

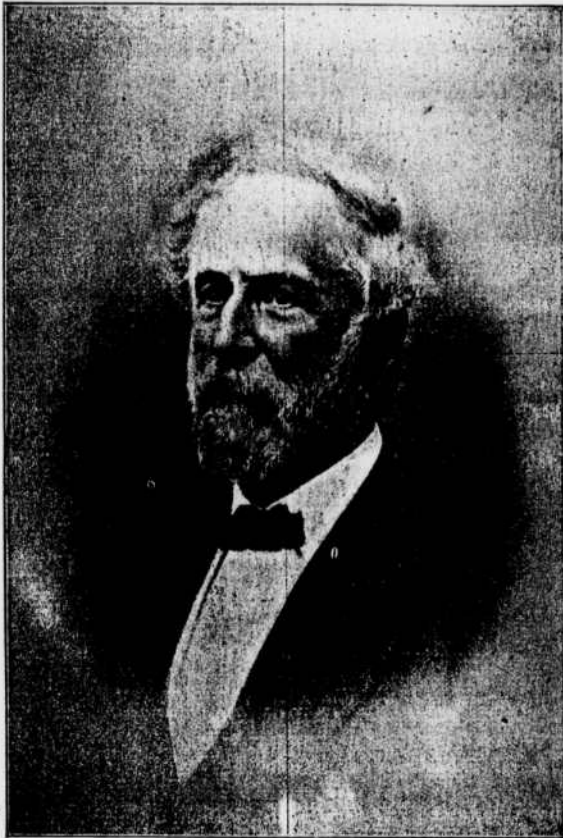
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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Of the Birth of General Robt.
E. Lee

INTERESTING EXERCISES HELD IN
UNIVERSITY CHAPEL.

Address of the Occasion Delivered by
Hon. Charles Francis Adams
of Boston, Mass.

The morning of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Gen. Robert E. Lee opened dark and cloudy, with a heavy mist enveloping the historic little town of Lexington, but by 10:30 o'clock the mists had begun to rise and it soon became manifest that before long the day would be one befitting the celebration of an event of so much general interest and historic importance.

Many visitors of distinction from far and near had gathered to witness the exercises in honor of the occasion. At 11:05 a procession of the board of directors of the University, the faculty, alumni and students moved from the main building of the University to the chapel, where the main exercises of the day were held. The

chapel was tastefully decorated with flags and potted flowers, and at the front of the platform, which was occupied by the directors and faculty of the University, the speakers of the occasion and many distinguished alumni of the institution, was placed a valuable picture of General Lee, surrounded by a beautiful wreath of red and white roses and carnations, the gift of the student body.

The exercises were opened with prayer by the Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., of Richmond, rector of the University, followed by hymn, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord," one of General Lee's favorite hymns. President Denny then made a brief but eloquent and appropriate address in regard to the historic importance of the occasion and the fittingness of its celebration at Washington and Lee University, to which General Lee gave the latter years of his life as president, and during which he so strongly impressed upon the institution the influence of his life and character. At this time also Dr. Denny introduced the speaker of the occasion, Hon. Charles Francis Adams of Boston, president of the Massachusetts Historical Society, and formally presented him with the honorary degree of Doctor of

Laws, conferred by the board of directors of Washington and Lee. After expressing the appreciation of the honor conferred Mr. Adams addressed the assemblage as follows:

He quietly and silently made the greatest sacrifice a soldier can be asked to make. With war plainly impending, the foremost place in the army of which he was an officer was now tendered him; his answer was to lay down the commission he already held. Virginia had been drawn into the struggle; and, though he recognized no necessity for the state of affairs, "in my own person," he wrote, "I had to meet the question whether I should take part against my native state; I have not been able to make up my mind to raise my hand against my relatives, my children, my home." It may have been treason to take this position; the man who took it uttering these words and sacrificing as he sacrificed, may have been technically a renegade to his flag,—if you please false to his allegiance; but he stands awaiting sentence at the bar of history in very respectable company. Associated with him are, for instance, William of Orange, known as The Silent, John Hampden, the original Pater Patriae, Oliver Cromwell, the Protector of the English Commonwealth, Sir Harry Vane, once a governor of Massachusetts, and George Washington, a Virginian of note. In the throng of other offenders I am also gratified to observe certain of those from whom I not unproudly claim descent. They were, one and all, in the sense referred to, false to their oaths—forsworn. As to Robert E. Lee, individually, I can only repeat what I have already said,—if in all respects similarly circumstanced, I hope I should have been filial and unselfish enough to have done as Lee did. Such an utterance on my part may be "traitorous;" but I here render that homage.

