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First Assembly of New Year

Dr. Ogden Principal Speaker—Students Delighted With Clergyman's Strong Address—President Denny Makes Interesting Remarks.

The University Assembly for January was held in the Chapel Tuesday, the 12th. Dr. D. J. Ogden, of Knoxville, Tenn., who is here delivering a series of sermons under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, had been asked by President Denny to address the assembly.

Before introducing the speaker the president made some announcements, pertaining chiefly to the necessity of all students reporting to their classes immediately upon returning from the Christmas recess, and with reference to registration of any change in classes. Dr. Denny then spoke for some minutes on the value of "getting off with the play"—using the football term with great force—in all the work of the student. He expressed himself as feeling that if a man did not understand the work he was going over, he should "call for signals" and "not let the play go off without him." A change in tickets would sometimes obviate the failure of a year's work. The President also pointed out the value of a closer bond between student and teacher, speaking principally in this connection of both putting the man into the work.

Dr. Ogden was then introduced, and after a graceful reference to his pleasure at being on Virginia soil, and alluding in beautiful terms to the two great lives linked so inseparably with the traditions with which Washington and Lee is so blessed, he took up his theme of the character the college man should be moulding. Dr. Ogden spoke on temperance, honesty, and purity, and their value in the life of every man, showing that without these three no man can rightfully fulfill any of the duties the world demands. He is a man on "the firing line of life," and he showed us in strong terms what the loss of one or all of these three great elements in character means. The speaker dwelt on the stress laid on these things by the business world, and spoke very forcibly of the real meaning of honesty in its broadest sense and in all walks of life.

The Assembly closed with a short prayer by Dr. Ogden.

James A. Rector, captain of the Track Team at the University of Virginia, and the man who did such wonderful sprinting last season, has resigned the captaincy of the team and also withdrawn from the track. No reasons are given for the sprinter's action.

College Widows vs. Grass-Hoppers

Something New in the Old Burg—A Brilliant Battle Replete With Spectacular Plays.

(An innovation in two acts.)

Scène.—Lexington Skating Rink.
Time—Monday, June 11th, 1909.
Summary.—Quiet and staid old Lexington was waked up last Monday when the College Widows (so-called), composed of certain enterprising and athletically inclined young ladies, trespassed upon the old customs to the extent of playing a game of basket-ball with the "Pink Grass-hoppers," an organization of the young mischief-makers of Lexington, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years.

ACT I.

The game started off somewhat slowly. From the first it appeared that the "Widows" possessed great advantage in the matter of height, but on the other hand the "Hoppers" counteracted this with greater quickness, and made the best of the fact that the "Widows" were handicapped by their skirts. Goals were few and fouls were many, so that the whistle of referee "Tommy" Glasgow, was kept busy. Jimmy Howe and Miss Turner were continually throwing goals (?) from fouls. Miss Turner had the best of this, but not to be defeated so easily, Jim White pulled up the score by a nice goal from the field so that the half ended with the score in the neighborhood of a tie.

ACT II.

The participants returned to battle with renewed energy and vigor. Meanwhile, between acts, "Morg." Pendleton appeared on the scene and wanted to "get in the game," but was ruled out on account of his reputation for roughness. In this half the fun grew fast and furious. The Hoppers had somewhat recovered from their timidity and played much harder, but to no avail, for true to the proverbial saying, "the male stands no chance when a widow determines to win." Fouls in great number were called until the spectators joined in cries of "cut out the whistle." Shriek cries and cheering from the "juvenile club" went up for the Hoppers, until at last, as the non-participating "College Widows" showed no indication of supporting their compatriots, the students present, out of compassion and a sense of loyalty to those whom they had "widowed," came to the rescue with Raahs and Hurrahs. Feeling that they had the students behind them, the Widows braced up and as a result the game ended with the score of 13 to 8 in favor of the last named.

Jim White and Miss Turner were

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First Game Easily Won

Varsity Takes Roller School Into Camp in Practice Game—Good Form Shown and Prospects Bright.

Before a large crowd of students and town-people at the skating rink Friday night, the Varsity Basket Ball Quintet defeated Augusta Military Academy by the score of 33 to 12. The game was the first of the present year, and the form shown by the whole team was excellent for so early in the season. Two new faces are seen on the team this year, these are Hannis at right forward and Stein at right guard. Hannis showed up remarkably well, especially in throwing goals. Stein is also a good player. "Pat" Osborne is again seen at center with Boyd at left forward and Captain Smartt at left guard.

