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### Boating

Although winter holds us fast in his grasp at present, a favorrble change may soon be expected which will enable the applicants for both crews to begin systematic out-door training, and hence a few words on this subject may not be considered out of place at this time.

Since meeting and defeating the strong crews sent out against us by the Virginia Boat Club of Richmond, boating has won tor itself a prominent and more important place in our athletics than it has ever held before, and we now appeal to "our college athletes" and the student body in general to help us maintain this position. We are at present the only college in the South taking up this branch of athletics, and this is another reason why every student in College should be interested in our work and take a just pride in our success.

There has always been a great deal of interest and enthusiasm over our races here at Commencement, but this year we want to create more interest and enthusiasmy than ever before, and for this reason urge every man in college to declare his interest in our work by becoming either an active or associate member of one os our clubs. We also want to impress upon the student body, that, while it is all well and good that a friendly rivalry should exist between members of the two clubs on matters pertaining to the Harry Lee, Albert Sidney race, it is absolutely necessary that this riva'ry should not exist when we go out to meet another crew.

When College sends out a crew to meet Richmond or any other outside crew, each man on our crew must then feel that every man in the University is deeply interested in the success of the crew and so long as the students give their crew this assurance the best of results must follow.

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Both clubs are now at work endeavoring to organize more closely than heretofore, and every student in college is invited and urged to attend the called meetings of the clubs and register as an active or associate member.

The Harry Lee Club has al ready met and adopted a constitution, and the Albert Sidney Club will meet in the near future for the same purpose. A notice of the time and place of meeting will be posted on the bulletin board during the week, while an invitation to be

present and become a member of the Albert Sidney Boatt Club is now extended to every man in college who has not signed up for membership in the Harry Lee Club.

### Recital by Miss Torrey

On Saturday evening February 11th Miss Edith Torrey, instructor of singing at Wellesley College, will give a song recital in the Chapel. Miss Torrey is to sing at the Virginia Female Institution in Staunton on the 12th and it was due to this fact that she was induced to come here.

Then will be a full program of beautiful Scotch and Italian songs. Admission 50 cts. proceeds to go to athletics. The following are some of the press notices.

Miss Torrey is a singer of marked talent. Her voice is a strong soprano' clear and sweet, and very even throughout its extensive compass.—Montreal Witness.

A remarkable concert, whether one considers the program only, or the talent and executive skill of the performer. I have seldom heard as good performance—intonation, pronunciation, style, voice—all up to a very high standard.—College critic.

Miss Torrey has a Soprano voice of beautiful quality, clear, of big volume. "She sings with a pleasant freedom from affectation, and has, futhermore, a perfect control of the breath that is uncommon; to the softest pianissimo she can make a very slow, gradual diminuendo, without the faintest tremor in the voice. She also well understands the art of reserving the voice to the "Schaikowsky's "Warum" was a steady climax from start to finish. Miss Torrey is to be heartily thanked for bringing forward so interesting a program, for out of twenty-one songs not one was hackneyed .- R. R. G. in Boston Tran-

The Chemical Laboratory has been supplied with distilled water from the V. M. I. during the past week. We appreciate the courtesy of the Institute but consider it high time that some arrangement be made by the University to render us independent of the favours of our neighbors, and to relieve the extremely difficult circumstances and the privations under which all chemistry students have been working this year.

Rutan has so far improved as to attend class.

### Harry Lee Meeting

Thursday afternoon, the H. L. B. C. held a meeting in the Latin room to vote on Calyx representation and for the purpose of hearing the report of the "Organization" Committee. The attendance was light but business proceeded with Vice-President Dunlap in the chair. He stated in a few well spoken words the reason for the meeting after which a motion was made and seconded that the Harry Lee Boat Club have a better organization and that a membership fee of 50 cents per year be charged. The motion was carried with out a dissenting vote.

At the request of the chair, the report of the "Organization" committee was given and a Constitution and bylaws read by Mr. Light, the chairman of the committee. Upon motion the Constitution and bylaws as read by Mr. Light were voted on as a whole. The vote was carried for the Constitution as read. Next came a motion for Calvx representation which a committee of three be appointed by the chair, should have charge. The motion wos carried and the appointment of the committee will be announced later.

A motion for meeting again on next Monday was carried, after which the meeting adjourned.

It is important that all loyal Harry Lec's be present at the meeting Monday in the Latin room at 3:30 to vote a second time on the constitution and bylaws as called for in the said bylaws. Also it is desired to make out the roll of membership for the Calxy representation.

### Contract for Calyx

This year's contract for the printing of the Calyx has been given to the William & Wilkens company of Baltimore. This is one of the largest and best known firms in the country, and their name alone should be a sufficient guarantee of the quality of work which will be seen in the year's book.

Subscription blanks are now out and it is to be hoped that every student will sign up when he is seen.

Quite a number of good stories, poems, etc., have been submitted, but more are wanted. A copy of the Calyx has been offered for the best poem or story, and as only a few more days are left before this offer expires, it is urged material be handed in at once to the editors.

