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TRUSTEES WILL TAKE ACTION ON PRESIDENCY

Board Meets Jan. 24th and Will Hear Report of Committee—Names That Have Been Considered

The period of expectancy and uncertainty regarding the choice of a successor to President Denny may be brought to an end on Jan. 24th, on which date a meeting of the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University will be held. At that meeting the presidential situation will be discussed, and if the way be clear a successor to Dr. Denny will be elected. In this choice the trustees will, of course, be guided largely by the recommendation of the committee appointed to look over the field. Whether this committee has decided upon a man for the position is still kept in profound darkness, but the calling of the meeting of the trustees would indicate that some action had been taken. Whether any definite move will be made at this meeting is, therefore, problematical; but it is reasonable to suppose that enough time has elapsed to enable a wise choice to be made. Not only the students in the college, but the townspeople and the people of the state at large are much interested in the outcome of the meeting on the 24th.

The profound secrecy which has attended the deliberations and actions of the committee has tended to rob the issue of some of its importance in the student eye, and the topic of who is to be president has of late dropped somewhat into abeyance; but the announcement that a definite step is about to be taken will reawaken interest in the matter to the fullest extent. Among those who are familiar with the situation it is felt that the choice of an executive is a matter of the gravest moment; Washington and Lee is in a flourishing condition, having more students enrolled than at any time in its history; its endowment is larger and it is generally felt that the time is ripe for the coming of some progressive, practical man who may shape its course into larger usefulness and prosperity.

Many names have been discussed by the students and mentioned in the papers. Prominent among those outside of the faculty are Vance, Heywood, Owen and Wauchope, all of whom are alumni. William R. Vance graduated here in '95, and has been professor of law at Yale for a number of years. Lately he has been called to fill the dean's chair in the law department of the University of Minnesota, where he is expected to take up his duties in the fall of this year. Mr. Vance has on several occasions addressed the Washington and Lee student body, and is one of the most popular orators who has spoken here in recent years. Former Governor D.C. Heywood of South Carolina, '85, Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who will be pleasantly remembered as he speaker at the last commencement, and Congressman John W. Davis of

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ROANOKE COLLEGE MEETS OVERWHELMING DEFEAT

Varsity Runs Up Score of 94 to 1, Honaker Saving Visitors From Whitewash by Free Toss After Thirty-eight Minutes of Play

In one of the most one sided basketball games ever staged in Lexington, the Washington and Lee Varsity ran up a score of 94 to 1 against Roanoke College on Friday night, Jan. 12th, a free toss by Honaker in the last two minutes of play saving the visitors from the stigma of a white wash.

So ridiculous did the contest become that at one stage of the game all attempts to score were neglected by the Blue and White and a lively game of "button, button, who has the button" was started, the W. and L. team endeavoring to keep the ball out of the hands of the Roanoke players. So adept was the Varsity's passing that it was fully two minutes before a Roanoke player intercepted the ball.

Outclassed is hardly a strong enough term to apply to the Maroon and Gray team, for throughout the game only four attempts at goal were secured by Roanoke, the last of these, a free toss, following a foul, giving the visitors their only point. With all interest in the game practically killed by its oneness, the W. and L. rooters only remained to see the record score of last year, 119 points to 5, broken, but this was not realized as the practice tactics of the first half had put too great a handicap on the reaching of the century mark. During the intermission Coach Pollard made two substitutions, Lile taking Burk's place and McKane going in for Raftery; but these changes did not seem to affect the playing standard of the team for the same number of points were secured in the second half as in the first. Both McKane and Lile making their debuts in intercollegiate basketball, but this would never have been guessed as the work of these two was among the features of the game, Lile play-

ing well on the defensive, and McKane throwing three baskets, all difficult shots.

The real individual star of the game was Captain Hannis, who threw nineteen goals. "Buck" Miles gave him a close race for the honors, however, the tall center tossing eleven baskets from the floor and two from fouls. One or both of the above mentioned players should win a place on the All South Atlantic quint. But while Hannis and Miles were leaders in the number of goals thrown, they did not capture all the honors, Raftery and Bear both making sensational shots on several occasions.

The game taken as a whole was remarkably free from roughness, only a minimum number of fouls being called and these were generally not for rough playing.