The Varsity team was the first to appear upon the floor, being followed soon after by the A. M. A. "five." Both teams were given a rousing good cheer, and the game began promptly at 8:30. The Varsity boys clearly outplayed A. M. A. at all stages of the game. By throwing six goals, Osborne showed that he is as good as ever, while the work of both Captain Smartt and Boyd showed that they have not forgotten how to play the game. The game was cleanly played, but at times the play was fast and furious. Clarkson and Churchman starred for A. M. A. Glasgow began the game for W. & L. at center, while Derr was substituted for Captain Smartt, and Moore for Stein during the latter part of the game. Both of these men played well during the time that they were in the game.

The prospects for a good team are bright, and with a little more practice and coaching the team bids fair to uphold the enviable record made by last year's quintet.

The score at the end of the first half stood thirteen to six in favor of the Varsity, but in the second half the Varsity "five" played in a whirlwind style and the score rapidly increased. But the A. M. A. team played hard and deserve credit.

Between halves "Buster" Brown gave an impromptu recital on the skating rink hand organ, which was greatly enjoyed by all those present.

"Pat" Krebs is again coaching the team, so we may rest assured that we will have the best possible team that can be had from the material. Manager Boyd has arranged an excellent schedule, and taken as a whole the prospects for a successful year are indeed bright.

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Basket Ball Prospects Good

Streit and Barker, of Last Year's Strong Quint, Missing—Subs and New Men Showing up Well with Capt. Smartt, Osbourn and Boyd as Nuclens.

Although the basket ball squad did not get down to hard work until some days after the holidays, the men have showed up remarkably well in this short time. With Coach Krebs in charge no fears are felt in this line, as the record "Pat" has made during the past two seasons entitle him to recognition as the most superior coach in this section.

Everybody in college was very much disappointed to learn that Barker, who put up such a spectacular game at forward last year, had not returned after the Christmas recess. Streit, that reliable guard and all-round good player of the '07 and '08 teams, is also missing from the line-up, and the absence of these two men will be keenly felt.

Captain Smartt is, however, out and is putting up his usual strong, heady game at guard. From the way he has been playing a forward will have to move fast to shoot baskets over him. He is also an excellent field captain and keeps his men keyed up to the highest pitch throughout the game.

"Pat" Osbourn, "the old reliable," played centre in Friday night's practice game, and played it almost perfectly, too. He popped the sphere into the basket with his old-time ease, and especially was his work noticeable when under the goal. "Pat" is a hard man to handle, and never loses sight of the ball.

George Boyd is again at forward, and this is assurance that we have a forward who is "right there with the goods." It is very rare indeed that a faster, more reliable goal shooter, and harder playing man is seen on the floor than this spectacular player. He shot some pretty ones in the game with Roller, and he always improves as the season progresses.

Hannis, the star of last year's Sophomore aggregation, is working at the other forward. Hannis is a fast little player, and is good on the baskets, tho he is slightly handicapped on account of his size.

Stein, one of last year's subs, is being worked at guard, and he is playing a good, fast game, but he also is a little light for the position.

"Tommy" Glasgow has the making of a crack centre in him. He was a little nervous Friday night, as it was the first match game he had ever played in, but the indications are that "Tommy" will make a very useful man on the team before the season is over. He has

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THE AMERICAN NAVY.

Captain Hobson Tells Why It Should Be Enlarged—Pertinent Reasons—A Great Navy Means Peace at Home and Abroad

There are twenty-five reasons why the Navy of the United States should be enlarged, says Captain Hobson:

