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White and Blue Wins Last Game

V. P. I. Downed in a Rough Contest—The Score 40 to 12—A Large Crowd Witnessed the Game.

In the last game of the season W. & L.'s basket-ball team defeated the fast quintet from Virginia Polytechnic Institute by the score of forty to twelve. A large crowd witnessed the contest, and excitement and enthusiasm both ran high at times.

The "Techs" put up a game fight, and for the first few minutes of play it looked as though the 'Varsity lads were up against it. But excellent work by Boyd and Hannis in the first half enabled the 'Varsity five to score 16 points to V. P. I.'s ten. During the first half the W. & L. team did not play with the "ginger" that has characterized most of their games this season, and it was not until the second half that the 'Varsity showed its old time form. The "Techs., though playing hard, were unable to withstand the whirlwind play of the 'Varsity during this half, and what at first bid fair to be a close game was turned into an easy victory for W. & L. The game throughout was the roughest of the year. Fouls were numerous, but most of these were credited to V. P. I. However, out of probably a score of tries, only two fouls were thrown by W. & L.

"Pat" Osbourn seemed unable to locate the basket during the first half, but made up for lost time in the last twenty minutes of play by throwing seven goals. He put up a good game at center, and showed skill in placing the ball. He also pulled off a spectacular play by dribbling the entire length of the floor with a V. P. I. man literally hanging on to him, and throwing a pretty goal. Both Boyd and Hannis added several goals apiece to W. & L.'s score. And V. P. I.'s forwards could do but little with Captain Smartt and "Tommy" Glasgow. In the last ten minutes of play "Tubby" Derr was substituted for Glasgow, and gave a good account of himself. Hurt, right forward for V. P. I., was injured by a heavy fall during the second half and was forced to retire. He threw a couple of pretty goals. Captain Hughes also played a good game for the "Techs. In the last half of the game the 'Varsity team work was excellent, but during the

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Washington Lit. Soc. Celebration

Its 97th Birthday Observed With a Well-Rendered Program—Caldwell and Moreland Capture the Medals.

The Washington Literary Society held its 97th annual celebration in the University chapel on the evening of the 22nd, beginning at 8 o'clock. The chapel was appropriately decorated with pennants of numerous schools, and small flags of the Stars and Stripes, representative of the birthday of "the father of our country." Most delightful music was furnished by the orchestra of the school for the Deaf and Blind, of Staunton, Va., under the leadership of Professor Thomas Beardsworth, director of the Stone-wall Band. The program was well rendered, and showed excellent preparation, both on the orations and the debate.

The officers of the occasion were E. L. Potter, of Virginia, president; C. Smith, of Oklahoma, vice-president; K. M. Leith, of Pennsylvania, secretary, and S. C. Bumgarner, of Virginia, chief marshal. Mr. Potter in his opening remarks welcomed the audience to the celebration, and said upon this evening so cherished as the birthday of the noble Washington, the Washington Literary Society was going to give forth to the public a representation of its work and to the successful contestants a reward of merit in the form of medals.

The first orator of the evening was Mr. H. S. Caldwell, of Florida, who spoke on the subject of "The Reign of the Bosses." The speaker showed how in this country of ours we were supposed to have a government by the people, and how in fact it is run by "rings" and "bosses" in quite a number of cases. Machines, as they are called, as they exist in our large cities, such as Tammany Hall in New York City, and like organizations in Cincinnati, Boston, Philadelphia and St. Louis, were given as examples of the reign of the bosses. The remedy of these evils rests with the good citizen. The only redeeming power lies in the hands of the voters. They have the power if they will only use it.

The second orator of the evening was Mr. O. H. Breidenbach, of Montana, whose subject was "The Worthy Life." He reviewed the past history of America, and dwelt especially upon the revolutionary

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The Fancy Dress Ball Great Event

Amid Brilliant Decorations and Large Crowd of Spectators the Fancy Ball of 1909 Another Success.

The Fancy Dress Ball has become an annual event at Washington and Lee. This year, as other years, it was the greatest social event of the season. It was held in February 19th, under the direction of Miss Annie White. The rink was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flags, and college and fraternity pennants. Electric lights exquisitely arranged and Japanese lanterns added much beauty to the scene.

Among those taking part in the opening figure were:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Walker, Jr., General and Martha Washington.

Miss Gwendolyn Howe, Lexington, Ja Diable, with Student Bernard Krug, Turkish Zouave.

