

# The Ring-tum Phi

BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS

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## Great Opportunity For Classes

**Basket-Ball Can be Developed by Them—Will Awaken Interest and be of Advantage to Management.**

Now that the football season is practically over, college athletics will, for the most part, go into "winter quarters," and the interest of the enthusiasts will be centered around basket-ball. This comparatively new game has taken a tight hold in colleges all over the country, and is fast becoming the indoor sport. Intercollegiate basket-ball has been participated in by several of the larger Universities for five or six years, and it is every year becoming more popular.

It is a game which calls for about as much manly vigor on the part of the players as any sport on record. It has that snap and go about it which calls forth every ounce of strength and endurance a man has in him. As quickly as its finer points are mastered the player finds that he must keep constantly on the alert—hands, arms, legs, eyes and brain ever busy. The dash and rapidity of the play, with its spectacular features, arouses the keenest interest and enthusiasm of the spectator, and withal we find it a game deserving the attention of every college in the land.

Here, at Washington and Lee, basket-ball has been played for the past three seasons. It has become more popular each year, and the improvement of the teams has been almost phenomenal. The first year's "quint" was composed of "pick-ups," who, though every one crack individual players, did not develop team-work, because they lacked a coach. The 1907 season saw the redoubtable "Pat" Krebs in charge of the squad, and nearly every one is familiar with the brilliant record made by that constellation of stars under his guidance last year. The 1908-'9 Varsity will no doubt, be stronger under the same successful coach and having lost only one man. Manager Boyd is arranging an excellent schedule, and there is no reason why "Pat" Krebs and Knox Smartt ought not to turn out a "quint" which will do more than win the championship of Virginia.

But be that as it may—the point we wish to emphasize is that basket-ball is the game for inter-class athletics. Football is practically out of the question because there is no opportunity to practice. Not more than two teams can work on Wilson Field at one time, and there is no time either before or after the Varsity

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## Getting Ready For Georgetown

**Team Working Hard for Thanksgiving Game—Nearly All The Cripples Out Again—Coaches Setting Winning Pace For Charges.**

Although the twelve inch snow kept them from playing the A. & M., on the 14th, and kept them indoors Monday and Tuesday, the team has been hard at work for the Georgetown game. The field was in such condition that the coaches had practice on the campus last week.

Some changes have been made in the line-up and several new plays are being practiced. Some of these plays look mighty good and ought to net a goodly number of yards against any team. Coaches Brown and Roller are putting the men through the paces to fast time, and, as all of them have recovered from their injuries, they should be in excellent condition by Thursday. They seem to have more endurance despite the lay-over from Friday until last Wednesday, than has been noticeable this year. The concensus of opinion seems to be that Washington and Lee has a hard, fast set of pigskin warriors, who can stand two thirty-five minute halves against any opponent as easily as a twenty minute scrimmage with the scrubs. Undoubtedly the men has been slow and apparently listless until last week, but now they are getting some of that snap and go which characterized their playing last year. They work together better than they have this season, and pull off some of their plays in great style. In short, the team now seems to be a fast, smoothly-working, well-coached bunch of men. It ought to be, for it is being trained by two of the best coaches in the country. If it loses the Georgetown game it will certainly not be the fault of those two deeply-interested, hard-working men—Coaches Brown and Roller.

It is a great pity that there has been no game since November 7th, but unavoidable circumstances prevented one. The snow Saturday kept us from playing the A. & M., and try as he would, Manager Lykes could not get a game Saturday. The only team within reach that didn't have a game scheduled was Davidson. Manager Lykes wrote to them for a game on Monday and, having received no reply, wired, but has not yet heard a word from the Davidson management. Hence, the team must meet Georgetown without having had a game for nearly three weeks,

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## Rare Treat for Music Lovers

**Mme. Langendorff Sings in University Library—Mrs. Watts Plays Beautiful Accompaniments.**

A most enjoyable treat was given to music lovers when Mme. Langendorff appeared last Friday evening, for the first time in Lexington, at the Library of Washington and Lee University.

Born and bred in the land of Song, besides being an honorary member of the old and celebrated Concert Society of the "Durerebund," Mme. Langendorff held at the first the high respect of her audience, who, however, were not prepared for the magic spell with which she was to hold them for the entire evening.

