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## Commencement Day

Wednesday was a day to bring pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to attend finals, as well as to those who carried away their sheepskins.

The graduating exercises opened at 11 o'clock with prayer by Rev. E. C. Gordon, D. D. Dr. Denny presided and conferred the degrees. The only thing to mar the pleasure of the occasion was the absence of Hon. John Temple Graves, who was to have addressed the literary societies.

### THE VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

David Hopkins Rolston, of Virginia, delivered the valedictory address to the class of 1904. He certainly proved that his class was wise in one thing—the selection of a valedictorian. From start to finish he held the attention of the entire audience, and as he recounted the trials of college life, and illustrated how the impress of purity and honor are stamped upon the searchers for truth by the lofty ideals and spotless traditions of Washington and Lee University, it could be seen easily that his fellow graduates were deeply affected, and that they felt keenly the pains of saying farewell to their Alma Mater, as well as the responsibility they now assume in going out into the world to maintain the honor of the institution they now represent as alumni.

The speaker's tribute to Prof. A. L. Nelson, was especially happy. In fact his whole address was one unit of well-rounded humor, pathos and sound sense, and was received with almost continuous applause.

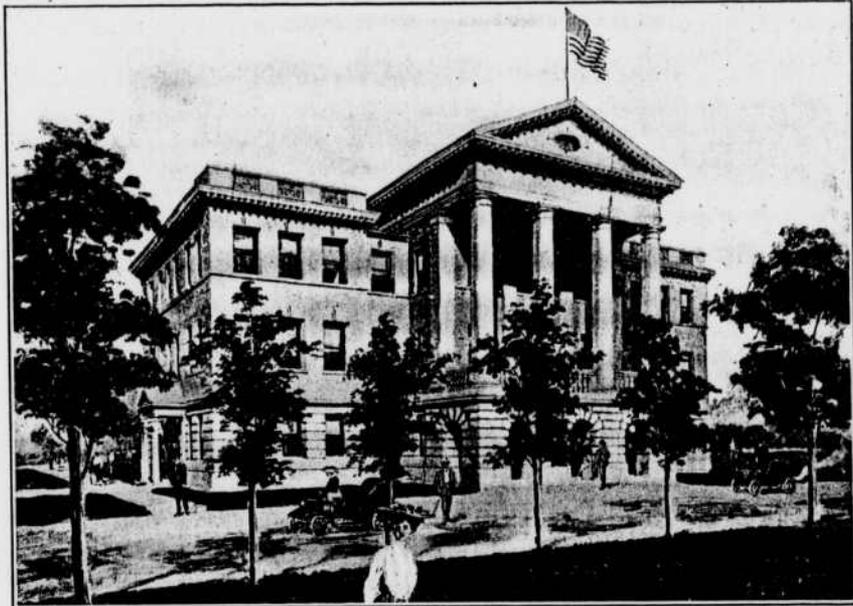
### LAW CLASS ORATION

The Law Class of 1904 were fortunate in hearing from their orator, Mr. Waller Cecil Hardy, a learned treatise on the much-mooted and difficult subject: "Due Process of Law."

Mr. Hardy treated this question from the standpoint of the lawyer, tracing it through its various phases, showing that since it was first demanded by the English people, and become a part of Magna Charta, as granted by King John in 1216, it has gradually crystallized, until now it is the well-settled and fundamental principle of the law of our land that "no person shall be denied life, liberty nor property without due process of law."

While the speaker's delivery was a little stiff and somewhat halting at times, yet his oration was a finished piece of work, was listened to attentively, especially by his fellow classmates, and at the conclusion, when he expressed the hope that the members of the graduating class would ever wear the ermine of a blameless life, he was generously applauded.

The following men composed the



ENGINEERING HALL

graduating class receiving their diplomas from President Denny.

### BACHELORS OF ART.

William W. Bays, North Carolina.  
William V. Collins, Texas.  
John W. Conover, Virginia.  
Willard N. Grubb, Virginia.  
Jacob H. Gruver, Virginia.  
Harry W. Hamilton, Virginia.  
Frederick C. A. Kellam, Jr., Virginia.  
Matthew T. McClure, Virginia.  
John McClure, Virginia.  
Edward C. Miller, Virginia.  
Lyle M. Moffett, Virginia.  
David H. Rolston, Virginia.  
Solomon W. Schaefer, Mississippi.  
Charles F. Spencer, Virginia.  
Charles C. Thomas, Georgia.  
LeRoy Thompson, Arkansas.  
Roy D. Thompson, Virginia.  
Jerry A. Willoughby, Virginia.  
George G. Worthen, Arkansas.  
William O. Wilson, Virginia.

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Frank H. Iden, Virginia.  
Robert E. Johnston, Virginia.  
Robert E. Kolb, Virginia.  
Wm. E. Montgomery, Dist. of Columbia.  
Hubert S. Moore, Virginia.  
Americus D. Trundle, Maryland.  
Americus F. White, West Virginia.

### MASTERS OF ART.

Cary R. Blain, Virginia.  
Robert F. Cooper, Alabama.  
David V. Guthrie, Mississippi.  
Harry N. Huse, Virginia.  
George C. Moseley, Virginia.  
Americus F. White, West Virginia.

### DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY.

Richard C. Lord, Kentucky.

The following received degrees as Bachelors of Law at the hands of Professor Burks, dean of the law faculty:

### BACHELORS OF LAW.

Julian F. Bouchelle, Georgia.  
Robert E. Brown, Florida.  
Roy C. Cromer, Virginia.  
John Henry Day, Jr., Virginia.  
Robert J. Dillard, Texas.  
Waller C. Hardy, Virginia.  
George E. Haw, Virginia.  
Halbert R. Henderson, Florida.  
Charles S. McNulty, Virginia.  
Kenneth I. McKay, Florida.  
Pierce R. Massie, Virginia.  
Everett D. Ott, Virginia.  
Eldridge W. Poindexter, Virginia.  
Stanley Scott, Virginia.  
George C. Sells, Tennessee.

### DOCTORS OF LAW.

Herbert Welsh, Philadelphia.  
Prof. Brown Ayres, class of 1874, of Tulane University, New Orleans.  
L. M. Blackford, Alexandria, Va.

### DOCTORS OF DIVINITY.

Bishop W. L. Gravatt, West Virginia.  
Rev. W. McC. White, class of 1886, Petersburg, Va.  
Rev. Frank W. Lewis, A. B., class of 1871, Clinton, La.  
Rev. William T. Price, A. B., class of 1854, Pocahontas County, W. Va.

The following were the lists of honorary appointments and of prizes conferred:

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS.

Taylor Scholarship: Thomas B. Hubbard, Alabama.  
Young Scholarship: T. D. Sloan, West Virginia.

James J. White Scholarship: Harry L. Kidd, Virginia.  
Mapleson Scholarship: William W. Bays, North Carolina.  
Franklin Society Scholarship: James H. Waugh, Virginia.  
Vincent L. Bradford Scholarship: John W. Addison, Virginia.  
Luther Seavers Birely Scholarship: Charles R. Adams, Virginia.  
Howard Houston Fellowship: Americus F. White, West Virginia.

### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

In the Department of Chemistry: Lucius J. Deeba, Kentucky.  
In the Department of Civil Engineering: James D. Causey, Virginia.  
In the Department of Economics and Political Science: Charles M. Barnes, Virginia.  
In the Department of English: Frank R. Flournoy, Maryland.  
In the Department of Geology and Biology: Andrew J. Browning, Maryland.  
In the Department of History: Richard B. Spindle, Jr., Virginia.  
In the Department of Latin: Lee Smith, Tennessee.  
In the Department of Modern Languages: Alfred M. Withers, Virginia.  
In the Department of Physics: Isaac S. Wampler, Virginia.

### PRIZES.

Santini Prize Medal: David H. Rolston, Virginia.  
Orator's Medal: Robert A. Lapsley, Jr., Virginia.  
Robinson Prize Medal in Mathematics and Science: Richard C. Lord, Kentucky.  
Robinson Prize Medal of Ancient and Modern Languages: Robert F. Cooper, Alabama.

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## COMMENCEMENT DAY

(Concluded from first day)

President Denny announced Kenneth I. McKay, of Florida, first honor man in senior law, and Thomas R. English, Jr., of Richmond, first honor man in junior law.

The exercises closed at 1:30 and the graduates laden with diplomas, flowers and candy, and escorted by friends and loved ones departed with mingled feelings of joy and sadness.

## The Final Ball

The best is always saved for the last at Washington and Lee, and so after the other exercises have been completed, the students, on Wednesday night, give the Final Ball to the fair visitors who have honored them with their presence at commencement. Here the care-worn student and the good fellow are one, here the freshman and the senior are on a level, and here woman is queen of all as she is intended to be. It is a time of gaiety and pleasure for all.

It is often foolish and costly to deal extravagantly in superlatives, yet it can safely be said that a more beautiful ball has never been given at a Washington and Lee commencement. The gymnasium looked like a fairy garden or the chapter house held as common property by the different fraternities, as their designs, in different colored lights, were arranged around the room in a most attractive manner. But the most beautiful part of the ball was the opening figure led by President Herbert S. Osburn, of Baltimore, and Miss Elvira McCormick, of Berryville, Va., and participated in by twenty-three other couples. If there was a defect in the execution of the figure it was not apparent to the onlookers, as the couples were led through the intricate W. & L. U. figure without a hitch.

Dancing began at 11:30 and ended at 4:30, an elaborate supper having been served at 1 o'clock. When all was over, although there may have been tired limbs and heavy eyes, all were glad that they had attended the ball of 1904. Music was furnished by Green, of Washington, D. C.

As has been said the ball was opened by Mr. Osburn and Miss McCormick, the latter wearing white net over silk, also S. A. E. pins. They were followed by the following couples, all of the girls being dressed in white and carrying American Beauty roses:

Miss Avis Grant, of Richmond, wearing white lace over white silk—diamonds, K. A. pin, lilies of the valley, with Mr. David W. Pipes, of Clinton, La.

