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THE UNIVERSITY BAND APPEARS.

Initial Performance at Virginia Game—W. & L. Swing and Several Popular Airs Played to a Queen's Taste.

It was not until last night that the students of Washington and Lee realized how much thanks is due to the organizers of the university band, and also to the men who are working and practicing hard to make it a success. Surprise and wonder was pictured on every face when director Allen arose and began the opening bars of the old "Swing" and it may safely be said that our stirring song sounded as it never sounded before. It put fight into the team and thrilled the audience and we predict that it will lead us on to many a victory in the spring.

Nor was this all; the band's repertoire included many more pieces, all of which were rendered with sufficient eclat to put it over anything else in Lexington in the way of music. Although handicapped by the lack of instruments, Director Allen and the members of the band displayed great ability. Under the existing conditions no one could ask for a better performance than that given us, and The Ring-tum Phi feels that it is voicing the sentiments of the entire student body in offering its hearty congratulations to Director Allen and every member of the band. We have no doubt that their playing added materially to the past, winning work of the white and blue quint, and it is our earnest hope that the university band will appear at all the remaining games. We also look to the members to continue their good work and help the baseball team to win in the spring.

Deeply as we are indebted to Mr. Allen for his consistent, patient work, we also wish to remind the student body of the part Mr. C. P. Light has played in bringing this important organization to the front. For it is to Mr. Light that those familiar with the facts readily give full credit for bringing the men together, helping to keep

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VIRGINIA BOWS TO W. & L. IN SPECTACULAR GAME

Coach Pratt's Men Play a Great Game and Out-class the Fast Virginia Quintet. W. & L. Leads From the Start. Boyd and Burke Too Speedy for the Visitors.

In what was conceded by many to have been the fastest and most interesting game ever played in Lexington, Washington and Lee lowered Virginia's colors Saturday night by a score of 35 to 21. A huge crowd was on hand to encourage the locals, and aided by the student band, they kept up a great diversion until the time-keeper's pistol announced the close of the game. Excitement was at a high ebb the entire evening and when W. & L. forged ahead at the middle of the first half, the joy of the rooters knew no bounds. From that time on it was merely a question of how large a score W. & L. could run up against the visitors.

The 'varsity played a great game all around, and with such playing should easily win the rest of the games on the schedule. Capt. Boyd shot goals from every position and played a remarkable game, considering that he was handicapped by a bad cold. Burke was all over the floor and followed the ball everywhere. He shot goals well and fought hard throughout the game. Altho' Hannis was pitted against a guard who probably outweighed him forty pounds, he was in the game from start to finish and his shot from the side lines in the second half was the most spectacular bit of work of the game. "Tommy" Glasgow completely mystified the visitors with his dodging and dribbling

while Craig's passing and general defensive work was of a high order.

The game was called mid the strains of the "Swing" and as usual the locals were slow getting started. Virginia had tallied, but a pretty field goal by Hannis, coupled with a foul-goal by Boyd, evened matters up. The game see-sawed back and forth until the middle of this half, when the locals got warmed up, forged ahead, and were never headed. The score at the end of the first half stood W. & L. 16; Virginia 7.

When the second half began Dulaney had taken Jones' place at center for Virginia while W. & L.'s line-up was unchanged. The locals started off with a rush and had run the score up to 23 before Virginia had scored. Here a change was made in the Virginia line-up, Karnes taking Cecil's place. The changed seemed to stir the visitors up for they at once rallied and showed some pretty team work. Karnes was easily the star for Virginia for he tallied four times in the short time he was in the game. In the meantime W. & L. was also pulling their score up. Glasgow scored three times in this half, all his shots being of a phenomenal nature. Near the close of the game. Capt. Boyd was disqualified for having committed five fouls. "Pat" Osborne took his place, but

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DATE FIXED FOR EXHIBITION.

Annual Gymnasium Exhibition to be Held on 25th of February—Outlook Promising—Trip Arranged for

At a meeting of the Gymnasium Team, which was held last Wednesday afternoon, it decided that its annual exhibition should be given on the night of February 25th, so that any member of the team who wishes to may be able to get out for baseball and track.

Last year the exhibition was held so late in the spring that a number of fellows stopped training for the team, in order to go out for other forms of exercise. It is hoped that by thus having the exhibition early a number of men, who otherwise would be trying for baseball or track, will be induced to come out and try for the Gymnasium Team.

