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NEW GYMNASIUM IS NOW IN USE

Handsome New Structure Opened Upon Return of Students From Holidays

The Doremus Memorial Gymnasium was thrown open to the students of Washington and Lee last Tuesday when college duties were resumed following the Christmas vacation. During the holidays the new structure had been entirely completed and everything was in place and ready for use when the students returned. Since the day the building was opened it has been used by practically every member of the students body and is crowded each afternoon.

Regular gymnasium classes have been inaugurated under the direction of Dr. J. W. H. Pollard, Coach Forest Fletcher, Claude Bush and S. H. Showell and will be held on the floor of the main exercise room every afternoon except Saturday. On Monday and Wednesday of each week there will be two classes of one hour each beginning at 4 p. m. These classes will be compulsory for all of the Freshmen, and they have been assigned to their regular hours. Every other afternoon, except Saturday, there will be one class from 4 to 5 p. m. All of the classes, including those compulsory for the Freshmen, are open to any member of the student body or faculty who may care to attend. Every afternoon except Monday and Wednesday, there will be indoor track practice from 5 to 6 o'clock, but the building will be open to anyone else, provided there is no interference with the track work. The swimming pool will be open to all students who can swim from 4 to 6:30 every day. Within a week classes for those who cannot swim will be arranged between 10 a. m. and 1 p. m. These classes will not be started until after the Freshmen swimming tests are made.

A large number of students have taken advantage of the opportunities for exercise offered in the new gymnasium and a great deal of interest has been shown by the entire student body.

HOBSON WILL SPEAK

HERE JANUARY 22

Congressman Richmond P. Hobson, of Spanish-American war fame, and Dr. Edwin I. Stearns will speak under the auspices of the Anti-Saloon League in the auditorium of the Lexington High School on the evening of January 22. Captain Hobson is a noted lecturer on temperance and introduced a bill in the House of Representatives for national prohibition by a constitutional amendment. The subject upon which he will speak here is "Destroying the Great Destroyer."

Dr. Stearns is spoken of as "the man with a Southern exposure." He is a lawyer, orator, humorist and "Chaw-k-Tawker." He has been a member of the Philadelphia bar for sixteen years and is now a national speaker for the Anti-Saloon League of America.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR TRACK TEAM

Indoor Squad Now at Work, But Only Four Monogram Men Will Be Out This Winter

"Prospects for a good indoor track team seem much better this winter than they did last year," says Coach Forest Fletcher. But in spite of this statement, the coach is not over enthusiastic over the outlook, for the team will be weak in the middle distance events as it was last year. Seven of the monogram winners during the 1915 season are back this year, but three of them will not be able to enter indoor competition.

Practice for the indoor season started last Tuesday afternoon and about twenty men are now trying for places on the team. Work outs are given each afternoon except Monday and Wednesday, in the new gymnasium, and the team will be able to train under much more advantageous circumstances than during the last season.

During the indoor season, Washington and Lee will be represented in the Johns Hopkins-5th Regiment meet in Baltimore, February 12; the Georgetown meet in Washington, February 19, and in the George Washington meet in Washington, March 4. Entries will be made in the open events as well as in the South Atlantic Championship events, of which there will be a complete set distributed between these three meets. It is possible that a few entries will be made in a meet to be given by the Richmond Blues in that city in March. Beyond this information nothing definite can be secured regarding the track schedule for the remainder of the season, because of the absence from town of Manager Houghton. Houghton was detained in Washington where he has been serving as an interpreter at the Pan-American congress. He is expected to return to Lexington tomorrow. Assistant managers J. B. Gladney and Holbrook have had charge of affairs during the manager's absence.

Thus far practice has not gone far enough to be able to determine the ability of the new men who are on the squad. In the dashes Captain Young and Curtis of last year's team will both be entered in the indoor events. Young has never done any indoor running but should have little difficulty winning the 100 and 220 events. Henke, a Freshman with some good records in interscholastic dashes, is showing up well. Hallman, who won both the South Atlantic pole vaults last year, will be handicapped by being placed at scratch but should repeat his win in the South Atlantic event. Witt Fox, who made good time in the mile and two mile events during the outdoor season last year, will enter the indoor competition this season. He has never done any indoor work, but should show up well. Shultz, Pierotti and Seeley will not enter the indoor competition but will be heard from during the spring season.

