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The Southern Collegian

The March number of the Collegian opens with an essay on "Love of Life" which, though hardly evincing any great originality or deep thought on the part of the writer is nevertheless well written and readable. The author argues that the reasons why we are so well satisfied with this present evil world is not so much because of love of the pleasures which it gives us, or fear of a future in another sphere, as because of a desire to see what the future in this world will reveal. Pursuing this argument to its logical conclusion, we are told that the more civilized a people the greater becomes their knowledge of future possibilities, and consequently a greater love of life.

"An Escape" is short and for this and other reasons is deserving of scant notice.

"The Homeric Epithet" is equally short but more instructive, and gives evidence of a reading of Homer to good advantage by the author.

In reading the next article we are brought back from the heroes of ancient days to a modern hero, "Elkins Jones," footballist, whose prowess on the gridiron is only equalled by Frank Merriwell and his own high sense of honor.

"History as She is Taught Us" points out some highly prejudiced and inaccurate statements to be found in contemporary histories about the South.

There are several bright clippings from exchanges in the way of verse.

Of original poetry, "How It Really Happened" is clever and well-written, and "Robert Browning" and "Oh, Keep Thy Heart for Me" are up to the average.

On the editorial page a suggestion is offered, which, it seems to us, might well be followed by the faculty. That is, to give the editors of the college periodicals credit for a certain number of points to be counted as an academic ticket. It certainly seems that the great amount of extra work which they are called upon to do deserves this recognition.

The rest of the reading matter is taken up with a short write-up on baseball, and comments on recent publications and exchanges.

And what is more rare than a baseball game without a rain.

Mr. Light Explains

Editor of Times-Dispatch,

Sir:

I have not questioned the Christian character or the catholic spirit of the University in any sense whatever. I have not even questioned the technical and formal accuracy of the claim of the University to be non-sectarian. In these particulars I have not differed in the least from General Lee, or Mr. Wilson, President Denny, or the board of trustees. What I did say of the University is this: "It is as thoroughly denominational in spirit and tradition, and habit, as any straight-out denominational college in the state." Now upon what ground did I base this conclusion? Upon the ground of its history, associations and government. It was "founded by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians." (Dr. Denny.) Since it was chartered as a college its board of trustees has been "dominantly Presbyterian." (Dr. Denny.) How "dominantly" will appear when it is remembered that the board now contains out of a total of 15, 11 members of, and one (probably) affiliated with the Presbyterian church. It is Presbyterian in the same general sense that Yale is Congregational: the majority of whose governing board are "Congregational clergymen." It is Presbyterian in the same general sense that Princeton is Presbyterian: "Although the college (Princeton) is not under direct Presbyterian control, the majority of its instructors, trustees and students are connected with the Presbyterian church."

It is Presbyterian in the same general sense that Randolph-Macon is Methodist, namely: It is controlled by Methodist men.

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The Randolph-Macon trustees could elect any day a president and a few members from other churches and proclaim itself a "non-sectarian" institution, and yet not affect in the slightest degree the actual denominational status of the college. And it might be a good stroke of policy to do so. I make the suggestion.

As to the election of members of other churches to the faculty, that, I take it, is common to all colleges—it is a habit with Randolph-Macon. There are this moment—I do not know how many—members of

other churches in the faculties of the "system." And it is noteworthy that the present liberalizing of the University faculty within the last five years synchronizes with a somewhat vigorous agitation that has been going on in recent years over that subject.

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For the great school over which Dr. Denny presides and the great Christian denomination with which it stands so closely allied, I have the profoundest admiration. For the success of Dr. Denny's own administration of this great trust I offer my best wishes and express the greatest hopes. For the gentlemen before whom I have sat as a student, and with the perfect abandon of a disciple, I entertain the most sincere affection.

I wrote without malice (for my own church people, in my own church paper) but out of a profound conviction that those people ought to have in their possession facts of which I was formerly ignorant, but which had come to me during my stay in Lexington. I found that this was virtually a Presbyterian university, and that the influences, not personal so much as general—certainly not personal to the University faculty—were inimical to the denominational loyalty of our young men. I found a practice that I characterized as "morally antagonistic to us." Whether right or wrong, dancing is a "moral issue" with Methodists and the "final ball" has no place on the commencement program of our colleges. I found also to the praise of the institution, that a considerable proportion of its students were enjoying the benefits of scholarships and other privileges made possible by a liberal endowment. "Bought patronage" was not used as an offensive epithet, but quoted as a striking expression, covering, as I understood it, the whole, helpful ministry of money, properly applied in aid of young men seeking a college education, a ministry I hope to see duplicated in the early history of our own Randolph-Macon college.

Very truly yours,

J. H. LIGHT.

Lexington, Va., March 12, 1903.

Work on the Calyx is progressing rapidly and those in a position to know state that it will be a beautiful number. Any outstanding matter should be handed in at once.