Miss Elizabeth Bruce, Louisville, Gypsy, with Student Houston Barclay, Lexington, Court fool.

Miss Agnes Patton, Lexington, Irish Peasant, with Mr. Strassel, Irish Knight.

Miss Ripsey, Kentucky, Old-Fashioned girl, with Mr. Smartt, Knight.

Miss Lucy Patton, Lexington, Japanese girl, with John Page, French Peasant.

Miss Margaret Robinson, Lexington, Lady of the Lake, with George L. Hughes, French soldier.

Miss Rachel Howerton, Lexington, the Pink of Fashion, with Mr. Stough, clown.

Miss Nell Broekenbrough, Lexington, as "Bessie McCoy," with William Paxton, Musketeer.

Miss Bessie Catlett, Lexington, Butterfly, with Mr. Carpenter, Courtier.

Miss Kitty Brothers, Suffolk, Red Riding Hood, with Walter Hood.

Miss Mary Champe, Lexington, Daughter of the Regiment, with Mr. Ellison, clown.

Miss Felde Lee, Lynchburg, Princton girl, with Mr. R. Anderson, head clown.

Miss Elizabeth Preston, Lexington, Folly, with Martin Withers, Scotch Highlander.

Miss Louise Haskins, Lexington, Fencing girl, with Ralph Powell, David Garriek.

Miss Eloise Gassman, Lexington, Mary Jane, with Mr. Foston, Jester.

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Junior Promenade Brilliant Success

Class of 1910 Gives Its Third Annual Dance—One of the Most Enjoyable Functions of the New Year.

Following closely the Fancy Ball, and serving as a fitting climax to the festivities of the week-end, the class of 1910 held its third annual promenade. The ball room had been decorated with varie-hued bunting and college banners and streamers, all of which formed a beautiful and harmonious setting for the occasion. The event began at 9 o'clock, and several dances were enjoyed till promptly at ten o'clock President Burks, of the Junior class, sounded the call for the opening figure. The figure, which was led by Mr. Burks, accompanied by Miss Agnes Patton, followed by forty couples, was skillfully directed, and from the point of symmetry and infinite variety of form and intricacy, was one of the most pleasing seen here in some time. Three dances after the opening figure, another was directed by Mr. Chenoweth, accompanied by Miss Lucy Patton, and after this the festivities were at their height. A delightful punch was served at frequent intervals, and until the end the evening was one of constant enjoyment.

The success of the occasion was greatly enhanced by the presence of the large number of visiting young ladies who had remained over after the Fancy Ball. Those present and participating in the figures were the Misses Patton, Misses Bagley, Heald, Izard, Cross, Jamison, Utterback, Hobson, Berlin, Carrington, Thomas, Stark, Gilkerson, Robinson, Giraudeau, Kyle, Walter, Speck, Taylor, Allen, Holland, Ripsey, Brothers, Woodward, Beverley, Lee, Broeke, Hirsh, Eoff, Brockenbrough, Catlett, Robinson, Currell, Haskins, Howerton, Howe, Bruce, Rogers, and Preston.

The following ladies assisted as patronesses: Miss White, Mesdames Denny, Walker, Currell, Cross, Pendleton, Logan, Nichols, Estell, Tucker, Rogers, and Graham.

Class Officers.

C. E. Burks, President.
B. M. Chenoweth, Vice-President.

J. T. Lykes, Secretary-Treasurer.

Committee on Arrangement.

W. F. Pipes, chairman; Smartt,

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Washington Literary Society Celebration

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period. From this he drew the examples of worthy lives well spent, and showed how our very nation depended upon these revolutionary heroes. As defeat is the test of man, so adversity is the test of nations. The example of our American revolution was followed by other countries, great and small, until now many countries have a government of their own, which were formerly held in subjugation. The worthy life of present and future must follow the worthy life of the past. Men do not have to be statesmen in order to serve their nation. They can do it by living a worthy life.

The debate was of unusual interest, and brought forth many arguments on both sides. The subject was 'Resolved: That woman suffrage should be adopted throughout the United States.'

The first speaker on the affirmative was Mr. J. S. Jones, of North Carolina. He showed that woman had a natural right to suffrage. To deprive her of this right is taxation without representation. If the women are given the right to vote it will bring about a great change in social conditions, which would be for the betterment of society. He then used the four States that now have woman suffrage; namely, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah and Colorado, as examples of the work which women have done. In concluding, the speaker summarized his arguments under four heads. First, woman has a natural right to vote; second, she has the intelligence necessary; third, her vote is needed; and fourth, the result in States having woman suffrage have proved it beneficial.