Miss Fannie Howry Dunn, of Birmingham, Ala., wearing embroidered white chiffon—S. A. E. pins and diamond comb with Mr. Kenneth I. McKay, of Tampa, Fla.

Miss Louise Purcell, of Richmond, wearing white embroidered in le—amethysts, with Mr. A. D. Trundle, of Pootlesville, Md.

Miss Sarah Griffin, of Bedford City, wearing white chiffon, with Mr. R. W. Withers, of Lexington

Miss Mabelle L. Swats, of West Virginia, wearing pink crepe de chene over taffeta, with Mr. O. B. Harvey, of Douglas, Ark.

Miss Dora Williams, of McComas, W. Va., wearing white organdie—K. S. pin, with Mr. A. M. Duncan, of Springfield, Ky.

Miss Loise Ebbert, of Covington, Ky., wearing white muslin and lace—pearls and rubies, with Mr. F. W. Bridges, of Hancock, Md.

Miss Margaret Graham, of Lexington, wearing cream embroidered batiste, with Mr. A. C. Lee, of Chester, S. C.

Miss Annie Jordan, of Norfolk, white embroidered organdie over taffeta—diamonds, with Mr. B. M. Hartman, of Richmond.

Miss Sadie Tucker, of Bedford City, wearing white real lace—pearls, with Mr. Martin P. Burks, of Lexington.

Miss Ethel A. Naylor, of Baltimore, wearing white silk batiste and lace—Sigma Nu fraternity pin, with Mr. J. P. Walker, of Overfield, W. Va.

Miss Aurelia Howe Davis, of Lynchburg, wearing white Swiss and lace—rubies and pearls, with Mr. W. V. Collins, of Paris, Texas.

Miss Mabel B. Littig, of Staunton, wearing white silk mull, with Mr. J. Randolph Tucker, of Staunton.

Miss Margaret A. Lee, of Lexington, wearing white organdie, with Mr. J. Edward Arbuckle, of Lewisburg, W. Va.

Miss Martha Moore, of Lexington, wearing white mull, with Mr. A. T. Smiley, of Staunton.

Miss Lily Lawrence Rust, of Lexington, wearing white organdie and lace, with Mr. C. C. Thomas, of Atlanta, Ga.

wearing blue crepe de chine and lace.

Miss Annie R. White, wearing French gown of crepe de chene, with Mr. Richard Lord, of Kentucky.

Mrs. W. LeConte Stevens, wearing black net over silk—pearls and diamonds.

Mrs. Benjamin Hugor, of Lexington, Va., wearing white organdie point d'esprit and lavender trimming—amethyst and pearls.

Mrs. Lawrence Rust, of Lexington, Va., wearing white crepe de chine, real lace—diamonds and emeralds.

Mrs. S. B. Walker, wearing black Spanish lace over white silk—diamonds.

Mrs. F. H. Brockborough, of Lexington, Ky., wearing black jetted lace over silk—pearls.

Mrs. M. P. Burks, of Lexington, Va., wearing cream voile over white satin—diamonds.

Mrs. D. C. Humphreys, of Lexington, Va., wearing white black net over black silk—opals and pearls.

Mrs. J. W. Kern, of Lexington, Va., wearing white organdie and blue trimming.

Mrs. Morgan Pendleton, of Lexington, Va., wearing white crepe de chine, silver passementerie—pearls.

Mrs. R. L. Owen, of Lexington, Va., wearing white crepe de chine.

Other dancers were:

Miss Nellie M. Quinn, of Lynchburg,

Mr. J. S. Grasty, of Baltimore.

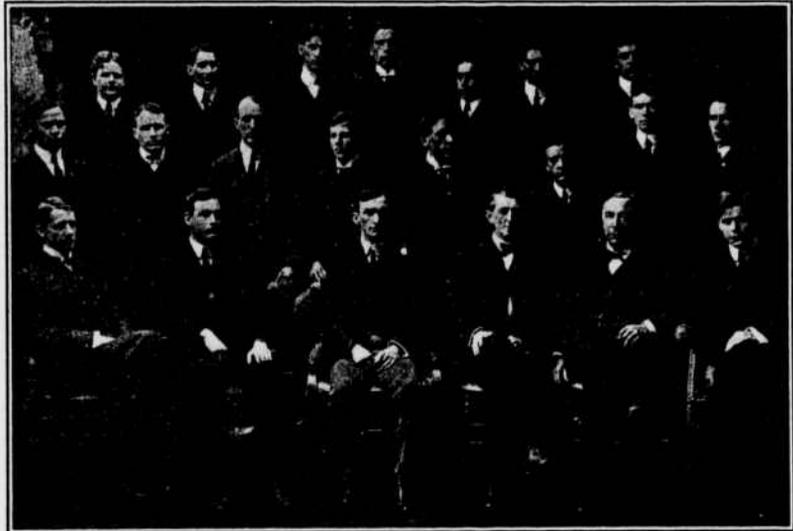
Miss Joan M. White, of Charlottesville, Va., wearing pink tissue—pearls, with Mr. F. H. Wolff, of San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Elizabeth Guy, of Washington, D. C., wearing blue mousseline over silk—pearls and diamonds, with Mr. W. B. Gillespie, of Ellisville, Va.

