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Mr. Casson Addresses Assembly

**On the Life and Achievements of
Cyrus H. McCormick—The In-
ventor of the Reaper a
Useful Citizen—Strong
Builder and a Pillar
of the Republic.**

The exercises commemorating the centennial anniversary of Cyrus Hall McCormick were continued a second day when Mr. N. H. Casson, the celebrated writer, best known for his story, *The Romance of the Reaper*, and a representative of the McCormick family, was invited by President Denny to address the University assembly on the life and achievements of Cyrus H. McCormick.

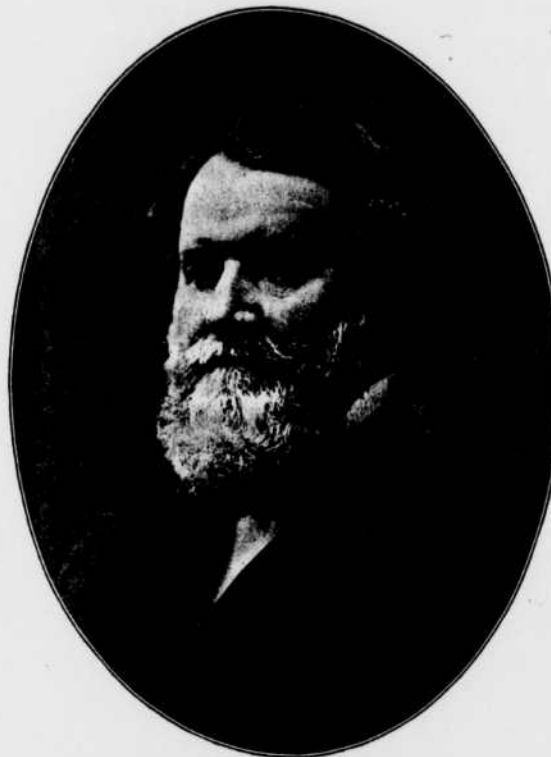
Mr. Casson was a graceful and forceful speaker, and from the beginning won the sympathy of his audience and held them in wrapt attention by his wonderful magnetism and force of argument.

Mr. Casson portrayed the characteristics of Cyrus McCormick as those of a useful and typical American of the nineteenth century, a great builder, a strong pillar of the republic; not a brilliant speaker or writer, but a man of convictions and tenacity of purpose, taking up one thing at a time and accomplishing it.

Other great nations fell short of the goal of true benefit to mankind. Rome strove for empire; she accomplished it, but her subjects were only barbarians. Greece maintained for beauty, but only slaves, half fed and hungry walked round her beautiful art. Persia yearned for military glory and produced an aspiring Xerxes. Egypt aimed towards exact structure of society, all the while oblivious of her great natural resources. A pathetic picture indeed is the exhibit in the British Museum of the agricultural implements of a once great nation—its wooden plow and flail, its small and antiquated hand scythe, all relics of a nation that crumbled to dust.

Cyrus McCormick profited by the foibles of other nations. He saw the needs and conditions of his own country and it set him thinking. He said it was a country of average men. A country half fed for a hundred years. Half-famished men were desperate and rioted for bread. The year 1809 was a dark one in American history. Ninety-three per cent of the population were toiling at agriculture,

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CYRUS HALL McCORMICK.
Inventor of Grain Reaper.

The McCormick Centennial In The University Chapel Washington and Lee Fittingly Celebrates The 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Cyrus Hall McCormick.

Addresses by President Denny, Dr. Stevens, and Dr. Latane Pay
Tribute to the Memory
of Virginia's Gifted
Son.

The centennial of the birth of Cyrus Hall McCormick was appropriately observed in the University chapel on Monday, February 15th. Exercises began at 12 o'clock and lectures were suspended for the rest of the day. The ceremonies were opened with Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. A. H. Hamilton, of Steele's Tavern. Dr. Denny made the first speech of the oc-

casional. His address was limited to the moral and spiritual qualities of the great inventor. He drew from his life lessons of untold importance to the young American.