The first speaker on the negative was Mr. W. E. Moreland, of Louisiana. He asked why should the United States introduce a plan that had never been adopted or tried by any civilized country. The four States which have adopted woman suffrage are not more successful in evading evil than the other States. Corruption in politics was just as common an occurrence here as elsewhere. The speaker next brought out the conditions which would prevail under woman suffrage. There would be contention in the homes arising out of different political opinions. This would tend greatly towards making home life far from what it should be. And, furthermore, the women do not ask for it. They do not want it. Men and women are born into this world with different functions. There is no comparison as to which is greater or less, because their work lies altogether in different spheres. A woman is no inferior man, nor man an inferior woman. It is the State's function to protect woman, not woman's function to protect the State. Military functions were shown to belong to man, and also suffrage carried with it military functions.

The second speaker on the affirmative was Mr. G. E. Pence, of Virginia. He said that woman had secured confidence but not her

rights. He also gave instances of the work women had done in time of war. Their work in this respect was greater than that of the men. The right to suffrage belongs to woman just as much as the right to hold property. To hold property and not be allowed to vote is taxation without representation.

The second speaker on the negative was Mr. F. R. Ruff, of Virginia. He laid emphasis on the question as to the advantages, if any, of woman suffrage. He said it was undesirable, because in the first place it is no advantage to woman; in the second place, it is no advantage to men; and in the third place, it is no advantage to the political world.

The judges were Mr. Hugh A. White, Dr. W. S. Currell, Mr. R. H. Willis, Rev. Cosby Bell, and Dr. A. T. Graham. After the debate was finished and the judges had come to their decision, Mr. Willis was introduced for the purpose of announcing the winners and delivering of medals. With a few brief and humorous remarks he held the attention of the audience until he announced that Mr. Caldwell had won the orator's medal and Mr. Moreland the debater's medal.

This celebration was one of an excellent character. It was complete and without the slightest detracting feature. The entire program was well carried out, and did credit both to the speakers and to the society. It was much enjoyed by the audience, and one of which the Washington Literary Society can well be proud.

Fancy Dress Ball Great Eve

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Miss Kitty Rogers, Lexington, Italian Peasant, with Mr. Albertson, Court jester.

Miss Susan Currell, Lexington, Portuguese peasant, with W. L. Webster, Chinaman.

Miss Emily Robinson, Priscilla, with Mr. Lewis, Spanish cavalier.

Miss Bessie Holland, Suffolk, Princess Flavia, with James Caskie, Peasant.

Miss Stuart Coker, Roanoke, Empress Josephine, with Robert Thach, Robin Hood.

Miss Elsie Miles, University of Virginia, Hortense, with John Izard, French Peasant.

Miss Utterback, Lynchburg, Folly, with Mr. Pipes, Count of Monte Cristo.

Miss Jane Walter, Staunton, French peasant, with Mr. Laird, Toreador.

Miss Gladys Heald, Lynchburg, Priscilla, with Charles Glasgow, sailor.

Miss Edith Jamison, Roanoke, Juliette, with Walter McDonald, sailor.

Miss Mary Eoff, St. Louis, Spanish Dancing Girl, with Mr. O'Bryan, Colonial gentleman.

Miss Rachel Speck, Staunton, Folly, with Mr. Blackford, Spanish Cavalier.

Miss Maude Caskie, Lynchburg, Greek, with Parke Lamberton, John Alden.

Miss Lillian Berlin, Harrisonburg, Folly, with Mr. Dilworth, Spaniard.

Miss Elizabeth Cross, Staunton, Poppy, with Mr. Alexander, Colonial costume.

Miss Hurst, Puredellville, Pocahontas, with Mr. Browne, Colonial. Miss Carrie Kyle, Farmville, trained nurse, with Mr. Muse, Turk.

Miss Janet Wilson, Staunton, Marguerite costume, with Wallace Wilson, Spanish gypsy.

Miss Helen Broeket, High Point, N. C. "Night," with Mr. Knight, Baltimore, Md., Night.

Miss Mary Hobson, Frankfort, Ky. Tambourine girl, with Mr. A. Ted Barclay, Jr., Spaniard.

Miss Nelle Carrington, South Boston, Chrysanthemum, with Mr. Howard Tucker, George Washington.