1. Because it means peace at home.
2. Because it tends to promote peace abroad.
3. Because it would safeguard the cause of liberty.
4. Because it is necessary in order that our central government may guarantee to the States their rights of local self government, reserved to them by the Constitution.
5. Because it is the hope of liberty for the Filipinos and Cubans and other peoples committed to our charge.
6. Because it is necessary for self defense.
7. Because all the other nations are hastening to build fleets of the new type of great battleships while America is fast approaching the point where her navy will be obsolete.
8. Because there is no international police force available for protection.
9. Because there is no international court that could issue an injunction to restrain aggression from other nations.
10. Because no other nation can or would protect us in our rights and our Navy is the one and only means for such protection.
11. Because more American citizens live on our coast line, than there are citizens living similarly in all Europe combined.
12. Because America has more property accumulated within gun-shot of the water than there is property similarly disposed in all of the rest of the world combined.
13. Because forts, mines and torpedoes, though useful, are altogether inadequate to give protection to our coast line.
14. Because America is sending out over the oceans every year nearly two billions of dollars in exports.
15. Because America must have a fair chance to trade with Corea, Manchuria, China and all the markets of the world, which can only be insured by a large Navy.
16. Because it is insurance for security to us and our property while we work out our destiny.
17. Because the insurance rate for this security is very low.
18. Because it is a good investment in that it will give us peace.
19. Because navies are a question of relative wealth and our resources are so inexhaustible we can hold the relative position of leadership without onerous burdens.
20. Because America may be depended on as no other nation, not to abuse the power that goes with a great Navy.
21. Because for the world's good, as long as nations have to have Navies, America, the peace nation, ought to have the biggest Navy.
22. Because the world is now at a critical junction, resulting from the application of science to the control of nature's forces, and the annihilation of space by scientific discoveries, such as the telephone and wireless telegraphy

has brought all nations and races together.

23. Because America is a great Christian nation.

24. Because as a Christian nation we have the duty to overcome evil with good and the only way to overcome the evil of violence is to restrain it through power that can only rest with our Navy.

25. Because America's fleets are now entirely inadequate to meet the legitimate requirements of a Navy, namely to prevent attack if possible and to win if war must come. Thus the security of vast material business interests and the fulfillment of sacred duties to ourselves and those dependent upon us, and to humanity at large, unite in an urgent demand for speedy enlargement of our Navy to a size consistent with our greatness.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

A mock United States Senate, composed of students of Chicago University, will be formed within the next few weeks, according to plans now being formulated jointly by the Commonwealth club and the political science department of the University. This "Senate" is to have ninety-two members, and the ultimate aim is to have an entire Congress. It is very probable that President Judson will write the "Presidential message." The idea of giving students training in modern politics is one which might be adopted to advantage in every University.

The University of Chicago has recently established a Consular School. A three years' course has been outlined, and graduates will be recommended for consular appointments.

Carolina has secured A. E. Brides, of Yale, to coach the 1909 football eleven. Brides comes highly recommended and will, no doubt, turn out a strong team for the Tarheels next fall.

First Game Easily Won.

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The following is the line-up and summary:

W. & L.	Position.	A. M. A.
Boyd,	l. f.	Pole, (Capt.)
Hannis,	r. f.	Churchman
Osborne,	Glasgow,	c
Clarkson		
Smartt, (Capt.)	Derr	
	l. f.	Hancock
Stein, Moore	r. g.	DeWitt

Goals—W. & L.: Osborne (6); Boyd (4); Hannis (2); Stein (1). A. M. A.—Clarkson (2); Churchman (2); Pole (1). Fouls thrown by Boyd (2); by Hannis (4); by Clarkson (2). Time of halves, 15 minutes each. Referee, Mr. Porter, of V. M. I. Umpire, Kirby Severe, of W. & L. Time-keeper, R. R. Brown, of W. & L.

College Widows vs. Grasshoppers.

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the stars for their respective teams, being continually in the limelight. The line up for the Widows consisted of Misses Turner, Bruce, Gassman, Howe, Howerton, Gadsden and Rogers. The writer did not know all of the Hoppers, but as far as we can find out their line up consisted of Tucker, White, J., Howe, Roberts, White, P., Pickens and Cox.

DR. OGDEN'S TALKS LAST WEEK.

Makes Strong Address in Chapel.

Evangelistic services under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. were conducted last week by Dr. Ogden, of Knoxville, Tenn. They began Tuesday and were continued till Sunday evening. Everyone has been struck by the forceful and manly way Dr. Ogden delivers his messages, striking as he does straight from the shoulder. As one of the professors put it to his class, "it matters not what we think of religion, we cannot help but acknowledge that the speaker has something to say and knows how to say it."