The lineup and score:

W. and L.	Position	R. C.
Hannis	R. F. Ehrman	Staley
Raftery, McKane	L. F. Honaker	
Miles	C. Bonham	
Burke, Lile	R. G. Doub	
Bear	L. G. Mayhew	Tobler

Goals from floor: Hannis, 19; Raftery, 5; Miles, 11; Burke, 2; Lile, 2; Bear, 4; McKane, 3. Goals from free toss: Honaker, Miles, 2.

Referee: Mr. Campbell, W. and L. Umpire: Mr. Leech, V. M. I. Timekeepers: Messrs. McGuire, Roanoke College and Ball, W. and L. Scorers: Messrs. Webster and Shaw. Time of halves: Twenty minutes.

The records in the Secretary's office showed yesterday morning a total of 625 students. This is an increase over last term, and some of the old men have not as yet returned. The indications are that the total enrollment will reach about 650. Of this number about 210 are enrolled in the law school.

Basketball Schedule

IN LEXINGTON

Jan. 5.—W. & L., 31; Emory and Henry, 19
Jan. 12.—W. & L., 94; Roanoke College, 1

Jan. 19.—Hampden-Sidney College
Jan. 26.—Open
Feb. 2.—University of Virginia
Feb. 9.—Georgetown
Feb. 12.—V. P. I. in Staunton (pending)

NORTHERN TRIP

Feb. 16.—University of Virginia in Charlottesville
Feb. 17.—College of the City of New York
Feb. 19.—Wesleyan, Middletown, Conn.
Feb. 20.—St. Johns College, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 21.—Manhattan College, New York
Feb. 22.—Open
Feb. 23.—Georgetown, in Washington
Feb. 24.—Open

COLLEGE JOURNALISTS PLAN ASSOCIATION

Movement on Foot to Unite Literati in Colleges of Five Southern States

An organization to be known as the Southern College Press Association is being promoted by some of the student journalists of the University of South Carolina, the object of which is to establish relationship between the various college newspapers and magazines throughout a number of the Southern states. A letter addressed to the Ring-tum Phi outlines the purpose of the organization, in part, as follows:

"Just as the college athletes have a large field in intercollegiate games, and as the college orator has scope in the Southern Oratorical Association, so the college literatus is warranted a bigger activity. This took shape in letters to those mens colleges in the states along the Atlantic coast where there are published the monthly and the weekly, asking their sanction for a Southern College Press association.

"The association will be plausible and important. It will be plausible because with the status in these geographical relations the railway fare and time expended will not be to great, or the delegates too many. It will be important as uniting the men that will supply the journalistic material for these Southern states so far as it is to come from home collegiate talent; it will be of high grade because including as it does only select colleges, the representatives at the conventions will stand for the best in Southern college journalism; it will add a dignity and a meaning to college literary work in the South and in America.

"If you will talk this over with some of the men influential in literary circles in Washington and Lee, and then place the matter before the student body (I believe it controls the publications with you) and if you can secure the sanction for the association, it will be a great thing all around. There are only ten eligible schools as charter members, and as Washington and Lee is one of the foremost of these, the association would have a hole in it without your hearty entrance."

This letter, of course, gives only a brief outline of the plan, and before entering into the scheme the editors of the Ring-tum Phi thought best to write for further particulars. The states to be embraced in the Association are Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

DAVIS—BASSEL

Announcement has been received of the wedding of Miss Ellen Graham-Bassel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Basel of Clarksburg, W. Va., to Congressman John W. Davis of West Virginia. The ceremony took place on the 2nd of January. Mr. Davis is an alumnus of Washington and Lee, having graduated in the academic and law departments.

PLAN OF INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATES

Faculty Grants One Point Credit to Members of Debating Teams

The following letter from Dr. G. D. Hancock explains the new system under which intercollegiate debates will henceforth be held. The plan of giving one point credit in academic work for participation in debate was proposed to the literary societies last term, as published in Ring-tum Phi, and it has since been favorably acted on by the faculty.

Last year for the first time intercollegiate debates were thrown open to all members of the college, having previously been conducted by the literary societies. Though there was considerable opposition on the part of the societies at the time, it is generally felt that this was the wisest course and that intercollegiate debates will profit by it.