Mme. Langendorff has a wonderfully beautiful mezzo-soprano voice, which, combined with great histrionic ability, enabled her to render the most difficult selections from grand opera with the greatest amount of ease to herself and of pleasure to her hearers. As to the program, it was a delightful one in every detail, and was carried thru with great perfection owing to the talent of the soloist and to the unusual skill displayed in the technique and sympathy to the accompaniment which was played by Mrs. C. W. Watts. Our thanks are largely due to both Mrs. Watts and Miss White, who made the entertainment possible and thereby gave so much pleasure to the many present besides helping a worthy cause.

### AN EXPLANATION.

Acting upon the report made public Friday that there would be no game on Saturday, we mailed all the copy for this issue of the Ring-tum Phi Friday night, stating to the printers that there would be no more copy sent in. Saturday morning, finding that Manager Lykes had secured a practice game with Fishburne Military School, we decided that the account of the game could not be published this week and this explanation was sent in, with the request that it be inserted.

### JOINT DEBATE.

**Washington vs. Graham-Lee.**

Next Saturday evening, at 8 p. m., in the Lee Chapel, the Washington and Graham-Lee Literary Societies will meet in annual debate. Each side will be represented by some of the ablest men in college. Plenty of good music. Everybody is invited, and it is hoped that there will be a full house.

## The Apotheosis Of Victor

**A General Discussion of the State of Mind of the Average College Student in Regard to Athletics.**

The desire to excel in matters pertaining to physical prowess as skill is one of man's inherent characteristics. The earliest historic expression of this desire is four in the Olympic games where Greece met Greek and struggled for the coveted laurel wreath. We also read with much relish of the tournaments held in the age of knighthood where men fought to the death for the smile of Lady Fair. In the days of the settlement of the western portion of our country it was the best cowboy who could ride the wildest broncho and many are the bones that have been broken in such attempts. It was only this year that athletes from America, Australia and the European nations traveled thousands of miles to participate in the revival of the Olympic games in England.

College athletics as practiced in America is the natural outlet of all this, and it is in our college today that this phase of life is perhaps most highly developed. It is recognized that there must be some outlet for the surplus energy of young manhood, and, when conducted along high planes, there is no better manner in which to expend the excess supply of animal spirits with which buoyant youth so lavishly endowed by nature tends to take part in the various phases of college athletics.

As has been said, the desire to participate and excel in athletic contests is found to a greater or lesser extent in every young man. Those who are well developed physically it seems to be most pronounced. Whether they are well developed physically by this desire, or a consequent participation in athletic forms of amusement, or vice versa, is something of a psychological question and one well left to others more competent to decide. Be that as it may, it is true. On the other hand this desire seems to be less strong in those favored with a smaller degree with ability along the lines mentioned. This is only natural, for with the knowledge of weakness comes the fear of trying and the consequent shame of defeat, which feeling in its ultimate analysis is traceable to that same love of victory.

Suppose then, that we go a little deeper and ask if there is such a thing as "Platonic" sport, if we may use that expression, or sport for sport's sake. In answer we would say that there is, but that it

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squad is on the field. Consequently, it is almost impossible for the classes to turn out football teams here, though the many advantages to be derived from it are unquestioned. Baseball has about the same disadvantages, though they are not so great, and only a few men can take part in class tennis tournaments.

Basket-ball can, however, be played to an advantage. The time consumed in practice need not be great, and those class squads that cannot practice after the 'Varsity is through can arrange to do so at night.

It is recognized everywhere that inter-class athletics do more to develop good teams than any other one thing. Such sport is the great training school for 'Varsity stars. Many of the best teams in the country have drawn some of their most valued players from class teams. Now, is the time to start this move at Washington and Lee. While basket-ball is in its infancy here, interest can be aroused, players developed, and a great team assured for the future by just this branch of athletics.

Last year there were teams on the floor from five of the classes, and this year all the academic and engineering classes, at least, should have stronger teams than heretofore.

