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State Y. M. C. A. Convention Meets in Petersburg

The meeting of the State Y. M. C. A. convention in Petersburg, Va., Feb. 23, and 26, was possibly the largest gathering of its kind ever held in the State. There were 24 colleges and preparatory schools represented by 130 delegates, besides 111 delegates from city associations and large representations from railroad and street railway associations. The Army and Navy sent representations too, and when the visitors are added we have a very large aggregate. The sessions of the convention were held in the Tabb street Presbyterian church, and were all largely attended.

Every address at the convention was good, a statement that can be made of few conventions of its kind. Among the most prominent speakers were such men as Dr. Gordon of Cleveland, Mr. McPheeters of St. Louis, Dr. Fisher of New York, Dr. Kent of the University, and Governor Montague of Virginia. Mr. Gordon's "quiet talk," one of which were given at each meeting, were especially good.

Petersburg will always be a pleasant spot in the memories of those who attended the convention. Never have strangers in any city been more hospitably treated than were the delegates at Petersburg. Homes were thrown open and every thing was done by the people to make the delegates stay in their city a pleasant one.

Washington and Lee was represented at the convention by Messrs. Sloan, Cooper, Larrick, A. R., Harper and Hooper.

On the Monday following the convention, the presidents of the College Y. M. C. A.'s for the state met for a special conference which lasted nearly the whole day. Methods of work were discussed by comparison of the work done in the various colleges. Much of a helpful and practical nature was developed at this conference. Altogether we consider the conference a great success in the best sense of the word.

Notice University Assembly

The next meeting of The University Assembly will be held on Wednesday morning, March 8th, at 8.45. The address will be delivered by Chas. H. Grasty, Esq., the distinguished editor, of Baltimore.

GEORGE H. DENNY,
President.

Y. M. C. A.

The meeting on last Sunday was addressed by Dr. Howe. The address, which was on Japan, was very interesting and instructive, though brief on account of the broadness of the subject.

The speaker said that it was not until the latter part of the last century that Japan had come to the front, before which time its ports were closed to foreign nations. But when the country was once opened and saw the superiority of foreign civilization, it sent a commission around the world to visit all the leading civilized countries. The result of the work of this commission is that Japan has adopted foreign civilization, and is now reckoned among the foremost civilized countries of the world, and in some respects is at the very front.

When civilization had spread over Japan, a new idea sprung up, that of Japan for Japanese and "Japanese for Japan." The result of this was that foreigners were deposed from all important positions, and trained natives were put in their places. After this, the idea of "Asia for Japan" began to spring up and is prevalent today. Japan feels that it is her mission to spread civilization throughout Asia, and for this she is now contending.

When the commission of investigation, which was sent out from Japan made its report, it said that there was no religion good enough for Japan, therefore no religion was adopted. Since that time Christianity has been at work with varying success in Japan. There is also in that country elements of confucianism and Buddhism, but there is a tendency towards atheism and agnosticism. Now is the opportune time, in view of these facts, to Christianize Japan, not only to save Japan itself, but also all Asia, that this country may spread Christianity, with civilization, through Asia, and the continent be saved from heathenism and atheism.

There is a bill before the Tennessee Legislature making football playing a felony. As the Purdue Exponent well puts it, this is just another proof of the statement that a new crank is found every day.—Ex.

The fellow who screws up his courage with strong drink may screw it up entirely too tight.

Moot Court

Court was begun promptly at 3:20 Thursday evening, with Hon. Martin P. Burks presiding. Clerk of court then read the orders, to which the Court directed especial attention.

Judge Burks, in the case of Paul Poague vs. James Wilson, decided in favor of the plaintiff. Poague was represented by the Hon. L. D. Howell of the Jacksonville, Fla., bar, while Wilson was represented by Col. E. S. Shields of the local bar.

In the case of Brown vs. Banks, Mr. Brittingham announced that he was ready for the plaintiff, and Mr. Crabill entered a plea of non-assumpsit for the defendant. Statement of facts agreed were read by Mr. Brittingham.

The Court then heard arguments on the case and the Court reserved judgment on the case until the next term.