The present outlook for a good exhibition is indeed very promising, and if the members of the team continue to train as they have since the holidays, this year's performance should far surpass anything of this kind that has ever been held at Washington and Lee. There is still, however, some need for new men, both on the apparatus and in boxing and wrestling. In wrestling especially, is there a strong chance for new men to train up and get in the exhibition, as there will be at least four men who will wrestle at that time.

The team has recently ordered new suits, which, with their up-to-date style and uniformity, will add much to the appearance of the team. Each suit consists of union tights of a dark blue color, and shirt to match. Across the front of the shirt will be the initials of the Washington and Lee Gymnasium Team. High-cut regulation gymnasium shoes come with the suits.

The manager of the team has arranged a short trip, which will include some of the principal cities of Virginia. Seven or eight men will be taken on this trip. They will be selected just as soon as the exhibit is over.

Basket Ball Schedule

January 14—Davidson, 13; Washington and Lee, 46.
January 21—S. M. A., 8; Washington and Lee, 33.
January 28—Virginia, 21; Washington and Lee, 35.

February 4—V. P. I. at Lexington.
February 12—V. P. I. at Blacksburg.
February 18—Georgetown University at Lexington.
February 21—University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
February 22—Georgetown University at Washington.
February 23—Central Y. M. C. A. at Baltimore.
February 24—Mt. St. Mary's College at Emitsburg.
February 25—St. John's College at Annapolis.

A WASHINGTON AND LEE ALUMNUS.

Congressman Miles Poindexter, a distinguished alumnus of Washington and Lee, was the only Republican in the house who, elected on an anti-Cannon platform, had the courage to vote for the principle he was chosen to uphold. Commenting upon his loyalty to principle the Louisville Courier-Journal says:

"According to the Congressional Directory, Mr Poindexter was born at Memphis, and educated at Fancy Hill Academy, in Virginia, and at Washington and Lee University. Like President Taft, he is a jurist. Unlike him, he has, apparently, a dislike of crookedness in court. He was a prosecuting attorney in Washington and later a judge of the superior court of his district. He was nominated in a primary election from the newly created Third congressional district, when the Cannon issue was being employed by Republicans less scrupulous as a means of getting into office. Some other, equally honest perhaps, were defeated on that issue. Still others used it as a bridge and forgot it after the election.

"It is probable that his Tennessee birth and breeding and his Virginia education served to start Mr. Poindexter out in life with ideals that are, unfortunately, rare in public life. The university at Lexington bears the names of two great Americans, the one as zealous as the other in patriotic devotion to what he believed to be right, and each a brilliant general, as soldier and a gentleman. It is pleasing to believe that at Washington and Lee the personalities of the father of his country and the greatest of the sons of the south exercise a positive and active influence upon the staff of instructors and upon student life. It requires no great flight of fancy to picture Miles Poindexter, the possessor of lasting principles inculcated at the grave of Robert E. Lee, walking the narrow path, in his profession and in politics, in the far-away State of Washington where the dollar mark has often proven a more powerful argument to the rising young man than anything in the creeds of Christendom."

Gems In Verse

THE POLAR QUEST.
UNCONQUERABLY men venture on the quest
And seek an ocean amplitude unswayed,
Cold, virgin, awful. Scorning ease and rest
And heedless of the heroes who have failed,
They face the ice floes with a dauntless zest.
The polar quest! Life's offer to the strong.
To pass beyond the pale, to do and dare,
Leaving a name that stirs us like a song
And making captive some strange other-where.
Though grim the conquest and the labor long.
Forever courage kindles, faith moves forth
To find the mystic floodway of the north.
—Richard Burton.

DOWN IN A COAL MINE.
I AM a jovial collier lad
And blithe as blithe can be.
For, let the times be good or bad,
They're all the same to me.
'Tis little of the world I know
And care less for its ways.
For where the dog star never glows
I wear away my days.

CHORUS.
Down in a coal mine, underneath the ground,
Where a gleam of sunshine never can be found,
Digging dusky diamonds all the season round—
Down in a coal mine, underneath the ground,
My hands are horny hard
And black with working in the vein,
And, like the clothes upon my back,
My speech is rough and plain.
Well, if I stumble with my tongue
I've one excuse to say—
'Tis not the collier's head that's wrong;
'Tis the head that goes astray.

