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## GRAHAM-LEE CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

### Speaking of Unusually High Order—Wilcox and Delaplaine Win Medals

For the space of two hours last Friday night the best eloquence and keenest reasoning powers of the Graham Lee Literary society were poured forth in the Lee Memorial chapel, the occasion being the celebration of the 103rd anniversary of that organization. These celebrations in the past have usually been looked upon as possessing but little interest for those not actively engaged in literary work, and it was perhaps for this reason that there were many vacant seats in the chapel; but those who failed to attend missed something really worth while, for the exercises were interesting from start to finish, and some of the speaking was a revelation in college oratory and college thought. Mr. W. J. Wilcox, the winner of the orator's medal, presented a most satisfactory study of the "The American City," with its corruption and its ugliness and, incidentally, the opportunities it offers to young men for service. Mr. E. S. Delaplaine carried off the debater's medal with his excellent speech on the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved, That the people should have the right of recall over the judiciary."

A few minutes after 8 the officials and speakers took their places on the platform, and Mr. DeShazo, after a short speech of welcome, in which he deplored the little interest which is usually shown in exercises of the kind, introduced the first orator, Mr. J. O. Day of Mississippi, whose subject was "From Poverty to Power, and Why." The speech was a description of the devastated condition of the South after the Civil war, and of the marvelous achievements which have placed this section of the country in its present prosperous position. The speech was adorned in many places with that eloquence for which Mississippi is justly famous. Mr. Day ascribed the wonderful progress of the South to the wisdom, industry and valor of her sons and daughters, and predicted for her an even more glorious future.

The oration of Mr. W. J. Wilcox, the next speaker, was of a totally different type, presenting a forceful picture of conditions in a modern city, with its palaces and its hovels, its luxury and squalor, its political corruption and moral degradation, quoting the statement that it is the only conspicuous failure in our system of government. He gave as the real cause of the trouble the statement of St. Paul—"a religious worker and a philosopher"—that "the love of money is the root of all evil." The speaker saw in these conditions a call and an opportunity for the educated young men of the present day, to take a hand and correct these evils.

Mr. W. M. Miller, the first speaker on the affirmative side of the debate, delivered a brisk and forceful

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## THE TOWN AND THE GOWN CLASH

### Dissatisfaction With Strict Enforcement of Law Leads to Boycott Against McCrum Drug Co. and the Lyric Theatre

A tempestuous "indignation meeting" was held by the student body after the address at the chapel yesterday, which resulted in resolutions to boycott the McCrum Drug company and the Lyric theater, until such boycott shall have been removed by the student body in mass meeting assembled. The whole trouble seems to have arisen over alleged stringency in enforcing the town ordinances against the students.

The action against the Lyric was due to the alleged activity of the manager of the theatre in having the laws enforced; in the case of the McCrum Drug company, it seemed to be the belief of the student body that one of the officials of that concern had succeeded in influencing the town council to enforce the laws too strictly against students.

Other complaints were lodged against the McCrum Drug company, touching the treatment accorded students in their store.

The whole movement was brought to a head after the subscriptions had been taken for the baseball coach. The feeling prevailed that there would be some echoes of the demonstration against the Lyric last Saturday night. One of the students brought the matter to a crisis by mounting the platform and protesting against the harshness of the town authorities in their dealings with the students. Other speakers followed with more specific complaints.

Other speechmaking followed, and the feeling waxed warm. The statement was made that a student was arrested for being under the influence of liquor, though raising no disturbance, while citizens of Lexington went unmolested, though their conduct was far more violent.

One speaker referred to the faculty regulations against drinking, and stated that the faculty seemed to have turned over the task of enforcing these regulations to the local police.

The first definite proposal in the matter was a motion that a committee be appointed from among the students to confer with the authorities of the town and college, and see if some understanding could not be reached. A majority of the students agreed, however, to refrain from patronizing the two establishments before mentioned, until this committee should make its report, at which time relations with these two concerns may be resumed. There was a good deal of protest against taking such drastic action, many of those present considering it unjust.

