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## THE RULING PASSION

A clergyman told from his text  
How Sampson was barbered and vexed;  
And told it so true  
That a man in a pew  
Got rattled and shouted out, "Next."  
—Ex.

## Graham-Lee Celebration

On last Monday night the Graham-Lee Literary Society held its customary celebration of General Lee's birthday. The attendance was large, the speeches well-prepared and the order above the average. Mr. Pilkington presided, and in a few well-chosen remarks announced the purpose of the celebration and asked for good attention, which we are glad to say, was given the speakers. He announced the first orator of the evening, Mr. J. F. Bouchelle, of Georgia.

Mr. Bouchelle's subject was "Southern Poets." After precluding his remarks with a list of several of the most-read poets and their special characteristics, he mentioned as chief among Southern poets, Edgar Allen Poe and Sidney Lanier, and described their chief characteristics. He also spoke of several prominent poets alive today and closed by urging all Southerners to read more often the writings of those poets who were native to Dixie.

Mr. W. B. Crawford, of Florida, whose subject was "Oratory," was next introduced. He ran over the list of famous orators of ancient and modern times and then discussed Southern orators more fully. He named Hill, Loomis and Grady as the three leading Southern orators who won their laurels in discussions between the North and South. His accounts of the triumphs of these orators was very graphic and was one of the best passages heard during the evening.

The question for debate was read by Secretary Schaefer, as follows: Resolved, "That the United States is Justifiable in the Acquisition of the Philippine Islands."

The first speaker on the affirmative was Mr. E. C. Crum, of Md. His argument was on the general line of the modern expansionist and he brought forth strong proof as to the correctness of his side. He was opposed by Mr. Handley, of W. Va., who argued clearly and consistently for the constitution and asserted that we had no valid claim to the Philippines, because they were in insurrection against

Spain and that taxation without representation, our chief argument in revolting from England was equally applicable to the Philippine side of the case. The second speaker on the affirmative was Mr. L. D. Howell, of Florida. His speech would have been an excellent one for a Republican campaign orator last fall. He showed that we needed the Philippines for our commercial base in the attack on China. He claimed that the acquiring of the islands was a natural sequence to our obtaining Texas and other territory acquired from Mexico by conquest. He gave a graphic account of the climate and predicted it would soon be a famous health resort for Americans.

The concluding speech on the negative was made by Mr. Thomas Ball, of Va. He made a strong rebuttal of the speeches made by the affirmative and described a picture before his mind's eye of Mr. Jefferson's place in signing the Declaration of Independence being taken by the preceding speaker and the clause of equality being changed to "all men are free and equal, except in some cases."

The judges, Profs. Latané, Long and Willis, awarded the orator's medal to Mr. Crawford, and the debater's medal to Mr. Handley.

The occasion was enlivened by the persistent efforts of an English Mastiff to hear the speakers. After repeated efforts and much merriment, he was finally ejected.

## West Virginians to Have a Banquet

The representatives from the West Virginia hills gathered in Prof. Nelson's room on Monday afternoon to perfect a State organization. The mountain State was found to have 27 men at the University, and these were unanimously in favor of gathering around the festal board on the night of February 22nd. A committee composed of Messrs. Alexander, Irons, Mann, Pancake, and Osburn were appointed to arrange for a banquet on that night and Mr. Douglas, the treasurer, was instructed to pay the bills.

Messrs. Mann, Cunningham, Campbell, and Pancake were selected to arrange for a representation of the club in the Calyx. Dr. H. A. White and Mr. John A. Preston, of Lewisburg, W. Va., were elected honorary members.

## The January Collegian

The January number of the Southern Collegian will make its appearance today, and is a very good edition. A special feature is the number of short stories and poems. This has been a characteristic of the Collegian this year, the poems have been more numerous and of a higher order than for several years.

The first article in this month's issue is an essay on the "Apollo Myth" and is written by Wm. Edgar Darnall, an alumnus of W. & L. It is interesting, as are nearly all stories of mythology. The only other essay is one on municipal problems. It deals with the power that should be given the City council in municipal affairs. It is not an exhaustive treatment of the subject but outlines in a short space what should be the functions of the State legislature and what the functions of the council.