It is sincerely hoped that a great wave of interest in basket-ball will pass over college, and that the men will turn out to help the class managers and captains work up a good schedule. If last year's plan of charging a small admission fee to the games, is again followed, the 'Varsity management will be greatly aided. With the help of these class teams Washington and Lee will soon earn a prominent place among inter-collegiate basket-ball teams all over the country.

**Y. M. C. A.**

The Y. M. C. A. was addressed last week by the Rev. Mr. Hammond, who gave a very practical explanation of the truth contained in the fifty-third Psalm. The meeting lasted only three-quarters of an hour, and was a source of inspiration to all present.

The attendance, however, was nothing like as large as it should be in a University of five hundred and fifty men. The weekly Tuesday night religious meetings are a source of power to all who attend them. Then why not every man in college come whenever he possibly can? The meetings cannot do you harm; and they are bound to do you good, if you come and take part in them.

The meetings are held regularly on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, in English room. You can take the time to come if you will.

The executive committee of the Board of Trustees recently appropriated \$100 towards furnishing the Association room in the new library.

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**The Apotheosis of Victory.**

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the present time it plays a very unimportant part in college athletics, being lost sight of almost entirely in the race for the almighty victory. What is the motive which actuates our best athletes to give their time and attention to athletics? Is it love of sport alone? On the contrary, in almost every case it will be found that the athlete is actuated by either selfishness, in the form of conceit or love of the plaudits of his fellow students, or else by the somewhat nobler aspiration of helping his institution on to victory.

There is nothing intrinsically wrong in the love of victory. On the other hand it is closely akin to ambition, without which life would hardly be worth living, and it serves the very laudable purpose of spurring men on to an exertion of the very best of their powers. It is the common tie which binds together the members of the student body of our colleges and engenders in their hearts a love for their alma mater which nothing else can arouse in like degree. What more inspiring sound than to hear the music of a college yell given by a body of students for their team?

The great danger in this desire for victory lies in the fact that to gain the coveted end the real purpose of athletic amusements will be lost sight of and entirely perverted, and that excesses will be committed on the ground of maintaining the athletic reputation of the institution on the plea that the end justifies the means. That such a danger is not altogether visionary is evident to those who have any knowledge of the situation and who have given the matter any thought.

It is comparatively easy to trace the various steps in the evolution of college athletics. As has been said, athletics affords an outlet for the superfluous energy of young manhood and further affords a mode of exercise which is healthful and at the same time enjoyable. College authorities recognizing its necessity and value as such permitted its inauguration. As an additional stimulus inter-collegiate athletics were begun. At first it was a rather difficult matter to arrange contests between athletic organizations of the various colleges, and a perusal of the early schedules will disclose the fact that many outside organizations such as athletic clubs and town teams were perforce included in the itineraries of college teams. Such an occurrence is now rare, except in the case of such sports as basket-ball, which is as yet a comparatively new departure in college athletics.

Intercollegiate contests naturally fostered the desire for victory and led on to the employment of professional coaches whose duty originally was to teach men the fine points of the various games. With this as a starting point their sphere of influence has so enlarged that they are second only to the highest official of the institution where they are employed in so far as directing the entire life of the participants in athletics is concerned. Not all

professional coaches are bad, for many of them are men with high ideals and men with the true conception of sport, but this is unfortunately not true of the great majority whose sole conception of duty is to turn out a winning team. Upon their success along this line their position depends, and it is not at all remarkable in view of the situation, that when material was lacking for a winning team they should have introduced what is popularly known as the "ringer," or professional athlete. It is one of the greatest evils that can befall a college athletic association to be so blinded by their desire for victory as to permit a man concerning whose eligibility there is the slightest question under the laws of clean sport to participate in any form of athletics under its control. Such a practice is extremely unfair to those students who wish to take part in athletics, but who are blocked out by professionals who happen to be a little more capable than they.

Very recently the writer's notice was called to the report that the president of one of our institutions of learning had interfered with the management of his football team and prohibited the scheduling of a game with another institution on the grounds that his team was not in good enough condition to win, and that therefore they should not play. When athletic teams become mere advertising mediums, and the highest officials of institutions of learning begin to take such stands, it is a high time a halt was being called, and that we turn from a worship of victory to a more sane view of athletics. This deification of victory is rapidly leading on to a state of affairs entirely comparable to the principle: "Make money honestly if you can, but make money."