At every shift, be it soon or late,
I haste my bread to earn,
And anxiously my kindred wait
And watch for my return,
For death, that levels all alike,
Whatever their rank may be,
Amid the fire and damp may strike
And fling his darts at me.

How little do the great ones care
Who sit at home secure
What hidden dangers colliers dare,
What hardships they endure!
The very fires their mansions boast
To cheer themselves and wives,
Mayhap were kindled at the cost
Of jovial colliers' lives.

Then cheer up, lads, and make ye
Much of every joy ye can,
But let your mirth be always such
As best becomes a man.
However fortune turns about,
We'll still be jovial souls,
For what would America be
Without the lads that look for coals?
—Unidentified.

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Invading.

Mr. Scrapper—We're going to have another stormy day. Mrs. Scrapper—How do you know? Mr. Scrapper—This newspaper says so. Mrs. Scrapper—So our domestic affairs are getting into the newspapers, are they?—Brooklyn Life.

STAYING YOUTHFUL.

Give Your Mind New Thoughts—Stop Worrying.

Whatever your age may be, begin now to think of yourself as in the dawn of new developments. Say to yourself many times a day that you possess more vital power, more mental force, more magnetism and charm than ever before in your life.

Say also that you are better loved and more fully appreciated for all your virtues and charms than ever before and that your ability to give and receive happiness is unlimited.

Then use moments which you have been accustomed to idle away or to employ in melancholy thoughts in improving yourself. Let this improvement be threefold until body and mind and spirit all radiate new brilliancy.

Give your mind new thoughts. Give your spirit new aspirations and feed your brain with some new purpose.

Keep up whatever accomplishments you possess. Cultivate new ones. Begin at forty, fifty or sixty even to study languages and music and art.

And instead of continually thinking about advancing age think about increasing qualities and charms. Instead of worrying over added years rejoice over added occupations and means of enjoyment. Encourage the young to seek your society. Amuse and interest them, and this can be done only by keeping in sympathy with their ideas.

If you find your thoughts running along the line of criticism and disparaging comparisons of the young people of the day with those of your own morning time keep your ideas to your self.

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MOTHER AND CHILD.

One of the most difficult things for a mother to understand is the existence in her child of characteristics fundamentally different from her own. Every child that is born into the world bears the burden of the mistakes and follies of his ancestors written indelibly in the tissue of his body and the limitations of his brain.

Every child is an unconscious criticism upon his parents. He is the sum total of their blunders, and the white slate of his nature carries many black strokes against their management of his life.

Many so called "naughty children" are only cases of unfortunate little ones trying to tell to their parents in the only language they can command that their bodies are fatigued and their minds overwrought.

It is a wonderful thing that children are born into the world with perfect faith in their parents. This faith is one of the most beautiful gifts a kind God has bestowed upon them to make their children happy.

Lack of thought is often at the root of our mistakes in this world. Even our most serious mistakes, over which we have prayed in anguish, could in all probability have been averted if we had given to our problems a little gift of time and thought.

A Timely Reminder.

It's time to send your Christmas packages tomorrow.

Don't gasp. No one has misread the calendar.

Not all of your Christmas packages have to go so soon. But in these days of much travel, when business or church interests take so many people into India or the orient, there is hardly a person who has not at least one friend in that region of the world. And the packages that go to them ought to be started this week or next. Perhaps it had not occurred to you. It doesn't usually occur to one until about the week before Christmas, when the package that you send comes tralling in, about in time for Easter.

And these are the people who are so far away from home that you can't afford to forget. Put yourself in their place. Enough said.

It is early to be speaking of Christmas, to be sure, but now that the subject is mentioned it might do no harm to remind one that it isn't very satisfactory to sit till midnight every night for a week sewing little pieces of ribbon together and filling them with sachet. If you are going to make things this year, why not begin now?

Frigga.

Frigga, from whom Friday is derived, was either a god or a goddess, according to time and country. As a man he was a great hunter and warrior, always represented with a drawn sword in one hand and a bow in the other. In the Scandinavian countries Frigga was called the "Venus of the North," and the sixth day of the week was consecrated to her worship.

HOW TO KILL A COLLEGE PAPER.

1. Do not subscribe; borrow your neighbor's paper; be a sponge.

2. Look up the advertisements, then trade with the other fellow; be a chump.

3. Never hand in a news item, but criticize everything in the paper, be a coxcomb.

4. If you are a member of the staff, play football and tennis when you ought to be attending to business; be a shirk.

5. Tell your neighbors that they pay too much for their paper; be a squeeze.—Ex.

THE CHURCH AND UNIONS.

