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A certain most sporty young Dr.  
Bought a gun and immediately Cr.  
Said he: "I will shoot  
At that young lady's boot,"  
Which he did, and most fearfully Shr.  
D.

## College Politics

A rather suggestive article appears in a recent number of one of the leading fraternity magazines upon the subject of the part played by the fraternity chapter in the field of college politics.

Among other things, the writer says: "Under the name of 'college politics' are conducted campaigns as deeply planned and skillfully executed, if not as far-reaching in effect as those in which national issues are involved. There are times in the college year when even the air is mysterious and one can almost feel the steady pull of wires; and in this plot and counterplot the fraternities are usually deeply involved.

"It is always hard when the desire and power are both given to be just; and the main thing, after all, is not so much the end as the means employed. There is more shame in a bribed victory than in a clean-handed defeat."

While, perhaps, in the rivalry between college fraternities more than in any other of its phases the good and evil resulting from college political battles is best exemplified. The article in question is equally applicable to all the petty factional fights which, unfortunately, so frequently arise.

Undoubtedly, the political contest, like every other struggle for legitimate success, is often to be encouraged, but where a whole class, or it may be, even a whole institution is divided on strictly party lines, not because opinion is equally divided as to who is the better man for a certain college honor, but simply and solely from an ungenerous desire to "down" a candidate, growing out of private spite or prejudice, the result is often unfortunate.

"The game is not worth the candle" if as a result a factional spirit is created which causes the pleasant relations previously existing among a body of students to be destroyed.

The "college politician" is of course an ever-present factor in University life and often he makes things "interesting." For this,

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## Debate With Randolph-Macon

### To Be at the University in May

At a joint meeting of the literary societies held last Saturday night a letter was read from Randolph-Macon, stating that the proposition of the University for an annual debate between the two institutions had been received with favor. Upon a motion being made it was decided by the joint meeting to hold the debate, and the committee having the matter in charge, consisting of Messrs. Witherspoon, Pilkington and Lauck, was instructed to draw up a plan and place it before the societies tonight.

The plan to be submitted for selecting the debaters for the University will practically be as follows: A preliminary team of debaters, consisting of three members from each society, will deliver speeches on the question to be debated before three judges, who will select two from the six contestants to represent the University. In this way the selection of the men will be removed from politics, and the best team that the University can command, be assured.

It is intended that this year's debate will be held at Lexington, next year at Ashland, and in like manner for alternate years, the expenses of the occasion, and of the visiting team being borne by the institution at which the debate occurs. The visiting debaters will have the choice of sides, and in judging the debate, delivery, thought, and composition will have an equal value.

The officers of the occasion will consist of the same number and will be elected in the same manner as the officers of the Final celebrations of the literary societies.

## FOOTBALL MANAGER

### W. O. Wilson Elected

At a meeting of the Athletic committee last week, Mr. Owen Wilson was elected manager of the football team for next season. Work on the schedule has already been begun, and a trip to Washington will probably be arranged. W. R. Bledsoe has been elected as assistant manager. We bespeak for the management the support of the student-body.

## DIAMOND SCINTILLATIONS

### Baseball Season Will Soon Begin

We are just about to start out on another season of baseball and we go into it with few of the old men back, but luckily, if one may judge from a brief glance, with exceptional new material to draw from. We must not take it for granted, though, that we shall come out with a winning team anyhow, whether or not we put the work we should into the making of it. A good team does not come naturally, but bears in its working the signs of hours and hours faithfully spent on the field.

Our first game is not much over a month off, and as we cannot hope for many days that will allow of practice, between now and that time, we must go in at the beginning determined to work hard and do our best. Practice has already begun and we want every new student that has played before coming to college to show himself without delay. Every applicant will have a fair and equal chance of making the team.

The attractive schedule that Manager Tabb has arranged for us should be an incentive to the men to try for the team. Let us go right into practice determined to make a team that will hold up our past high standard.

J. W. BAGLEV,  
Captain.

## Florida Club

The Florida club held its monthly meeting Monday night at the rooms of President Gibbs. The club appointed a committee to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Jack King of Mariana, Fla. who was a prominent member of the club during the last session.