The whole movement, as above stated, has arisen out of resentment felt by the students at the frequent arrests made recently. Much of the speaking was violent and ill considered, but even the cooler heads seemed to agree that unjust discrimination existed.

The action, while drastic, may be looked upon as the culmination of a long smoldering discontent felt by the students at the treatment received from the townspeople; it is another case of "the town and the gown," which has vexed educational institutions for so long. The outcome is of course, doubtful, but with nearly the entire student body under a pledge to stand by the boycotts until satisfactory concessions are made, it looks as though the measures will be carried through to a finish.

C. M. McCrum, B. S., '07, is engineer for the T. C. I. and R. R. Co. at Ensley, Ala.

## SPECULATION RUNS HIGH

### All Are Curious to Know What Board Will Do Tomorrow

The general feeling about college is that there will be an election when the board of trustees meet tomorrow. Although Washington and Lee has been without a president only a short time, everyone is willing to see another installed as soon as possible. The executive committee, composed of the acting president, Dr. H. D. Campbell, and three of the local members of the board, were in session Saturday, and much is depending on what report they will make to the assembled board. Of course their recommendation cannot be final but the man they suggest will have the greatest possible lead over any of the others who may come up.

The insistent rumor is that they will recommend Dr. Henry L. Smith, the president of Davidson college of North Carolina. Of course there can be nothing certain about the matter, but his name is the most general answer to the questions about the next president. Dr. Smith's position on the matter is not public, although the story goes that he has accepted. But since these rumors have continued for some time and have not been contradicted but have rather grown in strength it begins to appear that there is real truth behind them. Certainly the best bet for the next president of Washington and Lee is Dr. Henry Louis Smith of Davidson, North Carolina.

His record there has been excellent as a college president. In this he has distinguished himself as he did as a professor of Physics in his experiments on the X rays when these were the newest things in his department. Dr. Smith is fifty-two years old and has been president of Davidson for ten years.

Among the faculty of Washington and Lee one is prominently mentioned as a presidential possibility, Dr. Jno. H. Latane of the Department of History. His record since taking his doctor's degree at Hopkins in 1895 has been so good that it would not surprise his many friends if he was elevated to the executive place at Lexington. One of the most popular men with the students in the University is an alumnus who took his doctor's degree in '95. He is William R. Vance, now dean elect of the law school of the University of Minnesota. When here as a teacher he was dean of the law school and is now holding a prominent place on the faculty of the Yale law school.

But the final choice is with the board, who will be in secret session tomorrow, and until they make their choice known, the matter must remain in uncertainty.

The athletic association wishes to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fox for his generous contribution to the athletic treasury in the shape of the proceeds from his pool tables during the past week. The contribution is appreciated by all those interested in athletics—which means, of course, the whole student body.

## Basketball Schedule

### IN LEXINGTON

- Jan. 5.—W. & L., 31; Emory and Henry, 19
- Jan. 12.—W. & L., 94; Roanoke College, 1
- Jan. 19.—W. & L., 88; Hampden-Sidney College, 7
- 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

## STUDENTS COME FROM MANY LOCALITIES

### Statistics Show That W. and L. Draws Men From Widely Separated Points of Country

A recent compilation by the University authorities of statistics relating to the first year men at Washington and Lee this year, both academic and law, brings to light interesting facts. It has been found that the approximately 200 men entering the University this year came from 167 different preparatory schools, high schools and colleges.

Seventy-one men entered from other colleges and universities, representing thirty-five institutions. Of these men Roanoke College contributed the greatest number, eight men entering from that college. V. M. I. was second with six men, V. P. I. third with five. Richmond College and Hampden-Sidney gave four each, Alabama Polytechnic, Emory and Henry, Morris-Harvey, Princeton, Randolph Macon College, Southwestern Presbyterian University, University of Alabama, University of Arkansas, University of Georgia, University of Pennsylvania, University of Virginia, Wake Forest and William and Mary sent two each, while one man entered from each of the following colleges: Cumberland University, George Washington University, Georgia School of Technology, Illinois College of Law, Loyola College, Lehigh University, Mt. St. Joseph's, Ohio University, Ohio State University, Peabody College, Transylvania University, University of Missouri, University of North Carolina, University of Tennessee, Washington and Jefferson, Western Maryland College, and University of West Virginia.