There are four stories. "And So Forth" and "Super Focum" have to be read more than once before their full import is realized, but then they are perceived to be very good, especially the latter.

"Thrice a Christmas Gift" is a very good piece of work. And the other prose contribution is very amusing. The best poem is one entitled "Is It Worth While?" The other poems are "Old Turncoat George, 1903," and "A Sonnet, To Milton: On Reading His Paradise Lost."

The chief point of interest in the editorial department is a plea for a good speaker to address the literary societies next commencement.

Besides the above there is an account of the mass-meeting held after the death of Henry Hall, and the resolutions passed, also a notice of the death in Newport News, of W. Porter Johnson, an alumnus of this University.

## Y. M. C. A.

The chief feature of the meeting last Sunday afternoon, was a talk by Dr. Howe on the subject of "The Christian Physician." This was the first of a series of addresses, which are to be given on Christianity in its relations to the different walks of life.

Dr. Howe laid much stress on the great influence the physician enjoys. No other profession except the ministry has a greater part in moulding the opinions and shap-

ing the lives of men. It is a mistake to suppose that it ministers merely to the physical needs of man and not to his higher spiritual wants. The physician is nearly always admitted into the confidence of his patient, and to him the patient turns for advice in time of trouble. The Christian physician is able to bring comfort to his patients at the times they most need it; he can be of great help to those who have the care of the sick; and there is a reactionary influence upon himself, for no man can give himself up to a life of sacrifice and self-denial without himself becoming nobler and better thereby.

## Cadets Not Reinstated

The Board of Visitors of the V. M. I., at its annual meeting on Wednesday, unanimously refused to reinstate the thirteen cadets who were expelled before Christmas, and fully endorsed the action of General Shipp. The cadets did not apply for reinstatement in a body, but several applications from individual cadets were placed before the Board.

## Amateur Theatricals

Under the direction of Miss Annie White, we are promised several plays in the near future, to be given by some of our local talent

The reading-room is to be temporarily transformed into a theatre, with the stage in the rear, and it is to be hoped that "standing room only" signs will be needed when the first performance is given. It is expected that this will be during the first week in February, when "Box and Cox" and "First Aid to the Injured" will be presented the same evening.

## On The Outside

The University of Georgia is to have a new library building. It is to be a one-story structure, 130 feet long and 90 feet deep, built of granite and marble.

The University of Illinois has recently completed a \$90,000 gymnasium, and the University of Wisconsin is erecting a \$40,000 Agricultural building.

Pennsylvania has followed Harvard's example in making graduation within three years a possibility.

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We regret to state that a member of the student-body has been guilty of wearing, during the holidays while he was absent from the University, a University monogram to which he was not entitled, and which he knew he was not entitled to wear. The name of the student referred to should probably be exposed, but we prefer to think that he did not realize the character of the offense, and consequently withhold his name. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

In another column is printed the plans and rules of a "Prize Essay Contest," which, it is thought, will interest our readers and perhaps some of them will be glad to compete for the \$50.00 offered. The contest has been planned and is under the direction of a committee of the Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

## Bad Condition of Our Walks

(Communicated.)

EDITOR RING-TUM PHI:—With-  
in the last few days the walks from  
one end of the campus to the other  
have been almost impassable. In  
some places they are so bad that  
the whole toe of your shoe will be  
buried in the mud. I wonder if  
the Ogden party would make us a  
visit now, if it would have any in-  
fluence toward getting our walks in  
better condition. The University  
is investing in a good supply of  
brick and it is to be hoped that  
they are for that purpose.

## Bulletin-Board Effusions

(Communicated.)

Some gentlemen (?) in college  
seem to think, (and they are prob-  
ably right in their conjecture), that  
they can attain to their highest de-  
gree of scholarship in the eyes of  
their fellow-students, by perverting  
the meaning and wording of the  
notices placed on the bulletin-board  
to the amusement of their own de-  
praved sense of the ridiculous.

I beg permission to inform these  
gentlemen that these notices are  
placed there as a source of informa-  
tion for those intelligent students  
who are interested in college affairs  
and not for the display of that  
genius that is characteristic of the  
gentlemen mentioned.