At nine o'clock the jolly crowd waded through snow and sleet to Mrs. S. O. Campbell's where an elegant repast was served.

Handsome menu cards had been prepared for the occasion with a cut of a real Florida "gator" at the head, and the dishes served were characteristic of the alligator state. The club is greatly indebted to Messrs. Gibbs, McKay and Peck, the entertainment committee, for this true Florida spread.

Wash. Celebration Monday night.

## "CHAINS THAT BIND"

### Mr. Coulter Addresses the Y. M. C. A.

It was announced a week before, that on the fifteenth, Mr. L. A. Coulter, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, would address the Association on the subject, "Chains that Bind." Special efforts were made for this meeting, nor were the efforts in vain. The speaker addressed a larger audience than has been the privilege of any preceding speaker during the year.

Mr. Coulter gave a "straight talk to men." Among the many chains that bind men, only four were selected for discussion: Profanity, Drinking, Gambling, and Impurity. A short discussion was given to the first three topics, but the real theme centered in the fourth. Reasons were given for its selection and for its prevalence.

The Chinese differ much from us  
In many things of taste,  
For while they squeeze a maiden's  
foot,  
We squeeze her dainty waist.

-Ex-

## A Memorial to Judge William McLaughlin

A movement has recently been made among the friends of the late Judge McLaughlin to provide a memorial to commemorate his services on the bench and as an officer of the University. The committee in charge has decided that an appropriate memorial would be a portrait in oil to hang in the Art Gallery of the University. A canvass for funds will at once be made, and it is expected to have the portrait ready for unveiling by next commencement. The chairman of the committee having the matter in charge, is Captain J. P. Moore, and the secretary and treasurer, Mr. R. R. Witt, clerk of the Circuit court.

The movement is a fitting one, and will meet with the encouragement and assistance of the many friends of Judge McLaughlin both of the bench and bar, and among the officers, faculty and alumni of the University. Judge McLaughlin was educated at Washington and Lee, for many years lectured in the law department, and for 33 years was a member of the board of trustees, and served as rector of the board for ten years.

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## EDITORIAL

It seems to be the custom from time immemorial for a large number to attend the literary society celebrations without any idea of listening to the flow of eloquence and reasoning, or, on the other hand, for the purpose of carrying on a general discussion which oftentimes rises above the voices of the speakers. It is about time for this ancient custom to become obsolete, and it is hoped that it will not show its accustomed vigor at the celebration on Monday night. In the light of the experience of the Graham-Lee at its last celebration, we would kindly advise the chief-marshal to secure a corner on all the dogs in the vicinity.

Apropos of the Light article it may be remarked that since its publication an addition of between four and five thousand dollars to the general endowment of the University has been received. It may be an uncharitable thought, but it really seems that these gratuitous attacks pay better than articles of "commercial value" in the commencement bulletin, even though the latter may be "spoken of in complimentary terms by men of sound judgment."

The latest thing in packages from Staunton, are dry-cell batteries for Grubb and Bays.

## Expansion of Chemistry Department

### More Room Needed

The large increase in the number of students during the last few years has been far outstripped by the increase in those pursuing courses in the Chemical department. Six years ago fifteen was regarded as a fair number for the students taking work in that subject. This year there are about eighty. The laboratory was built before the modern era of expansion and its limit of capacity is supposed to be twenty, but every Friday some fifty Juniors manage to hold forth, much to the disparagement of analytic men and apparatus. When the active mass crowds all the floor, the desks are employed for standing room, until with fumes from below and explosions with bursting of test-tubes from those above, the rate of reaction is remarkably rapid considering the great density of the mass. Not only are the Chemistry I's crowded, but the II's and III's can find no place to hide their precious apparatus for safe keeping. Even the advanced students have pains and moles to contend with. The total number of hours spent in the laboratory this year by all the students is over 20,000 or 2,500 working days of eight hours. The total number of points made is over 350, or the equivalent of five degrees. Here one small department with the same annual appropriation as the others, does enough work to turn out about one-fourth of all the degrees given here from twelve departments, or three times its proportionate amount as far as equipment is concerned.

