

Miss Bettie Wilson Drowned

The following dispatch, copied from the Richmond Times-Dispatch of last week, gives an account of the drowning of Miss Bettie Wilson, daughter of the late William L. Wilson, president of Washington and Lee University from 1897 to 1900.

Miss Wilson's tragic death is especially sad to Lexington people, who, during her residence here, learned to love her very deeply. Miss Wilson was buried in Charlestown, W. Va. on Tuesday.

"The remains of Miss Bettie Huntington Wilson youngest daughter of the late William L. Wilson, former Postmaster-General, and afterwards president of Washington and Lee University, were brought from Virginia Beach this afternoon and shipped to Charlestown, W. Va., for interment.

Miss Wilson met her death in the ocean Sunday afternoon while bathing with a party made up of her sister, Miss Mary Wilson, Miss Mary M. Simpson, of Washington, D. C.; Miss Louise Latimer, of Washington; Miss Eliza Dillon, of Lexington, Va., and Washington; her brother, Mr. William L. Wilson, Jr., and Messrs. D. Stormont and W. J. O'Keefe, of Virginia Beach.

After having remained in the surf until they had become chilled, Messrs. Wilson and O'Keefe left the girls in the care of Mr. Stormont.

CAUGHT BY UNDERTOW

Shortly afterwards the entire party was caught by a terrible undertow and rapidly swept out. Mr. Stormont realized his inability to rescue all unaided, and telling them to float, swam ashore for aid. One life-launched quickly swamped and the second was without sufficient oars. Hastily manned, it was hurried through the choppy sea toward the drowning girls.

Miss Bettie Wilson was at this time a mere speck on the surface from the shore, and the others were strung out at distances up to a quarter of a mile from the breakers.

The second boat took aboard Misses Simpson, Latimer and Mary Wilson, but the dory threatening to sink with any more in it, the crew had to start ashore with those rescued and leave Miss Dillon and

Bettie Wilson for another trip. Miss Dillon, who was still conscious, remained fast on the first dory that had capsized, but Miss Bettie Wilson, having lost her hold, was being swept far to sea.

All this time Miss Wilson's cries for help could be heard, but those ashore were powerless to save her. Those in the second life-boat had neither rudder nor steering oar, and it was with great skill that they succeeded in reaching the party of girls and bringing Misses Simpson, Latimer and Mary Wilson ashore.

RESUSCITATED

The rescued were quickly removed from the boat. All were apparently in a lifeless condition and it was only by heroic effort on the part of Dr. Brennamin of the Princess Ann Hotel and Dr. Granville, assistant to Dr. Land, together with others on the beach that the girls were revived. It looked for a time as though all were dead, but after being rolled upon barrels and receiving hypodermic injection signs of life were seen. After getting the salt water, swallowed by the girls out of their stomachs, they were able to help themselves to some extent, and then they were put to bed in the Princess Anne Hotel.

MISS DILLON RESCUED

When the rescuers reached Miss Dillon a second time, she was still clinging to the overturned dory. The young woman, yet conscious and practically in possession of all of her faculties, was raised into the lifeboat, and then, Miss Bettie Wilson was sought. She had drifted about a mile from shore, but the tide turning, her body was coming towards shore again when the rescuers reached it. When the lifeboat reached Miss Wilson death had come and she was floating with her face and feet submerged. It is thought probable that she died from heart disease while yet floating upon her back and awaiting the rescuing party.

When the body reached shore Drs. Brennamin, Granville and others worked for an hour in an effort to revive life, but failed, and the body of the dead girl was carried to the Nottingham-Gordon cottage.

GUESTS AT HOUSE PARTY

The principals in the tragedy, with the exception of Messrs. O'Keefe and Stormont were guests at a house party being given by Mrs.

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University Assembly

Dr. H. Parker Willis Speaks on the Philippines

Wednesday morning the first regular University assembly of the year was held. The Chapel was well filled, the entire main auditorium being given over to student seating. The Freshmen class occupied the entire right side (from entrance) under the galleries; the lawyers the right side of the middle block; the graduates, seniors and juniors the left of middle block, while the Sophomores held the left under the galleries. This at least, for one enumeration, indicates our growth. Heretofore visitors could find room in the main auditorium; now they must content themselves with the galleries.

Fame has much to do with the attractions of an audience, but gentle persuasion, as in this case, is a little better. However, those who had known him needed no persuasion to hear the speaker of the morning, and little more, if any, was required for the Freshman as his fame had already been noised abroad among them.

