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93rd Anniversary Washington Literary Society.

Notwithstanding the dreary weather and the condition of the walks, which have been made a slush by the melting snow, the Lee chapel was well filled Wednesday evening, the 22nd, when the hour for the opening exercises of the Washington Society celebration arrived. The Washington Society has held the reputation for high grade literary work, and it was not the least below the standard in the program of the evening. Not a thing that could mar the pleasure of the program. All the speakers were well prepared and their parts were creditably rendered. The program as a whole was one of the best that has been rendered in the Chapel this year. Whether or not the Washington society takes the verbal motto "Learn to do by doing" into open consideration, it nevertheless acts all the while upon such a motto, and its men are of such material that when called upon they can do their part and do it well.

The President of the evening was Mr. H. C. Tillman of South Carolina. He opened by a few most happy remarks upon the occasion, and incidentally apologized for the campus walks and the stiffness of the speakers' gestures, if such there should be, on account of the vaccinated arms. He introduced as the first orator of the evening Mr. R. C. Stokes of Va. Subject: Practical Ethics.

Mr. Stokes came forward in the experienced way and with the ease and grace of a veteran in the art. Few there are in any college or university that can command more ease and grace upon the rostrum. In subject matter Mr. Stokes was very general. He dealt with broad phases and generalities, but his splendid expression and rounded oratory brought forth the highest praise.

The next orator was Mr. W. N. Grubb of Virginia. Subject: "The Conquest of the occasion." Mr. Grubb, unlike Mr. Stokes, was not a born orator. He was a born thinker. And although he could not command the highest oratory and entertain with magnificent voice, yet he gave one of the most thoughtful orations that has ever been delivered at a celebration. With depth beyond the average college man he defined the occasional

and pictured the various conquests of it. Napoleon Bonapart and Jesus Christ he cited in the most forceful manner as the two great characters, antitheses, who met the occasional, the one to be conquered the other to conquer it.

The debate was upon the question: Resolved, That the United States should proceed to negotiate reciprocity treaties with the principal commercial nations. The first speaker for the affirmative was Mr. F. A. Magruder of Virginia. Mr. Magruder presented the most concise and logical facts, and followed the argument in the most studied way. He showed earnest work and a clear cut idea of what is meant by a debate.

The opening speaker for the negative was Mr. D. S. McDonald of West Virginia. Mr. McDonald had a standard set by Mr. Magruder that was not at all an easy one to surpass, but he came forth with the air of determination and soon was into the heat of his argument, the audience was convinced that he too was a worker and a thinker. He was straight to the point in his argument and as straightforward in his delivery.

The second debater for the affirmative was Mr. R. B. Stephenson of Virginia. Mr. Stephenson was the only man of the evening to refer to his notes, and that was little interruption. His predecessors had left a splendid challenge and he followed most nobly. He too had given honest work and careful thought to the question.

The debate was closed by Mr. T. D. Sloan of West Virginia. Mr. Sloan has already been known as a debater of worth, and he sustained this reputation right worthily, notwithstanding the fact that he was under the pressure of two debates at the same time. The other being the University of North Carolina, and the one that he must needs win even at the cost of this one.

The music was furnished by the V. M. I. orchestra.

The officers of the evening were: Messrs. H. C. Tillman of South Carolina, president; W. R. Hudson of Virginia, vice-president; D. D. Hawkins of Virginia, secretary; E. W. Kelly Virginia, chief-marshal.

The Judges, Hon. W. T. Shields, Prof. A. P. Staples and Dr. Thornton Whaling, rendered the decision in favor of Mr. R. C. Stokes for the orator's medal and Mr. D. S. McDonald for the debate's medal.

Dr. Whaling Speaks to Students

In an interesting address before the Students at Y. M. C. A. Sunday afternoon Dr. Whaling dealt in a logical and forceful way with some of the excuses which men present for not accepting Christ.

The first excuse which men usually present is that they do not want to become the kind of Christians they see around them every day. While admitting that they are right in supposing some in the church to be hypocrits, Dr. Whaling would remind such that they are leaving out of account those in the church who are not hypocrits. Further than this: we are not commanded to believe in the church but rather in Christ.