Dr. Ogden has no sensational methods of the professional evangelist, but seems above all other things to be trying to help the men think—and to think deeply and seriously about the great realities of life.

A number of students have had private consultations with the speaker, and some have shown a deep interest in their spiritual welfare. Large crowds attended the services both Sunday morning and evening.

Basket Ball Prospects Good.

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the height, is fast and is as strong as any man on the floor.

Moore is a good guard, and will doubtless make his place before the season is over.

"Tubby" Derr is again working for guard, and makes a strong sub, even when not in the game as a regular.

Maley, Holy, Champe, Hoffman, and others are putting in good bids for places, and some of them will make the other men work for their places.

The goal shooting was fairly accurate in Friday night's game, after the first minutes of play, but some of the men were inclined to try long shots. The passing was poor, and although the individual work was good, the men did not seem to know how to work together. Hence, although there is some good material on hand, hard work is ahead in order to make the team successful, for better team work will have to be developed before we can hope to do much with such aggregations as Virginia, Georgetown, the Navy and William and Mary.

Virginia is next on the schedule, and we will meet the Orange and Blue here on the 22nd. The last time they were here they met a decisive defeat, and let us hope that it will again be administered.

We must have some consistent rooting at the Virginia game, and though the rooters will be scattered, we can get in some good work if everybody will join in the yells and songs. A crowd, though scattered, can root to much better advantage in a building than out of doors. So every man in the rink join in good and strong when the yells and songs are called.

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The Cotillion Club gave their New Year dances on Friday, the 8th, and Saturday, the 9th, of January, and altho the number of visiting girls was extremely small in comparison to the large crowd at Thanksgiving, yet the Hops were none the less enjoyable and with good music and light hearts several happy hours were passed away.

Among the young ladies present at the dances were Miss Mary Appleton and Miss Beth Walker, of Lynchburg; Miss Watts, of Staunton; Miss Elizabeth Bruce, of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Spindle, of Christiansburg; Miss Starr and Miss Thomas, from Mary Baldwin Seminary; Miss Bessie Catlett, Misses Agnes and Lucy Patton, the Misses Gadsden, Miss Rachel Howerton, Miss Howe, Miss Helen Turner, and Miss Louise Haskins.

The following ladies very kindly acted as chaperones: Mrs. Geo. H. Denny, Mrs. Howerton, Mrs. Humphreys, Mrs. Kern, Mrs. Joseph Long, Miss White, Misses Margaret and Elizabeth Graham, and Mrs. Montgomery Corse.

COMMITTEES FOR THE FINAL BALL.

Below will be found the names of the men appointed on the various Final Ball Committees by President Hood. The Final Ball is a student affair—the social event of the year—and its success or failure depends on the students. President Hood was unanimously elected to his office last year, and such an endorsement certainly calls for the hearty support of every man in college when the Executive Committee calls for subscriptions. It is by popular subscription that the ball is financed.

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—The Widow.

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She: "Church or park?"
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A BLOW TO THE BASKET-BALL MANAGEMENT.

The basket ball management announces that the athletic authorities at George Washington University have canceled the game we had scheduled with the team representing that institution. The reason given was that the team would be disbanded. This is not the first time George Washington has canceled on us almost at the eleventh hour.

The game referred to was to have been played in Washington, and the guarantee agreed upon made the trip to Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis possible. Consequently, George Washington's action in cancelling places Manager Boyd in the uncomfortable predicament of abandoning the trip, making up the deficit from somewhere, or of arranging another game at this late day. The former he will not do, and the latter he is trying to do.

Although it may have been necessary for the George Washington authorities to take this particular step, we feel that they are a very uncertain quantity. We have had four dates scheduled with them during the last three years, and only one of these have they filled—the football game last fall. They seem to have acquired the habit of cancelling games at the eleventh hour, and for fear that this habit may cling to them, in our humble judgment it will be unwise to give their teams dates on our schedules in the future. We will always do our utmost to play games scheduled, or give longer notice of a cancellation, and we expect the same consideration from others.

WHEN WE ARE HOSTS.