The biggest loss to the team is the

U.W.V. GAME FIRST ON 1916 SCHEDULE

Initial Basket Ball Game Will Be Played in New Gym Friday Night

On account of the basketball game with Hampden-Sidney, which was scheduled for January 7, being cancelled, the game with the West Virginia quints will be the first game the Generals will play on the floor of the new Gymnasium. Hampden-Sidney was forced to cancel because of a faculty regulation which would allow them but two trips, both of which would be necessary in the Eastern Virginia Championship games.

Practice was resumed Tuesday, in the new Doremus Memorial Gymnasium under the direction of W. C. Raftery, who has been selected by the Athletic Council as coach.

Prospects for a winning team are very bright, as two letter men of last year's team, Captain Young and Pierotti, and Burton, Wadsworth and Shultz of the 1914 scrubs are out for the team and are doing excellent work. Besides these men, the following new candidates are showing up well, Stewart of Newport News High, Bethel of John Marshall High, Richmond, Dorgeval of Newark (N. J.) High, Farrar of East Orange (N. J.) High, and Barrett of Oak Park, Ill., who seems to be an adept in basketball as well as in football. Among other promising recruits is Mercer Graham.

Coach Raftery declared himself well pleased with the work of the candidates and said that the fight for positions would be hard and long.

KAPPA ALPHAS HOLD 50TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

The 50th annual convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity, South, was held in Richmond, December 28, 29 and 30, the local chapter being represented by members P. A. Childers, Ray S. Smith, H. M. Patton, W. J. Bryan, B. D. Bryan, E. K. Nelson and E. P. Barrow. pledges R. S. Paulett, J. G. Patton, and R. B. Stuart. "Rooster" Oast and T. T. Hansel were among the recent alumni members present.

The Virginia capital was virtually turned over to the visitors and festivities were numerous. A smoker was held the first evening, the following night a banquet was given at the Westmoreland Club and the final evening the convention was brought to a close with a dance at Hotel Jefferson.

One of the features of the convention was the model initiation by which pledge, J. G. Patton of the local chapter, was taken through the mysteries of the fraternity.

The convention passed resolutions for the erection of a memorial chapter hall to be erected at Washington and Lee where the organization was formed in connection with the regular chapter house. The plans and time of the erection of the memorial did not reach any definite shape, but will ultimately result in the erection of a suitable monument to mark the origin of the fraternity.

WINTER DANCES FEBRUARY 28-29

Junior Prom and Fancy Dress Ball Promise to Be Elaborate Affairs

The Twelfth Annual Fancy Dress Ball will be given in the Doremus Memorial gymnasium February 29, according to an announcement made by Miss Annie White who has had charge of these dances during the past years. Miss White is now making her selections for the various committees connected with the dance and will probably have the list ready to announce within another week. She is preparing for an elaborate affair and expects the dance to outdo any of the preceding ones. The new gymnasium will offer wonderful opportunities for artistic decorations and much care will be taken in arranging the building for the ball.

More definite announcement of the dance will be given in later issues of this paper.

The Junior Prom, which by custom precedes the Fancy Dress Ball during the mid-winter festivities, will be given February 28.

A. G. Paxton, president of the Junior Class, named the committees for the Junior Prom at a meeting of that class held yesterday afternoon. This dance will be the night before the Fancy Dress Ball and should be well attended for there is a larger junior class this year than for several years past, and a large percentage of the class dance. President Paxton will lead the Class figure at the dance.

The personnel of the committees is: Invitation: J. B. Gladney, chairman, J. R. Campbell, S. D. Shore, J. H. Forbes, D. W. Thornburg.

Finance: F. J. Gilliam, chairman, P. D. Pickens, R. P. Hawkins, H. C. Holden, W. C. Hagan, G. T. Holbrook.

Arrangement: A. H. Boyd, chairman, E. S. Smith, J. B. Wadsworth, C. R. Stribling, E. P. Browning.

Floor: T. C. Waters, chairman, W. R. Burton, R. D. McMillan, J. M. Faulkner, C. W. McNitt.

ASSEMBLY IN CHAPEL

FRIDAY MORNING

U. S. Commissioner of Education Will Address Student Body

The first compulsory assembly during the winter term will be held in the chapel Friday at 10:30 a. m. The speaker on this occasion will be P. P. Paxton, United States Commissioner of Education, of Washington, D. C. The subject upon which he will speak has not yet been announced.

President Smith has made repeated efforts to secure Commissioner Paxton as a speaker here but until this time has been unable to do so. Mr. Paxton is much in demand in various parts of the country and Washington and Lee is fortunate in being able to secure him to deliver an address before the student body.

Dr. Smith announces that Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia, will be a speaker at one of the college assemblies during the spring.