Is it then for college men, the very flower of our young manhood, who are preparing themselves to be leaders of men in thought and deed to so far forget themselves as to condone such a fault and to lower their standards to such an extent? Let us rather inculcate into our traditions the spirit that it is good to win in clean sport by honest methods, but better to lose than to stoop to conquer.

McCord is working hard and it will doubtless count for some big results Thursday.

**CROSS-COUNTRY RUN POST-  
PONED UNTIL WEDNESDAY,  
THE 25th.**

Owing to the bad condition of the roads between Buena Vista and Lexington, the cross-country run which was to have been held last Saturday, has been postponed until Wednesday, November 25th. The track squad is in good shape, and with good roads, the race bids fair to be a great success. The finish will be at the court house corner between 3:40 and 4 o'clock p. m. As before stated, about fifteen men will participate in the event.

Joe Blackburn is another good sub and can fill any place in the line to good advantage.



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but we believe they are equal to the task. The ever-loyal *hard-working* scrubs have given them some rough tussels, and have helped to put the "pep" into them.

The line men are showing great form and the work of Osborne, Pipes, Pelter and Woodhouse is particularly noticeable. These silent stout fellows who bear so much of the brunt of the fight, are just the kind of men who make teams what they are.

The back-field, composed of Furerstein, Alderson, Izard and Armentrout, with Barnard and Earwood alternating at the half-back positions, is working with the precision of a well-oiled machine. They are a fast, dashing set of hard fighters.

On the ends Carey, Thixton, Rowe Blake are doing some great work.

The team which faces Georgetown on Thanksgiving is a determined set of men, bent on putting up a sportsmanlike fight for victory, and we believe they will win. However, they need all their determination, vigor, dash and coaching for they will not go up against an easy proposition. They will have to work hard to win, but here's hoping and believing they will do it.

Earwood may be counted upon to do some good work if he gets in the game, from the way he is playing this week.

**OPENING OF THE LIBRARY.**

**Reception in the Beautiful New Building.**

On Saturday, the fourteenth of Nov. at eight in the evening, the doors of the magnificent new library was formally thrown open to the public. Notwithstanding the inclement weather many gathered under the beautiful dome and around the gallery of the reading room to enjoy the eloquent opening speech of Dr. Hunter Pendleton, of the Virginia Military Institute, and the delightful concert under the direction of Mrs. Watts, which followed. Exquisite vocal selections were rendered by Mrs. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Leith and Mr. Kelly, while Mr. Paredes performed with great skill on the violin. The Glee Club won much applause and made a great hit by concluding their part of the program with the ever popular "Washington and Lee Swing."

Delicious refreshments were served in the banquet hall and an informal hop was greatly enjoyed by all present until a late hour.

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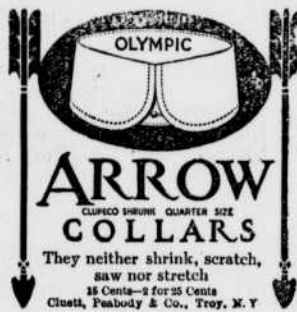
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## WHY THE OPENING GUNS WERE FIRED.

The attitude of *The Ring-tum Phi* on the gymnasium question and its conduct in rebashing a matter with which many of its readers are all too familiar, has, no doubt, been the subject of some rather sharp criticism. We will admit that we laid ourselves liable to it, but our plans were such that we could not do otherwise.

However, we believe our reasons to be good. With a view to bettering our conditions it became our desire to show the gymnasium up in its true light. In order to do this, we decided to get an expression from some of the leading men in college regarding the gymnasium, and thus avoid the criticism of being biased or narrow. Hence, we will state frankly, that the several articles printed about the gymnasium were solicited, and are but the preliminary steps in a campaign for a new, or at least, an improved gymnasium. We deliberately planned this manner of bringing the subject to the attention of the parties responsible for this menace to the advancement of the University and the welfare of its students. The men who wrote the articles were simply asked to "write something about the gymnasium" and every reader will see that their opinions concur. We have, therefore, proven our point that these evils do exist, and our witnesses are the most level-headed and loyal men in the University. Hence, without again discussing the conditions at length, we will take it for granted that they are frankly admitted as existing—except by those who hold their noses when evils are aired and who hug their pocketbooks tightly when improvements are suggested—and

proceed further into the subject.