At no place is there a better opportunity for the display of courtesy toward visitors than at a basket ball game, and the rooters at Washington

and Lee have always displayed this spirit. There is, however, an occasional ripple of ungentlemanly language or hisses at the officials or opposing players. This was not noticeable, however, at the game Friday night, but there were some remarks directed toward the visitors—that had better been left off. We hope it was due to thoughtlessness, and we hope it will be entirely absent hereafter. Nothing is so calculated to give a visiting team an unpleasant feeling—and often it is mingled with disgust—as conduct of this character from the side-lines. Our teams have ever had the well-merited reputation of playing the game like gentlemen, and we hope it will ever be said of our rooters that they never fail to seize the opportunity of showing every possible courtesy toward visitors.

THE LAW LIBRARY LIGHTS.

When those weary souls who grind out the days and nights in the law library pass the home of the School of Commerce after dark they cannot help envying the "sharks" who are working in the libraries beside well shaded lights. Those in Tucker Hall—the few that do grace it, that is—stare one boldly and unblinkingly in the face in their naked shame! There are a few shades and globes, but these are either out of sight in the ceiling or solemnly top the newel posts. The few lights in the reading room and in the stack room are so poor that reading at night is either rendered impossible or done at the sacrifice of good eyes. Let us hope that sometime the wrong will find its remedy!

MARYLANDERS PLAY DURING HOLIDAYS.

Club Gives Good Account of Itself in Basket-Ball Game.

At Frederick, Md., Jan. 5th, the Maryland Club of W. L. U. defeated the local Y. M. C. A. by a score of 29 to 17. The W. & L. boys outclassed the home team from the start, and a larger score was prevented by the smallness of the gymnasium. The following is an account of the game taken from the Frederick "News" of Jan. 6.

BASKETBALL.

Last night in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, a large crowd witnessed the basket-ball game between the strong Maryland Club of Washington and Lee University and the Y. M. C. A. team. It was a close and exciting game throughout, the score at the finish being 29 to 17 in favor of the out-of-town boys. Following was the line-up.

W. & L.	Y. M. C. A.
Robinson,	r. f. Creager.
Stein,	l. f. Duvall.
Boyd,	c. Brown.
Derr,	r. g. Ziegler.
Delaplaine,	l. g. C. Derr.

Score, 29 to 17, field goals, Robinson 1, Stein 2, Boyd 8, Derr 2, Creager 2, Duvall 4, Brown 3; foul goals, Robinson 3, Duvall 1, Creager 1, Brown 1. Referee, L. Smith. Timer and scorer, W. G. Barker.

The Maryland Club team was accorded royal treatment in Frederick. A fair-sized contingent of W. & L. men witnessed the game, and with "W/ Jy" Ordeman as chief rooster, the enthusiasm displayed was of a high standard.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX PRIZES.

Economists Are Awarded Prizes Amounting to Nearly \$2,000—1909 Competitors Must Submit Essays Before June 1st.

Awards interesting to students of the School of Commerce have been made by the Committee of Economists selected by Messrs. Hart, Schaffner-Marx. It will be noted that these are the prizes among the winners of which, in the last few years, have been three Washington and Lee men—William Jett Lauck, Lucius Junius Desha, and William K. Ramsey.

The first prize was this year taken by Oscar Douglas Skelton, of the University of Chicago, and now Professor at Queen's University, Toronto.

A woman, Mrs. Edward Sherwood Meade, of Philadelphia, won the second prize by making a study of the agricultural resources of the United States. She is the first woman to win one of the essays, but has previously distinguished herself by her scholarship, holding fellowships at Bryn Mawr and the University of Pennsylvania. Essays were submitted from all over the United States.

The committee which awarded the prizes consisted of Professor J. Laurence Laughlin, of the University of Chicago, J. B. Clark, of Columbia University, Henry C. Adams, of University of Michigan, Horace White, of New York City, and President Carrol L. Wright, of Clark College. The donors of the prize are Messrs. Hart Schaffner and Marx, of Chicago.

The announcement of the award is as follows:

Class A Graduates.

1. The first prize of one thousand dollars to Oscar Douglas Skelton, A. B. Queen's University, Kingston, Canada, 1900; graduate student in the University of Chicago, 1908; Professor of Political Economy in Queen's University; for a paper entitled "The Case Against Socialism."

2. The second prize of five hundred dollars to Emily Fogg Meade, Mrs. Edward Sherwood Meade, A. B., the University of Chicago, 1897; Fellow at Bryn Mawr, 1897-1899; Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania, 1899-1900; for a paper entitled "Agricultural Resources of the United States."

