailies are of recent origin, Harvard and Yale having published the first dailies in 1879. There are now thirteen college dailies in this country.

Y. M. C. A.

After a very pleasant holiday, the members of the Y. M. C. A. have again joined in their usual prayer services. The first one of the new year was held on January 3. It was a genuine song and prayer service. The president, Mr. Blain, made a few earnest remarks asking for the sincere and honest work of the members.

The meeting last Sunday was well attended, considering the very rainy and cold afternoon. Mr. LeRoy Thompson, chairman of the Bible study committee, gave an earnest talk on the arrangement and object of the Bible study cycle in colleges and Universities.

As we enter upon our college duties with renewed energy, let us not forget the necessity of a renewed energy in the Y. M. C. A.



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Southern Collegian, published monthly by the students. — J. W. Warner, business manager; A. M. Duncan, editor-in-chief.

The Calyx, Annual, published by the students.

Law Notes

On Tuesday, a joint meeting of the two law classes was called by the Dean for the purpose of considering matters with reference to the use of books in Tucker Hall. In view of the fact that Mr. Causey will not be able to return to the University during this year, Mr. Gibbs was appointed to act as librarian during the remainder of the session.

Through the courtesy of the members of the Law Faculty, their private libraries have been thrown open to the use of the students during certain hours of the day. Mr. Vance made some general remarks as to the proper care of the books and as to orderly conduct in the reading room, which every member of the Law School will heartily endorse.

Officers of the moot court for the present session have been appointed as follows: G. C. Gibbs, clerk; S. B. Thomas, sheriff.

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Messrs. J. R. Tucker, Sam. Houston and Dillard represented Washington and Lee among the successful candidates for application for admission to the bar, at the examination held in Richmond last week.



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