At present the athletic assets of the University are an inadequate, unhealthy, filthy little gymnasium, a dozen and some odd tennis courts and a small athletic field with a very good grand stand and a dirt track on it. These things, so far, as we have been able to learn, are all the University has ever given to athletics.

On the other hand the students have equipped athletic teams for years, paid coaches, bought practice and racing shells, and paid for many other things that have been of advantage to the University. Who has done the most, in comparison to the means within its power—the University or the student-body?

It is not our purpose to attack the authorities here on the grounds, for we believe they have done everything in their power; but in our opinion others are to be blamed for some of these things; and we know that blame attaches to them for several of these evils.

We attribute the blame for these conditions to the Board of Trustees. If any man knows anything they have done to give us a new gymnasium, let him speak. On the other hand, we know of one plan, which would in the end have helped toward putting up a new one, which they have blocked. We refer to the efforts on the part of the student body to have an athletic fee of \$10.00 made a compulsory University fee. Think of it, the students themselves being willing, to double the amount which about three-fourths of them have heretofore voluntarily contributed, only to have the Board of Trustees refuse to make such a regulation. And why? We have never been told why, but we can draw our own inferences. It appears that the Board is afraid such a fee will cut down the attendance, or perhaps that it will be known that Washington and Lee looks with favor on athletics.

Suppose such a fee were required: At least \$5,000 would now be annually paid in. \$3,000 of this sum could be turned over to the General Athletic Association, while \$2,000 could be retained as a sinking fund for a gymnasium. Granting, therefore, that the University is too poor to appropriate the money for such a purpose, wouldn't it be wise for the trustees to accept the student's generosity?

Be that as it may, however, we need the gymnasium and we must have it. Now, we demand to know why we can't have it. Why, at least, can't the old one be rendered fit for use?

We are simply tired of paying for athletics here and receiving no aid from the University—not even a decent place for bathing and dressing, or exercising, or to which we can take visiting teams. If Washington and Lee is to turn out *athletes* it will take a gymnasium to do it with. Do the Board of Trustees want a splendid body of men as alumni or a set of weaklings? Before they answer let them remember that Washington and Lee un-

dertakes to train men for their places in the world, and that if they send graduates with weak bodies to carry brains crammed with the learning of all the ages they have failed in their undertaking.

## STRIKING EXAMPLE OF FRIENDLY ATHLETIC RELATIONS.

We take this opportunity to thank that friendly contemporary of ours, *The Virginia Tech*, for their compliment to our bearing in the hour of defeat. It is very gratifying to feel that though beaten we were beaten by a generous and courteous body of men. Although it has been a characteristic of the Washington and Lee spirit that her sons can take defeat with good grace, like men, the fact that we were in no wise ashamed to acknowledge the *T.V.'s* our victors, made it easier for us to manifest that spirit. We will admit frankly that our disappointment was keen, but we would have felt more than disappointment had the defeat been administered by any other team on the schedule.

There always has existed between these two institutions a feeling of friendly rivalry, and we were very much gratified to see those two rival student-bodies manifest just that feeling toward each other while in Lynchburg. It is to be hoped that the game will be played every year, and if so, we know that it will be played by the same gentlemanly sportsmen representing the two institutions—played hard, but played clean. May the same manly, courteous spirit ever exist between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Washington and Lee University as today makes their relations so pleasant.

## A THING TO BE PROUD OF.

At the annual meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the U. S., held in New York, November 16, President James E. Sullivan was elected president for the third time. At this meeting resolutions were adopted which bring about the severance of all ties of friendly competition between the American and British Athletic Associations.

The Association's action in re-electing Mr. Sullivan expressed its endorsement of his acts, as United States commissioner at the Olympiad, at Shepherd's Bush a few months ago. It is also quite noteworthy that the association has so openly expressed its disapproval of the unfair treatment received by the American team at the hands of the Britishers.