DR. HANCOCK'S LETTER

January 13, 1912.

Mr. S. P. Harman, Editor of the Ring-tum Phi,

Washington and Lee University.

Dear Mr. Harman:

Intercollegiate debating for the present year has now been organized under the new arrangements; and the date for the preliminary contest and the the subject for debate will be announced within a few days. Under the present plan the expenses of intercollegiate debates and oratorical contests will be borne by the University. Preliminary contests will be held for selecting debaters and orators to represent the University and such contests will be open to all students, regardless of their membership in any society. A debating council has been organized, made up of one representative from the class in oral debates and one from each of the two literary societies, together with the faculty committee on intercollegiate speaking. The other debating societies of the University are entitled to representatives if they wish to be represented on the council.

The members of debating teams chosen by these preliminary contests will constitute a special section of the class in oral debates, and will receive a credit of one point in oral debates for their participation in the debates. The contests are held under the supervision of the debating council, and the members of the teams will be trained under the supervision of the professors in the School of Commerce. The faculty committee has power to debar any student from participation in any contest if in their judgment he has not made sufficient preparation to make a creditable showing.

Arrangements have been made for debate with George Washington University; and efforts are being made to get a third institution to join in a triangular debate.

It is hoped that interest in the debates will be stimulated by the new plan, since the contests are now open to all members of the student body, and since the men who are successful in making the teams will receive a credit of one point towards their degree. We hope to have a large number of entries for the preliminary contests.

Very truly yours,
G. D. HANCOCK.

The Lyric Theater had large attendance last week, owing to the singing of Miss De Grossart, who became so popular as a singer here last year.

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The room in Newcomb Hall, formerly occupied by the President's stenographer, has been nicely arranged as an office for Mr. N. D. Smithson, who is assisting with the executive work of the University. A desk and typewriter have been installed. The stenographer's room is now on the third floor of Newcomb Hall.

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WASHINGTON SOCIETY TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

There are to be great things doing over about the chapel on the night of Feb. 22nd. Ninety and nine times the loyal sons of old "Wash." have invited their friends and fellow students to join them in celebrating the momentous 22nd of February, now renowned for two reasons as the birth day of the chiefest of America's citizens, and because on the 22nd of February, 1812, the Washington literary society was launched boldly out upon the turbulent waters of University activity. The old boat has sailed right nobly on her four score and nineteen voyages, and on the 22nd of next month will have recorded a century of valiant service in her log. Two hundred and ninety eight worthy men have been at her helm. Two hundred and ninety eight crews have manned her, and she has never faltered from the true course. Men who once sailed with her are now guiding great ships of state, and others have sailed their own crafts so successfully that they have come to be called great. So it is not altogether without reason that our brothers of "Wash." feel proud of their staunch old ship, and will celebrate with enthusiasm the safe completion of her one hundredth voyage.

The celebration will, as has been the custom in the past, take the form of a combined oratorical contest and debate. In addition to the debate there will be two orations by the orators elect, Messrs. W. L. Hopkins and H. S. Coffey. The question, "Resolved, That labor unions in the United States today are detrimental to the best interests of society," will be debated by four men elected from the society. The judges, in addition to deciding the debate, will designate the best speech delivered, and the man whose speech is declared best will be awarded a gold medal. Messrs. C. C. Gray and W. H. Abramowitz will speak on the affirmative, while Messrs. C. C. Boyer and Claude Smith will represent the negative. Mr. W. O. Shepard will be master of ceremonies in the official capacity of chief marshal. The judges have not been decided upon as yet, but one of them at least will be some prominent man not residing in Lexington. The other two may or may not be chosen from among the members of the society.

Dr. Pollard Offers Physical Examination

In order that the greatest amount of good may be obtained from the use of the gymnasium during the winter months Dr. Pollard has instituted a system of physical examinations, open to all students of the University. These examinations will include physical measurements and record of the same on an anthropometric chart; an examination of the heart and lungs; and suggestions for correction of any deformities or lack of muscular development, which may be noted during the examination.