In his opening remarks Dr. Denny said: "If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning." Thus spoke Cyrus Hall McCormick, full of honors and of years concerning his native State, in his inaugural address as president of the Virginia Society of Chicago. The true greatness of Mr. McCormick nowhere appeared to finer effect than in the fact that he never grew too busy or too famous to remember with gratitude the days and scenes out

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Track Squad to Begin Work Soon

**Seven Old Men Back—Varsity
Will Meet University of North
Carolina and Virginia
Polytechnic Institute.**

A call for candidates for the Varsity track team will be made some time this week by Captain McCown. Every man in college who has ever done any track work is urged to come out and try for the team. There is plenty of good material in college, and there is no reason why W. & L. should not have a good team.

Only seven members of last years' team are back in college. These are Captain McCown, who ran the mile and the half-mile, Luker, who performed so well in the 440 yards; he is also a good man in the 100 and 200. Taylor and Robbins, pole-vaulters of last years' team, Rinehart, who is a good long distance man, Davis, who holds the Varsity record for the hammer-throw, and Sullivan, captain of the '08 team. The hardest places on the team to fill will be the hurdles, high jump, broad jump, and shot put. But with care and hard work all of these places should be filled with good men. With the exception of the high jump these places were the weakest on last year's team. But it is hoped that some good men will be developed for these places. Though the above are the places which will be hardest to fill, every place on the team is open, that is if a new man is better than an old one, he will get the place.

The management has arranged for a dual meet with the University of North Carolina to be held on Wilson Field some time during the latter part of April. This is sure to be a close meet, and will require plenty of hard work on the part of the Varsity team to come out winners. Another meet has also been scheduled with Virginia Polytechnic Institute. This meet will be held in Blacksburg about May 7. The meet with V. P. I. last year was a most successful one, and the Tech boys put up a game fight, but were handicapped because W. & L. had about twice as many men entered. This year with the meet on their grounds we cannot hope to defeat them as easily as we did last year, and we will have to fight hard to win. In addition to these two meets the annual field day will also be pulled off sometime during April. Field Day has come to be

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The McCormick Centennial in the University Chapel.

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of which he was ushered into the world of action.

"Today we celebrate the centennial of his birth in the county which gave him to the world, and on the campus of the institution which is the noblest expression of the genius and the civilization of the stock from which he sprang. The nation at large will share with us our admiration of the genius, the versatility and the achievements of this remarkable man."

Dr. Denny then launched forth into the body of his speech. He brought out the great qualities in McCormick's character that made him the man he was. McCormick had a purpose in life. To this purpose he stuck with dogged determination. He never gave up, although many times it seemed as if clouds of adversity would completely overshadow all gleams of success. His industry was untiring in carrying out his purpose. He persisted in the very face of opposition, and never knew any sorrows of defeat. When defeated in anything his motto was "Try again." He learned his great lessons by observing his mistakes and taking care not to repeat them. He did not wait for opportunity, but he created opportunity. This is one of the great elements in his successful career. He made great things take place which otherwise would never have occurred, but for his persistent determination.

One of the most remarkable things concerning this master of machinery was that he not only began a great work, but that he also completed what he began. He was the author and finisher of his task.

Dr. Denny closed his address by showing the unwavering Christian character of Mr. McCormick. His faith was steadfast. Religion could only be natural to the qualities of his character. He did not sanction anything false or base. His true religious qualities are proved by his services.

Dr. W. LeConte Stevens followed Dr. Denny. He spoke upon Mr. McCormick as an inventor. He said that McCormick had revolutionized agriculture, just as Lincoln had brought about a revolution in the situation of the negro race and Darwin had introduced changes in the intellectual sphere. But of these three great men, whose centennials occur this year, Lincoln died at the hands of an assassin, Darwin was never appreciated, McCormick alone fully accomplished his undertaking.