Of the preparatory and high schools Randolph Macon academy of Bedford City, sent up the largest number of freshmen, twelve; nine entered from the Lexington high school, eight from Randolph Macon, Front Royal, five from the Staunton Military academy, and four from Maury high school, Norfolk.

The geographic distribution of the contributing schools is wide. Fifty Virginia institutions are represented in the entering class. Tennessee stand second in the number of schools represented, fifteen. Kentucky and West Virginia sent men from nine schools each; Pennsylvania from eight; Texas, North Carolina and Georgia from six each; Alabama and Maryland from five each; Arkansas, Mississippi, and the District of Columbia from four each; Missouri from three, and Louisiana, Massachusetts, Ohio, Florida and South Carolina from two each. One school from each of the following states has representatives among first year men: California, Indiana, New York, Illinois, Colorado, South Dakota, New Jersey and New Mexico.

#### Al Orth Will Coach Baseball

After the address in the chapel yesterday the meeting was turned over to the students, and subscriptions were taken up to secure the services of Al Orth as baseball coach for this season. Harry Moran gave an account of Mr. Orth's record as a player, and Mr. Mason Deaver, graduate manager of athletics, urged the moral support of the student body for this and all other branches, promising an excellent football coach for next year.

## ALUMNI NOTES

M. G. Harman, '10, is in the real estate business in Kansas City, Mo.

Cicero F. Watts, B. A., '03, is professor of Political Economy, Oklahoma A. and M. college, Stillwater, Okla.

Samuel Greene, '73-'75, was recently appointed by Governor Neel judge of the criminal court of Jefferson county, Ala. Mr. Greene had been probate judge of the county for two terms, and is a widely known lawyer in Alabama.

### Hampton—Chisolm

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Baronice Chisolm to Mr. Wiley Bishop Hampton, the ceremony to take place on Jan. 31st in Stamps, Ark. Mr. Hampton took his B. A. degree here in 1909, and is living in Fordyce, Ark.

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# WE GOT HAMPDEN-SIDNEY TOO

## Varsity Takes This Aggregation Into Camp Easily—Game Rough and Hard Fought

Hampden-Sidney got their Saturday afternoon. They were to play on Friday night as usual but they were left in Lynchburg because the trains had changed time recently. But the davlight did not have any effect on the White and Blue boys, for the goals went in as merrily as they would have gone at night. The final score was 88 to 7, with 5 of that 7 made out of fouls. In the middle of the second half one of the Hampden-Sidney forwards found a ball rolling down under his goal and being crowded close by his ever present guard, flung the sphere high over his head in the general direction of the basket, and it went in.

When the game began it appeared that it was going to be closer. Buck could not get the tip on the center and everybody was covered up in fine shape. But in a few minutes things began to open up and the guards shown signs of getting tired, and then it was that the scoring machine began its slide to the end of the game. Suddenly Buck Miles climbed high up the wire and looking into the basket saw that it was open, and quietly put the ball into it for a goal, and in about a minute dropped in another.

By this time the center had gotten his eye off the ball and the signals began to work as they ought to. Burke came sailing down the floor and with a neat dribble put the third goal in. Then the buckets came so fast that it seemed hard to keep track of who was really responsible for every one. Everybody got one and in between each one of these Buck would climb up and after a careful inspection would drop in his. Miles also made a nice shot from a nearly the middle of the floor caging his usual "natural."

Nice work during the first half was also done by Raftery when he dribbled in curious curves the entire length of the floor and finally with out a single pass put the ball to sleep himself, but he really had no chance to pass because everybody was covered closely.

The W. and L. guards did excellent work all the time and that the visitors got so few goals was due entirely to their work. Every time a Hampden Sidney man got his hands on the ball he was covered so close that he had no chance to get an open goal. In the first half the boys in red hardly got near the rim of the goal. Burk was often called to forward on the signals and he got several goals without a second's delay, and even with this his man never suffered from any feeling of being lonely.