The pressing need at present is for more room and we hope the Board at its next meeting will consider the question fully. With a fair sized building, the present cramped condition would be relieved and work could be done more rapidly. Care should be taken in any case to provide any excess over present needs for at the present rate of growth a still larger increase is to be expected in the next few years.

### The Cecil Rhodes Scholarships Open to Aspirants

It may be of interest to academic students to know that next fall a number of American students will be at work in Oxford University, England; and that students from Washington and Lee have an opportunity to be one of this number.

Dr. George E. Parkin is the American representative of the Scholarship Fund and he has already met with representatives

from a majority of the Southern colleges formulating the conditions on which applicants may be admitted to Oxford on the Rhodes scholarships.

The scholarships are open to any English speaking scholar, but the trustees will exercise care in selecting the men.

The following are the conditions governing competitors in the United States:

"That the chancellor of the state university of each Southern state appoint a committee consisting of from three to five members from the leading educational institutions, the chancellor appointing the committee to be chairman and ex-officio member. Two candidates in each state will be selected by the committee, the manner of selection to be left to the discretion of the committee. Each candidate to be not less than nineteen, nor more than twenty-four years of age, and to have been a student for three years in the collegiate department of some American college whose studies are in accordance with the requirements of the trustees."

If you are seriously interested in the matter, "The Student's Handbook of Oxford," printed by the Oxford University Press of New York, will give valuable information.

### The Wash. Intermediate Celebration

The Washington annual celebration on Monday night bids fair to be an excellent exhibit of the work of the society, and above the average intermediate celebration, as some of its most representative men will be on the program. Efforts were made to secure another visit of the Southern Seminary "calic," but were unsuccessful, owing to previous plans of the school.

The orators will be Messrs. Stanley Scott and R. A. Lapsley, the subject of the former being "The Liberty Hall Volunteers," and of the latter "The Man Behind the Guns."

The question for debate, Resolved, "That There Should be an Educational Qualification for Suffrage in the U. S.," will be debated by Messrs. Henderson and Armstrong on the affirmative, and Ralston and Trundle on the negative.

The '04 Class will hold its annual banquet and festivities on Monday night, and the West Virginia Club will follow suit on Tuesday night.

Orders are being solicited for a University song with music. Sheet music size.

## BOOK REVIEWS

LEE AT APPOMATOX, and other essays by Charles Francis Adams. 8vo, Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. \$1.50.

This volume is a collection of articles on several important topics in American History. In the first essay, Lee at Appomatox, the author describes Lee's surrender as the details were given him by two who were present during the negotiations, one from the Union army and one from the Confederates. Of chief interest to Virginians is his address entitled, "Shall Cromwell have a Statue?" which was delivered as the Phi Beta Kappa oration at the University of Chicago last June. In this he discusses the question of secession and the part Virginia and Robert E. Lee played in it. Coming as it does from a man with distinguished Northern ancestors and one too, who personally participated in the Civil war, it is a remarkably unbiased account of a question which has caused much bitter wrangling since its occurrence. Naturally, Northern and Southern writers cannot lose a slight bias in their views on some questions, but we are glad to see how rapidly the era of wrangling and disputing is giving way to the time when the chief aim will be to write an account, accurate in its historic details and respecting the views of both participants, which will give full credit to the heroes on both sides. Mr. Adams is indeed one of the first to realize this and we hope he will continue his work in this direction.

### GRAHAM-LEE

The Graham-Lee meeting on Saturday evening was well attended, despite the threatening weather. Mr. Pipes delivered an oration on "Alcibiades" which was well received, and he was followed by Mr. Huddle whose declamation, though thoroughly familiar to all, was well delivered and elicited much applause.

Upon motion, the Washington society was invited to meet in joint session, and at this meeting a letter from Randolph-Macon College with reference to a joint debate was read and a committee appointed to arrange plans and report to the two societies at the next meeting.

After adjournment of the joint session, the Graham-Lee voted an appropriation to pay for the invitations to the Final celebration. A committee consisting of Messrs. Lauck, Addison and Pipes, was appointed to arrange for suitable representation in the Calyx and the society then adjourned.