The chaperones were: Miss Annie White, Colonial Court costume; Mrs. A. D. Estill, black net; Mrs. F. Mallory, cream net; Mrs. J. R. Long, red crepe de chine; Mrs. W. LeConte Stevens, grey crepe de chine, pearls; Mrs. T. J. Farrar, white crepe; Mrs. J. W. Kern, black silk; Mrs. W. S. Currell, gray silk, cameos; Mrs. A. P. Staples, black silk and net; Mrs. D. C. Humphreys, black net; Mrs. E. M. Pendleton, Spanish costume; Mrs. J. W. Gilmore, black silk and jet; Mrs. Harvey C. Wise, white lace; Mrs. W. Cosby Bell, blue rajah silk; Mrs. Gertrude Logan, French marque; Mrs. Cross, lavender silk, pearls and diamonds; Miss Elizabeth Graham, white lace; Miss Margaret Graham, white satin; Miss Carrie Harman, yellow messaline; Mrs. Benjamin Huger, white chiffon, lace trimmings; Mrs. J. C. Long, Amherst county, yellow and black; Mrs. Harry B. Cook, Denver, Colo., white silk and diamonds; Mrs. Keezel, wife of State Senator Keezel, of Rockingham county, black silk.

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first part the team showed the lack of practice. The "rooting" led by Cheer Leader Witten was indeed noticeable, it being the best since the Virginia game. The following is the line-up and summary:

W. & L.	Position.	V. P. I.
Hannis,	l. f.	Hargroves.
Boyd,	r. f.	Hurt, Hobbie.
Smartt,	capt.	g. Hughes, Capt.
Glasgow,	Derr,	r. g. Langford,
		Lipscombe.
Osbourn,	c.	Legge.

Goals—Hannis (6); Boyd (4); Osbourn (7); Smartt (1); Glasgow (1); Hargroves (1); Hurt (2); Hughes (1); Langford (1). Fouls—Hannis (2); Legge (2). Referee—McEntee, of V. M. I. Umpire—Severe, of W. & L. Timekeeper—R. R. Brown, of W. & L. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-President Cleveland, Hon. George B. McClelland, Mayor of New York, has been elected lecturer of public affairs at Princeton.

One thousand dollars has been set aside at Brown University as prizes to students who excel in mathematics.

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THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER'S SNIPE HUNT.

On the night of February 25th, Messrs. Hampton and Collins entertained the Arkansas Club. The meeting was a brilliant success; every member being present and each thoroughly enjoying himself. After refreshments were served, it was decided that the club should go snipe hunting, as it was found that one of the members, Mr. Clement, alias "Daniel Boone," had never experienced the pleasure of this sport. At first there was a strong discussion as to who should hold the sack, Mr. Sadler contending that this important task belonged to him, but at last, swayed by the eloquent words of Mr. Hampton that "it was only just and fair that 'Daniel Boone' should have this honor," the club voted (Mr. Sadler strongly objecting) that "Daniel Boone" should hold the sack.

Captain Alderson on hearing of the proposed hunt, volunteered to lead the band of snipe hunters to the best snipe hunting grounds in the county, which was but one mile from town, and where on several occasions he had caught a whole sack full in the course of a single night. His valuable services were gladly accepted.

On reaching the hunting grounds "Daniel Boone" was carefully instructed on the art of holding the sack, so that the snipe could not help but run into it. He was supplied with some matches and further instructed to strike them so that the snipe would be attracted by the light. After placing him in the bottom of a ravine, and with a last appeal to Daniel that he stick to his post and thereby make the hunt a complete success, the crowd left him alone in order that they might go to the other end of the ravine and "shoo" the snipes into the sack.

When last seen "Daniel Boone" was assiduously striking matches, and waiting patiently with open sack for the snipes to be driven into it.

Whether Daniel did or did not catch his snipe will ever remain an unsolved problem to the Arkansas Club. Very likely he did; but there is one thing that is sure, which will ever remain in their hearts.

When it comes to hunting snipe, Mr. Clement is a dead game, thoroughbred sportsman.

SIGMA CELEBRATION.

Historic Society Holds Its Twenty-Ninth Annual Initiation on Washington's Birthday.