But, while Lee on any fair weighing of chances stands in my judgment more than justified both in his conception of the Gettysburg campaign and in every material strategic move made in it, he none the less fundamentally misconceived the situation, with consequences which should have been fatal both to him and to his command. Frederick did the same at Kunersdorf; Napoleon at Waterloo. In the first place Lee had at that time supreme confidence in his command; and he had grounds for it. As he himself then wrote—"There never were such men in an army before. They will go anywhere and do anything if properly led." And for myself, I do not think the estimate thus expressed was exaggerated; speaking deliberately, having faced some portions of the Army of Northern Virginia at the time and having since reflected much on the occurrences of that momentous period, I do not believe that any more formidable or better organized and animated force was ever set in motion than that which Lee led across the Potomac in the early summer of 1863. It was essentially an army of fighters,—men who, individually or in the mass, could be depended on for any feat of arms in the power of mere mortals to accomplish. They would blanch at no danger. This Lee from experience knew. He had tested them; they had full confidence in him. He also thought he knew his opponent; and here too his recent experience justified him.

The disasters which had befallen the Confederates in the Southwest in the spring and early summer of 1863 had to find compensation in the East. The exigencies of warfare necessitated it. Some risk must be incurred. So Lee determined to strike at his opponent's heart. He had what he believed to be the better weapon; and he had reason for considering himself incomparably the superior swordsman. He was; of that he had at Chancellorsville satisfied himself and the world. Then came the rapid, aggressive move; and the long, desperately contested struggle at Gettysburg, culminating in that historic charge of Pickett's Virginia division. Paradoxical as it may sound, in view of the result, that charge—what those men did—justi-

fied Lee. True, those who made the charge did not accomplish the impossible; but towards it they did all that mortal men could do. But it is urged that Lee should have recognized the impossible when face to face confronted by it, and not have directed brave men to lay down their lives in the vain effort to do it. That is true; and as Lee is said to have once remarked in another connection, "Even as poor a soldier as I am can generally discover mistakes after it is all over." After Gettysburg was over, like Frederick at Kunersdorf and Napoleon at Waterloo, Lee doubtless discovered his mistake. It was a very simple one: he undervalued his opponent. The temper of his own weapon he knew; he made no mistake there. His mistake lay in his estimate of his antagonist; but that estimate again was based on his own recent experience, though in other fields. * * *

Narrowly escaping destruction at Gettysburg, my next contention is that Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia never sustained defeat. Finally, it is true, succumbing to exhaustion, to the end they were not overthrown in fight. And here I approach a large topic, but one closely interwoven with Lee's military career; in fact, as I see it, the explanation of what finally occurred. What then was it that brought about the collapse of the Army of Northern Virginia, and the consequent downfall of the Confederacy? * * *

In the struggle which ensued the Confederacy had on hand an ample force of men, they swarmed to the standards; and no better or more reliable material was ever gathered together. Well and skillfully marshalled, the Confederate soldier did on the march and in battle all that needed to be done. Nor were the two sides unequally matched so far as the land arrays were concerned. As Lee with his instinctive military sense put it even in the closing stages of the struggle—"The proportion of experienced troops is larger in our army than in that of the enemy, while his numbers exceed our own." And in warfare, experience, combined with an advantageous defensive, counts for a great deal. This was so throughout the conflict; and yet the Confederate cause sank in failure. It did so to the complete surprise, rise of a bewildered world; for, in Europe, the ultimate success of the South was accepted as a foregone conclusion. To such an extent was this the case that the wisest and most far-seeing of English public men did not hesitate to stake their reputation for foresight upon it as a result. How was the wholly unexpected actual outcome brought about? The simple answer is,—The Confederacy collapsed from inanition. Suffering such occasional reverses and defeats as are incidental to all warfare, it was never crushed in battle or on the field, until its strength was sapped away by want of food. It died of exhaustion,—starved and gasping!