Miss Katharine McEnery, of Blackstone, Va., wearing pink mousseline de soie and duchess lace—pearls, with Mr. John West Addison, of Accomac, Va.

## Alumni Address

Dr. Winchester, of St. Louis, delivered the alumni address on Tuesday night. His address was beautiful in diction and at times very humorous as he recalled old friends and college experiences. After Dr. Winchester's address Mr. F. S. Kirkpatrick, of Lynchburg, presented to Prof. Nelson a handsome silver service in honor of his fiftieth anniversary as a professor at Washington and Lee. Prof. Nelson in accepting it was deeply moved



SENIOR LAW CLASS

Miss Evelyn Williams, of Georgetown, D. C., wearing white organdie and lace with Mr. G. G. Worthen, of Little Rock, Ark.

Miss Rosa J. Tucker, of Lexington, wearing white silk mulle, with Mr. Tom Bledsoe, of Lexington.

Miss Louise D. Shields, of Lexington, wearing white China silk—pearls, with Mr. John A. Moore, of Lexington.

Miss Effie D. Hunter, of Washington, D. C., wearing white organdie, real lace—Sigma Nu pin, pearls, with Mr. Frank H. Iden, of Manassas.

Miss Nell Brockebrough, of Lexington, wearing white silk and point d'esprit—K. A. pin, with Mr. Albert Steves, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Sally Lacy, of Washington, D. C., wearing white silk—pearls, with Mr. Stanley Scott, of Eastville, Va.

Miss Mary Berkely McNeilly, of Vicksburg, Miss., wearing white organdie and lace—S. A. E. pins, with Mr. G. E. Haw, of Hanover, Va.

The following were the chaperones:

Mrs. Herbert Osburn, of Leesburg, Va., wearing chiffon grenadine, black lace—pearls.

Miss Kate R. Lord, of Covington, Ky., wearing embroidered Japanese silk.

Mrs. W. D. Baker, of Clifton Forge,

Va., wearing white lace—diamonds, with Mr. S. Shields, of Lexington, Va.

Miss Frances Lombard, of Augusta, Ga., wearing pink mull and lace, with Mr. W. G. Deshazo, of Ridgeway, Va.

Miss Elizabeth Timberlake, of Staunton, Va., wearing blue silk mulle—pearls, with Mr. H. R. Henderson, of Lake City, Fla.

Miss Julia Prendergast, of Columbus, Ohio, wearing silver tissue—K. A. pin, with Mr. Samuel Chilton, of Charleston, W. Va.

Miss Gadsden, of Washington, D. C., wearing point d'esprit, with Mr. William Dunn, of Birmingham, Ala.

Miss Jessie McEnery, of Blackstone, Va., wearing black mousseline—diamonds, with Mr. R. D. Thompson, of Timber Ridge.

Miss Gadsden, of Washington, D. C., wearing white point d'esprit over silk, with Mr. Hamilton, of Charleston, W. Va. Miss Sarah Robertson, of Staunton, wearing white dotted swiss teneic lace, with Mr. L. H. Stephenson, Jr., of Monterey, Va.

Miss Harrison, of Staunton, Va., wearing white silk mull over taffeta, point lace—diamonds, with Mr. Timberlake, of Staunton.

Miss Cochran, of Staunton, Va., wearing white crepe de chene—pearls, with

and told how he had out-lived all his old comrades and how the present faculty, to a great extent, had been his pupils.

After his speech Prof. C. A. Graves, of the University of Virginia, presented to the Albert Sidney crew the Pinkney Prize Cup.

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## THE BOAT RACE

### W. and L. vs. Virginia Boat Club

For the past thirty years the boat race has been one of the most interesting features of commencement week. All the town people are active partisans and for weeks beforehand the red and blue flags of the Harry Lee and Albert Sidney Boat Clubs are to be seen floating from house-tops, telegraph poles and even on the heads of the truck-horses. For the past four years the winning crew has represented Washington and Lee in a race with the Virginia Boat Club of Richmond. For the past three years the race had been rowed at Richmond, and at a meeting of the Boat Clubs it was decided to challenge the Richmond crew to a race on our course. In order to have this race during finals it was decided that the Albert Sidneys and Harry Lees should have their race a week earlier than usual.

On the day set for the race the usual flag-waving and excited crowd collected on the island. Stone and Douglas of the winning crew of the two years past were at their places and the general opinion was that the Albert Sidneys had the stronger crew. After one false start the boats got off evenly. The Harry Lees rowed well and went ahead from the start. At the bend they had gained a boat's length. The Blues did splendid work from the bend down, but only succeeded in pushing ahead within a boat's length of the line, gaining the race by about three feet and making the most sensational finish ever witnessed on the river.

The Albert Sidneys were again to meet the Richmond crew—knowing that their opponents would withhold no effort to gain the race, the varsity crew put in the next week in hard practice. On the day of the race the excitement was high. The island cliffs above the course were crowded with people, many of whom were the red of the Virginia Boat Club. As is usual the boats were out in the river something after the time they should have been up the river and ready to start.