The game was marred by being entirely too rough. Both sides took advantage of this and the roughness was carried on with a good natured give and take spirit that Hampden-Sidney always shows in all her teams. The first half ended with the score standing 43 to 3.

In the second half the play was if possible even rougher, pushing and holding being the most popular amusements. Captain Hannis' team continued to drop the goals at a regular rate which the visiting players could not check, try as hard as they could. A well executed signal, a dazzling pass, and the time had come for the ball to go back to the center for another trip.

During the latter part of the half Lila replaced Baer and McCain Raftery. But the newcomers held

their own well and the scoring machine continued almost without interruption.

There are several things that Washington and Lee ought to watch or they will cost heavily when the more important games are to be played. There were many easy goals missed in this game. It made little difference, because there came another chance early; but there will be games soon when the second chance will not be so near at hand and a goal will be worth having—necessary for the victory. There is entirely too much rough play and when a strict umpire holds the whistle this will amount to a serious matter, but it can be very easily remedied before that time.

The best player of the visitors was Blanton. He played a hard consistent game and showed the true fighting spirit and clean play. If he had not been so closely covered he would have given a better account of himself too.

But Hampden-Sidney was Buck Miles' game. He only threw fourteen goals and two fouls. Crouching for the referee to throw up the ball he resembled a huge turkey gobbler, lacking only the red beard and a gobble or two. He was all over the floor at one time and hardly ever failed to get the tip on his man at center. Captain Hannis did nearly as well, as he counted eleven goals before time was finally called.

W. and L.	Position	H. S.
Hannis	R. F.	Blanton
Raftery, McCain	L. F.	McClung
Miles	C.	McClintic
Bear Lile,	R. G.	Corke
Burke	L. G.	White, Luebert

Goals: Hannis, 11; Raftery, 3; McCain, 1; Miles, 14; Bear, 5; Burke, 9; Blanton, 1. Goals from Fouls: Miles, 2 out of 5; Blanton, 5 out of 12. Fouls called on Hannis, 2; Raftery, 3; Miles, 5; Bear, 1; Burke, 1; Lile, 1; Blanton, 3; McClintic, 2. Referee: Mr. Ewing. V. M. I. Timekeeper: Ball.

### Dates for Dances

The Junior Prom will be held on Feb. 19th, and the fancy dress ball on Feb. 20. In regard to the latter, Miss Annie White has posted a notice, urging all to leave their orders for costumes by Thursday, as up to that time she can secure the pick of a large stock of costumes, and after that date each person wishing a costume will have to bear additional express charges.

Immediate action is all the more urgent owing to the fact that we are unusually late in starting preparations for the Fancy Dress Ball, which on account of its elaborateness requires much time.

### Y. M. C. A. Tonight

The Y. M. C. A. meeting tonight will be addressed by Dr. Wilson of Harrisonburg. Dr. Wilson comes highly recommended by those who know him and a large representation of the student body should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him.

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Subscriptions to the Ring-tum Phi have long been past due. The management needs the money to conduct the paper. It therefore requests that every subscriber, in college or out, who has not paid his subscription, will consider this notice a bill addressed to him, and will remit promptly to F. W. McWane, Business Manager.

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Look at your local "ads.", and you may get some surprises. See if the firms that you patronize most are mentioned. There are some here who are kept going by the students and do not advertise even an inch space. Are they the ones that should have consideration from you when they give you none? Answer that for yourself. With all their courteous ways, are they friends of the students?

The matter is narrowed down to a point of "who's paper is this?" It's yours—every man who has been or is a student has, or should have, an interest in it. It does not belong to the editor, nor is it the property of the business manager. Feel that each "ad." has a personal bearing and obligation, and you will do your duty to your University and to yourself.