Dr. Pollard has announced office hours, for appointments, as follows:
 Mondays, 10 a. m. to 12 m.
 Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a. m.
 Wednesdays, 10 a. m. to 12 m.
 Thursdays, 10 to 11 a. m.
 Fridays, 10 a. m. to 12 m.
 Saturdays, 10 to 11 a. m.
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Quite a number of men have taken advantage of these examinations, which are expected to prove of great value in pointing out the means of correcting physical defects.

PROMPT DISCOVERY OF FIRE PREVENTS LOSS

What might have proved a most serious fire occurred last Monday night in Newcomb Hall. Flames were discovered in the registrar's office by a student at about 9:30 in the evening, and the alarm given. The Lexington fire department was soon in action, assisted by a number of students who collected from all parts of the town, and by those who poured out of the Lyric Theatre, when the word went around that the college was on fire. The hose and ladders were rushed to the scene of the conflagration, but before the arrival of the regular fire fighters, who were a good deal retarded in their progress by the snow, the flames were extinguished by one of the students whose room is in Newcomb, by casting upon them some of the "beautiful white," which opportunity covered the ground. There was but a slight damage done, only the flooring of the registrar's office being burned in front of the grate. The origin of the fire was a live coal that rolled from the grate used in heating the room.

Great damage might have been done had the discovery of the fire come later, as the office of the president and secretary contain many valuable and interesting papers which might have been destroyed. The valuable collection of books in the economics library might also have been lost.

ALUMNI NOTES

Franklin Brockson, B. L., '96, is practicing law in Wilmington, Del.

C. R. Hanke, B. S., '10, is in the Indian service, U. S. department of the Interior, Rossfork, Ida.

V. P. Sydenstricker, M. A., '11, is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins.

G. A. Batten, B. A., '08, is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

R. M. Strassel, is in the assaying and engineering business in Kingman, Ariz.

Walter Coleman, '83, is engaged in literary work in Washington, D. C., 4710 Davenport street, N. W.

George W. Chaney, B. L., '11, has established his law office in the Terry Building, Roanoke, Va.

R. J. Denny, B. L., '10, is practicing law with offices at Temple Court, Chattanooga, Tenn.

A. H. Throckmorton, M. A., B. L., '00, is dean of the law school in the University of Indiana.

John E. Quisenberry, B. S., '06, is now a lieutenant in the United States army, stationed at Santa Lucia barracks, Manila, P. I.

F. L. Poindexter, '88-'89, formerly editor of The Virginian, at Warrenton, Va., is now a first lieutenant, U. S. A., stationed at the recruiting office in Chicago.

William Dewey Cooke, ex-'01, formerly chemist with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company at Richmond, is now with the Georgia Chemical Works, Augusta, Ga.

Civil service stenographer and typewriter examination, field service, will be held on Jan. 24, in the following towns in Virginia: Abingdon, Alexandria, Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Newport News, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke.

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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.

A JOURNALISTIC ORGANIZATION

The plan proposed by the college newspaper men of the University of South Carolina for the formation of an Association may or may not be an important and valuable project. The formation of any organization is an easy thing, thanks to the gregarious habits of man; when it is proposed that a group of persons engaged in similar pursuits "get together," our first thought is to get in by all means. The question of whether such an organization will prove of any material value is usually a secondary consideration and for this reason the results obtained from such a union of the like-minded are often meager. Perhaps the one thing which differentiates, more than any other, the real leader of men from the mere popular "good fellow," who also has his following, is the ability to perfect an efficient organization and to get tangible benefits from it.

We would not be understood to reflect upon the value of the plan which emanates from South Carolina; on the other hand the project certainly has a worthy purpose, and if it can accomplish