The steps taken by the A. A. C. are to be commended. Americans love sport, but their conception of sport is that it shall be clean and manly. The conduct of the British team and officials evidences the fact that they—the very people who boast that they indulge in such athletics for sport's and not for victory's sake—will subjugate some very noble principles to the desire to win.

It is regrettable, indeed, that these sons of the mother country—many of them gentlemen by birth—should thus display the little,

mean, unsportsman-like side of their natures in an attempt to win. And we are right proud of the fact that a body of American athletes has given voice to the sentiment of all America in declaring for the clean, manly sport we all love, and has set its foot down on underhand dealing.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, God in His almighty wisdom has seen fit to bring to an untimely end the life of one of our most distinguished honorary members, and one of America's most notable citizens, EDWARD WARD CARMACK. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Washington Literary Society, of Washington and Lee University, do express our most sincere regret at his loss, and our heartfelt sympathy for his family in their hour of bereavement, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Mr. Carmack; that a copy be spread on the minute book of this society; and that a copy be published in *The Ring-tum Phi*.

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Committee.

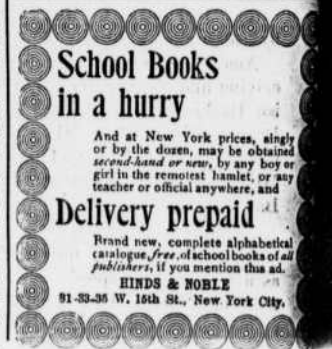
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1908

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

"Brushwood," the beautiful country seat of Miss Helen Turner, was the scene last Wednesday evening of one of the most enjoyable dances of the Fall. The gay party left Lexington at an early hour in a large trolley which swiftly conveyed them to Miss Turner's hospitable home on the summit of Brushy Hills. Dancing was indulged in for several hours, after which a delightful collation was served.

Those who enjoyed Miss Turner's hospitality were Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Johnson, Miss Agnes Patton, Miss Elizabeth Preston, Miss Brockenbrough, Miss Louise Haskins, the Misses Gadsden, Miss Ellen Rogers, Miss Elizabeth Barclay, Mr. Bootay, Mr. Ralph Powell, Mr. Holland, Mr. Withers, Mr. Fort Pipes, Mr. Jno. Page, Mr. Jemison, Mr. Ted Barclay, Mr. Deval Gwathmey, and Mr. Wm. Turner.

Mrs. Lorraine Nurse, of Chicago, is the guest of Miss Bessie Daniel Catlett, with whom she will spend the winter months.

Miss Frances Dillon, of Indian Rock, is visiting Miss Brockenbrough at "The Lexington."

Miss Lucy Patton has returned home after an extended tour in the West.

Miss Anna Rose Cohn, of Norfolk, is the guest of Miss Anna Howerton, with whom she will stay several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. John Letcher, of Norfolk, are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Stevens in University Place.

Miss Gilkerson, of Parkersburg, W. Va., spent the week end with Miss Susan Currel in University Place.

Mr. Edward Burks, of Bedford City, spent several days last week with his mother, Mrs. Withers, on Washington street. Miss Josephine Burks accompanied him on his return to Bedford.

Miss Gladys Gerardeau, of Savannah, Ga., has returned to Lexington and is staying with Mrs. Morgan Pendleton.

Miss Emma Staples, who has been the guest of her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Staples, returned to Farmville to resume her studies at the State Normal School.

Miss Bessie Daniels, who has been spending some time with the Misses Catlett, returned on Wednesday to her home in Charlotte Court House.

Dr. Latane was out of town for a short time last week.

Mr. John L. Campbell, who has been absent from college for several days, has returned.

Mrs. William Preston left today for Washington, D. C., where she expects to spend several weeks.

President Denny was in New York last week attending the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Foundation Fund. Dr. Denny is a member of the Board.

Miss Kirkpatrick of Lynchburg, is the guest of Mrs. Hogue, in University Place.

Capt. H. E. Hyatt, formerly post adjutant at V. M. I., but now living at Norton, Va., was a guest at the Delta Tau Delta House for a few days last week.

