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## Dramatic Club

### GIVES EXCELLENT ENTERTAINMENT

On last Thursday night under the direction of Miss Annie White the Washington and Lee Dramatic Club made its first appearance before the public for the session of 1905-06. The performance was given at the gymnasium and consisted of two clever little comedies, *Ici on Parle Francais* and *His Lord in Livery*. A very large and appreciative audience was present.

The stage was very tastefully decorated with college and fraternity banners and presented an extremely pleasing appearance.

In the first play, *Ici on Parle Francais*, Mr. Peck was decidedly the star. He had by far the most important and difficult part and he acquitted himself admirably. His humor was fine. As a typical Frenchman Mr. Rasin was excellent, both in make up and in acting. During the intermission between the two plays Mr. Sheafe rendered a mandolin solo which was well received. Upon being encored he came back, accompanied by Red Porter and a guitar, and the two gentlemen then rendered a variation of that old and familiar tune, *Bill Bailey*.

The second play was by far the better of the two since the players were each given a chance to show his or her ability as an actor. Miss Louise Haskins came in for the chief female role and proved herself quite equal to the task. Her acting was very good indeed though at first she did not speak quite loud enough. The chief male part fell to Mr. Stern, who, upon his appearance, was greeted with loud applause. His natural comic appearance and the excellent manner in which he played his part made him very humorous indeed. At times he slightly overdid the thing.

Though filling a minor part Mr. George Miles proved himself to have considerable dramatic talent. Mr. Hagood did very well but mixed his lines a little.

Music was rendered during the performance by the Mandolin and Guitar Club.

On the whole the plays were extremely good and Miss Annie deserves a great deal of credit for having taken the trouble of getting

them up. The costumes were very good indeed.

Following is the caste of characters:

#### "ICI ON PARLE FRANCAIS"

##### CASTE

Major Regulus Rattan	Mr. D. E. Pruitt
Mr. Spriggins	Mr. Peck
Victor Dubols	Mr. Rasin
Mrs. Spriggins	Miss E. Barclay
Mrs. Regulus Rattan	Miss M. Barclay
Angelina	Miss Moose

#### "MY LORD IN LIVERY."

##### CASTE

Lord Thirlmere	Mr. Hagood
Spiggot (the butler)	Mr. Stern
Hopkins	Mr. Daiguerfield
Robert	Mr. G. Miles
Sybil	Miss Haskins
Rose	Miss Moose
Laura	Miss Tucker

### Y. M. C. A.

"Purity in College Life" was the subject of Dr. Howe's address to the students last Sunday afternoon. He said that purity in all phases of life is enjoined upon us by the Bible. And the injunction is equally binding upon those who act from expediency or policy, for God's commands are given because it is expedient for men to follow them. Special emphasis was laid on the supreme importance, both for ourselves and others, of social purity; and on the value of square dealing in our academic work. The speaker also pointed out that the recent wide spread discussion, in regard to the abolition of football, has been called not by the cost of the game in money and in lives—though seventeen men were killed during the past season—nor by the opportunity which the game affords for gambling, but because of the willingness of many players and teams to win out at any cost. When a team determines beforehand to put the best man or men of their opponents out of the game, that team manifests a "rotteness" which indeed calls in question its right to engage further in what should be a legitimate sport.

### Moomaw Elected Captain

The football team had a meeting on last Thursday afternoon and elected Mr. H. M. Moomaw captain for the team of 1906. During the two past seasons Mr. Moomaw has played fullback on our team and has acquitted himself well. He has seldom failed when called upon to go through the line and has been one of our best and steadiest players. Mr. Moomaw will undoubtedly make a good captain.

## THANKSGIVING DANCES

### German

Those who were at the Gym. Monday night in dancing togs, heartily felt that they had one more thing to be thankful for, and that as that they had attended the Thanksgiving german. The graceful windings of the figures to the tuneful music of our old standby, the V. M. I. orchestra was enhanced no little bit by the pretty girls and the neat men, most of whom were wearing blue cross sashes. Nor was the merriment at all suppressed, for when the intricacy of a figure puzzled even some old stager everyone burst out laughing.

