

Debating Team Meets Hard Luck at George Washington

The debating teams of George Washington and Washington and Lee Universities met in joint debate for the first time on Monday evening, March 6, in Trinity Hall, Washington, D. C.

The question debated was, Resolved, That the United States should adopt a more stringent policy in regard to the admission of immigrants from Europe.

Messrs. E. P. Gates, W. C. Van Vleet and C. W. Whitmore of George Washington, upheld the affirmative, while Messrs. O. V. Armstrong, W. F. Semple and M. T. McClure of Washington and Lee defended the negative side of the question.

The judges were A. M. Gould, G. F. Bowerman and Rev. R. P. Williams, D. D., all of Washington.

It was evident from the first that the representatives of Washington and Lee were greatly the superiors of their opponents in ease of delivery, grace of diction, and logic of the arguments presented. Mr. Gates opened the debate for the affirmative in a rather scrappy argument, the logic of which was hard to follow. Armstrong made a strong opening for the negative, showing the past advantages and present need of European immigration. His speech was well received by the audience. Mr. Van Vleet who followed, occupied the first six minutes on the floor with making scattering, shallow disconnected remarks of a slurring character, presumably in rebuttal of Mr. Armstrong's speech. The rest of his time was occupied in a rather tedious attempt to establish the vicious character of the present immigrants.

For delivery, the speech of Mr. Semple, which followed, was the best of the evening. In a straightforward and gentlemanly way he handled the remarks of his predecessor to such advantage as to turn his argument against the affirmative position, showing the desirability of the present immigrants and condemning the drastic measures proposed by the advocates of restriction. Mr. Whitmore, who closed for the affirmative really had some good points in his speech which, however, was marred by awkward delivery and frequent citations from books. All points considered Mr. McClure, who closed the debate for the negative,

made decidedly the most telling speech of the evening, demonstrating the adequacy of the present laws, and the impracticable character of the restrictions proposed by the last speaker of the affirmative. Mr. Whitmore was then allowed five minutes for rebuttal in which he was guilty of many gross misstatements, a sample of which is that our present immigration laws had only excluded one immigrant since their enactment in 1903.

It seemed to the audience that there could be but one decision of the debate, and that in favor of the negative, but for some reason hard to see the decision was reversed. It would seem that either blind prejudice or selfish interest had dictated the verdict.

The representatives of George Washington, themselves deserve severe censure for the inhospitable treatment accorded the visitors, since they did not so much as offer to show them the place where the debate was to be held, nor did they bid them goodbye when the debate was over.

A delegation of W. & L. Students, including Bays and Miller of last years graduates, witnessed the debate.

Gramam-Lee

The first business of the evening was the election to honorary membership of Dr. Howe and Prof. Hoge of the faculty and Mr. Reid of Chicago. The first declaimer was Mr. Addison, who delivered "The Bridge of Sighs," in a very effective manner, followed by a discourse on Nicotina by Mr. Smith. The question for debate: Resolved, That women should be allowed all the privileges of suffrage now held by men, was entered into with spirit and good arguments on both sides. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. Larrick and Sapp, and the negative by Messrs. Brittingham and Herzog. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative. The last speaker of the evening was Mr. Addison, who gave a fine appreciation on James Russell Lowell, poetical and critical. On vote of the society it was decided to hold the election of final orators next Saturday night. The meeting then adjourned, very few members were present.

Tillman was confined to his room several days this week.

Wash and Graham Lee orators elected tonight.

CHAPEL

At the assembly Wednesday morning the Student body had the pleasure of being addressed by Mr. Charles H. Grasty of Baltimore. The subject of his address was "The Independent Newspaper," one which he is eminently capable of handling, being managing editor of the Baltimore News, an independent paper, and one of the directors of the associated Press. Mr. Grasty expressed great pleasure at being able to come to Lexington, because he said he felt at home, not that he had ever been here before, but because from here he could see the mountains and other scenes which were so familiar to his early childhood, and because all his life he had been connected with Lexington, his father and a nephew having attended our university.