At the conclusion of devotional exercises, which were conducted by Rev. J. O. Knott, Dr. Willis, for whom no introduction was necessary, came forward. Dr. Willis again wore his Ph. D. gown which made more impressive the distinction he enjoys.

In opening his remarks Dr. Willis stated that he was to discuss a well worn subject, but if any blame was to be attached for it, he begged to shift it to our president, who had assigned the subject to him. He then began by saying that he would give facts plainly and openly, although they presented a dark though not pessimistic view. He also begged to disagree with President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft although Secretary Taft is an honorable man.

The first disagreement he wished to make with Secretary Taft was in regard to the cost of the Philippines. Dr. Willis stated that the actual cost had been nearly \$600,000,000 against \$169,000,000 according to Taft.

Running hurriedly over references to other costs in the way of soldiers, Dr. Willis stated that he saw a double problem in the Philippines question, first, What shall we do with them? Shall we keep

them? And if so, second, What shall we do for them? His attention was given mainly to the second question. He reviewed the economic condition of the islands with regard to the production of such commodities as rice, sugar and hemp, stating as a positive fact that the natives could not raise rice because of the lack of farm animals, which had been destroyed through the war; nor sugar, because of the expense, not gain; only hemp, and that in certain localities and under certain conditions. Thus for lack of governmental support in the way of appropriations, farms, houses, lands and towns were in a decadent condition. He cited the Bilibid prison where 4,500 prisoners were detained in the space allotted to 2,000, and the fact that the government made no appropriation for internal improvements, as hospitals and asylums, but that this prison was appropriated sufficiently to sustain itself against probable outbreaks of the prisoners.

Freedom of speech, he emphasized, as a difficulty, owing to the political status. And what is the trouble? It is, said Dr. Willis with special emphasis, the absence of a fair minded, non-partisan judiciary; and many incidents were cited to prove the corruption and baseness of the present judiciary.

As a whole the general aspect of the islands from various standpoints, associations, travel and special information, is that of general decay; the last stages of disintegration instead of in the hands of a government which is making it a campaign issue. If the Republican party carries the election the "What shall we do with them" will be settled, but the "What shall we do for them" will still remain.

It was unanimously conceded that no blame should be attached to Dr. Denny for the assignment of subject.

'06

The class of '06 held an interesting meeting in Professor Nelson's lecture room Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. The following men were elected class officers:

President, D. W. Pipes.
Vice-president, J. H. Cather.
Sec'y and Treas'r, M. R. Turnbull.

Calyx representative, T. D. Sloan. It was decided to have the class banquet in the spring, the definite time to be decided on at a later date.

Steam heat and hot water are now on at the dormitory.

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EDITORIAL

The following telegram was received by the president of the Washington and Lee Athletic association immediately after our game of last Saturday with V. P. I.

BLACKSBURG, VA., Oct. 8.

To President Washington and Lee Athletic Association:

LEXINGTON, VA.
Sorry you cannot have bonfire or holiday Monday.

V. P. I. CORPS.

We are willing to concede that we think it quite an honor to defeat so strong and so well known a team as that of the V. P. I. and that upon the occasion referred to that a bonfire was built and some rejoicing and celebration indulged in. The chief participants in this were Freshmen, to whom any excuse for letting out pent up energy and enthusiasm was sufficient. They did not know, moreover, that an annual victory over V. P. I. in some branch of athletics was a thoroughly normal event. When spring came, however, and with it the baseball season with its usual victories over V. P. I., they learned that such occurrences were the rule, rather than the exception and thought nothing in the world of celebrating. Now they look upon a victory as a matter of course. The telegram while discourteous was thoroughly childish and did not cause a great deal of worry at W. & L.

Is the Ring-tum-Phi not a winner? Have you stopped to think that it was the only paper giving a full and complete account of the Bowl Fight, and that it was the only paper for sale on the streets and the campus by 1 o'clock Saturday? Why do you not subscribe for such a progressive journal?

Society Work

A strictly literary temperament is more and more pervading our institution. The literary societies are taking on new life. For several years this has been evincing itself, and this year its influence is felt by the whole student body. Nothing could be more encouraging.

That institution is strengthened which has at work within its very centre a striving element, urged on by the inspiration from burles and orators of lofty name. That institution feels the influence of those men after they have left us.

We have seen Calyx drawings of empty chairs, indicating the attendance upon the societies here in W. & L. U. Such drawings, I am sure, will not enter this year. Both societies are beginning the year with long rolls and attendance. More than this, it is steady staying attendance. Men who mean business, who came to get good and to give their talent to a worthy cause.