Dr. Stevens spoke of the difficulties which young Cyrus McCormick met with in his invention. His father had attempted to make a machine to cut grain some twenty years before. His attempt had been a failure. The son, however, profited by his father's failure. His mind was directed in another line which was entirely different from the plan upon which his father had proceeded. The environment of the young inventor, cut off as he was from the outside world

by two mountain ranges, only added to the sole originality of his work. The speaker told of the early difficulties which met McCormick at every hand. The criticism of the neighbors, the lack of money, and many other things were in opposition. But against all such foes the sturdy young farmer's son fought bravely. He overcame all obstacles and was successful. Many of the early machines had been failures because they would only cut grain when standing at right angles to the ground. Such machines were practically useless. McCormick saw that in order that his reaper should be a success it must cut grain on hill-sides and in all positions, and he adjusted his machinery accordingly. The early trade in reapers was narrated. McCormick's removal from Virginia and location in Chicago, his ride of 3,000 miles on horseback through five or six States, his difficulty with the patent officers, his establishment of a large business in Chicago, and his ultimate success were all told and received with interest and attention.

Dr. Latane reviewed briefly the early history of young Cyrus McCormick, and then spoke of his work as a philanthropist. Cyrus Hall McCormick was born at Walnut Hill farm, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 15, 1809. His father was Robert McCormick, who belonged to the sturdy Scotch-Irish race which settled in this part of the valley. His mother was Mary Ann Hall. Cyrus was the eldest of eight children, and lived with his father on the farm until he moved to the West, after the invention was practically completed.

McCormick began very early to work upon a reaper. At the age of fifteen years he invented a light cradle for his own use. He and his father would often lock themselves up in the old shop and work day and night upon the machine. When young McCormick finally succeeded in making a reaper that would cut grain under all ordinary conditions, his father expressed himself as proud of his son, who could do what he himself could not do. A patent for the machine was not secured until 1834, although it had been completed several years before. After this both father and son went into the smelting business in order to obtain material sufficient to carry on their business. Several sales were made each year, but the panic of 1837 struck a severe blow to further manufacturing in the Valley. Cyrus McCormick then rode horseback into the Middle Western lands. He saw the advantage this section offered to his reaper. So after riding through many States on horseback he settled at Chicago, then a small, muddy city. Here he established his great business and from that time rose rapidly to a position of independence and fortune.

Dr. Latane told how Mr. McCormick was always ready to give to a good cause. He endowed a theological seminary, which afterwards bore his name. This was the largest endowment of its kind that had ever been given before. He established religious papers,

and was instrumental in hundreds of other ways in carrying on a good cause. Other large and numerous gifts were continued. During his lifetime he endowed the department of Physics at Washington and Lee with \$20,000, and remembered it with the same amount in his will. His wife was in sympathy with all this true philanthropic work, and after his death she continued to carry it on. He was an honored trustee of Washington and Lee from 1869 until his death in 1884, and always maintained the greatest interest in this institution.

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recognized at W. & L. as one of the most important athletic events during the entire year, and the interest always manifested is very great. Every man who possibly can, come out and help make the team the best that has ever represented the White and Blue.

"For every trouble under the sun There is a remedy, or there is none. If there be one, go and find it, If there be none, never mind it."

SENIORS DEFEAT FRESHMEN.

In a rough game of basket-ball, the Freshman team was defeated Saturday afternoon in the gymnasium by the Senior quintet, the score at the end of thirty minutes play being twenty-one to fifteen against the now only "semi-verdant" Freshmen.

The game was hard fought throughout, and the first half ended with the Seniors one point behind. Only a very small crowd witnessed the contest, but the few who were present greatly enjoyed the game.

For '09, Champe was the particular star. He made thirteen of the twenty-one points made by the Seniors. For the Freshmen, Holz played a fine game. He threw a very difficult goal during the second half. The following is the line-up and summary:

Seniors.	Position.	Freshmen.
Wilson,	i. f.	Holz.
Spahr,	r. f.	Raine.
Glasgow, C.,	l. g.	Weeks.
Coe,	r. g.	Perkins.
Champe,	c.	Graham.