Another reason which men give is the fear that they may not be able to hold out. They see so many who start well but soon relapse into a worse state even than that they experienced before they became Christians. The evident answer to such an objection is: some do hold out. Those who fall away are the ones who trust in themselves, not in Christ. Those who are true Christians do not do the holding out themselves but allow Christ to hold them.

The last of the excuses treated by the speaker was this: "I am not a Christian because I am confused as to what is required of me. This thing of faith is something which is too mysterious for me to grasp." This difficulty is only an imaginary one. Faith is the belief that another will do what he agrees to do. We experience it in hundreds of ways in private and business life. What the sinner needs to say is: "I am a sinner needing a Saviour. You, Lord, Jesus, are the Saviour that I need. Be my Saviour." Every one of us knows what faith is.

In conclusion Dr. Whaling made the statement that the real reason men do not become Christians is that they are not willing to part.

This is the first address we have had from Dr. Whaling for some time, and for this reason it was all the more appreciated.

Mr. Thomas S. McPheeters of St. Louis, a gentleman well and pleasantly known in Lexington, where he was a student, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank T. Glasgow.

Professor W. S. Currell has returned from Williamson, W. Va., where he delivered an address before the students of the Presbyterian High school of which Mr. William B. Morrison is principal.

Moot Court

Judge Burks presided at the term of the Moot Court which was held Thursday evening. Sheriff Stokes called the court at 3:15 and Clerk Burks called the roll and read the orders for the previous term.

In the case of Friend's administrator vs. N. & W. R. R. Co. Judge Burks gave his decision in favor of the plaintiff, upon the question that the administrator be allowed to come in and qualify after appearance to the merits. He, however, on the merits of the case raised by the demurrer to the evidence entered by Mr. Brown, decided in favor of the defendant and sustained the demurrer.

Mr. Walton, representing plaintiff, announced that he was ready when the case of Green vs. Brockenborough was called. This was an action in ejectment for the occupation of the Lexington Hotel. A jury was summoned, and as defendant was not represented, Mr. Wal-

The jury gave the plaintiff the premises and \$500.

The case of Johnson vs. Smith was then called. Mr. Duncan demurred in behalf of defendant. This demurrer was argued and Judge Burks overruled the demurrer. On motion of Mr. English the case was continued after plea of non assumpsit was entered by Mr. Duncan.

The case of Bradham vs. Green was continued.

In Pogue vs. Wilson, Mr. Shields demurred to the declaration. This demurrer was overruled by Judge Burks, whereupon Mr. Shields entered a plea of non-assumpsit, and called for a bill of particulars. Mr. Howell was forced to give these, although his eloquent protest was very logical and forceful. A plea of Covenant performed was then entered and issue was joined. The court decided to continue the case until the next term. The court then adjourned to meet next Thursday.

The Calyx is now under headway. Nearly enough material has been gotten in. But the pictures are still slow coming in. Let the pictures come it once, for with the present indications the Calyx will be the best ever gotten out. The board is hard at work and the material selected is good. Hand in all matter available, pay up for what you have handed in and back the board and they will try to give you the best that can be gotten.

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EDITORIAL

It will, of course be matter of regret to the Virginia Colleges that the University of Virginia has seen fit to withdraw from the Virginia Inter-collegiate Athletic association, and it is to be hoped that they will see the error of their way and reconsider their expressed intention of withdrawing. It is especially deplorable that as large and influential an institution as the University should pursue such childish tactics as saying that they will not play if every little whim of theirs is not humored and every demand not granted. Virginia is not restrained from playing any man she wishes against teams outside the state, but by the rules as they exist is merely on an equal footing with the other Virginia colleges, as to games between them. While we can not say so authoritatively, we have never before heard such a strenuous protest from them in regard to the four year rule, but we must also remember that they have never before been as closely pressed by other Virginia colleges in athletics as at present. The part has never been greater than the whole and Virginia, although a great institution in every way, is not greater in athletics than the association of which she was a member.

Last Saturday night the annual debate between the University of Virginia and the George Washington University was held at Charlottesville and resulted in a victory for the University of Virginia. The question debated was Resolved, That labor unions should incorporate as a condition precedent to demanding recognition of employers. George Washington University had the affirmative.