Becoming Collaborers in the Work of Uplifting Mankind.

Rev. Theodore S. Henderson, pastor of the Hanson Place Methodist church, Brooklyn, talked on labor one recent Sunday evening to an audience largely composed of trades unionists. President James Tole of Typographical union No. 6 presided and in his introductory remarks said:

"This meeting is a step in the right direction—a step that should be hailed with joy by the right thinking members of both the trades unions and the church. Too long has there been misunderstanding on both sides. Some members of the church have believed that trades unions represent all that is bad in the world. They regard the trades unionists as un-Christianlike, seeking only selfish ends, to the detriment of all outside their ranks, using illegal, immoral means to gain those ends. On the other hand, many trades unionists have regarded the church as antagonistic to all their efforts to better conditions. Both these classes are woefully wrong. As a matter of fact, both the church and organized labor are seeking practically the same ends—the betterment of mankind.

"I am glad to say that the breach between these two great forces for good is closing up. The church is coming to realize that the trades union does good and that their former ideas must be revised. Of course in times past our methods may not have appealed to the aesthetic ideas of all. It cannot be said, either, that the church has not been guilty at times of questionable methods. Both are perhaps mistaken; both are improving.

"It is a fact that today conditions under which the members of our union perform their work are steadily improving. The hours have been shortened and the wages properly adjusted. The barbarous strike and the atrocious lockout are almost things of the past. They have been supplanted by arbitration and the trade court.

"Our union—Typographical union No. 6—does much for its members. It maintains beds in five hospitals for the sick, it has plots in five cemeteries for the burial of such of its members as die leaving no relatives, and it sees that these burials are conducted in a decent, Christian-like manner, chaplains of various denominations being appointed for the purpose. As a local of the International Typographical union it has established a pension fund—established it, too, while many of the highbrows are still considering its advisability—and under that fund a member who has reached the age of sixty and has been a member twenty years is entitled to and does receive a weekly pension, and no questions are asked of anybody. The recipient knows he is not receiving a charity, but is getting what he has paid for. We help to maintain the Union Printers' home at Colorado Springs, in which the aged members are taken care of and at which place the fight against the dread disease of consumption is carried on in a scientific manner, producing wonderful results. The typographical union is in the forefront of the movement to fight the white plague, and thousands of dollars are being spent annually in this cause.

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We also desire to call attention to the fact that unsigned correspondence will not be published. Those who do not desire their names published should add a pen name and their wishes will be complied with.

THE LYRIC.

The Henry Street opera house has been taken over by Mr. Isaac Weinberg, and is now known as "The Lyric." Mr. Weinberg has completely renovated the house, improved the entrance, provided a ladies cloak room, with maids in waiting, and transformed the appearance with carpets, curtains and palms, scattered here and there.

The first play "The House of a Thousand Candles," produced some days ago, was a complete success, and augurs well for the future of the new theatre. First class shows will be put on by the management from time to time, and the usual moving picture programmes will be continued. A decent house, with good shows, is quite an addition to the town and will no doubt be well patronized by both students and townspeople.

A CLASS MEMORIAL.

A matter which has heretofore been neglected at Washington and Lee and which is in close keeping with the idea of the "Greater University" is the institution of a system of class memorials. In a number of the larger colleges and universities throughout the coun-

try each year the graduating class on going out from its alma mater leaves some kind of a memorial. These are various in kind, the character always being a matter of choice and taste on the part of the class; and the ceremonies connected with their dedication are often features of the final week. Now why not respond to the demands of the times and institute such a custom here in our own university? The erection of some kind of a memorial by each graduating class would not only go to enhance the value of the property and to beautify and make more attractive the university grounds, but would also serve to keep the alumni in closer touch with their alma mater. It would also develop a greater spirit and rivalry among the classes, and would at least serve as a distinctive means to let succeeding generations know that such a class as it commemorates did at one time exist. Why can't the class of 1910 take the initiative and establish a precedent to be followed by all succeeding classes? A memorial by this year's graduating class does not necessarily mean that it must be erected by the end of this season. The plans could be made this year and carried into execution some time in the near future. But by all means this matter should be taken up now and plans matured as soon as possible.