The next case was White vs. Black in which Messrs. Alexander and Bernard were counsel. This was an action for debt on bond, note and open account. The judgment in the case was given for the defendant by Judge Burks. The case of Howe vs. Campbell was next called with Mr. McCorkle representing the Plaintiff and Mr. Bledsoe the defendant. Mr. McCorkle asked permission to amend his declaration, and he was allowed to do so, but then sufficed a non-suit.

The case of Johnson vs. Smith was called, Messrs. English and Duncan appearing as counsel. A jury composed of Weinberg, Rutan, Painter, Thomas, Hunter, Watson and Sheaffe were called and sworn. Witnesses and arguments were heard and jury gave verdict for plaintiff for \$50.00.

The case of Bradham vs. Green was called and Mr. Tillman announced that he was ready to proceed. The Court appointed Mr. Withers to represent the defendant.

There being no more cases on the docket for this term the Court was adjourned.

W. & L. Debaters

Mr. I. C. Wright, from the Phi, and Mr. A. H. King, from the Di, have been selected as the debating team that will represent Carolina in the contest with Washington & Lee. Mr. Wright's ability has been shown in one intercollegiate contest and is well known. Mr. King has not been in a public debate before, but showed great ability in the preliminary contest. Carolina will be well represented.—Tar Hell.

Baseball

Scarcely three weeks now before the fans will be distributing baseball dope by the barrel. In fact they are beginning already to have visions of home runs over numerous fences and yells and songs, and a good time generally when the hurly-burlys done and we have another parade for the champions of the South.

Coach Carter arrived this week and any one who is familiar with Virginia baseball knows what that means. He is a splendid pitcher himself and knows the game thoroughly. The candidates have been tossing the sphere around with great enthusiasm and the common scene is to run into men with an ever ready glove and its horsehide-covered friend.

The field will soon be dry enough for regular practice and then the fun will begin in earnest.

The prospects are excellent. Our material is good and with a good captain and coach this should be a banner year in our baseball history.

The candidates so far are:

Catcher.—Brown, D. W., Trimble, Lord, Luhn, Bartenstein.

Pitcher.—Johnson, McCreery,

Chilton, Quisenberry, Darrell.

1st.—J. W. Bagley, Carpenter,

Dulaney, C. N. Campbell, Rader.

2nd Base.—Gibson, Graham, Eg-

gert, Young, Bagley, T. O.

3rd Base.—Campbell, Porter,

Walton.

Shortstop.—Webster, Littlepage,

McGill.

Outfield.—Dailey, Maxwell, Buch-

anan, Hawkins, LeGore, Pipes, Wy-

sor, Moomaw, Collins, Porter, Hoyt,

Cover, Philips, and Capt. Alex-

ander.

To Play Pennsylvania and Navy

The football schedule for next year has been nearly all arranged. One game has not been fixed finally and so the schedule is not ready for publication. Of the games that are certainties, there are two of very great importance and interest, one with Pennsylvania and one with the Navy. The first of these will be played at Philadelphia and the latter at Annapolis. The management is to be congratulated on securing these games, for it has been difficult to do so before. Southern teams play too little in the North.

Manager Carr set the pace in arranging the baseball schedule for this spring, and it is a pleasure to know that the football team is holding up to it.—Tar Heel.

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EDITORIAL

It would seem that an institution like Washington and Lee, where men who come to college as men and not boys, there would be no one to persist in prepishness. All right thinking men leave a joke, but they do not like to have some one in the joking crowd who runs a thing into the ground. Yet we will find some every where who do not know when the time to stop has come. We refer at present to a certain joke which when begun was a good one, and all enjoyed it, but there is some one who is trying to be a joke himself by continuing it indefinitely; writing on every piece of paper that is placed on the bulletin board the would-be-joke. It seems that this one should be considerate of the extent of a joke. We do not know that the party who is the butt of the joke feels the weariness of it, but we do know that enough is enough. Let's not be prepish.