True to its time-honored custom, the Sigma Ribbon Society held its twenty-ninth annual initiation on Washington's birthday. Early in the day those who had been so fortunate as to receive an invitation to membership in the society, began wending their gladsome way to the appointed place of meeting, and soon the procession began, and Lexington was treated to a trip back to the days when the Father of His Country marched his tried and true patriots to the martial

music of the fife and drum corps. The occasion was made one of indulgence of human vanities, and each "goat" was given due license and opportunity to exploit those merits of his own which every self-respecting man must feel in himself, and which, on account of these present day conventions, he has to trammel in the uttermost recesses of his mind in self-sacrifice and to the glorification of his neighbor. But conventions were swept aside and each "goat" spoke well of himself, and well he might, for is it not somewhere written, "He that tooteth not his own horn, the same shall not be tooted."

Shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon the participants went for a tally-ho ride through the principal streets of the city and back again at five to that place on the campus which views that lone and silent senechal who watches over the good old main building, George Washington, the Patron Saint of Sigma. Here the obedient "goats" bowed in humble obeisance to him who should guard their future destiny and poured forth their earnest supplications for deliverance from all obnoxious present-day persecutions by faculty, bill-collectors, "cops," and other undesirables. This done, all once more repaired to the city and soon afterwards a triumphant torch-light procession ended all that part of the celebration which it was the good fortune of the uninitiated to witness.

Those initiated were, Mulford Stough, Camden Armentrout, Kendall Lemley, John Page, Thurman Clark, John Eggleston, 'Pat' Osbourn, Robert Hutchinson, and Knox Smartt.

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Blackburn, Hutchinson, and Anderson.

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WITHIN THE CONCEPTION OF OUR HONOR SYSTEM.

It is indeed regrettable that the poor attendance at the University Assembly on February 15th was so marked as to call forth the just reprimand of the president. It is estimated that only three hundred and twenty-five out of the student body of five hundred and seventy odd men observed a University regulation and turned out to do honor to the memory of one of our greatest benefactors. President Denny is, we believe, correct in his statement that the men who wilfully absent themselves from the assembly are guilty of the most reprehensible conduct.

We cannot but believe that the men who remained away from this occasion did so thoughtlessly, as few of them seem to realize the meaning of the words "all students are required to attend," or an expression to that effect.

Our conception of the matter is that the man who wilfully stays away from the assembly, and does so simply because he knows he will not be caught—if the use of such a word in this University is pardonable in this connection—has violated the *spirit*, at least, of the HONOR SYSTEM. With the present seating facilities of the chapel, the authorities are absolutely powerless to note with certainty the absence or presence of a single individual. Yet attendance is compulsory. But how is the requirement to be enforced?

Why, nothing is more simple in an institution which places the HONOR of its students above all things. When a man knows that he should observe a University regulation, but that no eye can detect him if he fails to do so, will not his conscience prompt him to offer

some excuse for his absence? Surely no set of rules have to be laid down to call attention to what the honor system means, WHEN IT PERVADES EVERY WALK OF COLLEGE LIFE.

We, therefore, believe that, when the men in college realize this they will either go to the University Assembly, or act as the honorable and high-toned gentlemen they are, and report their absence to the president. Certainly, we will not wish to drive the authorities to institute the system of calling the roll at our assembly. Remember that this is no "prep." school, but a University, in which a man *pledges his honor to observe the regulations when he matriculates.*

Moreover, the Assembly is for the students, and since it ordinarily comes but once every month, the men in college should gladly attend. No other duty is required of them during that hour, and by a full attendance the bond between all of us is materially strengthened. We earnestly hope that conditions will never again arise to call forth an editorial comment of this character.

THE FANCY DRESS BALL.

The third annual Fancy Dress Ball is now a thing of the past. We say annual, because for three years it has been such, and we sincerely hope it will continue. It is a distinctive feature of the Washington and Lee social life, and a feature of which all of us should be proud. Already it is becoming widely known, and if kept up will rapidly take a position in the front rank with any social function in the State. Why should we not make it such? Already we are glad to note many alumni and many visitors present each year. Why not continue it and increase its prestige and make it a function to draw back our alumni at a certain time each year when they know they will meet others. It can be done if the students so wish it, and will display the necessary interest.

For the last three years the "Ball" has been possible only through the untiring and unswerving efforts of Miss Annie White. She has fought against the apparent indifference of the students and each time has conquered. The writer knows personally that Miss White was urged strongly by some of her friends to give up a task which, purely gratuitous on her part, seemed to excite no interest on those who were to receive the benefits. Knowing students, however, Miss White refused to give it up, and as a result the apparent indifference grew into ever increasing interest a few days before the appointed day, and into enthusiasm at the "Ball." Many who had refused to go at first were anxious to find costumes at the last moment, and it is useless to tell that none who went regretted it—all who went were glad.