Class B Undergraduates.

1. The first prize of three hundred dollars to A. E. Pinanski, Harvard University, 1908, for a paper entitled "The Street Railway System of Metropolitan Boston."

2. The second prize of one hundred and fifty dollars to William Shea, Cornell University, 1909, for a paper entitled "The Case Against Socialism."

Notice was also given by the committee that writers and students who wish to compete for the prizes offered for 1909 will be allowed until June 1st to make their studies and finish their essays.

On account of financial reasons Michigan has decided not to play Vanderbilt in football next season.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Misses Anna and Josephine Howerton are visiting relatives in Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Nourse, who was the guest of Miss Bessie Catlett for some time last fall, returned to her home in Chicago a few days before college closed for the Holidays.

Miss Ravenel was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Jno. H. Latane, during the Xmas Holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Bruce, of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of her uncle, Dr. Reid White, on Jackson Ave., with whom she intends to spend several weeks.

Mrs. Archibald Lee and Miss Nannie Graham, of Charlotte, N. C., are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Beverly Tucker, on Washington Street, West.

Mr. Martin Burks, of Barboursville, Ky., is the guest of his father, Jean Burks, on Washington Street, West.

During the Christmas holidays the Misses Haskins were the charming hostesses of a very delightful house party, which was composed of Miss Sophie Booker, of Farmville, Va.; Miss Fanny Graham, the Misses Haskins, Mr. Ned Graham, Mr. John Graham, Mr. Ralph Powell, Mr. Paul Bryant and Mr. Richard Haskins.

Miss Stark and Miss Thomas are the guests of Mrs. Joseph R. Long, on Jackson Ave.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Robert Withers to Miss Sadie Tucker, of Bedford City, Va., the marriage to take place in the spring. Miss Tucker is one of the most charming and popular girls of Bedford, while Mr. Withers is a brilliant young attorney of the same city. He took the Law Degree here only a few years ago.

Miss Brockenbrough, who has been visiting friends in New York for some time, is expected home soon.

Mr. John L. Campbell, Jr., spent the Xmas holidays with Mr. John Izard, in Roanoke, Va., and Mr. Devall Gwathmey, in Norfolk.

Miss Archer is visiting friends in Richmond.

Mrs. Cross returned to Lexington Saturday, after having spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Cross, who is a student at the Mary Baldwin Seminary.

Miss Frances Howe, accompanied by her guest, returned on Tuesday to R. M. W. C. to resume her studies.

Messrs. Dabney Kern, Edward and John Graham have returned to St. James to resume their studies, having spent the holidays in Lexington.

Miss Louise Haskins left for Roanoke on Wednesday, where she will visit Miss Alice Izard and make one of

a house party. Among Miss Izard's guests will be Miss Gladys Heald and Miss Maud Caskie, of Lynchburg.

Miss Elizabeth Preston, who is visiting in Washington, D. C., will leave this week for Baltimore, where she will spend some days before making her debut in Richmond on the twenty-seventh.

After a very enjoyable fox hunt on Tuesday, Miss Helen Turner charmingly entertained those who had followed the hounds at luncheon at her beautiful country seat, "Brushwood." Those who enjoyed Miss Turner's hospitality were Miss Elizabeth Bruce, of Louisville, Ky.; Mr. Frank Dillon, Mr. Walter Bootay, and Mr. William Tucker.

The Misses Patton entertained very delightfully, tho informally, on Wednesday last.

Misses Mary Appleton and Beth Walker, of Lynchburg, Miss Watts, of Staunton, Miss Stark, of Mary Baldwin Seminary, Miss Spindle, of Christiansburg, attended the New Year hops.

Miss Helen Turner spent the week with Miss Frances Dillon and the Misses Gadsden.

Mr. John Munce, of Richmond, who was compelled to leave college last fall on account of his health, has returned, and his many friends are glad to see him on the campus again.

Mr. John Dillon was the guest of his mother for several days last week at her home on East Washington St.

All of the old boys are glad to see Robert Moore back in college after an absence of several years.