Now that spring is opening up and the baseball season is at hand many of the winter hermits are coming out and giving their opinion, and would fain teach the old team a few stunts. Now we are glad to see the general interest shown in baseball and glad to have some who take no interest in college take an interest in the athletics if nothing else, but when we see those who have been hard worked to cut classes or arrange a satisfactory reason why they have not prepared when they are there, and who seem to think that college life is that of a baseman or felder or tackle or guard or oarsman and that the training of the mind is a secondary matter, we feel that they need a remedy that is difficult to prescribe. Why can men not see the need of being all round men?

time and trouble really to cut classes than to prepare, and then one can feel the true spirit of college better. The students honor an athlete, but they can pass the highest praise upon a man who is an all round man. They will always feel even towards one of their best athletes, if he is only that, that he is not the man whom they can honor in general. We are not directing angry sarcasm but to those who are not the men in college that they ought to be, to those who have not yet realized what honor and respect of fellow men means, to those who intrude often on the opinions of others, whom if they only knew, would be worth more than their own, we are directing this suggestion. Make things equal, do your work well in all the branches of college life and you will be recognized even more as an athlete.

Sometime during the fall term of this session the senior academic class discussed the advisability of again adopting the cap and gown to be worn as a mark of seniority during commencement week. At that time the class decided not to use caps and gowns this year; but it is said that they are now reconsidering their former action, and it is to be hoped that they will do so.

There is no doubt of its being a custom that is rapidly becoming fixed in all the best institutions of learning in this country. Why should Washington and Lee be behind in something that will lend cast and dignity to her commencement exercises?

There is every argument in favor of adopting caps and gowns; the most important of which are that it will keep the senior class together at the commencement exercises and enable those attending to see who are graduates and who are not. Not only will it do this but it will encourage class unity and harmony of action, thus rendering the final exercises much more impressive than they could otherwise be.

Some may argue that they cannot afford to buy caps and gowns to be used on one or two occasions. To that we would say, let those who do not want to buy them rent them, and those who do buy can sell or rent theirs to the under-graduates to wear the following year.

There can be no doubt of the advisability of this custom, and it is to be hoped that the senior classes, both Law and Academic, will take this matter up at once and make the wearing of the cap and gown a permanent practice at Washington and Lee finals.

The U. of N. C. have selected their men to go against us in the coming debate and are looking forward to it with much interest. Our

they too expect the victory. We have no reason to doubt that we will not get it either. Messrs. T. D. Sloan and W. F. Semple will represent us. They are expecting to represent us with all their powers of oratory and debate. We are sure they will. Not one moment will they idle while the debate is over them and when we win they will feel that it was work worth awhile.

IMPORTANT

The RING-TUM PHI for the baseball season can be obtained for the low sum of 50c. The papers will contain full and minute accounts of every game. The reporter is a man who has had long and varied experience in the world of sport and his accounts of the games will be of interest to every one. If you are on the team you will wish a chronicle of your achievements on the diamond; if you are not on the team you will want papers to refer to to see what your friends have done or your enemies (and our earnest prayer is that you have none) have failed to do. The matter will be of interest in youth, pleasure in mid life and consolation and comfort where the last rays of life are setting in upon old age.

The oars have come and are now at the express office awaiting the C. O. D. charges, which amount to about \$70, and of this but about \$30 have been collected. Let those who have not yet paid up their subscriptions please pay up at once as the express agent wishes to straighten up his books. The oars cannot be gotten until every subscription is collected, as we have no more money subscribed than will be required, so let every man come up at once and settle his subscription. That will be a favor both to the committee and to the express agent. Please pay at once.

L. C. P.

When this month's cheque from home comes, don't forget the RING-TUM PHI if you know you're behind. We have a great many accounts out which are long over due and are in great need of cash. We wish to thank the out of town subscribers, who have already paid, for their promptness and urge the others to follow suit.

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Personals

C. S. McNulty of Roanoke, is in town.

Tom Newton has been sick this week.

McCaskill has left College on account of his health.

Holland has pneumonia, but is getting along very well.

Professor Staples was in Richmond several days this week.

Dailey has returned from Baltimore and is now able to resume his studies.

Minatree, Pryor, King, Chafee, Williams, Steves and other students are in Washington today, helping to inaugurate President Roosevelt.