But here we have three distinctive and separately organized classes to graduate this year: the academic, the engineering, and law; and some one may ask: "which is the class of 1910, and how are we going to proceed with the matter of a class memorial?" This is a question that would have to be settled and we think that the most logical solution would be the amalgamation of the three graduating classes. By this we mean that the academic engineering and law classes should meet in joint session and organize "The class of 1910." Officers should be elected whose term of office shall begin immediately after graduation in next June and who shall have charge over all matters which may concern the amalgamated classes. The present officers of the three classes to have charge over all matters which may pertain to their respective organizations, up to the time of graduation. This year all seniors are undergraduates and are members of one of the above classes while next year they will be post-graduates and all members of "the class of 1910." The amalgamated classes would be

a permanent organization and would not only facilitate matters in regard to a class memorial, but would also aid in the case of a class reunion.

Such an organization could do the more effective work in promoting the interests of the university.

We hope that every senior in college will become interested in an amalgamated class and the erection of a memorial, and urge that the presidents of the three classes talk the matter up and arrange for a joint meeting where the matter can be discussed and worked out more in detail. So, seniors, if you want to perfect the memory of your class and are interested in the welfare of your Alma Mater, lend us your support and help to perfect this institution.

DR. VANCE ADDRESSES UNIVERSITY ASSEMBLY.

A meeting of the University Assembly was held Tuesday, January 25th, from 11 to 12 o'clock. The seniors attended in cap and gown, and the address was delivered by Dr. Jas. I. Vance, of Newark, New Jersey.

The assembly program was opened with a vocal solo by K. M. Leith, accompanied by E. A. Paredes on the violin, and H. C. Eley on the chapel organ. The W. T. Doggett, of Danville, then read a short scripture selection and offered prayer, after which President George H. Denny introduced the speaker, and announced that Dr. Vance would speak to the young men on religious subjects in the chapel on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights following.

Dr. Vance gave as his subject for the morning's talk, "Men in the Kingdom." He first spoke about man, commenting on his success in various lines of discovery and invention, showing what success had attended his efforts toward lightening physical labor, and

towards making life more pleasurable and enjoyable in general. He then discussed the kingdom, the Christian kingdom, its nature, extent, growth and development, and concluded by uniting the two, and showed the wonderful work that could be done by man in the kingdom. He illustrated the great work accomplished by Christ with his twelve unlearned, almost illiterate disciples, and declared that man at the present time should be able to do even more with his present superiority over the first twelve in education and advantages.

Dr. Vance's talk was delivered in a clear and simple manner, which made his remarks instructive and convincing.

EXCHANGES.

A Freshman entering the post office spied "Hun" Foster in the corner and asked: "Is the mail ready, 'Hun'?" "Not quite," answered the post-mistress from within.—Ex.

Girl stream,
Splash, scream,
Youth dive,
Out alive,
Lovers kiss,
Wedded bliss.—Ex.

Professor—"What are you doing, learning something?"

Pupil—"No, sir, I was only listening to you."—Ex.

Examination!
No preparation,
Much perspiration,
No recreation,
Nervous prostration,
Some blufferation,
All flunkeration,
Humiliation.—Ex.

John held her hand and she held his,

Soon they hugged and went to kiss;

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Gee, but John went out a whizen!—Ex.

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SOCIALS.

Miss Jane Gilkeson, of Staunton, Va., is visiting Miss Bessie Catlett on upper Main street.

Miss Forrester, of Louisville, Ky., is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Nelson this week.

Miss Fannie Boley has returned from a two months' visit to New York city.

Henry B. Graybill, '02, professor in Canton Christian College in China, was married to Miss Sue Griggs, of Middleburg, Conn., on November 31, 1909.

We are glad to note that Mr. B. W. Coulter, who for the last week has been ill of appendicitis, is greatly improved. He is now at Charlottesville where he had an operation performed. His many friends hope to see him able to be out again soon.

Among the visiting young ladies, who are expected to attend the fancy dress ball are: Misses Coleman, Gilliam, Craig-hill, Cannon, Powell, Heald, Jones, Payne, of Lynchburg; Misses Anderton, Uhler, of Alexandria, Va.; Misses Goodloe, of Washington, D. C.; Misses Hobart, Markley, Jamison, of Roanoke, Va.; Miss Heath, of Port Gibson, Miss; Misses Walters, Hale, Allen, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Cavitt, of North Carolina; Miss Thomas, Nichols, of Randolph-Macon; Miss Coiner, of Waynesboro, Va.; Miss Woodard, of Richmond Va.; Miss Carrington, of South Boston, Va.