## SIC SEMPER TYRANNIS!

The worm has turned. A student body, long down trodden, mocked and scourged by the tyrannous injustice of a cruel autocrat, has arisen and asserted its rights. Under a leader, bold and brave, who risked his life to come to their front and shout

the words: "Fellers, we seem to be no longer welcome here," rises as a man these three hundred and hewing their way out past the struggling and protesting doorkeepers, whose effort it was to keep them imprisoned, broke forth into liberty! And were not their souls stirred to action when their orator chief addressed them from his pulpit of stone, saying "On to the Savoy"? With not a minion of the law to stop their lawless act, attend en masse a rival performance? Ah, brave and courageous act! The Jew is disconsolate, for did they not deprive him of his audience, leaving only their sordid money in his hands? The mayor's court and the city officers are desperate, for did they not set at naught law and order in their terrible outburst?

But it is useless to moralize. History has been repeated. No matter how down trodden and weak the wronged nor how powerful the cruel hand of imposition, the time has always come when the oppressed have risen up and thrown off the yoke of the oppressor.

As a matter of fact, conditions at the Lyric seem to have been misunderstood. The manager of that glittering hall of amusement would be about the last person who would invoke the rude hand of the law to mar the enthusiasm of his audience; but, we are informed, the town authorities and the University officials deemed that this enthusiasm was exceeding the bounds of etiquette and decorum, and threatened to revoke Mr. Weinberg's license unless all disorder was promptly suppressed. The suave manager of the Lyric thus found himself between the devil and the deep sea, and chose the only course which was left open to him.

## JANUARY 19TH

The morning of the anniversary of Lee's birthday saw on the streets of Lexington a feeble column of grayhaired men, over whom floated the flag of the Confederacy, once to be reckoned with, now without a local habitation and a name, save in the memories of the sons and daughters of the South. In the evening, the students of Washington and Lee commemorated the occasion in a different manner, with debate and oratory. The two types of celebration can be looked upon as typical, the old men gazing into the past, the young into the future, with its problems and tasks.

Far be it from us to attempt to write a patriotic essay in these columns, an attempt foredoomed to failure. We simply wished to take occasion to congratulate the Graham-Lee society on the successful completion of its one hundred and third year. An organization which can persist for more than a century, unbacked save by the voluntary efforts of its members, must be founded upon an abiding and worthy principle. May the good work done in the past continue and increase for the next hundred years and more.

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argument in favor of the recall of judges, prefacing his argument with a brief history of the measure in ancient and modern times. Basing his contentions on the three propositions that judges need restriction; that the people should exercise this power; and that the recall is the best method of exercising it, he presented some strong reasons why this right should be given to the people. Mr. H. M. Woodward, the next speaker, predicted that the inauguration of this system would lead to the destruction of our existing institutions. The next speaker for the affirmative, Mr. E. S. Delaplaine, commanded the instant and close attention of his hearers in a speech striking in its forcefulness and convincingness. Mr. H. B. Goodloe was the last speaker, who contended that the recall was neither necessary, effective nor, granting that some change is needed, desirable. At the close of the speaking the judges retired and later Dr. Kerlin of V. M. I., announced on their behalf that the orator's medal had been awarded to Mr. Wilcox and the debater's medal to Mr. Delaplaine. These medals he then presented to the successful speakers. The decision was in favor of the affirmative side of the debate.

The officers of the occasion were: R. M. DeShazo, Virginia, president; K. C. Whittle, Virginia, vice president; W. W. Newsom, Tennessee, secretary; J. W. Heath, Mississippi, chief marshal.

Assistant Marshals: H. L. Crowgey, Virginia; F. M. Davis, Virginia; K. S. Moore, Kansas; Dan Hollis, Georgia; B. R. Lemon, Virginia.

The judges were: Dr. G. D. Hancock, Professor Waddell of the high school, and Dr. Kerlin of V. M. I.

The music was furnished by members of the Lexington orchestra.

## Mr. Rugh Makes Strong Talk on China

Mr. Arthur Rugh, international student secretary of the Y. M. C. A. to China and Korea, who spoke at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning, delivered a forceful and interesting address at the chapel yesterday on conditions in China, and the opportunities that country offers to young men. Mr. Rugh is a rapid, virile speaker, with plenty of "punch," not afraid to say things that do not sound flattering, and his address was thoroughly enjoyed. He gave a brief history of the Manchu dynasty and of the present revolution, with the marvelous development of China along industrial, political, educational and religious lines in the last ten years. He drew a very attractive picture of the future for young college men in that country, and while he granted that the work was hard, yet he stated that it had a wonderful allurements for men with red blood in their veins. It is a big job, said Mr. Rugh, and calls for big men.