The race was well rowed on both sides. The start was made on the shot from Dr. Reid White's pistol. The varsity crew used a better stroke and the nose of their shell shot steadily ahead until they led the Richmond boys by a boat's length. When the boats came in at the bend there was suspense for a moment, then it was seen that the Blues were ahead and a tremendous shout went up on all sides. At the boat-house the Richmond boys raised their stroke to get a spurt and their shell went slowly to gain. Mr. Stone, varsity stroke, raised his stroke again at the boat-house and then fell into his usual stroke at 38, bringing it to the finish. The Richmond boys continued to gain. The excitement was intense. The pistol rang out as the nose of the varsity shell ran over the line half a boat's length in the lead. Mr. Albert Welsh, of Philadelphia,

after a few appropriate remarks, delivered medals to the winners. The medals were gold and of a very pretty design—small disks with crossed oars attached.

The crews were as follows: Virginia Boat Club—A. A. Barrelet, stroke; W. F. Gordon, Capt. 3; J. H. Hill, 2; M. A. Russel, 1; W. K. Claiborne, coxswain.

Washington and Lee—T. G. Stone, stroke; R. D. Thompson, 3; H. W. Withers, 2; R. A. Douglas, 1; J. B. Akers, coxswain.

then rendered Parry's anthem, "Abide With Me," and Rev. Mr. White addressed the Y. M. C. A. from the text, Luke xx, 36, "Neither can they die any more," as follows: The function of the Y. M. C. A. is to save the souls of men, reaching them as it does at the most critical period of their lives. The text was addressed to the Sadducees, the materialists of their day, against whose teaching Jesus asserted the doctrine of immortality. The task of the Y. M. C. A. then is to save immortal souls. We

the revealed facts remain the same. The responsibility of acceptance or rejection rests with them, and them alone. But, though the fact of immortality cannot be demonstrated, we have abundant evidence of the worthiness of the Revealer. In Him predictions of antiquity were exactly fulfilled; many signs and miracles prove him what he claimed to be; his own predictions have been fulfilled; he was dead and rose again. The revelation of such an one must be true.

The text also has in it the idea of the indestructibility of the soul. Death, then, is insignificant when compared with birth, which brings an everlasting soul into being. Man has liberty of physical life and of conduct, but he must live forever. Suicide, a result of a loss of faith oftentimes, cannot save a man from living forever.

Then all should see to it, first that his own soul is safe, then that his brother is put in the right way. Of such work the result is everlasting, the reward eternal.

After the hymn, "Lo! on a Narrow neck of Land," the congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Knott.

### Professor Nelson's Reception

Wednesday night, June 15th, Professor and Mrs. Nelson received at their beautiful home, from 10 to 12, in honor of the senior classes. Quite a number of others, students, visitors and residents of the town, were also invited. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. Gaines, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson.

### Boat Race

#### Albert Sidneys Win

Probably no event of commencement week arouses more enthusiasm than the annual boat race between the Albert Sidney and Harry Lee crews. This year was no exception to the rule, while the race proved to be the best which has been rowed in years. Both crews had trained faithfully for three months and when the pistol sounded for the start they were in excellent trim and rowed as if their lives depended upon the result of the race, making the fastest time which has ever been made over the course. The Albert Sidney crew won by about a quarter of a boat length, thereby winning the privilege of contesting with the Virginia Boat Club, of Richmond, on the following Saturday, and over the same course.

The race this year was rowed on June 4th, a week earlier than usual, in order that the race between the winners and the Virginia Boat Club might take place on the following Saturday.

The following are the names, weights and positions of the crews.

HARRY LEE	ALBERT SIDNEY
H. N. Huse (105)....Coxswain	J. B. Akers (112)
L. C. Payne (105)....Stroke	T. G. Stone (154)
R. E. Johnson (142)....No. 3	R. D. Thompson (145)
J. R. Sterritt (160)....No. 2	H. W. Withers (162)
J. C. McPeeters (140)No. 1	R. A. Douglas (150)

## MASTERS OF ART



R. F. COOPER  
D. V. GUTHRIE  
G. C. MOSELEY  
A. F. WHITE

### Y. M. C. A. Address

The evening service on Sunday was well attended, though not so largely as was that of the morning. The choir rendered "Lead Kindly Light," and Rev. Mr. Gordon offered prayer. The hymn, "Oh! Where shall rest be found" was sung by the choir and congregation, after which Luke xx, beginning with the 19th verse, was read as the scripture lesson. The choir

are immortal because He told us so. In no other way could we have found this out; revelation alone could tell us. Reason merely suggests the life to come, by inference from the observed connection between soul and body by analogy; and a sentiment of immortality tells us that we are to live after death. But from these future life cannot be proved; Plato failed and Cicero was unable. Men may believe or not, as they please;

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Mr. John Osburn, of Baltimore, spent last week with his mother at this place.

Miss Davis, of Lynchburg, and Miss Littig, of Staunton, were with the Misses Davidson last week.

Ran. Tucker, "Puck" Bridges, "Flap" Pancake and "Puck" Walker took in finals.

Arbuckle and Harvey were here for commencement.