Take a living organism, whatever it may be, place it in a vessel hermetically sealed, and attach to that vessel an air pump. You know what follows. It is needless to describe it. No matter how strong or fierce or self-confident it may be, the victim dies; growing weaker by degrees, it finally collapses. That was the exact condition and fate of the Confederacy. What had been confidently pronounced impossible was done. * * *

An organized army is a mighty consumer of food and material; and food and material have to be served out to it every day. It must be fed as regularly as the sun rises and sets. And the organized resources of the Confederacy were exhausted; its granaries—Georgia and the valley of the Shenandoah—were notoriously devastated and desolate; its lines of communication and supply were cut, or in the hands of the invader.

Realizing this, when the time was ripe, Lee rose to the full height of the great occasion. The value of character made itself felt. The service Lee now rendered to the common country, the obligation under which he placed us, whether of the North or South, has not, I think, been always appreciated; and to overstate it would be difficult. Again to put on record my estimate of it brings me here today.

The lead that day given by Lee proved decisive of the course to be pursued by

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Rockbridge County News Print

The Significance of The Lee Centennial

The Lee Centennial Celebration both here and elsewhere has had a manifold significance. All sections of the county have united to celebrate the memory of him whom we of the Southland revere as Our Fallen Chieftian and as the leader of a Lost Cause. Old prejudices have disappeared and the point has been reached in this generation where the people universally say, "Here was a great military leader. Here was a great American. Here was a great man. Let us pause to do him honor."

But the annual celebration at this institution of General Lee's birthday always has had a peculiar significance and this year has had an added interest. A distinguished citizen of New England has come among us to pay a tribute to the memory of General Lee and to urge the South to hold his character before its sons as a great example of the ideal man. Moreover we have had with us a large number of alumni who were so fortunate as to be students at the University during General Lee's administration.

These facts have given an added impression to the annual exercises in honor of General Lee's memory. But the ceremonies here have always had a deeper significance so far as the students of this institution are concerned. Just as the Apostle's Creed represents the faith of the holy catholic church, and its repetition is used as a proclamation to the world of adherence to certain religious beliefs, so, the annual celebration of General Lee's birthday

at W. & L. signifies on the part of the student-body a recognition and a full acceptance of what General Lee stood for as a man both in military and civil life. As the leader of a Lost Cause, for which their fathers fought and died, and the sons of W. & L. gave their lives, as the personification of manly character-firm and unselfish in its devotion to duty-as the advocate of peace and a new South, the name of Lee will always be held in reverence by the students of W. & L. Moreover, the significance of W. & L.—its attitude and its mission—will never in their minds be separated from the estimate of what Gen. Lee represented and advocated. They are indissolubly associated. What General Lee was, it is the mission of W. & L. to transmit to those who come after, and the students of W. & L. always will receive this message and carry it forward as a priceless heritage.

Virginia's Baseball Schedule

The schedule follows:

- March 10—Woodberry Forest, at Charlottesville.
- March 21—Lafayette, at Charlottesville.
- March 29—Cornell, at Charlottesville.
- April 1—Open.
- April 2—Open.
- April 3—Pennsylvania, at Charlottesville.
- April 4—Pennsylvania, at Charlottesville.
- April 5—Villanova, at Charlottesville.
- April 6—Villanova, at Charlottesville.
- April 10—Dartmouth, at Charlottesville.
- April 15—Georgetown, at Charlottesville.
- April 16—George Washington, at Charlottesville.
- April 17—Trinity, at Charlottesville.
- April 20—Hampden Sidney, at Charlottesville.
- April 22—Davidson, at Charlottesville.
- April 26—Georgia, at Charlottesville.
- April 27—Georgia, at Charlottesville.
- May 4—Georgetown, at Washington.
- May 6—Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia.
- May 7—Villanova, at Villanova.
- May 8—Princeton, at Princeton.
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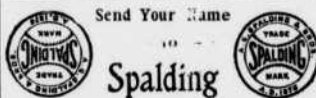
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Allen, Donald, 66-69, Staunton, Va.
Ammen, S. Z. 66-69, Baltimore, Md.
Archer, S., 67-69, Cumberland, Md.
Ashby, Dr. T. A., 66-70, Baltimore, Md.
Bayly, R. B., 66-70, Front Royal, Va.
Barnes, Rev. C. W., 67-68 South Broadway, Mich.
Beall, F. C., 70-73, Frostburg, Md.
Bell, J. B., 65-67, Eagle Rock, Va.
Bell, W. M., 65-68, Lewisburg, W. Va.
Brockenbrough, F. H., 66-71, Lexington, Va.
Burke, M. P., 66-70, Lexington, Va.
Calhoun, J. C., 67-73, Tallahassee, Fla.
Campbell, J. L., 68-73, Lexington, Va.
Carlton, H. G., 66-70, Richmond, Va.
Carson, W. W., 66-69, Knoxville, Tenn.
Chandler, A. B., 66-66, Bowling Green, Va.
Chester, Rev. S. H., 89-73, Nashville, Tenn.
Dabney, J. C., 66-77, Lynchburg, Va.
Dennis, T. H., 66-68, Lewisburg, W. Va.
Dumble, E. T., 66-68, 72-74, Austin, Tex.
Ehinger, G. W., 65-66, Lexington, Va.
Estill, W. W., 67-68, Lexington, Ky.
Epes, Rev. T. F., 70-74, Blackstone, Va.
Fishburne, J. A., 66-70, Waynesboro, Va.
Fleming, Rev. R. H., 67-71, Lynchburg, Va.
Francisco, J. H., 67-69, McClung, Va.
Grubb, Rev. J. W., 66-68, Vinton, Va.
Guy, J. R., 65-68, Bedford City, Va.
Hamilton, Rev. A. H., 66-70, Steele's Tavern, Va.
Hamilton, W. W., 65-67, Swoopes, Va.
Hannah, J. K. P., 68-69, Calvert, Tex.
Haw, G. P., 66-67, Hanover, Va.
Houston, Judge, W. P., 66-67, Lexington, Va.
Jones, J. H. D., 65-67, Brownsburg, Va.
LeGrand, Spencer, 66-69, Wilmington, N. C.
Lee, Rev. H. B., 66-67 71-72, Charlottesville, Va.
Lewis, Rev. F. W., 66-71, Clinton, La.
Logan, J. L., 67-71, Salem, Va.
Lowry, H. C., 68-69, Bedford City, Va.
Mahan, G. A., 68-69, Hannibal, Mo.
McChesney, W. B., 66-69 70-71, Staunton, Va.
McClure, J. P., 67-70, Buena Vista, Va.
McCown, Rev. J. H., 70-74, Lexington, Va.
Miller Capt. L. R., 65-67, Washington, D. C.
Moore, E. A., 65-67, Lexington, Va.
Moreland, Prof. S. T., 70-74 75-76, McDonogh, Md.
Nelson, Judge F., 67-68, Rustburg, Va.
Nelson, T. M., 65-66, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Page, Rev. F., 65-69, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Pilson, G. W., 67-68, Staunton, Va.
Preston, J. A., 68-69, Lewisburg, W. Va.
Ruff, Rev. J., 70-74, Mount Clinton, Va.
Scott, Rev. J. A., 66-68, Statesville, N. C.
Scott Dr. S. M., 65-68, Terra Alta, W. Va.
Scott, Rev. W. N., 65-68, Staunton, Va.
Smith, W. M., 67-70, Concord, N. C.
Stephenson, O. A., 67-68, Meadow Dale, Va.
Stern, J. L., 66-70, Richmond, Va.
Strickler, Rev. G. B., 65-67, Richmond, Va.
Thomas, J. S., 66-67, Baltimore, Md.
Tyler, D. G., 67-69, Williamsburg, Va.
Walker, W. W., 69-70, Lewisburg, Tenn.
Watkins, T. E., 67-68, Charlotte, C. H. Va.
Weaver, T. S., 67-70, Nashville, Tenn.
Walden, Rev. J. W., 69-70, 72-73, Athens, Ga.
Wilkinson, J. A., 65-67, Colliertown, Va.
Wisdom, M. N., 68-73, New Orleans, La.