DR. VANCE MAKES A GREAT IMPRESSION.

Dr. Jas. I. Vance, of Newark, New Jersey, was heartily welcomed by the students of Washington and Lee for a series of evangelistic meetings. He was already well known by the majority of the student body, who were highly pleased by his addresses at finals last year and by his masterful preaching in the Presbyterian church two years ago. Consequently the students had been looking forward with pleasure to his coming, and were only too glad to have another opportunity to hear him.

Great as his impressions were before, they did not excel that of the past week. There

was an exceptionally good attendance at every meeting, and especially at the last one, when the body of the chapel was well filled with students.

The meetings were characterized throughout by intense earnestness on the part of the students. The strictest attention was apparent throughout every address, so that the convincing words of the speaker were never fruitless. The magnetic personality of such a strong man, the ease of his delivery, and the certainty and simplicity of his words of wisdom could not but rivet the attention of the dullest listener.

Dr. Vance's finest address at the University Assembly Tuesday morning was one of the strongest and most comprehensive talks heard in the chapel within recent years. His world wide view of modern subjects attracted the attention of every ear. The advancements of science, education, and various other pursuits were briefly, yet comprehensively discussed, and then the world wide plan of God, as we can see it, was clearly indicated. He showed that the kingdom of God is propagated by human agency, and then asked what we could do to bring about the completion of the plan of God. The first thing mentioned was that we can at least get interested, which struck many of us at the tender spot. Suggestions for the expression of this interest were given; and when the address was closed, everyone felt that he had heard something really worth while and that he wanted to hear something more.

This powerful talk was following meetings. Three evenings meetings were held, and then through the highly appreciated kindness of the university authorities and the members of the faculty having classes at 10 o'clock Friday morning, all 10 o'clock lectures were suspended so that every student might have an opportunity to hear another talk from Dr. Vance.

Some of the most impressive notes of these strong appeals were the following: If you have doubts, don't argue, but live according to the light that you have as given by Christ, and you doubtless will disappear; the friendship of Jesus is the greatest known by mankind; help the other fellow out; make it harder for those around us to do wrong, and easier to do right; you must exercise your religious nature, or it will die; unite with some Christian

church, and use your life.

Dr. Vance's visit here was unquestionably a great help to the student body. Some open professions were made, and numerous others were greatly benefitted. It is hoped that every student will take more active interest in religious work both in connection with the Y. M. C. A., which is an Association of students for the betterment of all. Let everyone begin now, and stand up for the right and down on the wrong. The general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. will be very glad to talk to anyone who is newly interested. Office hours, 9 to 10 and 12 to 1 every day. If you can't come, then hunt him up, and he will be glad to see you at some other time.

A COMMUNICATION.

Editor Ring-tum Phi.

Sir:—Members of the faculty have on several recent occasions severely criticized the laxity of the senior class in the matter of wearing the cap and gown at university assembly. It is evident that they feel themselves aggrieved at what they conceive to be a breach of good faith on the part of the students. "Here we have been practically coerced into this thing," they say, "by the insistent demand of the students themselves. We have undergone much expense and some of us, considerable distress of mind in the consciousness of making ourselves ridiculous much to humor your whim." There is much to be said for this point of view. Yet the class of 1906 in inaugurating the custom could not well undertake to bind the conscience of the future generations to continue it after it had obviously failed to fulfill its purpose.

That purpose was, of course, to add to the ceremonial side of college life and emphasize the traditional academic distinctions. Neither faculty nor students were ready at that time to go the whole length and agree to wear the cap and gown in the class room although the originators of the movement hoped that this would come as a natural development in the course of time. The best that could be done at the time was to attempt to make the monthly assembly of faculty and student body as impressively formal as possible and to add a much needed note of ceremonial dignity to finals. Even the most self-conscious "prof" will ad-

mit, I think, that for a while there was a great improvement in these respects. But alas, there is no longer any monthly assembly. And with an overworked faculty in a constant state of exasperation and an overgrown student body seated on the safety valve of professional discontent. What senior will care to gamble the price of a cap and gown on the chance of getting his degree.