Goals:—Champe (6); Coe (2); Spahr (1); Glasgow (1); Holz (4); Raine (1); Graham (1). Fouls:—Raine (1). Time of halves, 15 minutes each.

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riasing scarce enough to sustain themselves, but also having to provide for those in the cities.

The inventor of the reaper was a practical farmer boy. He saw the need for a practical reaper that would work under all conditions. And to this end he worked day and night.

After his invention he went West. He saw in the great plains of the West the salvation of the nation. His ready insight led him to choose Chicago as the strategic point of the great industry he was to create. McCormick made friends with the farmer, struggling all the time against obstacles himself, he never pressed the farmer. He avoided lawsuits, the great dread of the farmer, who had from time immemorial dreaded the law as a great octopus that wound its tentacles around his little savings and deprived him of his sustenance forever. McCormick exhibited his invention abroad. At the exposition in London the people looked upon it as the creation of a cracked-brain genius. The *London Times* described it as a cross between a flying machine, a circus chariot and a wheelbarrow. But it was soon obliged to retract its statements when McCormick made practical demonstrations of the work of his reaper as he had done throughout America. The world accepted it as a godsend to the human race, and it only remained for the inventor and his posterity to reap their well-earned reward. The International Harvester Company is of world-wide establishment, and its products are used by every civilized nation of the globe.

Mr. McCormick was a man of sterling religious faith, and early made substantial contributions to the advancement of religion. His gifts and those of his family since his death to this cause have built a lasting memorial to his fame as a great and good citizen in the renowned theological institution which bears his name. Mr. McCormick was also a liberal benefactor of Washington and Lee University, and was, at the time of his death, as a trustee, a wise and faithful guardian of the destiny of the institution which he loved as a remembrance of his boyhood days in Virginia.

MISSISSIPPI STATE CLUB.

On February 17th, 1909, the loyal sons of the grand old State of Mississippi met in the English room, which is so noted during recitation periods for outbursts of eloquence within its walls. Perhaps this is why the Mississippi bunch chose this as a meeting place, for the sons of this State certainly believe in oratory and eloquence. It is an honor to belong to this club. At least this is the opinion of this group of young men who compose the club representing the State whose fame and good name has come down to us through corridors of time and will ever do so.

The president called the meeting to order, and the purpose stated was to adopt plans and make ar-

rangements for representation in the *Calyx*. The color and flower of last year were adopted, but the old yell of last year was supplanted by a better one. Hon. John Sharp Williams and Joseph K. Vardaman were elected honorary members. As there was no other business the meeting adjourned.

Each of the classes at the University of Texas is this year getting out one edition of *The Texan*, the bi-weekly paper.

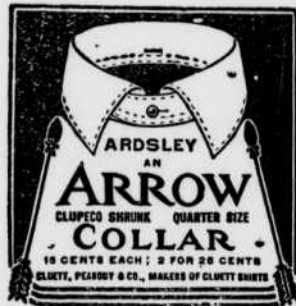
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CYRUS HALL McCORMICK.

Fittingly, indeed, was the centenary of Cyrus Hall McCormick observed in the University chapel. At the institution of which he was a trustee and benefactor, in the county which gave him birth, and in the State which he so loved to call his native State, tribute was justly paid to the memory of one of America's most illustrious sons.

The world at large seems to have partly forgotten the deeds of this man who so completely revolutionized American economy. It was he who devised a method whereby the masses of the people could be fed. It was he who instituted such a great labor-saving device that no longer does the American farmer have to reap his fields with bended back and aching arms. It was he who made America unique in that the common people have had their interests looked after. Other countries have produced their great men, but none of them have done so much for the advancement of the civilized race than has Cyrus Hall McCormick.

May Virginia ever celebrate the deeds of her noble sons.

A FUTURE HUNDREDTH YEAR.