University of W. Va., Baseball Schedule

March 24, Woodberry Forest school at Orange, Va.
March 25, Virginia at Charlottesville.
March 27, Virginia at Charlottesville.
March 28, Washington & Lee at Lexington.
March 29, Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg.
March 30, Roanoke College at Salem.
March 31, Roanoke College at Roanoke.
April 1, Virginia Military Institute at Lexington.
April 14-15, W. U. P. at Morgantown.
April 21-22, West Virginia Wesleyan at Morgantown.
April 26-27, Bethany at Morgantown.
29, Waynesburg at Waynesburg.
May 2-3, Westminster at Morgantown.
May 6, California Normal at Morgantown.
May 8, Wooster at Wooster.
May 9, Denison at Granyille.
May 10, Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware.
May 11, Otterbein at Westerville.
May 12, Ohio State at Columbus.
May 15, Waynesburg at Morgantown.
May 20, Pennsylvania State at Morgantown.
May 26-27, Alleghany at Morgantown.
May 29, Ohio Wesleyan at Morgantown.
May 30, Ohio Wesleyan(2games) at Morgantown.
June 3, California Normal at California.
June 9-10, Pittsburg College at Morgantown.
June 12, open.
June 13, Western Maryland College at Westminster.
June 14, Princeton at Princeton

Yost Will Coach While Life Lasts

Coach Yost, of Ann Arbor fame, was asked how long he intended to coach football teams.
"Long's as I live," he replied with his sunny smile.
"That is, as long's any team is willing to let me."
"But, coach, suppose you get married some time and settle down?"
"W-e-e-e, if such a thing happened and there wasn't anything else to coach, I'd ask the kindergarten team in the village school to teach 'em. Come to think about it, that's a new field anyway; great glory to be had coaching the world's champion 3-year-old eleven."—Minnesota Daily.

West Point—V. P. I.

The following is taken from the Virginia Tech of V. P. I.

For the first time in the history of football, the "eleven" of the United States Military Academy at West Point, N. Y., will line up next November against a southern team. Several days ago Graduate Manager Gibboncy, received a letter from Manager Morr-w, of the Army team offering him November 4th for a game with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute on the West Point field. This offer has been accepted, and it is with pardonable pride that "The Tech" announces to its readers this welcome addition to the splendid schedule which is now nearing completion for the football team of 1905. We cannot but feel that in securing this game Manager Gibboncy has received only the just recognition due the ascending football prestige of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

Yost has been trying to arrange games with some of the eastern colleges for football this fall. At Yale and Columbia, however, he has met with poor success. And Harvard, with whom he is negotiating, he thinks already has her schedule full.

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Personals

Allen has been sick for the past few days.

Watson is sufficiently recovered from mumps to be out again.

Miss Bessie Pogue entertained a few friends informally Thursday evening complimentary to Miss Edmonia Smith of Staunton.

Dr. Willis Entertains

Dr. Willis entertained several members of his Senior Classes at breakfast last Wednesday morning. Several hours were very pleasantly spent, and each guest enjoyed himself immensely.

Mid-Winter German

Undoubtedly the nicest dance that has taken place in the gymnasium this year came off last Thursday night. There was a superabundance of girls, and that with the excellent music made the fellows enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. Our regular german leader was unavoidably absent so the dance was immediately turned into a hop and when 12 o'clock struck and "Home Sweet Home" was played nobody wanted to leave. Every body had a good time, great credit being due the secretary of the Cotillion club for such a pleasant evening.

Song Recital at Episcopal Church

Lexington is to have a treat which it has not enjoyed for a long time in the shape of a sacred musical recital at R. E. Lee Memorial church next Thursday evening, Feb. 2. The recital is attracting much interest among the musical talent of the town and a great success is expected. About 40 voices will take part in the choruses which constitute a great part of the program. There will also be vocal and organ solos, and many fine productions of sacred music will be rendered.

Admission by ticket only; price 35 cents. Tickets may be gotten from Mr. Webb, Lexington Hotel, or H. M. Page, and it is hoped that those of the student body who care anything for music will attend.

The members of both boat clubs are endeavoring to arouse some enthusiasm in rowing. An attempt is being made to have every man in college ally himself with one or the other of the clubs, and it is to be hoped they will have no trouble in accomplishing this end. Both clubs hope to be able to begin training at an early date.

Spring! Spring! Where are art thou?