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F.M.A. AND R.M.A. PLAY IN GYM

Former Wins First Basket Ball
Game on New Floor by
Score of 17 to 13

The basket ball teams from Fishburne Military Academy and Randolph-Macon Academy played the first game upon the floor of the Doremus Memorial gymnasium last night, the former winning by the score of 17 to 13.

The teams were evenly matched and the score was close throughout the contest. During the first few minutes of play neither quint could score. Keller of Randolph-Macon registered the first counter by free throw, following a foul, after Fishburne had missed three similar opportunities.

Almost immediately Fishburne registered two goals in quick succession. R. M. A. then counted again on a free throw but Fishburne added another goal. Before the first half closed, Keller of Randolph-Macon added two more foul goals, and but a few seconds before time was called Riley, who had been substituted for Cromwell, registered his team's first goal from field and tied the score 6 to 6.

Fishburne scored first in the second half, but Keller retaliated by scoring another foul throw and then a double counter. Riley annexed two field goals and gave Randolph-Macon the lead for a few minutes. Fishburne then added two more field goals, one being made by Snedeger by knocking the ball into the basket while jumping for it.

Keller added another foul goal, tying the score with a dozen points each, but the Fishburne lads showed better team work and annexed five more points, Snedeger registering their only goal from a free toss, following a foul. Keller made another foul goal, but his teammates were unable to score from the field.

Captain Snedeger, at center for the winners, played a star game and was in evidence in all parts of the court. Carson of the Waynesboro team was a consistent worker. He and the tall center each landed three field goals. Keller and Riley were the stars for the Bedford team, scoring all of their points. Keller registered one field goal and made good seven times in the foul chances out of ten attempts, while Snedeger of Fishburne scored but once in five attempts. Riley scored two goals.

About 250 students and townspeople witnessed the contest, which was the first athletic event held in the new gymnasium.

In addition to the players taking part in the contest the following accompanied their teams: Dick Smith, coach, and Cabell, Fishburne. T. H. Brown, coach, Donald Mack, J. C. White, Peyton Gish and L. S. Bass, manager, Randolph-Macon.

The line-up for the game was:

Fishburne	Position	R. M. A.
Bryant	rf.	Cromwell
Carson	lf.	Keller
Snedeger	c.	Mitchell
Winder	rg.	Easter
Martin	lg.	Dusch

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MILITARY INSTRUCTION IN AMERICAN COLLEGES

The Reveille:

The proposed plan to increase military instruction, at the expense of the national government, in the various state institutions which at present have some military instruction and practice in their curricula, embodies a principle more far reaching in its ultimate purpose than the much agitated movement for preparedness, as the term "preparedness" is at present understood and debated upon. Thorough and scientific military training in the state institutions has in view as a final end the complete military education of all the educated citizens, and at last of all the masses. It finds a parallel in the wonderful system under which the efficient German military organization was developed and maintained. Such a movement for increased military instruction evidently aims at a permanent place in American education and advance, and the effects of it as it will exist when the great program of immediate expenditures proposed in the interest of "preparedness" will be as insignificant as were the French or English war budgets before the outbreak of the present war in comparison to their present expenditures.

The program of military extension in the schools agrees with Champ Clark's view that the American people want preparedness without bankruptcy, since military efficiency can be achieved though the military state universities as a medium with a cost much less than it can be achieved by any plan for immediate preparedness. Furthermore, the time element is hardly a pressing one. But the institution of such a program would not be a complete substitution for the quicker plan of preparedness. It would rather be a fitting sequel to the plan for immediate preparedness and would fill out and complete the work of this plan.

In the College World

When the present season is ended, unless he is injured or some other unforeseen circumstance comes to light, Duddy Nobles, spoken of as the "fastest man in Dixie," will have won 18 M's. in the various athletics at Mississippi A. and M. He is a star quarterback, basket ball player, and sprinter.

"The Critograph," of Virginia Christian College, Lynchburg, has recently closed a subscription contest by awarding a handsome sweater to one of the fair co-eds who secured 118 new subscriptions to the paper.

The question of establishing a woman's department at the University of Virginia is again calling for much comment in the press throughout the state.

President King of Oberlin College has received an unrestricted gift of \$100,000 from an anonymous donor for the theological seminary.

Otto Claitor, editor of The Reveille, the weekly paper published at Louisiana State University, has been compelled to resign from his position because of other college duties.

The University of Alabama began the new year by opening a handsome new gymnasium. Numerous other improvements at that institution are announced in the Crimson-White.



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We are always glad to publish any communication that may be handed to us. We desire to call attention to the fact that unsigned correspondence will not be published.