Much to the delight of the stags the German broke into a hop at about 11. A dainty supper was served at a late hour, after which some more dancing, and the dreaded Home Sweet Home found more than one far from anxious to admit that it was sweeter at home than dancing.

The chaperones were: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Kern, Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Owen, Mrs. Pendleton, and Miss Annie White.

The couples present were:

Miss Tucker with Mr. Brown.

Miss Tait with Mr. Caperton.

Miss Brockenbrough with Mr.

Dunn.

Miss Caskie with Mr. Miles.

Miss Haskins with Mr. Steves.

Miss Bell with Mr. Bagley.

Miss Bowles with Mr. Pruitt.

Miss Stayer with Mr. Ed. Bledsoe.

Miss Dunlap with Mr. Hamilton.

Miss Strayer with Mr. Hagood.

Miss Effinger with Mr. Cooper.

Among the stags numbered: Messrs. Carpenter, Vawter, Bryant, R. Glass, Anderson, Pipes, Caskie, Shields, Hannah, Dr. Bitzer, Campbell, Jemison, Heath.

### Hop.

The hop was held on Tuesday night at the gymnasium and was quite an enjoyable dance. The usual order of W. & L. hops was done away with and the dancing was a sort of a cross between a program dance and the old style of breaking on the floor. This is a much better arrangement. Music was, as usual, furnished by the V. M. I. orchestra.

Mrs. Kern was chaperone. The following were present among others: Misses Brockenbrough, Haskins, Tucker, Effinger, Irene Strayer, Hattie Strayer, Bell, Tait, and

Messrs. Steve, Dunlap, Dunlap, Dun, Vincent Miles, George Miles, White, Hubbard, Cooper, Bitzer, Brown, Dyer, Maddox, Witts, Trimble, Allen, Bledsoe, McCrum, Newton, Pipes, Bagley, Hobson, Whip, Anderson, Pruitt, Caskie and Hamilton.

### Basket Ball Enthusiasm.

A movement was put on foot last Monday afternoon when there gathered together some 15 basket ball enthusiasts for the purpose of bringing the popular game into this famed university as a branch of its athletics.

Basket ball is a branch of athletics that is more neglected in the Southern universities and colleges than any other game. This is to be regretted, as no better game can be found to be played between the close of football season and the opening of baseball season than basket ball.

There are a great many men in the university who have played basket ball, and among them are some "stars." We have gotten a good, firm start, and it remains with the students to make it a success. The faculty has done everything in its power to help us. We want at least six teams in the Gym. practicing daily after Christmas holidays. The different teams in college will have a regular tournament. The faculty has given its consent to let the best team represent the University in whatever games Manager McMurrin might arrange.

Let me say that the manager has written to several of the athletic clubs in the largest cities in the South for games. We want to be able to play the first match game outside of our own teams by the 25th of January. In order to do this we must have the support of all men in college who have played basket ball and those who want to learn. If we put out a team worthy to represent the University our faculty will allow us to arrange several good trips.

We can put out a worthy team, with the aid of the students, and we will do it. So I beg all who wish to try for the team to hand in their names to Dr. Bitzer, L. A. McMurrin, or the undersigned. It might be well to add that the captain will not be elected until just before the first match game.

S. JEMISON,  
Assistant Manager.

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Rockbridge County News Print

Of course nothing can be proven by comparative scores but still some idea of the strength of our team can be gotten in that way. We played every college in Virginia except V. M. I. and U. Va. We defeated all others except V. P. I., who undoubtedly leads the list. Now look at this.

V. M. I. 0. R. M. C. 0.  
W. & L. 16. R. M. C. 0.  
V. M. I. 0. V. P. I. 34.  
W. & L. 0. V. P. I. 15.  
V. M. I. 0. A. & M. 5.  
W. & L. 0. A. & M. 21.

Remembering that A. & M. played the cadets very early in the season and on the cadets home grounds. We have easily shown our superiority to V. M. I. And again.

U. Va. 0. V. P. I. 11.  
W. & L. 0. V. P. I. 15.  
U. Va. 0. U. N. C. 17.  
W. & L. 0. A. & M. 21.

Remembering that Virginia played on her home grounds against V. P. I. and that we did not; that North Carolina has a weaker team than A. & M. we have easily shown that we are just about as strong as Virginia and that in a game between us there would be something doing. Considering that our team weighs only 152 pounds we can easily claim to have the best team in the state for its weight.