Rivalry, the life of literary societies, has begun in earnest. The Graham-Lee may claim the honor of adding zeal to the Washington men, and so the "Wash" in turn urges on the Graham-Lee.

That's the spirit. More quiet will not hurt. All the literary included this way! Which! The "Wash!" or Graham Lee? Try one.

Graham Lee Society

On last Saturday night Messrs. McCluer, Bradham and Anders were elected by the Graham Lee society to meet Messrs. Armstrong, Tillman and Semple of the Washington society in a joint debate to be held in the Chapel on the evening of Thanksgiving. Both societies adopted regulations governing this debate and a similar contest is expected to be held each year hereafter. Six able men have been selected and this proves fair to be of one the most interesting celebrations of the year.

On the regular program Mr. Painter was the orator and delivered a Eulogy on Jas. Monroe, the soldier, patriot and statesman. Mr. East then recited a well chosen selection and Woolsey's Soliloquy was delivered by Mr. Preston. Mr. Shields and Mr. Herzog endeavored to show that the majority of a jury should be capable of rendering final verdict. Messrs. Gilson and Webster held that our present system has proven efficient and should be maintained, and were upheld by a vote of the society.

Don't forget that 7:30 is the hour for meeting.

The student who borrowed the samples from Mr. F. L. Young the first of the week will please return them to his place of business at once.

Oral Debate—Oct. 18

Resolved that uniform national legislation governing marriage and divorce should be enacted.

Affirmative *Negative*

Mr. Stoneburner. Mr. Armstrong
Mr. Tiffany. Mr. Shields

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Reform in divorce and marriage: A. Our present system too lenient in many states. Disastrous effects upon (1) The individual; (2) The Family; (3) The community as a whole. B. Rapid increase of divorce in this country.

II. National law governing marriage and divorce best remedy: (a) Would check the growing difference between the laws of different states; (b) Would diminish the number of courts.

III. Would decrease the number of divorces: (a) Increase of divorce an evil; (1) Lessens the connections of the sacredness of marriage; (2) Need is shown by the organization of Reform League; (3) It would increase the number of marriages and check the marriage of diseased and unqualified.

BRIEF FOR THE NEGATIVE

I. Such a law contrary to the theory of our political system: (a) It would destroy local self-government; (b) It would dangerously enlarge the powers and scope of the general government.

II. It would be impracticable: (a) Local conditions demand a diversity of legislation; (b) Marriage and divorce too complex for general legislation; (1) Public sentiment not ready for so great a change.

III. Such uniformity of legislation is unnecessary; (a) Marriage-tie's disregard not due to any lack of legislation uniformity; (b) But it is due to the non-enforcement of already existing laws; (c) And also to a lack of higher moral sense among the people.

IV. Local legislation best remedy: (1) Cause of evils can better be removed thereby; (b) Local grievances require local treatment.

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Personals

Mr. Leroy Smith is in Philadelphia.

Oom Paul Bagley will return to college after Xmas. to take up special work.

Miss Rosa Tucker's friends will regret to know that she left Monday for her home in Washington.

Dr. Quarles spent the early part of the week in Anchorage, Ky., where he was present at the wedding of his daughter.

E. W. Kelly, Vertner, Simms, LaGore, Bagley, Colville and Caskie spent Thursday at the horse show in Lynchburg.

Stokes has returned after a weeks absence during which he attended a wedding. We are not informed as to whether it was his own or not.

Last Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Anchorage, Ky., Miss Mary R. Quarles was married to Mr. Rees Turpin of Kansas City. The bride is the daughter of Dr. Quarles and much beloved in Lexington, while Mr. Turpin is also well known here, having graduated in the law school in 1892. The ceremony took place at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and the couple left immediately for St. Louis. They will make their home in Kansas City.

Y. M. C. A.

A large body of students had the pleasure of listening to an interesting address by Rev. J. O. Knott, Sunday at 3:30 in the new Y. M. C. A. Hall in the Engineering Building. The text was from Rev. 3:8 "Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it.

The address was a call to aggressive Christianity. The open door set before us is a door to hard work, not to work ready made to hand. Though it is a door to hard work yet we are assured of success if we attempt to perform it for no man can shut the door. God's own word vouches this safe to us. We ourselves however may in effect shut the door by merely failing to enter it. If we are to be the Christians we should be we will be willing and eager to enter this open door to hard work.