that purpose, as set forth in the letter which is printed in this issue, we feel that Washington and Lee cannot afford to be left out. The only question, to which we are now awaiting an answer from our friends, the projectors of the scheme, is, How they purpose to accomplish these beneficial results? In the meantime, we should be glad to have some written expressions of opinion on the subject from those who may be interested. If we may "talk shop" just a little, the editor would welcome any plan which would awaken more zeal for publications here at Washington and Lee. It would seem that in an institution where the work is primarily intellectual and literary, the students would take a keen interest in the periodicals which are supposed to mirror the student mind and opinion; yet there has been a noticeable falling off in such interest, not only here, but at other institutions. A generation ago literary work was the engrossing pastime of the undergraduate; the muse of poetry claimed her fervid, long-haired devotees; oratory had her train of fiery disciples; everything connected with the making and reading of the printed page was a subject of keen interest. Much of this ardor may have been mere dilettantism, unfitting men, perhaps, for the work-a-day world into which they had to launch out after four years of college life, but it was the froth, the affectation, which did the harm, and not the genuine devotion to letters. We cannot but feel that a little more time given to literary pursuits outside the classroom would broaden the student life and make the recollection of college days more pleasing a few years hence.

BASKETBALL

The basketball schedule, published in this issue, reveals a new departure in that branch of sport, in the fact that the northern trip will extend as far into the enemy's country as Connecticut. This is the longest journey ever taken by a White and Blue basketball squad, and should do much to advance the name and prestige of Washington and Lee among our northern neighbors, if the team in any wise fulfills the expectations which are entertained for it. The first game of the season, against Emory and Henry, may have caused some question as to whether the team had mastered the fine points of the game as thoroughly as could be desired; but it would seem that this question was answered in the affirmative on last Saturday night, when our team "teased" the Roanoke College team

by its brilliant passing and team work. Emory and Henry had, of course, a far stronger aggregation than Roanoke, and our team met them with their own style of play. It is a versatile team which can play rough-and-tumble when in rough-and-tumble company, as well as a more "scientific" game when occasion demands. We believe that our quintet is master of both styles of play, and as improvement comes with the passing of the season, we believe it will be able to cope creditably with its strongest opponents.

Wanted! A definite athletic policy!! With the increase in the number of students at Washington and Lee in the last few years have come naturally better athletic teams and better records for the University. Our standing before the world of athletics has improved and our prowess increased until the W. & L. monogram is an object to be respected if not dreaded by many of the schools about this section of the country. In this we are pleased and gratified. But why stop the good work?

Every school has a natural rival and that one game or series is worth many others. Athletic rivalry between schools largely depends on their propinquity, or being near enough together to be able to feel the influence of each other and to have common purposes. Where the patronage of one school comes from a totally different part of the country from that of another there is not enough of common interest to make them enjoy the victory when it does come.

The football policy that we have followed for the past two years of sending a team when it should be at its perfection to play a game a thousand miles away from home is useless and has proved disastrous in its results. To win those two games was of course slated as a victory and in adding up the score would have been so many points scored, but that is all. To lose them loses prestige and standing at home and abroad.

In other words, games of that kind are burdens which bear down hard. In the victory there is little of credit and in the defeat an additional burden. There is also nothing to be gained in a financial way, as both of them proved to be losing propositions.

Let us get away from them then, and the sooner the better. There are plenty of good teams near at hand to fight within the boundaries of the state there are three teams which are worthy of being considered nat-

ural rivals, with North Carolina to furnish as many more; Maryland has perhaps two more; so any one can see that we would be busy enough in a football season. In West Virginia and Kentucky can easily be found teams not too far away to be interesting.

With this in view there is no good reason to see any more W. & L. teams go a-riding forever and forever away from Lexington to play games which amount to a dead load on their school.

What we must develop (and the time to begin is now) is a certain and fixed plan. Select the schools which are in closest competition with us and try to get regular games with them. The V. P. I. game now is a good thing and so is the game with North Carolina. Let's have more of them.

TRUSTEES WILL TAKE ACTION ON PRESIDENCY

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West Virginia, are all well known men in public life. Dr. G. A. Wauchope, head of the English department in the University of South Carolina, is a scholar of wide reputation.

The University of South Carolina has another man whose name has been often mentioned in connection with the presidency of Washington and Lee—Dr. S. C. Mitchell, the present head of that University. Dr. Mitchell is a Virginian and was for some time a professor at Richmond College, whose many friends in this state would welcome his election.

Another "possibility" is Dr. Henry L. Smith, president of Davidson College. Like Dr. Denny, he has a record as a constructive executive, having done valuable work in developing and strengthening the institution of which he is the head.