Mr. Ackerley, another Y. M. C. A. worker, later delivered a short appeal for Washington and Lee to take part in the great work which is going on in China.

Bill Streit, '06-'08, a famous W. and L. football player of former years, was assistant coach at Auburn last season. He is manager of the Brick Supply company, Birmingham.

# The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1912

## PERSONALS

Harry Moran has been appointed superintendent of the Lees Dormitory by the dormitory committee.

D. J. Broughal and J. D. Richardson have returned to college, having recovered from the illness which caused them to withdraw last term.

Among those who suffered loss in the destruction by fire of the Letterman house in Charlottesville last Monday night were A. S. Holtz, B. A., LL. B., '10, and his wife, who was Miss Pierson of Lexington. Mr. Holtz is employed with the Michie Law Publishing company in Charlottesville.

## Another Enjoyable

### Dance at Castle Hill

Last Thursday night the students at Castle Hill were the hosts at an informal hop which was a marked success from every standpoint. These dances at the "Castle" have become monthly events and are looked forward to with a great deal of anticipation by those who attend. They serve largely to break the monotony of college life and have become one of the features in the social affairs at Washington and Lee.

Dancing commenced at 8:30 and continued until 1 o'clock. At suitable intervals refreshments were served. Delightful music was furnished by the Lexington orchestra.

Among those dancing were:

Miss Annie Hill with Mr. F. Burke, Miss Margaret Robinson with Mr. Barnard, Miss Emily Robinson with Mr. McGinnis, Miss Hopkins with Mr. Atkinson, Miss Barclay with Mr. Stanley, Miss Leech with Mr. Harris, Miss Fannie Harrison of Amherst, Va., with Mr. Hunter, Miss Davidson with Mr. J. Faulkner, Miss Currell with Mr. Gilleylen, Miss Marsell of Washington, D. C. with Mr. E. P. Davis.

Stags: Moran, Bagley, Porterfield, Powell, Woods, Rose, Casey, Herndon, Dodd, Sommers, Kirby, Curry, Swartz, Ward, Womble.

## Difficulties in Way

### of V. P. I. Game

Manager Null has been experiencing difficulty in completing the arrangements for the V. P. I. game in Staunton on Feb. 12th. He recently went to that town and opened negotiations with the managers of the skating rink, where it was proposed to hold the game. The manager of the rink raised no objection to our team's playing there on that date, but before the deal could be closed, Mr. Null was informed by someone connected with the Staunton Military academy that the rink had been leased to the S. M. A. for the season, and they were unwilling that any other teams should play there, fearing a decrease in their own gate receipts at the next game. The athletic authorities at S. M. A. considered the matter, and Mr. Null was unable to definitely secure the rink, for which, however, negotiations are still going on.

If it is not possible to play there, Mr. Null will probably engage a large room formerly used as an armory by one of the military companies. It is possible that a special train will be run to Staunton for the game.

## DR. EASTER'S TALK TO THE Y. M. C. A.

In addressing the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday night Dr. Easter reminded the audience of the character of Daniel as set forth in the first chapter of the book bearing his name. Dr. Easter said that Daniel was a picked man, a high type of man and a man who became a success. The reason was chiefly that he was a man of purpose. "He purposed in his heart." A purpose is that which controls a life and gives it a definite aim, an object to attain. A good example of that a purpose will do for a character may be seen in the figure of two boats about to sail on a journey. One sets out for no where in particular, it starts under auspicious circumstances and seems to go well, but having no place to aim for its master becomes uncertain, careless. A storm overtakes the vessel and it, not having any particular goal or port in mind, sails about aimlessly, merely trying to avoid the storm. It is overtaken and found as a wreck on some shore the next morning. The boat with a selected port and purpose sails to make that port, and regardless of storm or hazard presses determined on. It weathers the trouble and in due time comes to its goal, a success. The figure can be seen to work out in the lives of men. Daniel is one of them. Demosthenes is another; how great his obstacles were! And determined pursuit of his purpose conquers them and gives him his goal. Warren Hastings is another; making a resolution in mere childhood that he would regain his family estate, that became his purpose that drove him all his life till it was accomplished.