## THE WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The society was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock by the president, Friday night, November 13th.

Mr. Jones delivered a very interesting oration, followed by Mr. Carpenter, who delivered one of the best orations in the "Wash." this session; his composition and delivery were excellent.

The question: That there should be a more rigid censorship over the press, was debated affirmatively by Messrs T. B. Ruff and McGavock, and Messrs. Caldwell and Pence volunteered for the negative. The judges, Messrs. Potter, North and Carpenter, decided in favor of the affirmative.

A joint session was held with the Graham-Lee to consider the subject of intercollegiate debates.

A motion was unanimously passed that the chair do appoint a committee of three to draw up fitting resolutions to be sent to the bereaved family of former Senator E. W. Carmack, of Tennessee. Mr. Carmack was one of the three living honorary members of the Washington Literary Society.

In his death we realize that the South has lost one of her noblest and most promising sons, a man, who lies beneath the cold sod because he had the courage of his convictions and dared to mention them.

Yet, we have the consolation to know that from the ground stained by martyrs' blood there have bloomed some of the fairest and most fragrant flowers that have blessed the human race. From the cold, still lips of a martyr there have issued messages more eloquent than pen or tongue could tell.

"He being dead yet speaketh."

## SHELL IN BAD CONDITION.

The racing shell which the Albert Sidney crew has been using for five or six years is in a very bad condition, and the active members of the club state that it can be no longer used as a racing shell; in fact, they attribute last year's defeat to the fact they could make no such time in it as their crew could have made in a better shell. The club is working on plans for the purchase of a new one, and it is to be hoped that their purpose will soon be accomplished.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Roy Cooper, ex-'08, is engaged in the cotton business in Memphis, Tenn.

Russell Carr, ex-'08, is engaged in the drug business in Tampa, Fla.

James Warren Bagley, ex-'03, is with the U. S. Geological Survey, and is now living in Washington, D. C.

L. A. Anderson, formerly remembered as "Choke," is studying law at the University of Virginia. We stand in absolute wonderment at the man who could forsake the law-house on the hill and Daddy's tutelage after having known what it is to imbibe the spirit of W. & L. along with the incidental knowledge of legal lore.

Julian Graveley and Jno. Bierrer, it is reported, are both endeavoring to get away from Mass. Inst. of Technology. The only difference is, writes Julian, is that Bierrer is striving to get away with credit while his one hope and ambition is to get away without credit.

W. H. Marquess, ex-'08, has a position with a chemical company in Memphis, Tenn.

C. S. Carpenter, ex-'05, is in business in Roanoke, Va.

J. Graham Sale, '02, of Welch, W. Va., will be married to Miss Nellie Quinn, of Lynchburg, Va., on December 1st. Let us remember that "J. Graham" studied "Domestic Relations" in Tucker Hall, and take hope.

Joseph Lawrence Wysor, Academ., '05, law, '07, is engaged with his father in the practice of law at Pulaski, Va.

## THANKSGIVING DANCES.

The formal German to be given by the Sophomore class will take place Monday evening, November thirtieth. All dancing men in college are cordially invited to attend and enjoy the hospitality of the Class of 1911.

The Cotillion Club dance will occur on the following evening and will begin promptly at 8:30 p. m., this also applies to the Sophomore dance.

The Cotillion Club wishes to publish the following regulation:

"All men who take ladies to a dance in the future, will be expected to bring them to the left hand door of the Gymnasium, while they themselves are requested to enter by the right hand door paying their fee as they do so."

It is hoped that a great many young men will be present at these dances and help to make them a great success, as a large number of girls are expected from all over the State.

Fort Pipes, another of the George Washington cripples has recovered from the injury received in that game and is at his old place, ready to tear up the opposing line.

## GRAHAM-LEE SOCIETY.

A special meeting of the Graham-Lee Society was called to order at 8 p. m., on Friday, the 13th.

After the reading of the minutes the new officers elected on the 7th were inaugurated. They were Ware, president; Watkins, vice president; Paxton, secretary; an Guthrie, Ring-tum Phi reporter. President Ware then delivered his inaugural address on "The Graham-Lee Society."