Professor Nelson in New Orleans

The following article concerning Professor Nelson's trip to New Orleans and the reception given him while there, is taken from the Times Democrat, and will no doubt be of interest to students and alumni.

"The Louisiana alumni of Washington and Lee university, joined by visiting alumni from Alabama and Mississippi, assembled at Antoine's restaurant at 7.30 o'clock last occuring, and on the occasion of General Robert E. Lee's birthday, gathered around the feetive board, and with college songs and stories and reminiscences, celebrated their fourth anniversary alumni dinner.

"The guests of honor were Professor Alexander L. Nelson of Washington and Lee university, A. W Gaines of Chattanooga, Tenn., one of the trustees of the University, and Mr. Murray A. Smith of Vicksburg, Miss. Professor, Nelson, known for all time by his college students as 'Old Alcck,' has been the incumbent of the chair of mathematics at Washington and Lee university for over 50 years. This was an occasion of greeting Professor Nelson particularly, and of giving him a warm welcome from the 'boys,' most of whom attended the historic institution during the years imme-R. E. Lee, as president of the University, was the personal friend and beleved counsellor of many of those assembled at the banquet. It was with the rarest delight that the noble characteristics of this grand man were told of by those who knew and loved him as his students.

"M. N. Wisdom, as president of the association, presided at the banquet as toastmaster. Mr. Nelson greeted, his pupils with many kind an I, affectionate remarks, and A. W. Gaines, and Murray A. Smith and others recalled the happy incidents of days of 'Auld Lang Syne.' There were no set specenes but the occasion was purely one of good fellowship and a renewal of college ties.

"Professor Nelson was the first speaker. He referred feelingly to the days of the past and thanked them for the hearty greeting accorded him, assuring them that the manner in which he had been treated had struck a tender cherd upon his heart strings. Professor Nelson advised the Louisiana adumni that he had been instructed by the board of trustees of the University to invite the Louisiana graduates to choose the alumni orator for the commencement exercises next June.

"The offer was accepted and Judge Horace Dufour placed T. J. Kernan of Baton Rouge, in nomination as alumni orator, which was seconded by Frank Howard. Mr. Kernan was unanimously elected and in a brilliant speech thanked the members for the honor and promised that he would be present at Lexington in June to deliver the oration.

"One by one the alumni dropped out from the banquet ball, asking to be excused. They appeared soon afterwards armed with kazoos, squeedunks, horns and bones, and Professor Nelson was treated to a ganuine college calathump, the alumni screnading him as they marched by."

Walter Dunlap was in Staunton this week.

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### **EDITORIAL**

There has heretofore been some complaint among the students, which has, at times been voiced through the columns of the RING-TUM PHI, because of the lack of men of national prominence to address them at the chapel assemblies and on other occasions. We do not mean by this that our instructors when they address us, are dull or uninteresting, but that some times a change is pleasant. Young men as a rule are interested in their statesmen and men of letters, and wish to see and hear them, and very often emulate them, which if not carried to excess is very commendable. Of course we do not know the difficulties with which the authorities have to contend, but it seems to us that while the the University of Virginia is having the French Ambassador and Dr. Seth Low to address them we might capture a stray state legislator or an unwary congressman occasionally.

### Notice!

Mr. Mathews, a graduate of Oxford, England, who expects to deliver a series of addresses to the students of Washington and Lee university, will speak to students at Y. M. C. A. tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Mathews is a speaker of considerable note and every student is given a cordial invitation to hear him at that time.

### Tennis Club

The Tennis club met last night in White's room and elected officers. It was also decided that the club should be represented in the Calyx and a committee was appointed to look after this. No one has begun yet to "oil" his racket for actual play however.

### Moot Court

The moot circuit court of Rock bridge county was called by Sheriff Stokes at 3.15 on Thursday evening. Judge Burks presided. After roll call, Mr. Phillips presented for probate the will of the late T. G. Daly. W. W. Cave and E. S. Shields were sworn and the will was proven by them. As the executor, Mr. Poage, was absent the proceedings were continued until the next term of court.

The only case disposed of was that of Adams vs. Lawson. The attorney for Mr. Adams, who was Mr, E. S. Shields, proved his damages in this suit, which was an action for slander, and the jury brought in a verdict of \$1,000 for and the plaintiff.

In the case of Andrews vs. C. & O. R. R. very able arguments were made by Messrs. Withers and Browning as to effect of plaintiff's failure to answer defendant's plea. Judgment was reserved by the

The cases of Bradham vs. Green, Smith vs. Jones, and White vs. Black were continued until the next term of court.

The hearing of argument on demurrer of Mr. Duncan to Mr. English's declaration was postponed until the particulars of the demurrer were filed by defendant.

There seems to be a great deal of interest taken in moot court this year as many of the juniors and some of the Academs are seen at the proceedings. At Thursday's session, Messrs. Page, Letcher and Pendleton were present, the latter being members of the Lexington

The court's next term begins Thursday.

### Dormitory Notes

The electric lights burned brilliantly for about five minutes Tuesday night.