Misses Harrison and Cochran and Messrs. Grasty and Bumgardner came up from Staunton Wednesday for the final ball.

Mr. Cabell Tutwiler, of Philadelphia, spent commencement week with Mrs. Leech.

Misses Griffin and Tucker, of Bedford City, were the guests of Mrs. Burks last week.

one o'clock a very appetizing lunch was served and at 2:30 the dancing came to an end to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home."

Those present were Misses McCormick, the Misses Purcell, Tucker, Williams, the Misses Gadsden, Prendergast, McNeilly, Tucker, Griffin, Brockenbrough, Grant, Shields, Ebbert, Naylor, Werner, Davis, Hunter, Lee, Lacy, Dunn, Guy, Williams, Rust, Quinn and Jordan, and Messrs. Steves, Pipes, Withers, Henderson, Bledsoe, Trundle, Iden, Thomas, Dunn, Hamilton, Arbuckle, Wilson, Tucker, Bridges, Walker, Chilton, Tutwiler, Hartman, Duncan, Stokes, Smiley, Day, Scott, Worthen, Moore, May, Collins, Bledsoe and Capts. Cabell, Carter and Stockdell, of V. M. I.

The chaperones were Miss Anne White, Mrs. Pendleton, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Brockenbrough, Mrs. Humphreys and Miss Lord.

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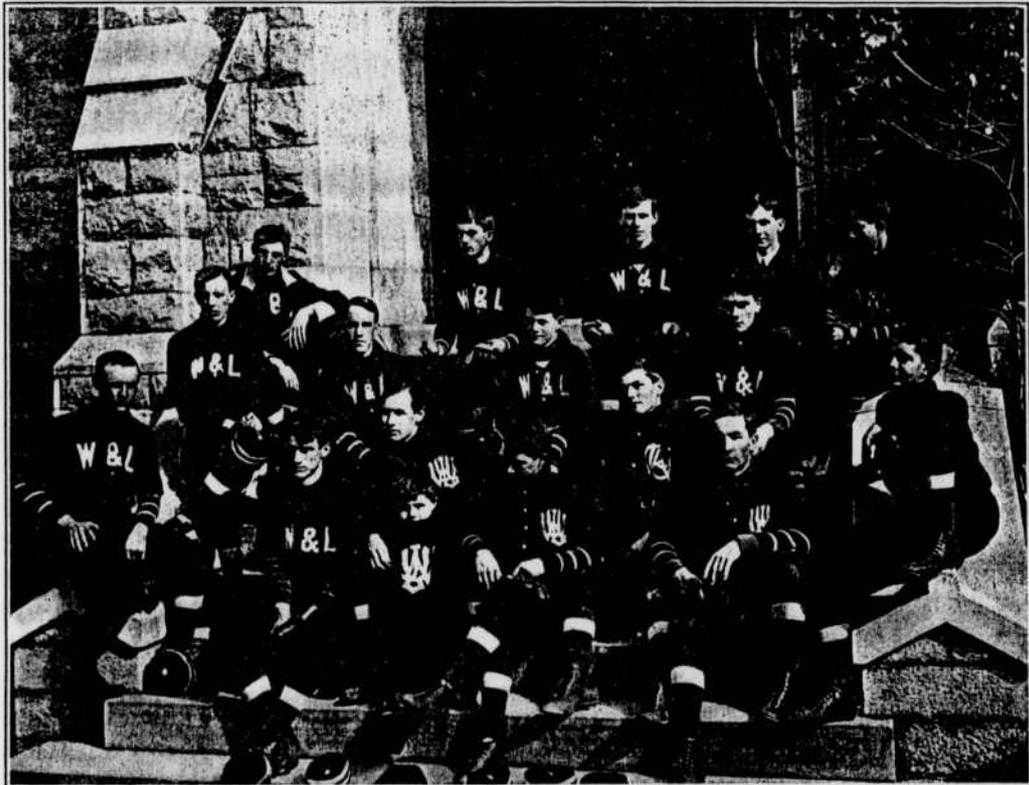
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BASEBALL TEAM

## Personals

Mr. Herbert Welsh, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. John L. Campbell during finals.

Miss Lord and Miss Ebbert, of Covington, spent commencement week with Mrs. Graham, the guests of Mr. R. C. Lord.

Miss Dunn, of Birmingham, Ala., visited her brother, W. R. J. Dunn, during finals.

Misses Naylor, of Baltimore, and McCormick, of Berryville, were the guests of Mrs. Osburn during commencement.

## Final German

The Cotillion Club german is always one of the most enjoyable dances of commencement week, and this year with the large number of girls present and the excellent music it was even more enjoyable than usual. The german was danced in the gymnasium, which was tastefully, though not elaborately, decorated for the occasion, and was led by Mr. Albert Steves. After about six figures had been gone through the german was turned into a hop, which was also enjoyed by everyone. At

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## Baccalaureate Sermon

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the largest audience of the year filled to overflowing the Lee Memorial Chapel. The day was of the finest and the commencement exercises of 1904 began under happy auspices.

The service began with a fine rendering by the Presbyterian choir of Spinney's anthem, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain," followed by prayer by Dr. Winchester.