**PERSONALS**

Prof. Willis has been in Philadelphia during the past week.

Miss Rosa Tucker left during the early part of the week for New Orleans to attend the Mardi Gras.

W. B. Crawford returned from Tallahassee, Monday, after a week's absence. He assisted in initiating a Kappa Alpha chapter at the Florida State University.

J. H. Wills injured himself by falling on the ice early Thursday morning. It was at first thought that he had injured himself seriously, but fortunately the fears of the physicians were not realized and he is now doing nicely.

Prof. and Mrs. D. C. Humphreys attended the marriage in Washington, D. C., of Miss Marion Cockrell, daughter of Senator Cockrell of Missouri, to Mr. Edson F. Gallaudet. Mrs. Gallaudet is a cousin of Mrs. Humphreys.

Lieut. Arthur M. Shipp is home on a furlough. He is stationed, at present, with the 20th Infantry, U. S. Army, at Columbus, O. "Buck" was a member of the law department, '98-'99, and played quarter on that year's team.

**FOR ART'S SAKE**

**A Stone Arch for the Campus Entrance**

As each graduating class leaves the University, they generally try to establish some custom which they will recall with pleasure in after years. One year an attempt was made to form an alumni library. Last year the celebration took the form of a farewell banquet. This year's class is probably looking for some means of indicating their departure from the rank and file of the students. What better could they do than leave behind some permanent decoration to the campus? The entrance to the college grounds does not present a very imposing aspect to the visitor who sees there his first glimpse of the campus. But with a stone fence from the Episcopal church corner up to the president's house, and a stone archway at the entrance instead of the present enclosure, a decidedly different impression would be made. Besides, a little elegance would not injure us in our daily passage back and forth. The expense of the whole structure would probably be more than one class would care to bear. But the archway at least could be afforded by either the law or academic class, or by both together. And when in future years the sons and grand-

sons of the present graduates come to start their college work here, the "old man" can point with pride to the fact that he contributed to the first addition to the campus that was done for art's sake alone.

A hop will be given by the Assistant Professors at the V. M. I. tonight.

**Washington and Lee Awarded Trophy**

At the meeting of the State Intercollegiate Athletic Association last night, the University was awarded the baseball championship for the western section, and Richmond College for the eastern. As we defeated Richmond, the award practically gives us the State championship. A full account of the meeting will be given next week.

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let us thank him. But we cannot but think that it is an unfortunate day, in many respects for a University when on its political horizon there appears the figure of some genius who, armed with supreme conceit and enough "push" to supply a stateful of Yankees, proceeds to gather about his standard a crowd of satellites and attempt to elect himself to every political office for which he is eligible. Failing in this, too often, he may be tempted to adopt the rôle of a J. Edwards Addicks and try to prevent the election of anyone else.

A university is certainly no place for politics of such a character and for such ambitious politicians a return to private life "for the good of their constituency" is earnestly recommended until an opportunity later in life be afforded them to display their talents in a larger field.

### ON THE OUTSIDE

The University of Georgia is having considerable trouble with the Athens police force. The assessments in the Mayor's office are considerably higher than here.

Annapolis is endeavoring to secure an agreement with West Point making men ineligible to play on the athletic teams who have played four years on a college team.

Virginia and North Carolina will probably arrange an annual field-day meet.

Illinois University has a William Jennings Bryan prize also. The theme for this year's competition is "State and Federal Control of Corporations."

Teddy talks and acts on the negro question and then his cabinet explain his talk and acts.

Before many moons have waxed and waned, the diamond will resound with the merry crack of the baseball bat, the horsehide will do gymnastic aerial stunts, the rooters' lungs will wax elastic and there 'll be something doing.—Ex.

### Gymnasium Exhibition in March

At a meeting of the gym. team on Tuesday evening, it was decided to give the annual exhibition. It will take place in March, the date to be announced later. There is no lack of material nor of interest, so we may expect a creditable result from the work that is being done. The new inclined track and springboard will make the mat work especially interesting.

Monday is a National holiday.

In the parlor sat all three,  
The parlor-lamp and he and she,  
And three's a crowd there is no doubt,  
And so the parlor-lamp went out.



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