Oral Debate—Feb. 27.

Resolved, That employers should be compelled by law to establish a fund for the insurance of their employees against accident.

Affirmative Negative

Mr. J. H. Larrick Mr. Moffett
Mr. Hawkins Mr. Tiffany

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Insurance practicable. a. Brief sketch of insurance. 1. Different systems. 2. Different industries.

II. Need of legislation. a. Employers not considerate. 1. Concerning employee. 2. Concerning public. b. Should be considerate. 1. Dependence of injured. 2. Loss to family. 3. Public menace.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

I. Policy inadequate. a. Expense borne by consumer or employee. 1. The employer would shift burden to the consumer. 2. Otherwise would fall on laborer. b. Unfair to consumer if he bears expense. c. Laborer would receive no material benefit. 1. Would pay higher prices, or 2. Get lower wages. d. Employer really benefited. 1. Would raise prices above necessary point, or 2. Would reduce wages below necessary point. 3. Would realize profits of an insurance company.

II. Would have bad effect on laborer. a. Socially. 1. Shifts laborer's responsibility to public organization. 2. Would blind laborers to advantages of better insurance. 3. Would increase accident, (1) by making men careless; (2) German railway service. b. Economically. 1. Would decrease efficiency of laborer. 2. Disadvantageous to his family.

III. Not the best policy. a. Compulsory insurance should be obtained through labor unions. b. Saving banks better.

Communication

Editor RING-TUM-PHI:

I would like to call the attention of the Students to the fact that we have 13 games on the baseball schedule which will be played in Lexington. We will have excellent opportunities to show our capacity to root, and we should all endeavor to do our best to help win the games. The Collegian intends to get out a song book with it next issue, and the only thing necessary now is to get some system into the singing and yelling. I would suggest that a Rooters' Club be organized at once and that regular practises be held as soon as the song books arrive. We must win all 13 of our home games and rooting will help wonderfully. Systematic rooting is very effective, and now that we have the way to systematic rooting we should supply the will and cheer the team on to victory. H. C. TELLMAN.

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Va., Intercollegiate Athletic Association Meeting

The Virginia State Intercollegiate Athletic Association met last Friday, Feb. 17, at the University of Virginia. The Colleges represented were: V. M. I., V. P. I., Randolph-Macon, Richmond, Hamden-Sidney, William & Mary, Virginia, and Washington & Lee, Fredericksburg College having dropped out. In the eastern division Randolph-Macon was given the championship in both baseball and football for 1904, and the Western baseball championship was given to Washington & Lee and football to the University of Virginia. After these awards and other routine business Virginia proposed a resolution to the effect "that no player shall play on the same team in the same branch of athletics more than four years." This was flatly voted down 3 ayes to 5 nays, Va., Richmond, and Hamden-Sidney voting on the affirmative and V. M. I., V. P. I., W. & L., Randolph-Macon and William & Mary in the negative. Va., then introduced several other resolutions any of which, in effect, would have abrogated the four year rule. All of these resolutions were voted down in the same way as the first. Va's., representative, Dr. Christian, of the medical faculty, then arose and announced the withdrawal of Va., from the association. When asked when the withdrawal was to take effect he replied that he was not authorized to make statement on that point. A resolution was then offered regretting the expected intention of Va. to withdraw from the association and a committee, consisting of Dr. Wigham, of Randolph-Macon, Dr. Latane, of W. & L., Dr. Fouché of Richmond College and Mr. Gibboney, of V. P. I. was then appointed to confer with the Va. Athletic Association in regard to her withdrawal. This committee met on Saturday in President Alderman's office, President Alderman presiding, and discussed the situation at length, without being able to agree to any satisfactory adjustment. At the close President Alderman said that the final decision would be announced after mature deliberation. The point seems now only to be, if Va., will remain in the association under the present rules or not.

One of the other resolutions offered and passed about summer ball playing will be of interest here. The penalty for summer ball playing was modified, instead of a man being forever barred from college athletics, as the old rule provided, the executive committee of the Association is for the future authorized to impose such penalty as they may see fit for the violation of this rule.

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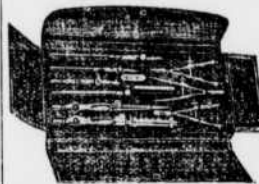
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