To bring these discussive remarks "to a head," as the Irishman said when he swatted the speaker of the day over the head with a shillalegh and broke up the meeting, there are three ways out of the absurdity of the present situation open to the university (i. e., the president, the faculty and the students). First, abolish the silly farce of university assembly and with it the cap and gown. Second, raise the university to the dignity of an institution. Unfortunately this will necessitate some work being done by some one and some money expended in securing outside lectures who might not casually "happen along," and therefore it is probably impracticable. Third, institute a real cap and gown system and require them to be worn by seniors at all recitation.

The writer can speak only for what he conceived to be the sentiment of the "third estate" so far as that is not already potent and with you permission he will elaborate the proposition laid down above in some succeeding number. In the last analysis, however, it is up to the faculty to use what influence they have with Dr. Den-ny.

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THE UNIVERSITY BAND APPEARS.

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them together and providing instruments. He has given much time and attention to the band, and his aid has been invaluable.

Many of the larger universities have student bands, and we are glad that Washington and Lee can now boast of one which merits the support of the entire student body. Such support means that the men in college will have to raise the money to buy instruments for the band and the persistent work of the members for the past two months with such instruments as they have been able to get together, shows what can be done with good pieces. We have the band—now let us give it the support it deserves.

The men listed below have attended practice regularly and have instruments. Others have been prevented from assisting by the lack of instruments.

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Bass Drum—E. C. Talonic.

TENNESSEE CLUB HOLDS MEETING.

The Tennessee Club met in the engineering hall, Wednesday, January 26th, Mr. Alley presiding being the only old officer present. The following officers were elected for the year: L. M. Lynch, Chattanooga, president; J. R. Coates, Bolivar, vice-president; Newsum, Memphis, secretary; and Ed. Brown, Chattanooga, treasurer. The president then appointed the following committees:

Banquet Committee—R. W. Alley, chairman; Newsum, Ed. Brown.

Committee on Calyx Representation—Newson, chairman; J. B. Alley, W. L. Webster.

Another meeting is planned in the near future and every loyal volunteer is urged to be present.

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Germany has started a unique movement for the improvement of towns and small cities by constructing a number of garden cities, one Berlin society having acquired a large plot of land on the northern outskirts of the city for the construction under the name of Frahan of the first real garden city of the capital.

This city will be built in a picturesque hilly part of the state forest, will have its own railway station and will be laid out regardless of cost as regards external adornment. Judging from reports from all sections of Germany, the idea has taken a firm hold on the people, the feature most insisted upon being the abandonment of the flat house and the substitution of the small house and villa on the English model. In Bavaria, where there is always a shortage of houses, the government will transfer for garden purposes part of the state forests in the vicinity of large towns. At Magdeburg houses with large gardens for single families will soon be rentable for about \$60 a year American money. It is to be hoped that this country will soon undertake the same kind of development.

BASHFUL SMILES.

There is a phase in every tongue, to every heart the same;

In English 'tis "I love you, dear!" in French 'tis "Je vous aime!"

In German 'tis "Ich liebe dich!" in Latin "Amo Te!"

But the words don't really matter; it's who says them and—the way!

There is a world-wide token, symbolical of bliss;

In German 'tis pronounced "ein kuss," in English it's "a kiss."

In French they call it "un baiser," but this we'll allow,

It isn't what they call it, but who kisses you—and how!

—Ex.

A Thrilling Sport.

At Waikiki, the home of surfboating for pleasure, there is no dangerous reef, but in the south Pacific often the reef is two miles from shore and is exposed at low tide. The waves form almost on the edge of the reef and drop down upon the hard coral perpendicularly, covering the reef for the time being with about two feet of rushing water. The canoe that must jump this reef places itself before a wave, every one paddles for dear life, and if the boat does not touch coral, but is held suspended until a cushion of water rushes onward to receive it, the jump is successfully negotiated, the reef is crossed, and there is but a two mile paddle across the quiet lagoon to the sandy beach. If the bow of the canoe does touch the coral on the down leap there is a shattering of the dugout, and its occupants are sent flying in every direction. One might laugh at this at Waikiki, where there are no sharks, but not in the south seas.—Recreation.

"Dear me, pa," said the young beautiful helress, "you'll mortify me to death yet."

"What's the matter now, Lil?"

"You told John to go down to the depot and get the earl's baggage right out loud so that he couldn't help hearing you. Why can't you learn to say station and luggage?"