And Benjamin Disraeli, stung by the ridicule of parliament, took it for his purpose to gain their respect, and following that aim became Lord Beaconsfield, the prime minister of England.

But many purposeful men fail, it is true. The character of the purpose will measure the man. A small purpose will not make a big man. As the might of Daniel's purpose was in its purity, so the force of our purposes in college are in the comparative values of the purposes themselves. The purpose of the "college sport" may be as diligently pursued as the best, but it is not a strengthening and upbuilding purpose, it is too selfish and helps no one. As far as it benefits the individual or the college, those who hold it might as well never come to college. The purpose to be a big athlete is a fine purpose, but not a sufficient purpose, for it too is incomplete and is self centered. The big muscles get stiff and they yield little satisfaction in a very few years, and their possessor appreciates the falsity of his aim. So too of the purpose to be only a student. The brain alone is not enough and without development in other lines that life must be a loss which is devoted only to books and their learning.

A life wasted is a life lost. A life failing in its purpose is the greatest tragedy. Another phase of Daniel's purpose was its effect on those around him. Men stood around Daniel, because he stood. So for each of us. We are an influence on those with whom we are in contact, and that influence is strong and good as it is right. And the responsibility for that influence is to God.

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## ANOTHER ALUMNUS IN CONGRESS

### Election of Mr. Fergusson Gives W. & L. Eleven Alumni in Legislative Halls

Another Washington and Lee alumnus has been elected to congress, this time from one of the new states of the Union. Mr. H. B. Fergusson of Albuquerque, New Mexico, makes a full half dozen old students at Washington and Lee who are in the lower house of congress. He was chosen at the last election held in his adopted state and is now at his place in Washington. If Mr. Fergusson makes a better record in congress than he did as a student he will have to be a very busy man, for during his stay in the University he took three degrees, being a Bachelor and Master of Arts and Bachelor of Laws as well. He took the Cincinnati medal for oratory and was an instructor in Modern Languages during the last few years in college. When he left Washington and Lee he tried the practice of law in Wheeling, W. Va., but the call of the west came to him and he has answered it with success, as shown by his recent election to congress.

The other alumni of Washington and Lee who are in the same body with him are Representatives Flood and Hay of Virginia, Representative Slayden of Texas, Representative Mays of Florida, Representative Davis of West Virginia.

in the upper house of congress Washington and Lee has a gratifying representation in Senators Bryan of Florida, Chamberlain of Oregon, Owen of Oklahoma, Foster of Louisiana, and Poindexter of Washington. With these and one of the new appointed justices of the supreme court of the United States, Justice Lamar, local alumni are having a goodly voice in shaping the policies of the nation.

### Burks' Society Tries Case

At the regular session of the Burks Law Debating society last week suit was brought against the exprese company by one Smith through his attorney, C. W. Crush, for the recovery of certain property in the company's possession, which belonged to Smith. Plaintiff pleaded that the goods had been converted. The defendant company, through Attorney Recknagel, contended that Smith made a constructive delivery of the goods to the company, and that the company was entitled to transportation charges.

The court returned a verdict in favor of the defendants.

### The Gymnasium Team

The gymnasium team is fast getting into shape under the leadership of Captain J. L. Larrick. A good number of old stars are out for the team, including Bush, Ghesilin, Wood, all round champion of last year, F. P. Webster, Dillon, William Miller, who is manager of this year's team, R. Campbell, C. B. Pritchett, and G. D. Davidson.

There are a large number of new candidates, among whom are F. M. Davis, Hansel, Wiltshire, Abamovitz, W. F. Milling, A. McDonald, O'Quinn, Wayland and Thomas. Dr. Pollard is coaching the team. The annual exhibition will be held about the first of March.