Next in the world importance to institutions of learning the speaker placed the newspaper and kindred enterprises, for through them popular opinion is made known and the world governed. Mr. Grasty then turned to his own city and showed progress of the independent newspaper there, because he said, that of late all eyes had been turned to that city owing to its recent misfortune which, however, was not so very bad "as it had burned out conservatism." The speaker then trod the development of the nations from Greece westward; showed their growth, one to an expression of popular feeling, and then compared them with the orient, which until very recently has slumbered on in peaceful indifference, but which owing to the influence of the Press, has of late awakened with a start. The Jap, though slow in business, is a born diplomatic and ruler; the Chinaman, though lacking in these characteristics, supplies a keen and honest business ability. The two seem made for each other and were they to combine, each would supply the others fault, like the lame and the blind man of the fable. It is the opinion of Mr. Grasty that the new combination would soon outshine all the other stars in the firmament of nations and assume the lead as a world power.

Mr. Grasty is a good speaker and very humorous, and the Student body greatly enjoyed his address.

Our first game is only ten days off.

Sloan denies that Geo. Washington was the father of debate.

Glee Club

The Glee Club met at the residence of Mrs. A. D. Estill on Wednesday night of this week. Mrs. Estill has kindly consented to direct the Club and regular rehearsals will be held at her home. If the men who are now in the club will work earnestly the success of enterprise is assured.

The ability of Mrs. Estill in chorus training was demonstrated by her success with the sacred recital at the Memorial church not long since.

Her generous offer to help the Club is much appreciated by the men who compose it, and their appreciation cannot be shown in a better way than by prompt and regular attendance and earnest work.

A concert will be given in Lexington about the middle of April, after which it is hoped a trip or two can be arranged.

Resolutions of Sympathy

At a meeting of the Law Class of 1906 of Washington and Lee University, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased the Great Creator, in his wisdom and justice, to call call him, the beloved father of our friend and classmate, Vincent M. Miles. Be it Resolved,

First. That the Law Class of 1906 of Washington and Lee University join with him in his bereavement, and extend to him our deepest sympathy.

Second. That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to our classmate, Vincent M. Miles.

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Class Record.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the RING-TUM-PHI.

B. R. WALZER,
J. M. SAPP,
A. W. RUTAN,
Committee.

Wiseman Hurt

P. H. Wiseman, while walking down Main street Wednesday night just above the "Blue," was run into by a Negro and knocked down. His head struck the curbing, cutting an ugly and painful gash, and rendering him unconscious for some time. He was picked up and taken into the Blue by two Negro men who were passing, by

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NOTICE I

At the recommendation of the Library Committee the faculty passed unanimously, March 6th, 1905, the following:

When books and magazines belonging to the various department libraries, including the Law library, are lost or mutilated during a current scholastic year, the said libraries shall be reimbursed out of the contingent fees for the said losses and mutilations, provided these cannot be traced to individuals.

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By way of explanation it may be said that the above regulation has been found necessary owing to a very serious violation of the rules governing the University libraries. Not only have the rules of the University been grossly disregarded but the sixth commandment has been touched upon as well, a state of affairs that should be remedied with stringent measures should the identity of the culprit become known to the student body.

Dr. Currell's library has been plundered of about \$15 worth of valuable books while Dr. Crow has also met with quite a loss of volumes. These books have not been borrowed. They have been stolen. Stealing is a strong word to apply to the action of a member of this institution and the sooner this man's name disappears from the roll the better it will be for all concerned.

The theft of money and other things in the gymnasium and other places frequented by the students can possibly be traced to outsiders but the loss of books representing the best styles of literature cannot be traced to janitors or other people outside the student body. Should any member of the University become possessed of positive evidence

as to who the criminal is he should lay the matter before the student without loss of time.

The thanks of the student body are due the Collegian management for the song books which they have so generously given to their subscribers, and it is as little as the donees can do to learn the songs and sing them lustily when opponents meet us on the athletic field. Rooting always helps and this form is the most pleasant and probably the most efficacious of any.

This will be the last issue of the RING-TUM-PHI before examinations. Immediately after examinations the issues will be resumed. All of the games of ball played between now and that time will be as fully reported as space will admit of in the first issue, subsequent to examinations. The RING-TUM-PHI wishes success to all in both exams. and baseball.