Roanoke-Edge County News Print

With this issue the Ring-tum Phi resumes publication after a suspension of four weeks caused by the fall term examinations and the Christmas holidays. The paper will be printed each week of the remainder of the college year with the exception of the next examination period and we will endeavor to record all happenings of interest on the campus and among the students and their friends.

Our New Gymnasium

The new gymnasium, about which students at Washington and Lee university for the past several years have talked about as something much to be desired, but impossible of possession, is not any more a dream, nor a mere wish, but a magnificent reality. We doubt seriously if there is another college gymnasium anywhere within the entire country which can compare with the handsome structure situated on the crest of the hill overlooking Wilson Field. In every detail, from the standpoint of architectural beauty to that of equipment, the new gymnasium is beyond criticism. Provisions are made for every form of indoor sports, with a swimming pool, huge floor for basketball, running track, soccer and handball courts, boxing, wrestling and fencing rooms, boat crew practice rooms, and complete equipment of gymnasium apparatus. Many persons looking over the new building have been heard to remark that they could think of nothing that had been overlooked in making the building serve its purpose.

Already the compulsory gymnasium classes for the Freshmen have been started and many students who are not required to attend these classes are forming the habit of attending

them. Many students who were never seen upon the floor of the old gymnasium have come out for some form of exercise offered in the new building and the interest among the whole student body is marked. Being situated so conveniently to the campus, the gymnasium is within easy access to the students and has been thronged with them each day since the doors were thrown open. A large number of students have already found out that the "gym habit" is a mighty good one to acquire and the number should increase right along.

The new gymnasium came as a gift to Washington and Lee. The donor, while visiting here, saw the need of such a building and her generosity has been felt by every student in school as well as all other persons interested in the welfare of this institution. It makes possible a plan, long discussed here, of building up the bodies of the students as well as their minds and enables Washington and Lee to offer to the young men of this country such opportunities for general all-around preparedness for their life work as can be boasted of by but few institutions of learning in the entire country.

PICTURES ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR THE CALYX

Pictures for the 1916 Calyx are now being taken by a representative of the White Studio of New York, who will remain in Lexington until all of the photographs necessary are made. In the Calyx this year the arrangement of the pictures of the fraternities and the various athletic organizations will be by individual photographs instead of the usual group pictures which have been used in the past. This will necessitate a separate photograph of every man who belongs to any of the organizations represented in the annual, and these pictures together with those of the graduates will amount to a large number.

The representative of the White Studio who is doing the work here is located in the Athletic Council room in the Doremus Memorial gymnasium. A schedule of appointments has been arranged by the manager of the Calyx and the task of taking the pictures needed for the 1916 year book was begun Monday. According to the schedule of appointments as it stands today, the photographic work will continue throughout the remainder of this month.

All photographs to be used in the Calyx are required to be made by the White Studio and in this way a uniform high standard can be maintained. The scheme of arranging the organization pictures by grouping individual portraits should be a decided improvement over the former group pictures. Some of the larger organizations, such as the literary societies, will probably be represented by group pictures according to the usual custom.

Work on the Calyx is forging ahead. There is good reason to believe that there will be a considerable improvement in the photographic work and many other changes and improvements are promised by the staff. Business Manager Woodruff has been busy with his department and had been meeting with reasonable success.

Judge Thomas F. West, '73, died at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, December 9, 1915.

LITERARY SOCIETIES

WASHINGTON

The Washington Society held its first meeting of the new year Saturday night. The retiring president, M. L. Masinter, called the meeting to order. After the inaugural address of the president-elect, C. E. Worth, and the report of the retiring executive, attention was given to the program for the evening.

As a result of the absence of the orators and one of the declaimers, the program was somewhat short. J. R. Collins was the sole declaimer of the evening, taking for his subject Gray's "Elegy in a Country Churchyard."

The debate for discussion was, Resolved: That the average man should not marry under twenty-five years of age. The affirmative side of this question was upheld by Homer Powell and A. L. Bennett against Gus Ottenheimer and W. J. Dodd for the negative. The judges, J. D. Owens, R. A. Goldberg and E. P. Magers, rendered a two to one decision in favor of the affirmative.

G. A. Revercomb and G. T. Madison gave interesting extemporaneous speeches, the former speaking on "Attendance at Literary Societies," and the latter on "Our Merchant Marine."

T. J. Sterling was initiated into membership in the society.

E. S. S.

GRAHAM-LEE

The regular weekly meeting of Graham-Lee was called to order Saturday evening by President E. L. Junkin. The attendance was small.