Other names which the trustees will have under consideration on Jan. 24th, are: Dr. Ayers, president of the University of Cincinnati; and Dr. Douglas Freeman. Dr. Freeman is a graduate of Richmond College, a Doctor of Philosophy from Johns Hopkins University, and is now an expert connected with the Virginia Tax commission, whose name will probably be brought prominently before the public in connection with the proposed revision of the tax laws of Virginia.

These and many other names have been bruited about since Dr. Denny's resignation, and have doubtless received consideration from the committee, in whose hands the choice largely rests. This committee is composed of the Rev. G. B. Strickler of Richmond, Mr. Lucien H. Cocke of Roanoke, and Mr. Paul M. Penick of Lexington. There will be a feeling of general satisfaction that the long silence is at last to be broken.

NOTICE

Dick Fox has been generous enough to agree to donate the proceeds from his pool tables this week to athletics. In view of this fact the patronage of his room by those who play pool would be appreciated by those actively interested in athletics.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1912

PERSONALS

Rland Teiry spent part of last week at his home in Lynchburg.

Harry Othello Stone, '07-'09, is with the American Tobacco company at its branch in Tsaintung, China.

Miss Lucy Gwathmey of Richmond, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Rogers.

H. A. Derr, B. S., '10, is a chemist employed by the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Powder company at their plant in Wilmington, Del.

Hon. Hugh A. White, Rockbridge representative in the house of delegates, left at noon Monday for Richmond to take up his legislative duties.

Mrs. George H. Denny and her children left Lexington Friday for Richmond, where they will spend a short time with Dr. G. B. Strickler, and then join Dr. Denny at his new home at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. D. H. Rolston, A. B., 1904, has recently been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C. Mr. Rolston was formerly pastor of the Petersburg Presbyterian church. The church at Charlotte is one of the four largest in the South, and is financially the most able to do a great work.

A FINE TALK NEXT SUNDAY

The Y. M. C. A. has made arrangements to have Mr. Arthur Rugh come to Lexington next week and speak before the University. Mr. Rugh is the International student secretary in China and Korea, and his work and success in those countries have been remarkable. At present he is in this country working to get more secretaries for the Y. M. C. A. work of those fields. Dr. Howe heard Mr. Rugh a short time ago in Richmond and was so favorably impressed that he set about at once to secure him to speak to the local association. The plans are to have Mr. Rugh occupy the pulpit at the Presbyterian church next Sunday morning. It is hoped that a very large representation of the students will avail themselves of this opportunity to hear something of student life and work in the present day in China. Mr. Rugh's message and view point are altogether up to the minute.

Had it been possible the association would have presented Mr. Rugh at the usual time of meeting on Tuesday night, but owing to his full list of engagements this was quite impossible and the Sunday engagement was the best available.

JUNIOR MEETING

The Junior class held its first meeting on Saturday, Jan. 6th. The following men being appointed as the finance committee for the Junior prom:

J. P. Thornton, chairman.
R. A. Smith.
P. P. Gibson.
J. L. Crist.
J. W. Elliott.

Mr. P. P. Gibson was elected class historian to fill the place of J. R. McCoy, who did not return to college.

Mr. W. L. Hogue was elected as manager of the basketball team.

DR. ALLAN AND MISS PURCELL MARRIED IN RICHMOND

Dr. Allan was a member of the class of 1912 and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. He is today one of the most successful practicing physicians in the continually growing city of Charlotte, N. C.

Friday's Richmond Dispatch:—The most important society event of yesterday was the marriage of Miss Louisa Garnett Purcell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Purcell, and Dr. William Allan, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allan of Charlotte, N. C., and the late Colonel William Allan of Lexington. The ceremony, which took place at the home of the bride's parents, 920 Park avenue, yesterday evening at 6 o'clock, was witnessed by only the immediate families of the bride and groom. The Purcell home was arranged with quantities of lovely white flowers, Southern smilax and palms and an improvised altar was arranged in the drawing room, where the ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. J. Gravatt, rector of Holy Trinity church. The benediction was pronounced by the Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, bishop of Virginia.