Of course every man on the team doing his best for W. & L. is what gave us such a fine football season but that is not all. Coach Brown deserves great praise for having turned out such a good team. He worked hard with the team, took a great deal of interest in it and above all knew how to do the work. With no better material than was had last year he turned out a better team than the team of 1904 was. We should all appreciate Mr. Brown's services.

This is the last issue of RING-TUM PHI which will appear until after Xmas, on account of examinations. We wish the students success with their exams, and an enjoyable holiday.

## The Football Season

Thanksgiving having put an end to our football season it is with pride that we look back at our victories and our defeats. Seven times has the white and blue waved in victory above the heads of our spunky little team; only twice has it gone down in defeat. Our goal line has been crossed by only two teams, by both of which we were greatly outweighed. Two defeats? Yes, if we look only at the scores; but when we consider that in each case we were outweighed by at least an average of 25 pounds, that both games were played away from home, and that our boys put up two great games against overwhelming odds. No we are tempted to say nine victories and no defeats. Here are the scores:

W. & L. 12 - - - Miller School 0  
" 34 - Richmond College 0  
" 17 - Hampden Sidney 0  
" 35 - Roanoke College 0  
" 6 - Richmond College 0  
" 16 - Randolph Macon 0  
" 0 - - - - V. P. I. 15  
" 0 - - - - A. & M. 21  
" 17 - Geo. Washington 0

## NOTICE!

The Ring-tum Phi for the Rest of the Year \$1.00.

Maybe you didn't feel like signing up at the first of the year, being new at the University and not knowing what THE RING-TUM PHI means, a great many said they would consider the matter and sign up later. "Later" has now come and here's your chance to get the paper for the rest of the year without any loss. Sign up and quit reading your room mate's paper or borrowing the one across the hall—you feel better.

## A Correction.

The account of the Gerge Washington game in our last issue was taken from the Washington papers and is in error in several places. It was Bagley and not Moomaw who tried a drop kick from the field. Our boys did not get winded in the second half, but five substitutes were put in and still we continued to go through our opponents' line. A muddy field and a cold day were the things which prevented us from running up a larger score on George Washington.

See the ads. of celebrated Shaw nit Stockings and of the H. H. Suter Co. which appear for the first time in this issue. The representative of the latter firm will be at the Lexington hotel next Wednesday, the 14th, with a full line of college and fraternity steins and tankards for your inspection.

## Scrub Scores

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" 0. - - Staunton Academy 0  
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" 0. - - Harrisonburg - - - 0

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Personals

Mrs. Alexander D. Campbel has returned home from a visit to Governor and Mrs. D. C. Heyward at Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Harvey C. Wise left Saturday evening for Orlando, Fla., where he married Thursday Miss Anna Halstead Turnbull, daughter of Rev. Dr. L. B. Turnbull.

Mr. Lawrence W. H. Peyton and Miss Margaret Erskine Catlett, daughter of the late Colonel Richard H. Catlett, of Staunton, were married in that city yesterday afternoon.

Mr. S. Sheppard Bryan, who 37 years ago was a student at Washington college, under General Robert E. Lee, and is now a resident of New York, has been spending the past week in Lexington, accompanied by his wife.

Professor and Mrs. John H. Latane, President George H. Denny and Principal Harrington Waddell were among the Lexingtonians who attended the educational meeting in Lynchburg last week. President Denny was made a member of the executive committee.

Colonel Robert Catlett is now in Richmond, having been employed to assist Attorney General Anderson in the preparation of the papers in the suit to be brought in the supreme court of the United States by Virginia against West Virginia to require the latter state to pay its share of the debt of the old state. Colonel Catlett will be absent from his office in Lexington about a month.