The present year, still in its infancy, is peculiar in history. Already has it been our pleasant duty to echo in fitting tribute the name and deeds of men born a hundred years ago, each of whom, surrounded by overwhelming obstacles of deprivation and dark superstition, had the force of brain and tenacity of purpose to launch some new principle or make some great con-

tribution for the benefit of mankind. Our own country, and to some extent, all the civilized nations, each paid fitting tribute to the memory and achievements of Lincoln, Poe, Darwin, and McCormick. The memory of these men will live through their achievements. Their accomplishments will be forever a greater and more lasting tribute to their name than any commemoration in a material hall of fame. It is by deeds that men live. We should commend the accomplishment of these men to ourselves; in our day and time, surrounded by untold resources, and the world harnessed to our command, it were a shame to spend our lives ingloriously and without accomplishment. There should be a fixed resolve in every man to consummate a purpose. Let a future hundredth year echo the achievements of our own men and day.

MOOT COURT CONVENES.

The third February term of the Moot Court convened February 17 at 8 o'clock, Hon. M. P. Burks presiding. The roll was called and the orders of the last term were read, after which the absentees against whom rules had been issued at the last term were called up to deliver their excuses. H. J. Porter gave as his excuse an unremitting attack of 'de bleedin' of the nose,' and was accordingly excused, as was J. H. Price for absence from town. S. A. Beard, however, having no excuse for lateness at the last term, or absence at the term before, was fined 25 cents. Mr. Burks then proceeded to deliver the opinion in the case of John Smith vs. Henry Jones. Attorney Damron, for the plaintiff, and Attorney Carey for the defendant. However, the opinion was only an incident which served as a foundation for a lecture entitled "Higher Criticism on the Laxity of Methods of the Counsel and Officers of the Court," and before the lecture was concluded every one in court was compelled to concur with Mr. Burks that the points were well taken and the lecture well deserved. The counsel for the defense had not only written his pleadings in pencil, but had in addition written them on the back of an examination paper in such an illegible hand that the judge had been unable to decipher their contents or arrive at even an approximate estimate of their meaning; the counsel for the defense had not only given the wrong citations to support his points, but had used abbreviations of which the court could not and would take judicial notice, and which would indicate nothing but the most woful laziness on the part of said counsel; the sheriff had most probably had one of his chronic attacks of mental aberration since he had filed the papers with two defendants and no plaintiffs, while the clerk had apparently partaken of the beverage of the "Little Men of the Mountain," and had waked up from his Rip Van Winkle sleep just thirteen years behindhand and thus probably gave the year of the Commonwealth as the 121st instead of the 134th, according to the best of his knowledge under these unusual circumstances. This rather

lengthy opinion was concluded by the court by giving judgment for the plaintiff for \$200 on the bond sued on, and \$200 on the due bill, and reserving his opinion as to the rest of the case until the papers were properly prepared.

Attorney Bumgarner then offered the will of Samuel Dodson for probate, and the signatures of the testator and of the witnesses being properly proved by the witnesses signing, the court admitted the will to probate.

At this point the clerk asked permission of the court to be allowed to appoint a deputy clerk. By request of clerk, S. R. Marks was appointed, and being properly sworn, became deputy.

The first case called was the case of Addricks vs. the First National Bank, S. R. Marks appearing for the plaintiff and R. Ragland for the defendant. Plaintiff stated that no pleadings had been filed. The defendant then appeared and moved the court to quash the writ because no plaintiff was shown therein. The motion was sustained, the writ quashed and case thrown out of court.

The next case called was the case of Barfield vs. Colson, Mr. Caldwell for the plaintiff and Mr. S. Davis for the defendant. Mr. Davis moved the court to quash summons in the case because it did not show it was ever executed on the defendant. The motion was sustained, the summons quashed, and the case met the fate of the one just preceding.