The bride was given away by her father. Her wedding gown was an exquisite affair fashioned of soft white satin, with a court train, and trimmed with duchess lace. She carried a shower bouquet of bride roses and lillies of the valley and a coronet of orange blossoms fastened her long veil of illusion. Miss Anna Brooke Purcell was her sister's maid of honor. She wore a lovely gown of pale blue chiffon cloth over messaline of the same shade, and carried a big bouquet of American Beauty roses. Frank H. Anschutz of West Virginia, acted as the groom's best man.

Misses Martha Web Purcell, Alice E. Doyle, Avis Walker Grant and Louise F. Price were bridesmaids. They wore gowns of white messaline, draped in lace and marquise, and carried immense bouquets of American Beauty roses.

A reception followed the ceremony, after which Dr. and Mrs. Allan left for a wedding trip. Guests from a distance here for the wedding were Mrs. Elizabeth Preston Allan of Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. J. Frank Hunter, of Washington; Richard B. Tunstall of Norfolk; Thomas Nelson Williamson of Graham, and John Arthur Taylor of Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan will reside at 504 East avenue, Charlotte, N. C., after Jan. 10th.

"THE SCHOLAR IN POLITICS"

Newton Diehl Baker, LL. B., '94, is the subject of a "Who's Who, and Why" sketch in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post. The author pays tribute to Mr. Baker's literary tastes, giving him the title already bestowed upon another Virginian, "The Scholar in Politics." The writer says:

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GOLDEST WEATHER IN YEARS

Ice and Snow Afford Skating and Coasting—Boiler Out of Commission

According to some of the "oldest inhabitants" of the village, the wintry weather which now holds Lexington in its grip is the most severe which has been experienced here in years. For about two weeks the mercury has hovered in the lower part of the thermometer with an occasional swift descent toward the zero mark; while last Saturday night and part of Sunday the temperature was registered anywhere from two to thirteen degrees below zero, according to different reports.

The various ponds in the neighborhood froze over soon after the Christmas holidays, and good skating was enjoyed by many of the students and townspeople. A day or two later the river bore a thick crust of ice, and skaters journeyed thither in great numbers, in spite of the biting cold. The whole strip of water above the East Lexington dam was frozen, as far up as the mill where the boat races start, a distance of over three quarters of a mile. Skating here was interrupted, but not wholly broken up, by the several snows which came in rapid succession. Coasting parties appeared on many of the streets at night, and the small boys enjoyed short cut swift slides on the campus.

The snow and ice are a novelty to many of the southern students, who never before witnessed a genuine Virginia winter, and many of these southern boys donned their skates and proceeded to acquire an experimental knowledge of skating by intimate contact with the ice. Some were surprised at the appearance of the wintry scene, but one phlegmatic law student from the sunny south remarked that "It looks just like I thought it would."

Throughout all the cold weather the college buildings have been comfortably heated, and few of the students were aware of the fact that the largest boiler in the power house was put out of commission more than a week ago by the bursting of the "header." The entire work of heating the buildings was thus thrown on the two smaller boilers. The large boiler has been repaired as rapidly as possible, and it was reported that fire would be gotten under it yesterday morning.

Addresses at Churches Sunday

"The Men and Religion Forward Movement," was the subject of addresses at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon and at the Presbyterian and Methodist churches Sunday evening. The speakers were Mr. Norton M. Little and Mr. Fred J. Nichols of Washington, D. C. The addresses were pleas for more practical Christianity, for the bestowal of some attention by the churches upon the physical as well as the spiritual side of man. The talks were live and forceful, and made a deep impression.

DR. EASTER AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Easter is to address the Y. M. C. A. tonight. He is one of the best speakers to young men that there is among the faculty and his talks are well worth while.

Charles L. Syron, B. A., '08, is a student at Johns Hopkins University, taking a post graduate course in chemistry.

Baseball Coach

Everybody wants to know what will be the name of the next baseball coach. All of us know that the prospects for baseball are the brightest we have seen in some time. For most of the old players have come back and will be out trying to get the jobs they held so well last season. And some of them are none too certain of getting them, either, because some of the newcomers have good records to stand for them and look like they know a baseball from a peanut.

Smiling "Al Orth," the curveless wonder, wants the chance to shape up Washington and Lee's baseball team this year and all his friends know that he is the man for the place. Indeed we should be grateful for the chance of such a man for he has a record for service that few coaches have who are within our reach.