An Alumnus Addresses Y. M. C. A.

The regular meeting of the association last Sunday afternoon was peculiarly interesting from the fact that the address was delivered by an alumnus of Washington and Lee, Mr. Frank Moore.

Mr. Moore based his remarks on Gal. 6:10, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men." The speaker laid special stress on the opportunities that belong to students of Washington and Lee, for doing good to and for their fellow men. With increased opportunity comes increased responsibility which none should seek to shirk.

The address was earnest and pointed and very much appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to hear it. Students are always glad for these words of encouragement and advice from their alumni in the town, and wish that they might speak to them oftener.

V. M. I. Schedule

- Wednesday, March 22nd, Miller's School, at Lexington.
- Saturday, March 25th, Fishburne Military School, at Lexington.
- Saturday, April 1st, University of West Virginia at Lexington.
- Saturday, April 8th, Hampden-Sidney College, at Lexington.
- Saturday, April 15th, Davidson College, at Lexington.
- Saturday, April 22nd, St. John's College at Lexington.
- Saturday, April 29th, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Lexington.
- Monday, May 1st, Randolph-Macon College, at Lexington.
- Saturday, May 18th, George Washington University, at Washington, D. C.
- Monday, May 15th, Johns Hopkins University, at Baltimore.

Oral Debate—March 13

Resolved, That a system of indeterminate prison sentences for first offenders should be substituted for the present fixed terms of imprisonment:

Affirmative *Negative*

Mr. Thackston Mr. Faulkner
Mr. Hawkins Mr. A. R. Larrick

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

- I. Old theory of punishment unsatisfactory. a. One man unable to fix another's term of imprisonment. b. Reformation, not punishment, wanted.
- II. Present system of determinate imprisonment unjust. a. Conditions bad. 1. All criminals treated alike. b. Criminal unfavorably affected by imprisonment.
- III. Proposed system socially beneficial. a. Would fit the criminal for _____ service to society. b. Would be an economic saving to society.
- IV. Would be better economical-ly, because it would leave only the vicious for state care. a. State should be at the expense of caring for the vicious only. 1. The state could separate the dangerous from the innocent. 2. The state would not have to run an expensive prison system. b. The cost of keeping a large number of criminals is great. a. The public heavily taxed. b. Under proposed system, public would support criminal for briefer period. c. Advantage to society that the young criminals be corrected. d. Crime often committed because of economic conditions.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

- I. Absurdity of indeterminate sentence. A. Impracticable in application. 1. Inability to judge a reformed man. a. Prisoner might practice deception. b. System unfair. 2. Not applicable to all sentences. a. No application to capital crimes. b. Increases cost of short sentence. c. Unnecessary in long sentence. 3. Number of crimes would increase. B. Definite sentence satisfactory. C. Proposed not yet adopted.
- II. Classification. 1. Unconfirmed. 2. Confirmed. A. Unconfirmed can be better dealt with by means at reform school. B. Inapplicable to confirmed. 1. Some classes do not desire freedom, therefore will not reform. a. Tramps. b. Vagrants. 2. Inapplicable to other classes because they are hardened.

Notice I

Mr. Henry H. Sweets of Louisville, Ky., will address W. & L. students at Y. M. C. A. tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the Engineering Hall. The service is to be a life work meeting in which the claims of the Gospel ministry are to be presented. Every student is welcome.

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Personals

Holland is getting along very nicely.

The Miles brothers have returned to college.

Prof. Burks was in Lynchburg Monday.

Mr. John L. Campbell is in New York.

Mr. Davis and Miss Davis are visiting their sister Mr. Kern.

Buck Newton is the latest "number" on the sick list.

Allen has been compelled to leave college on account of bad health.

Littlepage is stopping at the New Willard.

Mercer Hartman of Roanoke, is a pleasant visitor at the home of his brother, Dr. John H. Hartman.

Y. M. C. A. Elect Officers for Next Year

At a business meeting held at the close of last night's service the following officers were elected to direct the work next session: President, Mr. T. D. Sloan; Vice President, Mr. M. R. Turnbull; Secretary, Mr. C. A. Engle; and Treasurer, Mr. F. R. Crawford.