The third case on the docket was that of Jones vs. N. & W. Railway, action for damages for death by wrongful act. Mr. Leatherberry appeared for plaintiff and Mr. Beard for the defendant. Mr. Leatherberry read his declaration, which was demurred to by Mr. Beard for five reasons as follows: (1) showed on its face contributory negligence on part of plaintiff, (2) the charge of negligence not specific enough, (3) does not show duty owed by plaintiff to defendant, (4) suit was brought under Maryland statute for \$15,000, while Virginia statute only allows \$10,000, (5) and for general insufficiency. Mr. Beard then plead to the merits and the special plea of release under the general issue, citing in support of his demurrer and pleas the great majority of the books and legal documents in the library, and urging in support of his various contentions authority from every State in the Union, and ending up with a superb and fitting climax by citing the Supreme Court of Texas. Mr. Leatherberry then replied, citing all the cases in support of his case, which Mr. Beard had not already appropriated. Court took the case under advisement.

The case of Nex vs. Fields was then taken up and argued by Mr. Davis and Mr. Ware appearing for the prosecution and defense respectively. This was also taken under advisement by court, after which the roll was called and the court adjourned until the next session.

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J. ED. DEEVER.

CUSTIS LEE ENGINEERING SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING.

The Custis Lee Engineering Society held its regular monthly meeting in Reid Hall Monday night, February 15th. Mr. B. M. Higginbotham read a paper on the use of coke as a locomotive fuel, treating the subject from both the economical and abatement of the smoke nuisance point of view.

The next regular meeting will be a public one, and in place of a regular paper being read a debate will be held upon the following question: "Resolved, That the U. S. Government should adopt a sea-level rather than a lock system for the Panama Canal." The affirmative will be upheld by Messrs. H. A. Derr and H. Tucker; the negative will be represented by Messrs. N. R. Beddow and C. M. Blake.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1909.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Roscoe Stephenson, '08, was in town for several days last week.

Mr. Artie Ripsey is the guest of the Misses Patton on Lee Ave.

"Monk" Moomaw, of Roanoke, spent the week end in Lexington.

E. L. Potter has returned to college after some days illness at his home.

Miss Cross, of Stuart Hall, was the guest last week of her mother on Lee Avenue.

Miss Gwendolyn Howe spent several days in Lynchburg last week visiting friends.

Miss Mary Belle Hobson is the guest of Miss Bessie Catlett on Main street, West.

Miss Alice Izard, of Roanoke, Virginia, is the guest of Miss Annie White, on Lee Avenue.

Miss City Beverley, of Winchester, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Morgan Pendleton, on Lee Avenue.

The Delta Taus entertained delightfully in their house on Washington street, North, in honor of the visiting girls.

Miss Joan White, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hunter Pendleton, has returned to her home in Charlottesville.

Miss Berlin and Miss Carrington attended the Fancy Ball, and while here were the guests of Miss Margaret Robinson on Main street, West.

Dr. Howe has been absent from the University part of the week attending the Laymen's missionary convention in session at Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. J. W. Claudy was operated on for appendicitis last week in Baltimore. We are glad to note that the operation was a success, and hope to see him back at W. & L.

Miss Elizabeth Holland, of Holins Institute; Miss Gladys Heald, Miss Caskie, and Miss Massie, of Lynchburg, and Miss Edith Jamison, of Roanoke, spent the week end with the Misses Graham, on Washington street, North.

Miss Elizabeth Preston entertained very charmingly on Saturday afternoon at her home on Lee Avenue. Miss Ripsey, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., the Misses Patton and Miss Bessie Catlett gracefully aided in receiving the many guests.

Mr. S. S. Price, of Hernando, Florida, left Lexington Monday with his son, L. L. Price, who has just recovered from an attack of

pneumonia, for their home. We are glad to see Price out again, but are sorry he is compelled to leave college on account of his health. He intends to return next session.

Miss Gilkerson, Miss Allen, Miss Speck, Miss Walter, and Miss Taylor, of Staunton; Miss Thomas and Miss Stark, of Mary Baldwin's; Miss Mary Stuart Coker, of Roanoke, Miss Miles, of Charlottesville; Miss Utterback, of Lynchburg, and Miss Girardeau were among the visiting calie in town last week to attend the Fancy Ball.

THE FANCY BALL.