Rutan continues to improve at Dr. White's hospital and expects soon to be at work again.

Quite a scare was created the other night by the bursting of one of the radiators in a vacant room. Thackston was pretty badly flooded as it happened to be in the room above his. Doubtless this accounts for the fact that the water has been turned off half the time since there.

Several new pictures were hung in the reception hall last week. This is a move in the right direction. Thanks to the efforts of the ladies of the faculty we can now boast of the most comfortable and attractive meeting place to be found in any of the college buildings.

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### Personals 😪

V. M. and George Miles have gone to Richmond to be with their father, who is dangerously and probably fatally ill, at that place.

Dr. Latane will deliver the address at the Chapel next Wednesday morning. His subject will be "The Hague Court."

Dr. Brodie Nalle has been selected by the University of Virginia baseball team as coach for the com-

B. B. Shields, Alexander and Vertner, who have been sick, have so far recovered as to be able to be dishonest, ranging from the volgar

The Louisiana alumni of Washington & Lee university at their reunion in New Orleans on Lee-Jack son day sent a dispatch to Miss Annie R. White, librarian of the Univer sity, extending her love and greeting from the Louisiana alumni.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Orr Campbell have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Janie Kesee Campbell, to Mr. Robert Edward Brown of Arcadia, Fla. The marriage will be celebrated at the home of the bride's parents on upper Main street, Lexington, next Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 8th, at 2 o'clock.

### Graduate Club

A meeting of A. B. & B. L. men was held in A. F. White's room on Thursday night. After the usual preliminaries the following officers were elected:

President, Mr. Grubb.

Vice-President, Mr. Darnell.

Scretary and Treasurer, Mr. Maillett.

All men holding academic degreee from any college or university are considered eligible to membership, and are urged to attend all meetings.

It was decided that a representation should be placed in the Calyx; the end we are made to feel that and the secretary was instructed to there are no absolutely honest men prepare a membership list by the next meeting.

### NOTICE

### University Assembly

versity assembly will be held next not enough would go into it to Wednesday morning, Feb. 8, at make it a success. It is heped, 8:45. GEORGE H. DENNY. however, that the Cotillion Club GEORGE H. DENNY,

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Professor Long's presentation of the theme, "Honesty." last Sunday afternoon was one of the most instructive addresses heard at Y. M. C. A. this session.

Some men are honest, he said, because it is policy, as every business man must recognize. Others are honest because of their environment which is such that they are not tempted. Still others are honest because it is right. Of course the really honest men belong to this last class, for honesty which comes from right conviction, is the only real honesty. The other is only apparent.

There are various ways of being dishonesty of the pickpocket or chicken thief, through the quasirespectable methods of the embazzler to the so-called respectable thief of the magnate who steals a railroad. Strange that public opinion should cater to the man who steals millions, while condemning the man who steals only a triffing amount.

Anather aptly drawn distinction of Prof. Long's was that between legal and moral dishonesty. A man who pleads the statute of limitation may become released from his debt before the law, yet we must all see that the moral obligation still rests on him to pay. In a similar way the man who pleads bankruptcy and afterwards acquires property, is not legally bound to pay while, of course, the moral obligation is as great as ever. Another more suitable form of dishonesty is that which makes a man, when he is about to engage in some venturesome business, deed over a large part of his estate to his wife, so that in case of failure he may still live in luxury, with his debts unpaid.

In concluding his address Prof. Long gave many instances of men in private and public life who had done some notably honest deed. In and yet honesty is a priceless virtue for which all men should strive.

### Bal Poudre Abandoned

The Bal Poudre which the ladies of the town anticipated giving about The next meeting of the Uni- Feb. 22, has been abandoned, as will give a dance at that time.

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## Oral Debate-Feb. 6.

Resolved, That a popular form of government should be established in Russia.

Affirmative

Mr. Macdonald Mr. Gassman

Mr. Phillips

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Popular government. a. Organization. 1. People controlling power. 21 Good management produced. b. Successful operation. 1 Europe. 12. America.

II. Past conditions. a. Autocratic government, 1. Masses oppressed. 2. Progress restricted. b. Local government. 1. Democratic

form. 2. Suffrage. III. Internal agitation. a. Demand for change. 1. Czar faith-less. 2. Masses dissatisfied. b. Change practical. 1. Functionary ability. 2, Ability of maintenance

#### BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

I. Popular government is not desirable for Russia; 1 a. Granted as a privilege to people ready for it. 1. Russia too complex a nation for such a government. b. Such a government absent in many countries. 1. India, Mexico, South

American countries, The East.

II Russia not prepared for popular government. . a. People not qualified, 1 1/1 Majority uneducated. 2. Too many languages spoken. 3. Vast majority have no conception of its, meaning. 4. "Mir" local unit in hands of officials. 5. Many provinces know nothing of present demands. b. Czar's reform ukase liberal enough." 11. Admits justice of their appeal. 2. Promises adjustment of legal procedure. 3. Promises greater scope of local institutions. 4 Promises protection to workmen, etc. c. Therefore, time not ripe for popular govern-

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