The association is just closing what is possibly the most successful year's work in its history, and the prospect for next year is even more encouraging. With efficient officers in whom the student body has confidence, there is every reason to hope for a widening of the influence of the Y. M. C. A. in the University.

Gym Team

The gym team is getting down to hard training. Dr. Bitzer is putting the men through a course of "stunts" which keeps them on their mettle. Several of the candidates for the team were laid up with bad arms from vaccination for a few days, but all are again out. They are putting in all their time now on the "stunts." The new material is showing up well and the team all round will be better than last year's victorious one. Much of the success is due to the thorough training of Dr. Bitzer whose standard is little short of perfection.

Baseball

The weather has been so bad of late as to prevent all baseball practice, either on the athletic field or the campus. This is of course a great draw back to the team but when it does get to work it will make up for lost time. Manager Kelly has put his season tickets on sale and it is the duty of every man who is able to invest to do so.

MEETING OF LAW CLASS

Yesterday afternoon at 3:15 the Law Classes met in Prof. Long's room. President Crabill of the Senior Class occupied the chair and stated the object of the meeting. He said that there had been some unfavorable comment upon the part of some because of the members of the law class having left the room during examination and staying away for some time, and asked that action be taken. Mr. Burks came in upon request and stated practically the same thing.

Mr. Brown offered a resolution to the effect that the Students discountenance the practice, which resolution was seconded by Messrs. English and Withers. This resolution was vigorously opposed by Messrs. Browning, Bledsoe, Wilson, Stokes, McCorkle and B. B. Shields, and was almost unanimously voted down.

The students seemed to think that the adoption of such a resolution would be an infringement upon the honor system, which has worked so admirably at Washington and Lee:

A resolution was then offered by Messrs. Bledsoe and Browning, expressing surprise that any comment should have been made upon a necessary practice and stating that the students would consider any restriction suggested by the faculty. This was adopted and the meeting adjourned.

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Baseball Schedule

Hugh N. Page, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., manager of the University of Virginia baseball team, today announced his schedule of games for the approaching season, as follows:
 Saturday, March 11—Woodberry Forrest, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, March 15—Locust Dale, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, March 18—Miller School, at Charlottesville.

Monday, March 20—Fishburne's Military Academy, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, March 25—West Virginia University, at Charlottesville.

Monday, March 27—West Virginia University, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, March 29—William & Mary, at Charlottesville.

Friday, March 31—Lafayette, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, April 1—Lafayette, at Charlottesville.

Monday, April 3—Pennsylvania State, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, April 5—Pennsylvania, at Charlottesville.

Friday, April 7—St. John's College, at Annapolis.

Saturday, April 8—Navy, at Annapolis.

Tuesday, April 11—Randolph-Macon, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, April 12—North Carolina, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, April 15—Johns-Hopkins, at Charlottesville.

Monday, April 17—Kentucky University, at Charlottesville.

Tuesday, April 18—Davidson College, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, April 19—George Washington, at Charlottesville.

Thursday, April 20—St. Johns College, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, April 22—Yale, at Norfolk.

Monday, April 24 (Easter)—Syracuse, at Charlottesville.

Tuesday, April 25—Syracuse at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, April 26—Virginia Polytechnic, at Charlottesville.

Thursday, April 27—Virginia Polytechnic, at Charlottesville.

Saturday, April 29—Villa Nova, at Charlottesville.

Wednesday, May 3—Davidson College, at Charlotte, N. C.

Thursday, May 4—North Carolina, at Chapel Hill N. C.

Friday, May 5—North Carolina, at Greensboro, N. C.

Saturday, May 6 Agricultural & Mechanical College of North Carolina, at Raleigh, N. C.

Topics.

No Moot Court Thursday

Moot Court did not convene Thursday as there were but two cases on the docket. There will be no more sessions of the court this term but its setting will be resumed next term.

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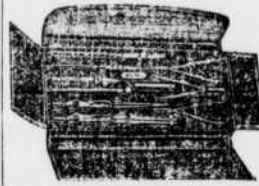
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