The address was filled with such interesting thoughts as these and was much enjoyed by those who heard it.

Pipes has been dealing in fossils of late. Petrified jokes are a specialty.

The college books show 318 matriculations to date.

The Wash.

The Washington Literary Society met in regular session Saturday, Oct. 8th, and was honored with the presence of a goodly number of visitors. Mr. Libitt, was first Orator of the evening, his subject was, "Making the best of your opportunities" in which he told us of the benefit to be derived from the rare privilege and opportunity of joining the Washington Literary Society.

The only declaimer of the evening was Mr. Berry, who delivered a good selection with zeal, and eloquence.

The question for debate was, "Resolved, That the national government should have power to control divorce law," the affirmative side of the question was discussed by Messrs. Thomas, and Thaxton, and the negative by Messrs. Tillman, and Davis. The question was well discussed from both sides, which afforded much light on the question.

During the evening a joint meeting was held to discuss the all important questions of holding a debate with R. M. C. A. committee was appointed to attend to this matter. The new men who signed up were as follows: Miller, Zentmyre, Peters, Campbell, Millsops, and Young, several old members signed up.

The "Gators" Meet

As the clock tolled nine on last Tuesday evening, the men from Florida could be seen drifting to the old home of Stonewall Jackson, where the meeting was to be held. Slowly in they strolled until eleven in all could be counted.

The old building seemed to vibrate as the President, Hon. L. D. Howell, called the meeting to order, and in a most elaborate and impressive speech, welcomed the "Gators" to their new pond.

The committee on refreshments, and also the decorating committee, had certainly done their work well, for the room was gorgeously decorated with native palms and Florida colors, and everything was inviting and pleasant. Especially so, when cigars, fruit and cool drinks began to wander in. All members were called upon to speak, and such oratory as was uttered that night could not be found if searched for from the ends of earth to the very heights of Heaven. As the "hour of midnight tolled twelve" a motion to adjourn was heard and all left feeling as light and gay as fairies in their midnight gambols.

Notice

Dr. Wm. M. Morrison will address the student body at Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon. Dr. Morrison is well known to a large part of the student body already, who will be eager to avail themselves of hearing him again. Every student is welcomed.

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William L. Wilson. It was chaperoned by Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Simpson, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Wilson of Cincinnati, and Mrs. William E. Wilson, Jr., and had been at Virginia Beach for some two or three weeks. Their plans were to return home on to-morrow week.

The remains were met at the train from the Beach by the following gentlemen who acted as pallbearers in the transfer to the steamer: L. W. Childrey, Judge Alan R. Hanckel, Judge A. J. Ackiss, E. T. Lamb, Dr. Kennon, Richard Jones and H. C. Hoggard, Jr.

V. P. I., 24; W. & L., 0

Although Washington and Lee was defeated last Saturday at Blacksburg we can truthfully say that she was up against the best team in Virginia today. The 187 pound team of V. P. I's was like a ton of bricks, and that, coupled with her strong backs, made her practically invincible.

In the first half V. P. I. kicks to W. & L., but the ball goes out of bounds and W. & L. kicks from the 25 yard line. Lewis gets the ball and advances it to the middle of the field. By a few successive bucks the ball is brought to within ten yards of the goal but an untimely fumble gives W. & L. the ball. On two downs the necessary yards are far from made and "Peck" makes a beautiful punt, but it takes V. P. I. 9½ minutes to make her first touchdown. Five minutes after that another touchdown was made, and four minutes later still another.

In the second half, as is usual, W. & L. pulled herself together and only another touchdown was scored. It was more of a punting exhibition than anything else, the ball going from end to end of the field, V. P. I. trying what seems to be her strong point—the place kick. In one of these kicks Alexander got the ball and advanced 35 yards with it, making two beautiful hurdles. This was the star feature of the game.

For W. & L. Bagley, Alexander and Anderson played a phenomenal game, and for V. P. I. it was the whole team, but special mention should be made of Captain Wilson. Following is W. & L. U's line up. For some reason or other V. P. I. was loathe to publish hers:

Miles, Pryor, King, r. e.
Withers, r. t.
Rankin, r. g.
Miller, Stone, c.
White, l. g.
Stone, Hoge, l. t.
Bagley, l. e.
Alexander, q. b.
Campbell, l. b.
Anderson, r. b.
Moomaw, Quisenberry, f. b.

The boys report having been treated very well by V. P. I., although the life in the barracks did not seem to appeal to them.

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