"Oh, don't mind that. The earl won't care. He's got used to United States talk. He asked me this morning how I got my dough and how much I had of it"—Erebus.

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COMET A, 1910.

Whatever may be the blessings or bad luck ahead of us in 1910, this is a good year for comet. The old and respectable Halley's comet has appeared in accordance with its predicted date, though several weeks yet must elapse before it becomes plainly visible to the unaided eye. But a stranger, completely unheralded, has stolen a march on Halley's comet, coming from "an infinite distance on the other side of nowhere" and escaping discovery until it had arrived close to the sun. It was first observed on the morning of Monday, January 17, at Johannesburg, South Africa, coming up from the southwest at a rapid rate, and sweeping around to the northeast side of the sun within a day after its discovery. News about the unexpected comet was at once telegraphed to all of the more important observatories of the world, and telescopes were pointed in its direction both day and night. At the Lick Observatory in California it was seen at midday on Tuesday close to the left edge of the sun; and since that day it has been independently discovered more than once in the evening without a telescope. Probably its first discoverer in Virginia was a Washington and Lee student, Mr. Randolph W. Pipes, who took advantage of General Lee's birthday to leave Lexington and ascend a mountain a few miles away. Just as the sun had set beyond the Alleghanies he detected the hazy star like companion following it. Mr. Pipes was naturally unaware of the existence of the new comet, and, like scores of others, he supposed himself to be taking his first view of Halley's comet. On relating what he had seen he was at first valled as the possessor of an exuberant imagination; but his derisive critics are now obliged to admit that he laughs best who laughs last. Mr. Pipes is keen eyed, and we may yet hear of him in the future as a distinguished astronomer.

During the week following January 19 the weather in Lexington was almost continuously bad. A glimpse of the comet was obtained for a few moments on Tuesday evening, the 25th, and a better, though imperfect view, during twilight on the evening of the 26th, when Mr. Greelee Letcher, Jr., was the first to single it out in the hazy atmosphere of the western sky. Mr. Letcher's ninth birthday occurred in No-

vember, but his knowledge of descriptive astronomy is already superior to that of many college students. The comet may be seen near the brilliant planet Venus, between this and the horizon close to the position of sunset. Its tail 8 or 10 degrees in length, is directed almost vertically upward. Now that the period of full moon is past, the comet will be seen during the week to good advantage on cloudless evenings.

The orbit of the present comet has not yet (January 27th) been definitely announced, but its path is probably an hyperbola, or possibly an ellipse of enormous length. In sweeping past the sun it probably went between us and that luminary, reaching its nearest point before it was discovered. If this be so, the comet is now receding at a rapid rate, and is already much less bright than when first discovered. It will continue to appear in the western sky, but at a greater angular distance from the sun. Despite the real loss of brilliancy it will be seen to better advantage when still above the horizon after the end of twilight.

Comet A and especially Halley's comet will be carefully studied, both visually and by aid of photography, in all the chief observatories of the world. Popular interest in these comets is already keen, and everybody is well justified in feeling a healthy curiosity about the distinguished visitors. Neither of them will ever be seen again by the present generation.

VIRGINIA BOWS TO W. & L. IN SPECTACULAR GAME

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didn't have much opportunity to show his real worth for time was soon called and the scoreboard showed that W. & L.'s string of home victories was still unbroken.

The V. P. I. game next Friday will be a "hummer" for the cadets from Blacksburg have been playing sensational ball this season.

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A Bowdoin man who rescued a child from a burning building has been awarded a Carnegie medal and \$2,000 with which to defray his college expenses.

Chicago defeated Michigan in a joint debate, the subject being, "Resolved, That the experience of the United States has shown that a protective tariff should continue to be a national policy.

V. P. I. will meet University of North Carolina in a track meet to take place in the spring.

Dr. James Mack Baldwin, a Princeton man, has been chosen head of a national university to be founded in Mexico City under government auspices. He will direct the educational system of Mexico.

The University of Pennsylvania has a department called the student's bureau of self help. This bureau aims to get all kinds of work for students either in college or about the city.

No text books are to be used in economies at Dartmouth this year. Instead the class has been asked to subscribe to the New York Post and to read the paper thoroughly in order to discuss economic questions in class.

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Ohio State has almost decided to give up baseball. Last year's team was not a success and the student body failed to take any interest in the sport.

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