The alumni marched in the procession with the Board of Trustees Faculty and students, from Newcomb Hall to the Chapel, at 10:45, Saturday morning.

Exact Programme of the Robert E Lee Centennial

Following is the programme of the exercises at Washington and Lee University on Saturday, January 19th, on the occasion of the birth centennial celebration of the birth of General Robert E. Lee:

- 11 a. m.—Address by Charles Francis Adams of Massachusetts, in the University chapel.
1 p. m.—Luncheon to the veterans of Lee-Jackson Camp and their guests, by Camp Frank Paxton Sons of Confederates, in the University gymnasium.
5 to 8 p. m.—Deception to veterans and visitors by the ladies of the Mary Custis Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, in the home of President and Mrs. George H. Denny, the former home of General Robert E. Lee.
8 p. m.—Supper in the W. H. Reid hall, tendered by the University to those who were its students during the administration of General Robert E. Lee.—

RECEPTION TO ALUMNI

A reception was given to the Alumni by President and Mrs. Denny, assisted by the Daughters of Confederacy, at the President's home Saturday afternoon from five until seven.

The parlors for receiving were decorated appropriate to the occasion of Lee's Centenary in colors of red and white with the stars and bars of the Confederacy, so arranged as to display the artistic conception of the hostess and those who assisted her.

The receiving committee were in the parlor and consisted of:

Mrs. Denny, Miss Sue Davidson, president of the Lexington Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy; Miss Annie White, Mrs. Staples, Miss Mary Pendleton, Mrs. Morgan Pendleton, Mrs. McNulty, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Andrew Estill and Miss Virginia Stuart.

Refreshments were served by the young ladies of Lexington.

Among those present were Dr. Charles Francis Adams of Boston, the faculty, visiting alumni, and the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Basket Ball—Va. 19—W. and L., 15

Saturday night Washington and Lee opened their basket ball season by a game with our old rival the University of Virginia, and lost by the score of 19 to 15.

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

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his fellows with arms in their hands. At first, and for a brief space, there was in the Confederate councils much diversity of opinion as to what should or could be done. Calm and dignified in presence of overwhelming disaster, the voice of Jefferson Davis was that of Milton's "accepter'd king."—"My sentence is for open war!" Lee was not there; none the less, Lee, absent, prevailed over Davis. The sober second thought satisfied all but the most extreme that what he had done they best might do. Thus the die was cast. And now, 40 years and more after the event, it is appalling to reflect what in all human probability would have resulted had the choice then been other than it was,—had Lee's personality and character not intervened. The struggle had lasted four full years; the assassination of Lincoln was as oil on the Union fire. With a million men, laurel to war, on the national muster rolls, men impatient of further resistance, accustomed to license and now educated up to a belief that war was Hell, and that the best way to bring it to a close was to intensify Hell,—with such a force as this to reckon with, made more reckless in brutality by the assassin's senseless shot, the Confederacy need have looked for no consideration, no mercy. Visited by the besom of destruction, it would have been hurried out of existence. Fire and sword sweeping over it, what the sword spared the fire would have consumed. Whether such an outcome of a prolonged conflict what was recently witnessed in South Africa—would in its result have been more morally injurious to the North than it would have been physically destructive to the South, is not now to be considered. It would, however, assuredly have come about.