Amid the blare of trumpets and clouds of confetti, the Fancy Ball of 1909 was opened on Friday night in the skating rink on Main street. Captain and Mrs. Samuel Walker, as George and Martha Washington, led the opening figure, which was greeted with shouts of applause by those who were fortunate enough to view the gorgeous spectacle.

The decorations harmonized wonderfully with the varied costumes, and consisted of flags of all nations artistically arranged amid queer oriental lanterns.

Several beautiful figures were led, and after a delightful collation dancing continued until half-past two in the morning. Among the young ladies present were the following: Miss Brockenbrough, Miss Catlett, Miss Robinson, Miss Turner; Miss Haskins, Miss Howerton, Miss Howe, Miss Eoff, Miss Bruce, Miss Rogers, Miss Champ, Miss Preston, Miss Currell, the Misses Patton, Miss Izard, Miss Jamison, Miss Coker, Miss Miles, Miss Heald, Miss Caskie, Miss Utterback, Miss Massie, Miss Hobson, Miss Berlin, Miss Carrington, Miss Cross, Miss Thomas, Miss Stark, Miss Margaret Robinson, Miss Girardeau, Miss Kyle, Miss Gilkerson, Miss Walter, Miss Speck, Miss Taylor, Miss Allen, Miss Holland, Miss Ripsey, Miss Bagley, Miss Brothers, Miss Woodard, Miss Beverley, Miss Lee, Miss Brocke, and Miss Hirst.

MR. BROCKMAN ADDRESSES Y. M. C. A.

The regular meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Tuesday night in the library building. President Carey led the meeting and chose as "Descriptive Reading" James, 1st chapter. He then introduced Mr. Brockman, of University of Virginia, whose subject was "The Claims of General Secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. upon College men." He also pointed out why college men should be physical directors, qualifications of secretary and physical directors.

In conclusion he urged that all Y. M. C. A. college men should consider this work and start at it as early as possible. There is a great demand for the influence of college men upon the outside world in Y. M. C. A. work, because they are better fitted than others.

After the meeting nominations for officers were heard and they will be voted on next Tuesday night.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Allen Randall, law '94, is enjoying a lucrative practice in Shreveport, La.

R. A. Robinson, class '75, is in the wholesale hardware business in Louisville, Ky.

C. L. Green, B. S., '08, is teaching in a high school at Fayetteville, North Carolina.

B. G. Smith, ex-'08, is book-keeper for the American National Bank at Lynchburg, Va.

B. D. Truslow, ex-'10, who recently left college, has a position in Charleston, W. Va.

F. M. Barker, ex-'07, has a position with a telephone company at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

C. R. Blain, '01, is studying for the ministry at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

H. L. Gage, law '06, is practicing law in Saginaw, Mich, of which city he was recently elected assistant attorney.

Helm Bruce, class '80, is practicing law in Louisville, Ky., and is one of the most influential attorneys of the city.

R. C. Milling, A. B., '08, familiarly known as "judge," is taking the senior course in law at Louisiana State University.

Stuart W. Walker, class '85, is practicing law in Martinsburg, W. Va., and is the representative for his district in the West Virginia Legislature.

J. P. Hobson, Jr., '08, is teaching Latin and Mathematics at Branham and Hughes at Spring Hill, Tenn. He is also the coach of the football and basket-ball teams.

Judge Samuel E. Green, an alumnus of Washington and Lee, who has been criminal judge for eighteen years in Birmingham, Ala., was recently elected probate judge of Jefferson county.

JUNIOR PROM.

The Junior class held its promenade in the skating rink on Saturday night, and in every respect it was a brilliant success.

The rink was beautifully decorated with college flags and emblems, and all who enjoyed the hospitality of the class of 1910 had their fill of enjoyment. An unusually large number of young ladies were present, having come from all over the State. Class spirit ran high and college yells made the welkin ring. It is hoped that succeeding classes of under graduates will fall on the good example set by nineteen-ten, and will make such an enjoyable occasion an annual affair.