Prize Essay Contest

The New York Alumni Association of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity wishes to announce that Ex-President Grover Cleveland, President Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, and Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews of the University of Nebraska, have consented to act as judges of the essays submitted for the prize of \$50.00, which is to be given for the best essay on "The Effect of the Fraternity on American College Life."

Any student working for a recognized degree in any American college or university may compete. No essay shall contain more than 3,000 words. Each contestant shall on or before the first day of May, 1903, mail to the chairman of the committee three typewritten copies of the competitive essay, signed in a pseudonym. He shall also, at the same time, send to the chairman of the committee a sealed envelope containing his name and address, with his pseudonym on the outside.

Arrangements have been made whereby the essay successful in this contest may be submitted in competition for a prize of \$150.00, to be given by the College Essay Publishing Company, of Boston, Mass.

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University Assembly

The next meeting of the University Assembly will be held on Wednesday morning, April 8, at 8:45 A. M. It is especially requested that students will be prompt in attendance.

The address will be delivered by Professor W. LeConte Stevens.

GEORGE H. DENNY,

President.

Opening of the Baseball Season

W. & L. 3---Eastern College 2

The Varsity baseball team opened the season by defeating a very good team from Eastern College and the surrounding neighborhood. W. & L. was in the lead from the beginning, though this lead was not great enough to be entirely satisfactory to nervous and even interested spectators.

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EDITORIAL

The baseball management has undergone an unusual siege of ill-luck in the loss of the Pennsylvania and Fishburne games, having to pay out a considerable amount without having an opportunity to gather any receipts. The weather man is the guilty party. While the collectors and promoters of various enterprises are everywhere abroad, seeking funds, the baseball team is deserving of especial consideration.

The great majority of men intend to see all the games. Then why not purchase a season ticket, saving money for yourself, and relieve the management of worry by giving it a basis to work on?

In another column appears the explanation of Mr. Light relative to the controversy as to the sectarian nature of the University. While we are gratified to know that he was moved with such guileless motives to precipitate the discussion and was conscientiously constrained to proclaim to the outside world the lamentable condition of affairs at Washington & Lee, truth forces the assertion that this long-delayed explanation is not in keeping with Mr. Light's previous communications. We were under the impression that a certain narrow and sinister tone was their chief characteristic, and that they were totally devoid of any data up-

on which to base their wide-sweeping assertions. If, as Mr. Light states, his aim was to bring into possession of his own church people the facts as to religious conditions in Lexington, we cannot but think that he has failed in his purpose, for we cannot see how anything except misconceptions can arise out of his former articles. The logical skein grows more entangled also when we read in this last communication that the University is practically the same in administration and religious influence as Randolph-Macon and other institutions of learning. If this is the case, what is the logical explanation of Mr. Light's eruption? Surely he could not have wished Washington & Lee different from Randolph-Macon. That is inconceivable. The recommendation, moreover, is made by Mr. Light that it would be a good stroke of policy for Randolph-Macon to elect "a president and a few members from other churches and proclaim itself a 'non-sectarian' institution." What has become of the lofty moral standard of the churchman's first communication? Would he advertise Randolph-Macon as a non-sectarian institution and "make capital out of the allegation?" Has he in so short a time become permeated with Presbyterian ideas and been made a proselyte to the policy for which he formerly rebuked our Board of Trustees? It is irresistibly evident that Mr. Light has fixed a great chasm of logical inconsistency between his early utterances and this latter explanation. We are of the opinion that the gulf cannot be crossed.

Our thanks are due the editor and proprietor of the Glade Spring Journal for sending us a marked copy of his little paper with its patent outside and its disordered internal organism. Otherwise we would not have known of his existence or what nice little editorials he could write about the college boys brazenly defying public sentiment by carrying whiskey and billiard room "ads." in their publications. It was very amusing. If the editor is feeling lonely we know of several congenial freaks that could probably be persuaded to emigrate if they could find Glade Spring on the map. We are thank-

ful to say, however, that the state of this community does not render it necessary to carry a "Keely cure ad.," and trust that Glade Spring conditions are not responsible for the one in the Journal. If Glade Spring waters have a therapeutic value and their sale is being shortened by "fire-water," we would be glad to send the editor a testimonial if he will forward us a small jug.

The communication in another column of this issue relative to the presentation of certificates to those entitled to wear the monogram embodies a good suggestion well worthy of adoption by the Athletic committee.

The recital at the Chapel on Wednesday evening was the best entertainment that we have had at the University for a number of years. It was well attended by the people of the town. There was a sprinkling of students, and several members of the faculty present. It will profit nothing to rehearse the oft-repeated arguments as to the University body to support athletics. Suffice it to say that anyone attending Wednesday evening would not have donated anything through college patriotism, but would have received his money's worth.

Monogram Certificate

(Communicated.)

Editor RING-TUM PHI:

Every member of the University is glad that we have come to a satisfactory understanding in regard to the wearing of the University monogram.

It is the custom in many of the big universities to give each man who wins his monogram, a certificate signed by the proper authorities stating the branch of athletics in which he won it.