After the hymn, "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty," part of the fifteenth chapter of St. John's gospel was read as the scripture lesson, the choir then rendering the "Te Deum" of Warren.

Taking as his text II Timothy 1:9, "Who hath called as with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purposes and grace," Bishop Gravatt spoke as follows:

"Every man should have a purpose in life. True attainment can be realized only by men that are working with an aim. For a time one may lead a purposeless existence, but this is essentially a tentative period; life is an affair of the will, is labor, action, endeavor. And so it comes to every man to decide the question, What will you do? The decision is not easy; but in the purposeless life there is a longing for something better, something higher; to be self-centered is felt by all to be hopelessly inadequate.

"What, then, is a purpose? It is something beyond self; it must sway and rule us completely; it must save us from the misery of indifference. Again, it must wield authority over us—authority single, deep-rooted and absolute.

The great human prerogative is to find oneself responsive to the created universe. This is our freedom and our privilege, to find ourselves as one with God. Amid the whirl of the looms of God we too may hold the gleaming thread from which the woof of history is woven. Our privilege used, it is not in vain that we have lived.

"Thus does a life-purpose become the primary, practical proof that there is a God that has made all things. It is from purposelessness that infidelity springs. What, some say, is the end of all our material progress and civilization? Socialism suggests a purpose, but socialism does not recommend itself to sensible men. Mankind, say they, is working out no great task by this vast development. To whose thinks thus God is but a name and a fiction. Thus professions are largely regarded as a means of subsistence; there is no purpose in them, nothing that shall endure when we are gone. And modern industrial life displays no purpose. Where, then, shall we look to find a purpose? The purpose is God's.

"In his faith in the eternal purpose of God the Jew never wavered; through long ages of waiting his expectation was steadfast; the Christ, the Messiah, would come. But the birth in Bethlehem was but a birth, a beginning; the end, the consummation, was not of earth.



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"Here, in this world, this is inexplicable; we must wait to see. God's promise covers all; adapts itself to each soul; glorifies labor in making it an offering to Himself. And thus does the light of a great purpose fall on our commonplace ways.

"None can then complain of anything's having no purpose; it matters to God what each one does. Every man's life has a purpose in Him, whether he brings Him of it much or little. Let him go forth, then, with a strong purpose to make the world better for his having lived in the world."

After singing the hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages past" the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

### The Private Secretary

On the evening of Friday, June 10th, the Dramatic Club gave its second presentation of "The Private Secretary." The play had been so successfully presented earlier in the season that the Club was requested

to again give it, which they did and with as great success as formerly.

When the curtain rose at 8:30 the house was crowded and for two hours the audience laughed at and applauded the work of the members of the cast. The work of Mr. Lee, Mr. Stokes and Mr. Wilson was especially good. The drawl of Mr. Lee, the Private Secretary, was inimitable.

The cast was as follows:

Mr. Cattermole, a rich East Indian... Mr. Stokes  
Douglas Cattermole, his nephew... Mr. Stevens  
Mr. Marshland, a country gentleman... Mr. Burke  
Harry Marshland, his nephew... Mr. Wolf  
Gibson, a tailor... Mr. Wilson  
Rev. Robt. Spaulding, the Private Secretary... Mr. Lee  
Knox, a bailiff... Mr. Thackston  
Miss Ashfort, a spinster... Miss Allan  
Edith Marshland... Miss Rust  
Eva Webster, Edith's friend... Miss Brockenbrough  
Mrs. Stead, the landlady... Miss Barclay  
Servants, etc.

### Dedication of Engineering Hall

Tuesday morning of Commencement week was given over to the

dedication of the new Engineering Hall. The services began at eleven o'clock and closed at one. During this time speeches were made by Dr. Humphreys, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Denny, Mr. Herbert Welsh and Dr. Francis H. Smith, of the University of Virginia. Dr. Humphreys turned the building over to the university in a few appropriate remarks. Dr. Stevens, in accepting it, traced the progress of physics during the last fifty years, showing that whereas there were about four laboratories at that time there are now four hundred in the United States. Dr. Smith next spoke; he congratulated the University on its new building; told of the kindly regards that the University of Virginia had for Washington and Lee, and of their recognition of Washington and Lee's work.

Dr. Denny introduced Mr. Welsh. During his address he stated that Mr. Wm. H. Reid, of Chicago, was the donor of the hall. Mr. Welsh in his address dwelt upon the work that universities are doing and plead that they should do more to train in political science.

## The President's Reception.

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## Final Celebration of the Literary Societies

Monday Evening, June 13th

By nine o'clock the Lee Memorial Chapel was well filled, and promptly at that hour, to a march by the Washington band, the officers and orators of the evening were conducted to the rostrum. Dr. Latane formally opened the exercises by reading the conditions relative to the contest. He then introduced the president of the celebration, Mr. LeRoy Thompson, of Arkansas.

In a simple announcement Mr. Thompson introduced the first orator of the evening, Mr. J. F. Bouchelle, of Georgia, representing the Graham-Lee Society. Mr. Bouchelle's subject was "The Modern Hypocrite." He considered four hypocrites, the religious, moral, political and all-round hypocrite, regarding the religious and moral hypocrites as closely allied and most harmful, the all-round hypocrite as least harmful.