Graham-Lee Takes a Spurt in Debate

The last meeting of the Graham-Lee Society was of special interest. Mr. Tiffany and Mr. Stern delivered orations; Mr. Tiffany, with his usual earnestness, Mr. Stern with his accustomed smile and grace. Declamations were rendered by Messrs. East, Pilkington and Fountain. The debate was the crowning feature of the program. For thought, delivery and spice, it has not been excelled during the year. The subject in question was the abolishment of Capital Punishment. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Painter and Griffith. The negative by Messrs. Lee Smith and Crabill. Specially deserving mention was the speech of Mr. Painter. Twice called down for running over time, he was so enthusiastic over his subject as to forget the reproach of the president. Next followed the orderly report of the critic, Mr. Phillips. After some heated parliamentary discussions, the society adjourned.

GEORGE WASHINGTON DEBATE

The team representing Washington and Lee left yesterday to struggle with George Washington university in our first inter-collegiate debate with that institution. Our representatives are Messrs. McClure, Armstrong and Semple, and we feel sure our opponents can feel that they have found "foemen worthy of their steel." The debate takes place Monday night and the question is restriction of immigration. The RING-TUM-PHI hopes to be able to report a victory in its next issue. Our best wishes go with the debaters.

Client--How about that account I left with you to collect on shares?

Collection Agent--Oh, I collected my half all right, but it's simply impossible to collect yours.--Chicago Daily News.

Recital at Episcopal Church

The ladies of the Episcopal church gave a recital of sacred music in the R. E. Lee Memorial church on Thursday evening of this week. The program was made up of about fifteen numbers, including choruses, instrumental and vocal solos.

The Episcopal and Presbyterian choirs made up the chorus. The recital was from beginning to end a complete success.

As an entertainment it was something out of the usual line in Lexington and as such was much appreciated by the large audience, which filled the church.

Special features of evenings entertainment were the vocal solos by Miss Graham and Mrs. Long, the instrumental solos by Mrs. Estill and Miss Anderson and the violin accompaniment by Mr. Pennington.

The chorus showed thorough and careful training. It was led by Mrs. Estill, who is to be congratulated up on her work as organizer and leader. Miss Anderson played the organ accompaniments. Among the best of the vocal members, was the soprano solo of Mrs. Long, the contralto solo by Miss Graham and the two choruses Weary of Earth and Christ is Risen.

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Oral Debate—March 5

Resolved, That the system of so-called "local option" is the best means of solving the saloon problem:

Affirmative *Negative*

Mr. Stephenson Mr. McDowell
Mr. Cox Mr. Dutrow

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. Local option the most effective way of dealing with intemperance.
a. It reduces number of saloons.
b. State prohibition has lost its hold.
c. Local option has worked well where tried.
d. It is applicable to cities.

II. Local option makes temperance cause a live issue.
a. It puts the liquor question before the people every three or four years.
b. It compels the saloon element to defend themselves.
c. It enlightens the masses educationally, so leading to real temperance reform.

III. Local option is Democratic.
a. It is right that the people of each locality settle the saloon question.
b. In local option the responsibility rests with the people.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

I. Local option bad in principle.
a. Infringes on personal liberty.
b. Unwarranted and extreme measure.
c. Society concerned with the abuse, not the intoxicant.
d. All consumption not deleterious.

II. Local option does not prohibit.
a. It cannot control man's appetite.
1. Who wants it, will get it.
2. Higher price, but no revenue to the municipality.
3. Higher price and inferior goods.
b. Not supported by public sentiment.
1. Many good citizens opposed to it.
2. Many church officials opposed to it.

III. High license more effectual.
a. Reduces number of saloons.
b. Raises price of liquors.
c. Reduces taxes per capita.
d. Has all good features of local option without menacing personal rights.
e. Tends to prevent use of liquors.
1. Higher prices.
2. Liquor at original price inferior.
f. It can be enforced.

Albert Sidney's Meet

The Albert Sidney Boat Club met in Dr. Quarles lecture-room Saturday at 3.30 P. M. The meeting was called to order by President Withers. As was decided at the last meeting of the club a written Constitution was proposed and adopted.

The matter of Calyx representation was then discussed. It was decided to have besides the list of officers and members a picture of last year's crew and an appropriate drawing. The meeting then adjourned.

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