B. M. Chenoweth, ex-'10, is with the Southern Iron and Steel company, Birmingham, Ala.

## FINE TALK ON CHINA AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mr. Arthur Rugh, one of the international student secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. in China and Korea, spoke from the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday morning. His remarks were based upon a part of the 9th verse of the 6th chapter of Matthew. "Our father."

Mr. Rugh said: A usual audience divides into three classes as regards missionary interest: 1st, those who don't know and are not interested; 2nd, those merely interested; 3rd, those interested and feeling their responsibility. The days are gone now for interesting people and now responsibility must be the theme.

"Our father" necessarily implies family relation. The kingdom of heaven is not so much a kingdom, nor a republic, as it is a family. And like other families its proper relationships includes love for all its members. A prayer that begins "Our father" and leaves out some of the family cannot reach to the father.

"Lead us not into temptation," This too includes all; the members of this congregation, the student in this town, and the student in Dr. "Ran" Shield's class in China. "Us" includes all 3 and if when it is prayed anything is being withheld that might keep any from temptation then this prayer too must be ineffectual.

The Chinese people are generally misunderstood, a poor class comes to this country. They are a fine cultured people, cultured in dress, life and thought. They are a people of great will power.

The present revolution has been a struggle of four hundred million people to get free from foreign domination. The Manchu dynasty is now ended after 270 years. The conservatives have lost and the liberal party is in charge. The world's greatest republic is forming. A standing army of ten million is to be organized. Schools will have to be provided for forty-five million students.

It is a great and gifted nation and its greatest need is Christ. Its president is a Christian from a Christian family.

The question is asked: "What is the Y. M. C. A. doing out there?" The complaint is made that the churches are divided in denominations, each with distinct machinery and requiring great money and effort. Why should the Y. M. C. A. add another machine? Because the churches demanded the Y. M. C. A. to do a different class of work. All the churches and their fine workers do not and cannot reach the educated classes. Because when they first went out they could only get to the laboring class and gladly went to them. Local caste then shut out of the churches all the educated and higher classes. The Y. M. C. A. was called to China of necessity to reach this class shut out of church.

The church in China must be a self supporting Chinese church. It cannot be so without the educated business men of China. The Y. M. C. A. is the only available instrumentality for getting these men.

### Kentucky Club Meets

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Frank McEntee, as Shylock, gave a powerful impersonation of the down trodden, vindictive Jew of those times, and aroused the sympathy of the audience in the trial scene.

Millicent Evison (Mrs. McEntee) took the part of Nerissa, her small stature forbidding the more stately role of Portia. As Nerissa she was charming, as was Augusta True in the part of Portia. The latter lacked, perhaps, something of the quickness and vivacity which are associated with Portia's witty thrusts, but more than made up for it in her serious lines.

Leonard Shepherd, as Antonio, John S. O'Brien as Gratiano, and in fact all the other characters played their part with that insight for which the Ben Greet players were justly renowned.

In the evening at 8 o'clock "Hamlet" was presented to an audience which was not as large as so meritorious an interpretation of this masterpiece deserved. The play presents many difficulties to the actor, and at the same time offers him unlimited opportunities for the display of histrionic ability. On this occasion those who saw it were treated to the rare pleasure of witnessing these difficulties overcome and the sublimity of the play greatly enhanced by displays of remarkable talent. In a cast so uniformly meritorious it is difficult to choose the best and to give honor where honor is due.

Frank McEntee, as Hamlet, is truly great. He possesses, to a remarkable degree, the faculty of putting his whole being into a wonderful interpretation of his role. His enunciation, his facial expression, and his gestures all go to make his acting excellent.

Millicent Evison, as Ophelia, deserves much praise. Miss Evison is endowed with that mysterious something which we call personality, and this she infuses into her role, lending to it a rare beauty and pathos. So effective is Miss Evison that when she is taken from us we grieve with Hamlet that she is gone.

Those who saw the two plays were doubtlessly impressed by the versatility of the players. It is indeed remarkable that they should play so well, roles so entirely different.

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