Now why delay our enthusiasm and interest until the day before the ball? Experience teaches that it is certainly coming in the end—except possibly to a few of the blasé class—so what is the use of putting it off? Why not begin

early and get all the good out of the anticipation? Begin now to plan for the "Great" Fancy Dress Ball of 1910, even if your plans are but "castles in the air," it is always pleasant to think them over. Lessen the burdensomeness of the part of Miss Annie by showing your appreciation through enthusiasm for next year. In short let every one do his best to make the next ball the best of all, to establish it as a permanent annual affair to which we may point with pride and to spread its fame and prestige.

CONCERNING THE UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY.

It is to be regretted that there was such a conspicuous lack of attendance on the part of the students at the recent McCormick centennial celebration. Fully one-third of the students absented themselves from the exercises, and especially was their absence made noticeable by the intervening vacant seats between the front and rear of the auditorium. The absentees were not confined to any one class, but were from all classes, as shown by the vacant seats in the gallery, as well as on the main floor. The visitors, most of whom were ladies, had been requested to occupy the seats in the extreme rear, as it was known from experience that there would be little room for them in the galleries, in view of the additional space filled by this year's assembly. But the ushers who had provided for the comfort of the student body at the inconvenience of the visitors had to bear the embarrassment when it became apparent that their offices had been unnecessary.

The University Assembly is essentially a student function, and they should appreciate the privilege of attending, and especially should they have appreciated the peculiar privilege of attending the hundredth anniversary celebration of one whom we should rightly be proud, not only for his contribution to the human race, but also for the very fact that he was a native of our own environments and a liberal benefactor of Washington and Lee. The chagrin of the president at the absence of the students was obvious, and the situation was rendered more embarrassing by the fact that their absence was noted by a representative of the McCormick family who had come here for the purpose of recording the exercises in the press.

We would recall to the unmindful that the assembly is as much a University institution as the daily lectures, and that attendance upon it is as much expected as in the class room. Absence on this occasion is a thing to be seriously considered, when we know that lectures are suspended for the express purpose of permitting attendance at the assembly, and that the men are credited as if they had been in active attendance upon lectures.

We do not believe that these absences are in all cases culpable, but that oftentimes the period is well spent in preparation for the classroom. But we urge more appreciation of this function, which is not only instructive, but fosters col-

lege spirit in that it furnishes one of the few occasions for a full assembly of the student body.

DOINGS AT OTHER COLLEGES

Michigan has partly inaugurated the honor system. A student was tried by a jury of his peers recently and found guilty of cheating on an examination. He was required to leave college for the rest of the year.

President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, has announced that the \$500,000—the raising of which Andrew Carnegie made a condition of his gift to Virginia—has been secured. This means that Virginia now has an endowment of \$1,000,000, exclusive of State appropriations or bequests.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Artie Ripey, who has been the guest of the Misses Patton, left on Wednesday for her home in Kentucky.

Miss Lucy Bagley and Miss Alice Izard, who were the guests of Miss White for several days last week, left Lexington last Tuesday.

Miss Carrington, of South Boston, is the guest of Miss Robinson, on Main street, West.

Misses Speck, Walter, Allen and Gilkerson, of Staunton, who attended the Fancy Ball on the 19th, remained in Lexington for the V. M. I. hop, which took place last Monday night.

Miss Brothers and Miss Woodward, who were the guests last week of Miss Brockenbrough, returned on Tuesday to their home in Suffolk.

Mr. John Pinner, of the University of Virginia, was the guest last week of Mr. Pret Holland at the D. T. D. House.

Miss Gladys Heald, of Lynchburg, returned home on Monday.

Miss Elizabeth Holland, after spending the week end with the Misses Graham, returned on Monday to Hollins Institute.

Mr. William Bell, of the University of Virginia, was the guest last week of Mr. Raymond Strassel.

Mr. Mercer McCrum, of Natural Bridge, was present at the festivities attendant on Washington's birthday.

Mr. Plea Watkins, '08, was in town a short time last week.

Mr. Lucian Coker, Mr. Robert Allen and Mr. Burns, of the University of Virginia, attended the Fancy Ball, and while here were the guests of Mr. Hugh Hagan.

Mr. Bailey King, of Staunton, spent the week end with Mr. Ted Barclay.