From that crown of sorrows Lee saved the common country. He was the one man in the Confederacy who could exercise decisive influence. It was the night of the 8th of April, lacking ten days only of exactly four full years,—years very full for us who lived through them—here that not dissimilar night when Lee had paced the floor at Arlington, communing with himself over the fatal issue, a decision on which was then forced upon him. A decision of even greater import was now to be reached, and reached by him. A commander of the usual cast would under such circumstances have sought advice—perhaps support; at least, a divided responsibility. Even though himself by nature and habit a masterful man and one accustomed to direct, he would have called a council, and harkened to those composing it. This Lee did not do. A singularly self-poised man, he sought no external aid. Sitting before his bivouac fire at Appomattox he reviewed the situation. Doing so, as before at Arlington, he reached his own conclusion. That conclusion he himself at the time expressed in words, brief, indeed, but vibrating with moral triumph: "The question is, is it right to surrender this army? If it is right, then I will take all the responsibility." The conclusion reached at Arlington in the April night of 1861 to some seems to have been wrong—inexcusable even; all concur in that reached before the Appomattox camp-fire in the April vigils of 1865. He then a second time decided; and he decided right.

His work was done; but from failure he plucked triumph. Thenceforth Lee wore defeat as 't were a laurel crown *

At the conclusion of Mr. Adams' address announcements were made of the other functions to take place throughout the day and also of the receipt of a bronze wreath from an admirer of General Lee in England, an account of which is given in another column. The exercises were concluded with another favorite hymn of General Lee, "For all the Saints Who From Their Labors Rest," and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Henry B. Bell of class of '72.

Immediately after leaving the chapel a group picture of the trustees, faculty, alumni, visiting Confederate veterans, Lee-Jackson camp, Confederate veterans, Camp Frank Paxton, Sons of Confederate veterans, and students was taken in front of the main building.

Alumni Banquet

The banquet given to the Alumni of the time of the Presidency of General Robert Edward Lee, in Riel Hall on Saturday evening was an event more successful than that hoped for by even the most sanguine. All formality laid aside, the spirit of the occasion prevailing, every man a boy, an "Old Boy," once more, under the guidance of Mr. Mortimer Wisdom, class of '67, as toastmaster, time was turned back and the "Old Boys" had their night.

In the lecture room of Riel Hall covers were laid for about one hundred and fifty, the tables were artistically decorated, college and fraternity pennants abounded, and a delightful repast was served. To be true, as was stated, it was a "cold water banquet in a local option town" but the "Old Boys" made up for anything that was lacking and demonstrated, as Hanna from Texas put it, that "windmills could be run with water." The V. M. I. orchestra furnished music and there was a sufficient number of the younger boys present to give lusty vent to the "Ring-Tum-Phi, Sticker-Bum."

The banquet was announced a few minutes of eight and after grace by Dr. Walden, Dr. Denny presented Mr. Mortimer Wisdom, saying, "The reception tonight in honor of the Lee Alumni will be in charge of Mr. Mortimer Wisdom, of New Orleans, La.," and from that time the spirit of the occasion eliminated time and the men of justice became boys again, doing justice to the sumptuous feast, reminiscences of "Brown's Hole," "Purgatory," "The Ugly Club" and the like abounding.

No better toastmaster than Mr. Wisdom could have been chosen for the occasion, for 'bubbling over with enthusiasm' he presided as a past master of the art, and in well chosen words thanked those whose persistent efforts had made the occasion possible and then turned the banquet over to the "Old Boys."

There were no set speeches, it was a time when "from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" and truly the heart was full to overflowing of reminiscences of college days, beautiful sentiments to professors past and gone, and to all others who have made Washington and Lee what it is.

The "Old Boys" knew and remembered each other as "Bill" and "Splint" and the like, while their professors still retained with them the more sedate titles such as "Old Nick," "Old Aleck," yet all spoken with such reverence as becomes one gentleman to another. This was particularly noticeable in the greetings of the old college friends on the streets and campus, and in the talks after the banquet and in the responses to the sentiments, even then some of the most glowing tributes were paid to the "Old Boys", scarcely known by other than their school day appellations.

Tender indeed, were the expressions uttered in response to the sentiments. "What Stonewall Jackson was to General Lee in war, that 'Jim' White was to him in Peace", is the sentiment on which

Mr. Walden was called for response.