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GRAHAM-LEE SOCIETY.

The Graham-Lee Literary Society met Saturday evening, the 13th, with the usual large attendance. The house was immediately called to order by President Watkins. One of the best programs of the year was delivered. Mr. Leach delivered an oration, which was good and full of pathos from beginning to end. Mr. Coates voluntarily gave a reproduction of Senator Bob Taylor, of Tennessee, which was very humorous and filled the hall with laughter. Had one not known the difference he would have thought "Bob was sure in town."

The debate was reported by the critic, Mr. Somers, one of the best discussed in Graham-Lee Hall for some time. The subject was "Resolved: That the B. A. degree should be a prerequisite to entrance into the legal profession." The affirmative was argued by Messrs. Eggleston and Spindle, the negative by Messrs. Worrell and Adkins.

The gentlemen stuck to their subject, which is a very essential feature of a good debate. The committee of judges rendered their decision in favor of negative.

The society was honored by several visitors, among them Captain McNeil, who gave a short talk on the question while the committee was deciding. We are glad to see our townsmen interested in our society, and hope the members will continue their good attendance and be ready to answer roll call promptly at 8 o'clock.

WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The society was called to order February 13th at 8 o'clock sharp by President Damron. A motion was put before the house for a joint session of the Washington and Graham-Lee Literary Societies for the purpose of considering Mr. F. R. Ruff's resignation from the Tenn. debate. The societies in joint session accepted his resignation, and Mr. W. T. Delaplaine was elected to the position.

Mr. Ruek delivered an excellent declamation on the "Greatness of History." The question for debate was an exceedingly interesting topic, "Resolved, That Macbeth was the Third Murderer." It was admirably debated on the part of the affirmative by Messrs. IZARD and Briedenbach, and on the part of the negative by Messrs. Leith and McGavock. While waiting for the report of the judges the society was highly entertained by the extemporaneous speeches of Messrs. T. B. Ruff and Boyer. Judges Pence, Moreland and Miller now returned with a decision in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Caldwell's amendment to the constitution, which slightly changed the order of business, was unanimously adopted.

The society extends a cordial invitation to every one to attend its celebration on February 22d.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES.

President Angell, of the University of Michigan, has resigned af-

ter thirty-five years of efficient and honorable service. During President Angell's administration Michigan's growth and development has been wonderful. As a mark of the high esteem in which the retiring president is held, he has been made Chancellor of the University.

The new and up-to-date chemical laboratory which is being erected at the Virginia Military Institute, is nearing completion. The laboratory will be a valuable asset to the school.

Two Southern teams appear on Princeton's football schedule for 1909—Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Sewanee. The Techs. played Princeton in 1908, and the Tigers were surprised at the strength of the Southern team, the final score being only 10 to 4 in Princeton's favor.

Out-door baseball practice is beginning earlier than usual in the South this year. The class teams have already organized at Carolina, and the 'Varsity has lined up against the scrubs several times.

"The Hero of the Gridiron," the name of a play which it is needless to say deals with college life, was presented by the Dramatic Club at the University of North Carolina last week.

"Gus" Brown, V. P. I.'s director of athletics and coach, will not return to the Tech. next year, but will be Colgate's football coach. Mr. Brown will be greatly missed by the Techs. unless they secure another mighty good man.

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You can't always tell, says an exchange, what will happen. For instance, there is a story of a man who determined to commit suicide. He went to the store and bought a rope, a can of coal oil, a box of matches, a dose of arsenic, and a revolver. He went down to the river and pushed the boat from the shore and waded to where a limb hung over; saturated his clothing with the coal oil, lighted a match and set fire to his clothing, took the dose of arsenic, put the muzzle of the revolver to his temple, pushed the boat from under him, and pulled the trigger. But the bullet glanced and cut the rope above him and he fell kerflop into the river; the water put the fire out and he got strangled and coughed up the arsenic. He rose and waded out, and declared himself a candidate for the Legislature on the Reform ticket.—*The Wayne Register.*

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