Mrs. Lucian Coker, of Roanoke, entertained very delightfully on her car during the afternoon of Friday, the nineteenth. Among those fortunate enough to enjoy Mrs. Coker's hospitality were Miss Elsie Miles, of Charlottesville; Miss Mary Stuart Coker, of Roanoke, Messrs. Lucian Coker, Robert Allen and Burns, of the University of Virginia; Captain McCready, Captain Davant, Mr. Holland, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Caskie, Mr. Jamison, Mr. Butler, Mr. Jack Campbell, Mr. Will Gwathmey, Mr. Beverley, Mr. Fort Pipes, Mr. Izard, Mr. Withers, Mr. Thatch, Mr. Houston Barclay, Mr. Devall Gwathmey, and Mr. Hugh Hagan.

The hospitable home of the Delta

Tau Deltas was thrown open on Saturday afternoon, February 20, in honor of the visiting girls. Delightful refreshments were served, and Miss Elizabeth Graham charmingly acted as chaperone. Among those who called were Miss Izard, Miss Heald, Miss Holland, Miss Brothers, Miss Woodward, Miss Ripey, Misses Patton, Miss Bagley, Miss Brockenbrough, Miss Haskins, Miss Hobson, Miss Catlett, Miss Cross, Miss Preston, and Miss Howe. Mr. Bootay, Mr. Powell, Mr. Lambertson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Withers, Mr. McCrum, and Mr. Gwathmey.

Mr. Raymond Strassel entertained very delightfully at dinner at the Dutch tea room on the evening of the Junior Prom. Covers were laid for twelve, and those who enjoyed Mr. Strassel's hospitality were Miss Ripey, the Misses Patton, Miss Hobson, Miss Catlett, Miss Preston, Mr. William Bell, of the University of Virginia; Mr. Thaddeus McCrum, Mr. Beach Chenoweth, Mr. Fort Pipes and Mr. Devall Gwathmey.

Mr. Caperton and Mr. Clark gave a very enjoyable coaching party to Staunton on Saturday. Those who enjoyed the outing were Miss Mary Bell Hobson, Miss Bessie Catlett, Mr. Clark and Mr. Caperton.

WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The society was called to order promptly at 8 o'clock February 20 by President Dameron. The orator for the evening was Mr. Smith. His subject was "Railroads as a factor in the Development of the Country." Mr. Sacks delivered admirably a declamation entitled "Lincoln's Speech at Gettysburg." The subject for debate, "Resolved, That the Constitution of the United States is no longer adequate to meet the present conditions," was an unusually interesting topic. It was debated on the part of the affirmative by Messrs. Dunham and Boyer, and on the part of the negative by Messrs. L. B. Stanley and Riviere. While waiting for the judge's report Messrs. Miller and Riviere made excellent extemporaneous speeches. Judges Trumbull, Potter, and Larrick rendered a decision in favor of the affirmative.

Messrs. Walters, Lloyd and Adams were appointed on a committee to meet the Band of the Blind.

RANDOLPH-MACON CLUB ORGANIZED.

Several days ago a large majority of the Randolph-Macon men in college met and organized themselves into the Randolph-Macon Club. The following men were elected officers:

W. Kendall Lemley, president.
N. W. Burgess, secretary and treasurer.

It was decided that the club should have a representation in the *Calyx*, and also that there should be a banquet in the near future. There are now twenty-eight Randolph-Macon men in college.

ALUMNI NOTES.

M. B. Marshall, '04, is a missionary of the Protestant Episcopal church in the Philippine Islands.

G. H. Miles, '09, who has been in the hospital in Radford, is reported much better.

E. S. Boice, '05, is president of the senior medical class at the University of Pennsylvania.

Brent Elmer Clark, B. S., '06, is engineering at McAllister, Oklahoma.

Edward Wohlwender is practicing law at Columbus, Ga.

John E. Scott is teaching at Montgomery, Ala.

GRAHAM-LEE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Graham-Lee Literary Society was called to order by President Watkins promptly at 8 o'clock on the evening of the 20th. The roll-call showed very few present. This was probably due to the fact that the Junior dance was taking place at the skating rink at the same time. After the minutes were read by the secretary the program for the evening was taken up.

The only orator of the evening was Mr. Somerville, who rendered an excellent production in good, effective language. The only declaimer present was Mr. Johnson, who discharged his duties to the society in a worthy manner, although he was prevented from complete preparation on account of sickness. Volunteer declaimers were called for, and Mr. Moomaw and Mr. Leach responded with good selections.