Under our present system a man has nothing substantial to show that he is entitled to wear the monogram. To be sure, the names are read out in chapel and published in the RING-TUM PHI, but should any one request him to show his authority he would be put to great inconvenience.

The certificate could be one that would be suitable for framing and thus be a permanent memorial to the owner's services to Washington & Lee athletics. The presentation of the certificates would be quite an event and would stimulate the men who were not monogram wear-

ers to greater efforts on the gridiron, diamond or river.

Why not attend to this matter at once and have a public presentation of certificates to all the monogram wearers sometime during the Finals.

The cost would not be much. Only in the last month this system has been adopted by two more colleges who stand in the front for progressive athletics.

R. E. Form.

SOME COLLEGE TYPES

III. The "Calicoist"

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Where the ladies have their
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As they may,
Of rare brocades and silks
Duly made,
To the utter consternation
of fair dames of lower
station
Thrown by all such ostentation
In the shade.

But now they find a means
of redress,
For students in their 'teens
Can but guess
How mantua-making terms
Really go;
So with large discrimination,
And as great elimination,
They have dubbed each fine
creation
"Calico."

Symdochis a force
Here below,
So ladies are, of course,
'Calico.'
Some lucky luckless chap
Doing stunts
In his forced sophistication
First received the appellation
'Calicoist,—observation
—To a dunce.

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High or low,
In business or strife,
CALICO!
And you 'll be sure to find
When you think
That the long continuation
Of depressions and elation
Has to reach its consumation
In a link.

Football Banquet

On the night of March 18, the football team of 1902 made merry at a banquet given by Mr. M. L. Carney of Mobile, Ala. Possibly under no circumstances could the heroes of the gridiron have had a more pleasant reunion and nothing could do more to engender enthusiasm for the battles that will be fought next fall.

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Both pitchers did very good work, each having but four hits recorded against him. Baker showed himself capable of good work and we hope to see the mantle of his famous namesake, the well-known "Sandy" fall upon his shoulders.

The base-running of the 'Varsity men was good, as seven stolen bases are recorded to their credit, while Eastern has but four. This only reflects credit on Bagley who preserved his reputation for throwing to bases.

W. & L. was weak in batting and this we hope to see greatly improve. This is not intended as a criticism for there were a number of admirable features enjoyed by all.

Hereford at third did the best all 'round work, accepting nine chances and making a timely hit.

Dawson at short made a beautiful stop that saved future trouble, and fielded his position in excellent form.

Of the other new men Shields and Pipes both showed that the little 5 1/2 ounce sphere was nothing new to them.

Clarke, Downing and Shacklett were the leaders for Eastern College.

The following gives the players and positions:

W. & L. U.	Eastern College		
Pipes	r. f.	Hopking	
Baker	p.	Downing	
Shields	2d b.	Clarke	
Wysor	l. f.	Laughlin	
Boogher	c. f.	Rucker	
Bagley	c.	Shacklett	
Hereford	3d b.	Kinzer	
Campbell	}	s. s.	Stump
Dawson			
Walker	}	1st b.	Waller
Pancake			

R. H. R.	
University	1 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0-3 5 2
College	0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0-2 4 3

The Concert

The concert given by the students' company of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music was a rare treat to the music lovers and the most enjoyable performance that has been given in the chapel for a long time. The personnel of the company was all that could be desired. Miss Keeler was well received in her recitations and impersonations. Mrs. Booth possessed a contralto voice of a very pleasing and sympathetic quality, and she together with Miss Jarvis, responded to repeated encores. The entire company were very generous and accommodating in answering the numerous encores of the audience.

Dr. Latané will deliver a lecture before the Newport War college during the coming summer.

THE GYM. EXHIBITION

Mr. Glasgow Wins All-Around Cup

The annual gymnasium exhibition was given on the night of March 15. The work both individually and in general was excellent and reflected credit upon the physical director.

Sam. M. Glasgow was the winner of the cup for the best all-around work; Withers received the cup for work on the Horizontal Bars; Landes for the Parallel Bars; Lombard for the Horse, and Moffett for the Rings.

The cups were presented by Dr. Quarles in a speech which kept the audience aroused by its personal and local hits.

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Student Conference

The Southern Student Conference of Young Men's Christian Associations will be held at the Ashville School, near Ashville, N. C., June 13-21. The location of the Conference among the mountains of western North Carolina is exceedingly attractive. The speakers will be leaders of Christian thought and work among the different denominations, among them being Mr. Robert E. Speer.

As usual the work in Bible study will be emphasized, and experienced teachers will be present. The total cost of attendance, in addition to railroad fare, will be a program fee of \$5.00, and \$9.00 for nine days' board. Favorable railroad rates will be secured, and information concerning the Conference will be given gladly by the president of the University Association, or by H. P. Anderson, No. 3, West 29th St., New York City.

Dr. Crow was absent for several days during examinations, at his home in Norfolk, attending the marriage of his sister.



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