Miss Annie White, who is kindly helping to get up the Fancy Ball, hopes to have it in the skating rink, and therefore requests all the young men to call at her office at once and let her know how many she can count on, and thus be able to send in the order for costumes at an early date and arrange with Mr. Spencer about securing the rink.

Mrs. Logan and Miss Annie White, accompanied by Messrs. Lambertson, McDonald and Bootay, went to Staunton on Wednesday to see "The Right of Way," which was there that night.

Mr. Joseph Ruffner, of Charleston, who was recently married in Cincinnati to Miss Lee, of Kentucky, has returned to Charleston, and, it is reported, will soon be back in college. Whether he will bring Mrs. Ruffner or not is uncertain.

Mr. Sorsby Jemison and Mr. John Page charmingly entertained at supper on Saturday, the 9th of January, at the S. A. E. House. Those who were fortunate enough to enjoy their hospitality were Miss Gwendolyn Howe, Miss Bessie Catlett, Mr. Summers Davis, Mr. James Caskie, Mr. Devall Gwathmey, and Mr. Strassel.

The Young Men's Christian Association held a very delightful "house warming" in their new rooms on Saturday, January 9th. The ladies of the

faculty helped the committee receive the many friends who called during the afternoon. Very enjoyable music was furnished by the Glee Club, and refreshments were served in the banquet hall of the building.

GRAHAM-LEE SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Society for the new year was called to order January 9 at the usual time by President Ware, and after the roll call the minutes were read and accepted.

The regular program was then taken up. The first orator was Mr. Price, whose subject was "Race Supremacy." The second orator was absent.

The first declaimer was Mr. Richards, whose subject was "The French Revolution." The second declaimer was also absent.

The regular debate was then taken up. The president appointed as judges Messrs. Matthews, Worrell and Reid. The subject was: "Resolved, that municipalities should own and control their street railway systems." As the second speaker on the negative was absent, the president appointed Mr. Crusier to take his place. Mr. Saunders and Mr. Bryan debated the affirmative of the question, and Mr. Staples and Mr. Crusier the negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

A short time was devoted to getting the members to sign over their contingent fees to the Literary Society.

Mr. Keebler, the critic for the evening, then delivered his report. He praised the orators and declaimers, but said that the debaters should have kept to their subject more closely.

The society then adjourned to the Washington Society hall for a joint session to consider intercollegiate debates.

The society was again called to order after the joint session, and Mr. Price gave a short talk with reference to the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Society on January 19.

Two orators, Messrs. J. H. Price and Caldwell, were elected, from whom, with two from the Washington Society, the representative to the State Oratorical Association will be selected.

Mr. Miller was admitted to the membership of the society.

There being no further business, the society adjourned.

THE POE CENTENNIAL.

The one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Edgar Allen Poe is being celebrated at the University of Virginia, of which the great poet was an alumnus. A conspicuous feature of the program will be that in which the Raven Society will take part. Poe was a student at Virginia for one year, and the room which he occupied is now being used as a club room by the Raven Society, the name of which suggests its origin.

A fitting program has been arranged in commemoration of the birth of him who was certainly America's greatest poetic genius.

CLASSIFIED.

"There are two kinds of borrowers."

"And they are?"
"The fellow who borrows \$5 from you every week and pays it back, and the fellow who keeps the first \$5 and calls it square."

ALUMNI NOTES.

T. B. Benson and Ray Robinson, '07, are practicing law in Salem, Oregon, under the firm name of Benson & Robinson. Benson writes that law business in that section of the country is rather dull.

C. R. Pilkington, '07, is associated with Patterson, Sterrett & Acheson, attorneys at law, Pittsburg, Pa. He has taken the Va. Ky. & Pa. State Bar Exams. since he left W. & L.

L. S. Epes, '08, has gone to his home town, Blackstone, Va., and has hung out his shingle there.

Melvin Meeks, '07, is a member of the law firm of Newbern & Meeks, Ocilla, Ga.

W. C. Morton, '92, is superintendent of schools at Newport News, Va.

Stanley Scott, '04, is practicing law in Newport News, Va.

L. T. Stoneburner, '07, is assistant principal of the High School, Newport News, Va.

D. A. Dutrow, '05, principal of the Newport News, Va., High School, was married to Miss Mary Lewis Selden, of that city, on Dec. 28, 1908.