Al Orth went to the big league in 1897 and pitched on Washington, Cleveland and the New York Americans for eleven years. In all these years he smiled when they got twenty hits and when he shut them out. He made his reputation as the curveless wonder in these years and it is said that he can throw a ball into a tin cup. He has also seen considerable service in the outfield, where he was put for his hitting, and played second base at different times for the same reason. His record as a hitting pitcher was unusual.

In 1909 he took the Lynchburg team in the middle of the season and managed it till the end. He got the team up from the bottom into the first division and his friends say that he would have chased the pennant winners hard if he had gotten on from the first.

He retired from professional baseball at the end of 1910 and has been running a prosperous cigar store in Lynchburg. He wants the chance to show what he can do with the squad at Lexington and his services can be secured for the entire season.

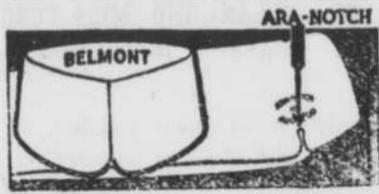
There is no question that under his control we would turn out a real baseball team, for they would be certain to know the fine points of the game as it is played among the professionals.

Moot Court in Session

Judge Martin P. Burks opened the Moot Court Wednesday afternoon and upon the docket's being read found that two cases had been matured and were ready for trial.

In both of these demurrers had to be argued, presenting only matters of law for decision by the judge, so no witnesses were called, nor was a jury empanelled. In the first case J. B. Watts and Watson represented the defendants, while Wilcox and Varnon were the attorneys for the plaintiff. The question presented was whether a release of one joint tortfeasor released all where the plaintiff expressly reserved his right of action against the others. The second case was a question of the joint liability of two mining companies who had injured plaintiff's sandbar by dumping refuse into a stream, which was washed down and became commingled with the sand, rendering it unsaleable. Counsel were Peck and J. P. Hobson for the defendants, Mann and Altman for the plaintiff.

The judge ordered the sheriff to report to him all men seen smoking in court room before court, as he wanted to have a rule issued against them to show cause why they should not be fined.



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The Phi Alpha Delta is one of the strongest National Greek letter legal fraternities, it being second in respect to membership, and first in respect to chapter houses. Its chapters are distributed throughout the West and Northeast; the one located at the University of Virginia, and the newly instituted chapter in this university, mark the Southernmost limit.

Messrs. Daniel B. Straley, Charles M. Peck, Walter R. Pennington, C. Harding Marsteller, Abram H. Hopkins, Alonzo G. Lively, G. Victor Yonce, Thurston L. Keister and Thomas F. Walker constitute the charter members of this new chapter. Since the granting of the charter, the members have been busily engaged in securing new pledges, who are as follows: K. J. Francis, P. W. Murray, S. B. Dolley, F. P. Burton, R. G. Croft and D. S. Bone.

The installation ceremonies of this new chapter took place on Saturday evening, Jan. 13th, in their halls and were conducted by John Doyle Carmody of Washington, D. C., who is supreme justice of the Phi Alpha Delta, and Edward J. Hess of Chicago, Ill., who is supreme recorder of the fraternity. Teams from the chapters, located in the law schools of Georgetown, and University of Virginia also assisted in the work.

Immediately following the initiation, a most elaborate banquet was served in the dining rooms of the Lexington hotel. These rooms were artistically decorated with the fraternity colors of purple and gold, and the tables were shewn with red carnations and smylax, which are the adopted flowers of the fraternity. This scheme of decoration was beautifully carried out in a most artistic and tasteful manner. An orchestra also enlivened the occasion by rendering appropriate selections, which continued until late into the hours.

After the banquet was well under way, speech making and oratory made the walls of the hall's resound with eloquence of fraternalism. The principal speakers of the evening were Judge Waller R. Staples of Roanoke, and ex Attorney General of Virginia William A. Anderson. Daniel B. Straley was toastmaster for the occasion. Walter R. Pennington delivered the address of welcome, which was responded to by Edward J. Hess. John Doyle Carmody delivered an address on the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity, which was followed by the farwell address, made by G. Victor Yonce, his subject being Phi Alpha Delta loyalty.

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