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Mr. Pratt and Miss Syme

The Washington Post of Thursday says:

"The marriage of Miss Mary Maxwell Syme, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. S. A. M. Maxwell, of this city, to the Rev. Harry Waddell Pratt, took place yesterday at noon at the Southern Presbyterian church, of which the bridegroom is the pastor. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Frank J. Brooke, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church, of Alexandria, Va., assisted by the Rev. S. L. Laws, of this city. The maid of honor was Miss Jane Gray Syme, sister of the bride, and the Rev. D. W. Hollingsworth was the best man. The ushers were Dr. William H. Syme, brother of the bride, and Dr. Leroy C. Barrett of Baltimore. Two flower boys, little nephews of the bride, Samuel and Leander Syme, were also in attendance and led the bridal procession. They wore white suits with light blue ties and carried large bouquets of white blossoms. The bride wore a gown of champagne broadcloth, with hat of lute, and carried a bouquet of Bride roses and lilies of the valley. The maid of honor wore light blue eolonne, and hat to match and carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. The church was elaborately decorated by the ladies of the congregation with chrysanthemums, Bride roses and palms. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on a northern bridal trip. The bride's traveling costume was of blue cloth, with hat to match. Rev and Mrs. Pratt will be at home after Dec. 15th at No. 2119 California Avenue, Northwest."

MONOGRAMS AWARDED

For Football Season of 1905

At a meeting of the Athletic committee last Tuesday the following men were awarded the official football monogram for the season of 1905:

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Rankin         | Alderson        |
| Miller         | Bagley, T. O.   |
| Dow            | Moomaw          |
| White, H. M.   | Anderson, R. L. |
| Hoge, E. A. C. | Rasin           |
| Jemison        | Russell         |
| Dotson         | Withers, H. M.  |

Mr. A. F. White was awarded the manager's monogram.

Some Remarks by the Press About Our Team

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"Washington and Lee played a great game from the defensive point of view and showed thorough coaching in this respect."

"The spunkiest little team I have seen this season.—Mgr. of A. & M.

Miles Elected Manager

Mr. George Miles was elected manager of the football team for the season of 1906 on last Tuesday by the Athletic committee. Mr. Miles has had some experience in that line, having managed the scrubs this season. He will undoubtedly make an excellent man for the position. We wish him luck.

The Kentucky club was delightfully entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Jas. Lewis Howe assisted by the Misses Howe last Saturday evening.

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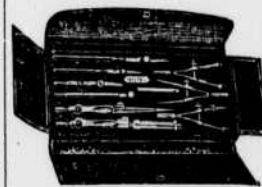
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Graham-Lee

The society was called to order last Saturday night by President Hobson. The regular program was dispensed with due to the joint meeting of the two societies scheduled for the evening. We received the Washington society in our hall and President Stephenson, of the Washington, was invited to take the chair.

The gavel of Stephenson sounded calling the two societies to order. Mr. Benson was elected recorder for joint session by acclamation. Then a report from the committee on questions for debate, of which Mr. Semple was chairman, was called for. Mr. Semple stated that the committee previously appointed had not met and he moved that a committee of three be appointed, one from each society and Mr. Lauch as chairman and that they be allowed to select and decide upon questions without first having submitted them to the joint session. This motion was carried, and the joint session adjourned. Mr. Herzog was elected to represent Graham-Lee on this committee.

With Vice-president McClure in the chair, several interesting and humorous selections were rendered after which the society adjourned to meet again in joint session with the Washington society next Saturday night.

A large crowd is desired as the preliminary contest will occur at this meeting.

The Wash. Society

President Stephenson called the society to order on Saturday night Dec. 2. After roll-call and reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, our election of officers, which takes place at our last meeting in December, was postponed until after the joint meeting with the Graham-Lee. After joint business was finished the election was held, and the following officers were elected. President, Mr. Light, Vice-president, Mr. Moore, censor, Mr. Gassman, Secretary Mr. H. M. Page, Treasurer, Mr. Witt, Critic, Mr. Peck, RING-TUM PHI reporter, Mr. Murrey. On account of the expectation of the Preliminary Debate, the program had not been prepared and was set aside. Mr. McDonald laid upon the table, a motion, seconded by Mr. Moore, that we hold a constitutional convention to revise the constitution and by-laws. Impromptu speeches were then given by Messrs. McDonald, Moore, Page, Peck and Semple, and the society adjourned about 10 o'clock.

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