—A CASUAL OBSERVER.

## Prize Essay Contest

Are fraternities an aid or a hind-  
rance to the development of the  
ideal college man? What is the  
value of the fraternity to college  
life? The rapid growth and devel-  
opment of the fraternity system in  
American colleges and universities  
during the last decade have made  
the answer to these questions of  
undeniable importance.

Appreciating the fact that in-  
sufficient data is at hand to warrant  
a logical answer to these questions,  
the New York Alumni Association  
of the Alpha Tau Omega Frater-  
nity has decided to give a prize of  
\$50.00 for the best essay on the  
value of American college frater-  
nities.

The aim of the Association is  
first, to get the facts, and second,  
to stimulate research in a new field  
of sociological thought. The judg-  
es will be representative literary  
men, chosen from the fraternity  
and non-fraternity ranks.

The contest will be governed by  
the following rules:

1. The subject of the essay  
written for this contest shall be  
"The Effect of the Fraternity on  
American College Life."

2. No essay shall contain more  
than three thousand words by ac-  
tual count.

3. Any student pursuing a course  
of study leading to one of the rec-  
ognized degrees in an American  
college or university may enter this  
contest, whether he be a member of  
a fraternity or not.

4. Each contestant shall, on or  
before the first day of May, 1903,  
mail to the chairman of the com-  
mittee three typewritten copies of  
the competitive essay, signed in  
a pseudonym. He shall also, at  
the same time, send to the chair-  
man of the committee a sealed en-  
velope containing his name and ad-  
dress with his pseudonym on the  
outside.

5. The winner of this prize

must, if requested by the commit-  
tee, give the sources of his infor-  
mation and the grounds of his  
belief in regard to all matters not  
stated upon his personal knowledge.

6. Three judges to be selected  
by the Association shall pass upon  
the essays submitted and award the  
prize.

7. All essays submitted in this  
contest shall be the property of the  
Association and may be used as the  
Association shall direct.

8. As soon as the judges have  
made their decision, the committee  
will notify the successful contestant  
and the result will be announced in  
the Alpha Tau Omega Palm and  
other fraternity publications in  
June.

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## LIFE

Let me but live my life from  
year to year.

With forward face and unreluc-  
tant soul,

Not hurrying to, nor turning  
from the goal;

Not mourning for the things  
that disappear,

In the dim past, nor holding  
back in fear

From what the future veils;  
but with a whole

And happy heart, that pays  
the toll

To Youth and Age, and travels  
on with cheer:

So let the way wind up the hill  
or down,

O'er rough or smooth, the  
journey will be joy,

Still seeking what I sought  
when but a boy:

New friendship, high adven-  
ture, and a crown:

My heart will keep the courage  
of her quest,

And hope the road's last turn  
will be the best.

—Outlook.

## Death of Jack King

News reached Lexington this  
week of the sad death of Jack  
King at his home in Marianna,  
Fla., last Saturday. Mr. King will be  
remembered by many, as the bright  
young law student who last year  
captured the Graham-Lee orator's  
medal in the intermediate celebra-  
tion.

He completed the law course in  
one year and received his degree  
last June. Immediately after re-  
turning to his native state, he was  
admitted to the bar and at once  
formed a partnership with the Hon.  
B. S. Liddon, of his city, ex-chief  
justice of the Florida Supreme  
Court and one of the ablest lawyers  
of the State.

## Professor and Mrs. Vance Entertain the Phi Kappa Psis

The dinner-party which Profes-  
sor and Mrs. Vance gave on Thurs-  
day evening to the members of the  
Virginia Beta Chapter of Phi Kappa  
Psi, was an unusually delight-  
ful one.

Prof. Vance is known as an ac-  
complished entertainer and Mrs.  
Vance's charming personality won  
the heart of every guest.

The dining-room was artistically  
decorated in the colors of the frater-  
nity, ribbons of lavender and  
pink, crossing the table diagonally,  
and the center-piece consisting of  
a bowl of beautiful carnations and  
ferns. The supper itself was per-  
fect in every detail, each place  
being marked by cards, prettily  
painted as four-leaf clovers.