The next speaker, representing the Washington Society, was Mr. A. D. Trundle, of Maryland; subject: "The Ideal Democracy." Mr. Trundle was thoughtful, earnest and quietly impressive. His ideal democracy was government of the people, for the people, by the best people, not the whole people.

The Graham-Lee Society was next represented by Mr. J. W. Addison, of Virginia; subject: "Jewels Worthy of Polish." Those jewels, as he considered them, were consciousness, or power to know; will, or power to do; sensation, or power to feel. Mr. Addison's subject-matter was the most logical and thoughtful of the evening, and was the most heartily received by the audience, but recurring use of notes hindered him in delivery.

Mr. R. A. Lapsley, of Virginia, representing the Washington Society, was the last orator of the evening; subject: "The Ideal of Ancient and Modern Civilization." Mr. Lapsley's effort was to trace the ideal of civilization from ancient to modern times through architecture, sculpture, oratory, painting and literature. His keynote was the idea of present civilization as represented in the fact that, notwithstanding the seeming barbaric processes of modern warfare, there is a place where the shot does not fall nor the army tread, and that, the sacred precinct of the angels of mercy, the Red Cross.



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Music was rendered at times throughout the evening and at the close while the judges were reaching a conclusion. The award was made to Mr. R. A. Lapsley.

The officers of the evening were: President, Mr. LeRoy Thompson, of Arkansas; Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Wills, of Virginia; Secretary, Mr. Albert Steves, Jr., of Texas, and Mr. E. W. Kelly, of Virginia, Chief Marshal.

### David Garrick

The first presentation of David Garrick was so great a success that there was likewise a demand that it should be given again, and on Saturday night, June 11th, the Dramatic Club very successfully presented it for the second time before a large and highly appreciative audience. David Garrick is a very difficult play but the members of the club had their parts well in hand and played them in

a manner which would have done credit to much older and more experienced actors. Lack of space forbids one going into details, but it can be said that so far as the audience was able to discern there was no hitch of any kind. Mr. Stokes, as David Garrick was good, while Mr. Armistead, Miss White and Mr. Lee were excellent in their respective roles. The following is the cast:

Ada Ingot.....Miss White  
Mrs. Smith.....Miss Barclay  
Arminta Brown....Miss Allan  
David Garrick.....Mr. Stokes  
Simon Ingot.....Mr. Armistead  
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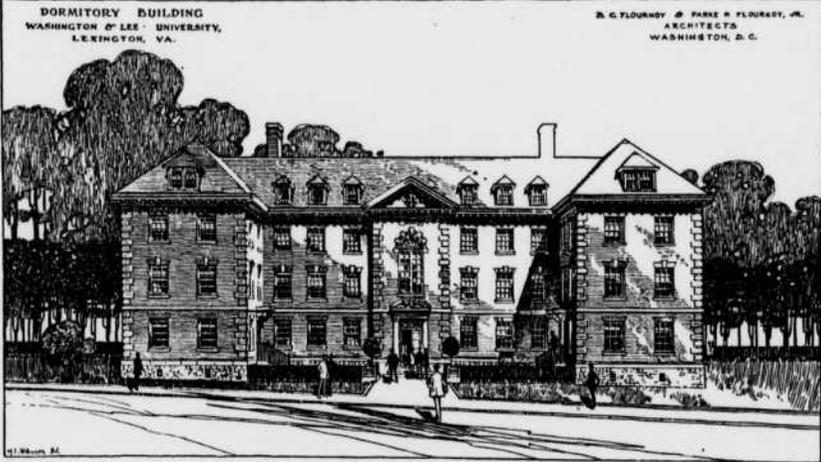
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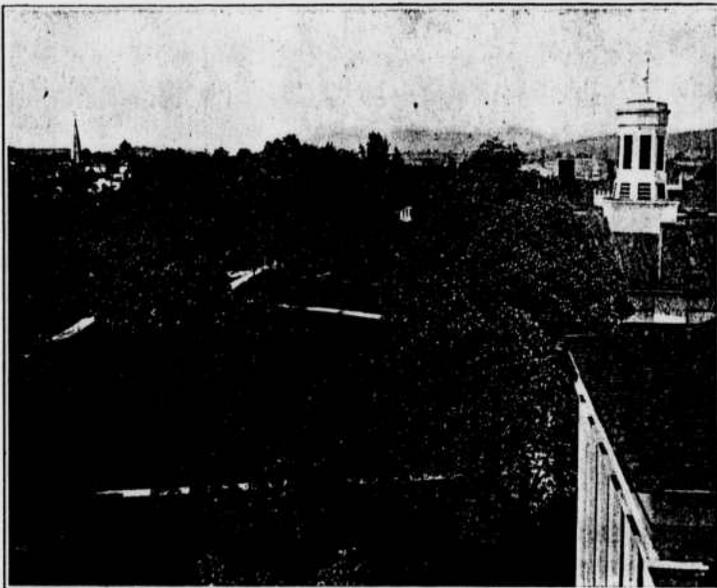
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