J. W. Flannigan and "Shorty" Burnett, '07, are practicing together at Appalachie, Va.

C. W. Robinson, Law '96, is judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Va.

Louis C. Phillips, '92, Newport News, Va., recently published a work entitled: "The Law of Instructions to Juries in Virginia with a Collection of Forms in Civil and Criminal Cases."

GRAHAM-LEE TO CELEBRATE.

Intends to Make Her Centennial an Event of the Year.

On the evening of the 19th of January, beginning at 8 o'clock in the University Chapel, the Graham-Lee Literary Society will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of her birth and hopes to make it the greatest event of its kind ever held at Washington and Lee. The Chapel will be handsomely decorated, and everything will be in gala attire.

The program is expected to be one of the best rendered for many a year. The orators of the evening are Messrs. Ware and Burks; the debaters, Messrs. Eggleston, Delaplaine, Earman and Landreth. All those who like to hear good speaking should avail themselves of this opportunity.

But there is another very important feature of our well rounded program. The music will be something wonderful. The Staunton Orchestra has been secured by the Society, and those present will be given a genuine treat. Nothing will be more pleasing to Graham-Lee than to know that this feature of her program shall be pleasing to all. Come and join with us, friends, and let us be merry together.

Jones—Why can't a woman keep a secret?

Smith—For one of two reasons—either it is not worth keeping or else it is too good to keep.—Judge.

CAPILLARY DETRACTION.

A phrase of dread import
I'm hearing every day—
A sentence of the sort
That chases joy away.
A string of words it is
That makes my spirits drop
Straight down to zero—viz.:
"It's growing thin on top!"

At times, I won't believe,
I scorn, deride, ignore,
At times I seek reprieve
With remedies galore.
But all's of no avail;
My poor old hairsute crop
Inspires without fail:
"It's growing thin on top!"

In vain I've cried, "Enough!"
And, in an awful rage,
A monumental bluff,
Transferred my patronage
From barbers whom I know
To some competing shop.
In vain! I'm met with, "Oh!
"It's growing thin on top!"

Ah, in the life to come,
Upon that thither shore
Where all our cares are dumb,
And barbers barb no more.
I hope St. Peter'll state
While I suggestions drop
That he unlock the gate.
"Good gracious! What a mop!"
—*New York Times.*

RIBBON SOCIETIES FURNISH PRINCIPAL ATTRACTIONS FOR THE WEEK END.

S. B. C. and P. A. N. Initiate New Members.

Any one passing on the campus between the hour of 10 and 11 o'clock Friday night would have thought from the measured stroke of the axes resounding from the driving of stakes that Ringling Brothers' circus had come to town. And the good fellows wending their way to early classes the following morning stood wide-eyed in curious wonder at the spectacle that met their gaze, for there was the big white tent glistening in the morning sun, and a glance at the 'boards' showed that the "Panic Opera Troupe" was billed for an all-day stand in continuous vaudeville with such renowned stars as Mlle. De Vall, with her famous Directoire gowns, the marvel of the Parisian modistes' art, in her superb repertoire of songs; Senor Virginius, the Infant Musical Prodigy, in his wonderful piano recital; Dona Robie in her marvelous presentation of the Salome dance.

Added to the brilliant constellation were M. Egg Le Ston and Frau in a successful impersonation of Adam and Eve in their marvelous production of "The Devil."

The performance lasted all day, and at frequent intervals the troupe marched in procession down the nearby boulevards.

All this was the first annual initiation which marked the advent of the new Ribbon Society, P. A. N.

The following men were initiated: J. W. Eggleston, J. M. Barker, D. L. Gwathmey, J. L. Ryan, R. G. Thach, V. E. Manor, Mulford Stough, W. K. Lemley, John Page, W. C. Armentrout, and R. A. Waddill.

The S. B. C. Ribbon Society held its annual initiation on the preceding

day, and owing to the inclemency of the weather its program had to be considerably curtailed. However, the misadventure cleared away in the late afternoon and their initiates came out in a triumphant torch-light procession. The following men were initiated into S. B. C.: W. G. Caperton, J. T. Clark, C. T. Chenery, G. T. Knot, J. F. Kuck, H. K. Smartt, and C. S. Henley.

NOTE—The above was received too late for publication in the last issue before the Christmas recess.

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