The debate was next entered upon. The question was: "Resolved, That Orientals should be prevented from owning land in the Pacific Coast States." The affirmative speakers were Messrs. L. F. Klutz and Mathews; the negative speakers were Messrs. McNeil and Minter. This important question was vigorously discussed by both sides. The committee of judges composed of Paxton, Blake, and Saville gave the decision in favor of the affirmative. Volunteer debaters were Moomaw, Denny and Landreth.

Mr. Cornell, the temporary critic, made his report. The society then ordered the words "Centennial Celebration" to be placed in the most conspicuous place upon the medals given in the 19th of January celebration, and the name of the winner to be placed in a less significant space. Adjournment followed the final roll-call.

MR. BLAKE IMPROVING.

The latest reports from C. M. Blake are very favorable, and indicate a decided improvement. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Blake, reached his bedside Tuesday, and a brother, Mr. Donald Blake, arrived Wednesday. His many friends are very hopeful of a speedy recovery.

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MOOT COURT.

Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, and Henry Clay, Contestants.
Busy Session for the Lawyers.

The fourth February term of the Moot Court convened in the Law Building on Wednesday, February 24th, "present, the Hon. M. P. Burks, judge of the said court."

The court first delivered its opinion, overruling the demurrer filed by Attorney Ware in the case of Nix vs. Fields, etc. The attorney for the defendant had demurred on the ground that no case was stated against the "irregular endorser" on the note in question, and it was not set out how they were liable. In overruling this demurrer "His Honor" referred the said attorney to section 63 of the Negotiable Instrument act.

Seemingly in a "demurrer overruling" mood the court next overruled the demurrer of Attorney Beard in the case of Jones administrator vs. Norfolk and Western Railway Company, answering the five grounds set forth in the demurrer, but yet showing good grounds of demurrer of which the defendant could have availed, but was deemed to have waived by failure to do so. The court criticised both of the attorneys—Leatherbury and Beard—for treating a train dispatcher as a fellow servant of an engineer all through the pleadings. Also the court declared the defense of release by the infant as not good, because, while infancy is a personal privilege and release by infant could not be repudiated by any other, the personal representation is the privy in estate of the infant and may mark any defense the infant could make.

Attorney V. O. Brack, from that great State of Oklahoma, made his initial bow in court to file a petition—just what for did not appear—for J. G. Pelter. The court instructed him to draw the necessary order and appointed Mr. Morales to defend the proceedings.

The next matter arising was a motion on a forthcoming bond in distress proceedings. Attorney E. E. Skaggs, with unruffled pomp and serene dignity appeared as attorney for Daniel Webster, the plaintiff, and against John C. Calhoun, principal, and Henry Clay, surety, on the forthcoming bond. Mr. Skaggs stated his case, in which it appeared that the land rented adjoined the farm of Andrew Jackson. Never before have more illustrious litigants contested in this court. The sheriff was directed to call the defendants, Calhoun and Clay, and as his sonorous tones called out the names many were seen to reach for hats, and it looked as if the courtroom would be vacated should they appear. Fortunately, however, the said defendants remained, as far as we can judge, resting quietly in their graves and the proceedings continued. Mr. Boxley was appointed to examine and report on the papers.

The case of Paul Pony and Thomas Wilson, Porter for the plaintiff and Turnbull for the defense; Williams vs. Jackson and

others, Barrett for the plaintiff and Brown for the defense; and Vine Surrat vs. Joab Feugle, Stedman for the plaintiff and Cornell for the defense, were taken up in order and issues made up by pleas being filed, after which all were continued to the next term.

In the case of Addicks vs. First National Bank of Lexington, Attorney Ragland moved to have the writ quashed, as the defendant was not properly named, being merely designated as the First National Bank, and also as there was no privity between Addicks and the bank since the giving of a check, such as Addicks held, did not act as an assignment of funds in bank belonging to the drawer of the check. The writ was quashed on the first grounds.

Nix vs. Fields and others was further taken up by Attorneys Davis (C. C.) and Sadler for the plaintiff, and Attorney Ware for the defense. The court rendered judgment for the defendant endorsers on the note, but against the maker, as there was no evidence that due notice had been given to the endorsers. The certificate of protest had merely stated that notice was mailed to the endorser, omitting to aver that such notices were mailed to them at their usual places of business, etc.

After correcting some impressions of Messrs. Beard and Stedman as to the status and disposition of their respective cases, the court adjourned.

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