Following were sentiments to "Old Nick," Mr. C. J. Harris, and "J. L. Campbell, that man without guile" was responded to by 'Tom' Weaver.

Dr. Lewis in speaking of Prof. J. L. Kirkpatrick, "Dear Old Kirk," referred to him as "a fatherly advisor to a fatherless son, who in kindly ways assisted those taking their first steps in life's work, and laid good foundations of that work, a power in the church, loved and revered by all."

After a response to "Colonel Allen" by "Splint" Cuthoun, who as the toastmaster said, has taken every degree the college had to offer, "Old Aleck" was asked to speak for himself. Prof. Nelson did speak for himself and spoke most interestingly of his personal acquaintance with General Lee, dwelling chiefly on General Lee from the standpoint of a professor under him. It is needless to say that the talk of Prof. Nelson brought forth much applause and after he had finished, the song "For he's a jolly good fellow" burst joyously from the lips of all.

Col. Jo Lane Stern of Richmond, responded to the toast "The Boys who were with us and are not here tonight," after which the toastmaster called upon Prof. M. P. Burks for a toast to "The Calico, and the Calico Ticket of the Old Boys," referring to 'Martin' as a post graduate in the course. Prof. Burks responded briefly, yet doing justice to the subject.

Without doubt the most humorous speech of the evening was that of Col. Hanna of Texas, who was given privilege by the toastmaster to choose his own subject. He did so, and without announcing any particular subject started on an impromptu speech he said he had had in course of preparation for the last thirty eight years.

With his jokes of the Justice of the Peace who lost his jurisdiction and the old man who had 'tingered not too wildly but too muchly,' and with frequent "digressions" from the true course of his 'post prandial oration,' and despite laughter in the wrong place, Col. Hanna, nevertheless, paid a beautiful tribute to General Lee, and in speaking of the women of the South said, "O! Woman of the Southland! God in his infinite has made many objects of the ages worthy of admiration, but none more worthy than you!"

Following Col. Hanna short responses were made by 'Dick' Bailey, 'Bill' McCuesney, 'Sid' Moreland, Harry Lee, and 'Grubb,' as called upon by the toastmaster. Then Mr. Wisdom paid a beautiful compliment to the Virginia Military Institute and Col. Nichols, the oldest member of either Faculty in point of service, responded in his usual clever style.

Following the reading of telegrams Mr. Jno. L. Campbell expressed the thanks of the Alumni to President Denny, Prof. Nelson and others who by their indefatigable work had made possible the reunion. The banquet was then adjourned to meet in Richmond, Va., at the unveiling of the Jefferson Davis Monument.

LUNCHEON

Saturday afternoon at 1.30, Camp Frank Paxton, Sons of Confederate Veterans, gave an unusually nice luncheon to the Lee-Jackson Camp of Confederate Veterans, in the University gymnasium. Two hundred and twenty-five plates were served.

Mr. M. W. Paxton was toastmaster and very graciously received the veterans. Dr. G. B. Strickler of Richmond, asked the blessing. Attorney-General Wm. A. Anderson made a very appropriate speech of acceptance in behalf of the Lee-Jackson Camp. Mr. F. M. Millet of New York, responded to the toast of the "Union Army;" Dr. R. H. Fleming of Lynchburg, to the toast to the "Confederate Navy;" and Colonel J. D. H. Ross of Lexington, to the "Confederate Soldiers."

Colonel Ross ended up his speech by starting "Auld Lang Syne," and he was immediately joined by all of the veterans and the University gymnasium rug with the voices of men who had fought side by side 42 years ago and much feeling was manifest.

Dr. Randolph H. McKim of Washington delivered the benediction.

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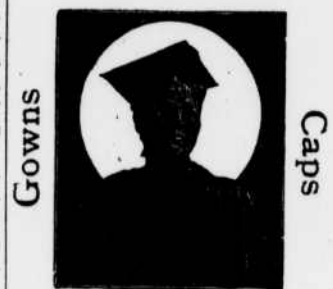
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