After supper the time was passed  
merrily in two very ingenious  
guessing contests which were ex-  
ceedingly puzzling. The first was  
to decipher the names of twenty-  
four magazines from suggestive  
sentences, and in the other case,  
the names of cities formed the  
problems to be unravelled.

Those who enjoyed this delightful  
evening were, Miss May Hume, of  
Chapel Hill, N. C.; Miss Sadie  
Dunnington, of Charlottesville;  
Miss Fanny Gay Catlett, of Staun-  
ton; Miss Rosa Tucker, and Miss  
Nellie Glasgow, of Lexington, and  
Messrs. Haw, Bledsoe, Lamar,  
Hobbie, Preston, Waddell, and My-  
ers.

Misses Tucker and Hume, in the  
first contest, drew for first prize,  
Miss Hume being successful. Miss  
Catlett and Mr. Hobbie divided the  
booby.

Messrs. Haw and Bledsoe guess-  
ed the most cities, Mr. Preston se-  
curing the booby.

## Calyx

The editorial board is now hard  
...ork on the Calyx, working out  
ideas and getting the material to-  
gether. They will gratefully re-  
ceive any original ideas, squibs, or  
drawings that any one may have.

It is reported that the Washing-  
ton Literary Society will have the  
girls from Buena Vista at their in-  
termediate celebration.

The manager of the Collegian  
offers the magazine for the rest of  
the year for \$1.00. Subscriptions  
may be handed to any member of  
the Collegian board.

The annual celebration of the  
Phi Beta Kappa Society at William  
and Mary will be held on Feb. 19.  
A number of distinguished men  
will be initiated.



PERSONALS

Miss Catlett, of Staunton, is visiting Miss Nettie Pratt.

Miss Marion Claytor, of Bedford City, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Prof. Burks.

Miss Janie Miller, of Roanoke, who has been the guest of Miss Dunlap for several months, returned home this week.

Mrs. Prof. Burks left yesterday for Knoxville, Tenn., where she will visit relatives, and then go to Alabama for the rest of the winter.

Wm. C. Hattan, B. S., '98-'99, who is employed by the Ozark and Cherokee Central Railroad, with headquarters at Muskogee, Indian Territory, is at home on a month's vacation.

Miss May Gregory Hume, of Chapel Hill, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Prof. Vance. Miss Sadie Dunnington, of the University of Virginia, is also a guest at the home of Mrs. Vance.

Graham-Lee

Graham-Lee held its second meeting of the term, last Saturday night. While it was not up to the standard in some respects, two features were as interesting as they were novel—one, the debate which was entirely voluntary, or rather extemporaneous; the other, a brief period of exercise in Parliamentary law under the mild despotism of Czar Howell, whose intimacy with the intricacies of Robert's Rules was equalled only by the dignity with which he presided.

An oration by Mr. Blain, completed the program. Mr. A. G. Hendricks was elected to membership. A report of the treasurer showed the financial condition of the society to be hopeful. The cry of fire caused a rather precipitate rush for the doors, that would surely have brought sorrow to the hearts of the Parliamentarians, but much to their relief, the motion to adjourn was put and carried before the second floor was reached.

Lieut.-Governor Tillman, who recently shot Editor Gonzales, is an alumnus of the V. M. I.

R. W. Blair was initiated into the Sigma Mu on Monday night.

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**The Albert Sidneys Meet**

The Albert Sidney boat club met in Dr. Denny's room last Saturday evening to organize for the coming year. The meeting was attended by about thirty-five enthusiastic supporters.

The following officers of the Club were elected: Stone, president; R. D. Thompson, vice-president; Douglas, secretary and treasurer.

A committee, consisting of the officers of the club, was chosen to pick the crew, and another committee, consisting of Messrs. W. V. Collins, Conover and Pendleton, was appointed to confer with a similar committee of the Harry Lee's about plans for a new boat-house which is badly needed.

It was then decided that every member of the club should pay a membership fee of fifty cents. It is hoped that all the supporters will show their enthusiasm by handing this amount to the treasurer, Mr. Douglas.

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