As there was a good deal of business to transact, it was decided to postpone the regular program.

Mr. Somerall resigned his place on the Thanksgiving debate, and Mr. Worrell was selected to take his place. Mr. Adkins was elected for the preliminary debate.

The following men were the elected for the celebration on the 19th of January: Orators, Burk and Price; debaters, Eggleston, Iman, Caldwell and Landroth.

The society then adjourned to joint session with the Washington Society, to attend to some business concerning inter-collegiate debate. After this, business was resumed and the following officers were elected for the celebration in January: Watkins, president; Guthrie, vice-president; Moonaw, secretary; Kebler, chief marshal.

There being no further business the society adjourned.

John Izard's shoulder, though still a little sore, won't keep him out of the game Thanksgiving, and from the way he has been working at practice, Johnny will show those Georgetown people a few stunts.

## ABOUT THOSE SUNDAY TRAINS.

The conscientious scruples of a goodly number of Lexington's citizens have been aroused on account of a report which has been circulated to the effect that a move was on foot to run some more Sunday trains into the Rockbridge metropolis. They even laid the blame on the feet of the heads of the two educational institutions in their nicks and several sarcastic and un-Sabbath like flings were made at the two dignitaries. Permit us to say that these persons misunderstood the situation and the motive of the move. Neither of the two gentlemen referred to are advocates of Sunday trains. Far be it from them to have the Sabbath stillness broken by the whistle of the locomotive or the rumble of wheel. However, trains do come into and go out of Lexington on Sunday, but the schedule is such that no one benefited thereby. Hence the suggestion was merely made that the train to and from Clifton Forge be changed to a train from Lynchburg coming in at 8:20 a. m., and leaving at 10:25 a. m. If this change no more trains would be run, but those that are run would be useful. *The Ring-tum Phi* heartily in sympathy with the plan.

Armentrout is getting better every day, and if he don't rip off a goodly number of yards Thanksgiving none of them can.

### FROM SOME OF THE OTHERS.

A recent advance in the educational relations between Harvard and some of the German institutions, is an agreement by the former to accept as guests of its corporation, five students each year for at least ten years. The students will be appointed by the Prussian Ministry. They will be admitted to all departments of the University.

The seventieth anniversary of the founding of the Virginia Military Institute was appropriately celebrated on November 11th, at the Institute. Several of the alumni associations also observed the day.

Mr. Edward C. Mercer, a graduate of the University of Virginia, and whose work in nearly all the colleges of the country has counted for much is addressing students in the Northwest in the interest of the Y. M. C. A., and recently made two stirring speeches at the University of Michigan.

The entire college world was surprised when President Chas. W. Eliot, of Harvard University tendered his resignation, to take effect May 19, 1909, which rounds out the forty years of his presidency. President Eliot is a man whose influence has been felt both in the educational world and in the country at large. The reason for his resignation has not been made public, but it is understood that he took the action on account James. B. Angell, of the University of Michigan, pays the following glowing tribute to this distinguished educator:

"The academic world will regret to hear that President Eliot desires to lay down his official work. He has so long and so efficiently administered the affairs of our leading university that the other universities, which have been glad to acknowledge their indebtedness to Harvard for so many fruitful ideas during the last forty years, will lament the loss of his leadership. Even when they have differed from some of his views on education, they have acknowledged with gratitude the great impulse they have given to the study of educational problems. They will cherish the hope that he will continue to enrich them with the suggestions of his fertile and vigorous mind for many years to come."

This year Auburn—(Alabama Polytechnic Institute)—defeated Sevanee for the first time in ten years. We understand that the two teams have been playing annual games. Isn't that an example of "stick-at-iveness." Remember that it has been five years since we defeated V. P. L., but remember also that we play them again next season and that Washington and Lee has long been famous for just the spirit that characterized the Alabamians.

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Complications seem to have arisen at Amherst on account of hazing. President Harris recently took the matter in his own hands and arbitrarily announced that hazing must be abolished. It seems, however, that he reckoned without his host, as the Scrub and Senior Society at Amherst takes the opposite view. Rather serious complications may arise.

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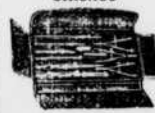
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