In the absence of the orator, T. A. Myles, the program was opened by H. G. Peters, who declaimed from Shakespeare's Anthony oration over the body of Caesar. The speaker's delivery was good, although at times his facial expression had a tendency to contradict the solemnity of his subject.

The debate was on the question, Resolved: That compulsory education to the age of fourteen should be adopted in the state of Virginia. For the affirmative, H. J. Blackford and G. P. Wilson opposed G. E. McCluer and L. A. McMurray for the negative. The debate as a whole was rather poorly delivered, the absence of definite statistics on the subject indicating that it had not been thoroughly prepared. Wilson was probably the best individual debater, using good arguments and having very good delivery. The judges, Arnold, Latture and Smith brought in a decision for the affirmative.

R. C. Reid was admitted to the society, and the names of McG. Cabell and Peale were proposed for membership.

W. J. C.

DREADED AUTOMATIC RULE SENDS EIGHT MEN HOME

Eight New Men Enter For Second Term — Frat Pledges Get By

The much feared automatic rule hit harder than usual the first term of this session. Fourteen went down before its irresistible thud. However, the faculty was prevailed upon to tender mercy in six of the cases, and accordingly, only eight of the fourteen were compelled to leave college as the result of not passing the required number of tickets. During the session of 1914-1915 the automatic rule caught only six, and two of these were reinstated.

In contrast to the above comparison, however, the record of the fraternity pledges is superior to that of last session. Only four out of the entire 88 pledges will be ineligible for initiation as a result of not passing the required number of tickets. Last year a large number of pledges were ineligible on this account. Those who failed to make the required number of tickets will have to wait another term before they can be initiated.

The matriculation of five new men and the return to college of three old men since the beginning of the second term has just been sufficient to offset the depletion in the student body caused by the inexorable automatic. The new men are K. S. Coleman, Beckley, W. Va.; W. L. Coe, Lexington, Va.; Harry Nicholson, Norfolk, Va.; D. E. Leckie, Welch, W. Va., and C. R. Hill, Oakhill, W. Va.

The old men who have returned are W. A. Wright, Tappahannock, Va.; D. S. Critz, Salem, Va.; and Charles Kupfer, Merrick, N. Y.

The matriculation of these eight men brings the total number of matriculates for 1915-1916 up to 508. This number slightly exceeds the number of matriculates at this time last year.

H. C. Tillman, LL.B., '06, is a candidate for congressman in the Third district of South Carolina.

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR TRACK TEAM

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absence of Starnes, whose place in the hurdles will be hard to fill. He and ex-captain Miles were the only monogram men from the team last year who are not in school this year. J. B. Gladney and Crymble, members of the squad last year, are again working for places. Gladney has a running mate this year in his younger brother, E. L. Gladney, Jr. They will run the 440 yard event. McNitt and Sanders, also of last year's squad will not come out for the indoor team on account of sickness. Crymble will again try the high jump. He will be in competition with these new men; Cromwell, Dillard Estes and Bailey, who will be remembered as the winner of the javelin throw in the interscholastic meet here last May. Ignico, right tackle on the football team last fall, will try his hand at the shot put during the indoor season.

Among the other new men who are candidates for the team are: Stribling, Cox, Roby, Moore, Till, G. and C. Revercomb, Honaker and Evans, manager of the team last year, who has now donned a track suit and will work for the half mile event.

Coach Fletcher is especially anxious to arrange for a half mile relay race (four men each to run 220 yards) and is making an effort to stage one during the indoor season. With Young and Curtis of last year's team, Henkle and perhaps Cromwell as the fourth member of the team, he believes that W. and L. could win that event anywhere. He says that he wishes to extend the challenge for such a race to any college team in the country, for he believes that such a combination would be hard to beat.

W. M. Sledge, '71, died at his home in Memphis, Tenn., on December 12, 1915, of pleurisy. Mr. Sledge was 65 years of age.

The Ring-tum Phi STAYOVERS HAVE QUIET HOLIDAYS

Tuesday, January 11, 1916

Social and Personal.

Dr. H. D. Campbell spent Christmas with his family in Washington.

R. E. Kirkpatrick ex '18, of Ripley, Tenn., has entered Vanderbilt.

"Jogger" Elcock spent Wednesday and Thursday in Lexington.

W. W. Preston returned Sunday from a trip to Cuba.

Miss Henrietta Tucker has gone to Louisville, Ky., where she will spend the winter with relatives.

Leon W. Harris '15, Secretary of Senator Benjamin Tillman in Washington, was a visitor at the University last week.

George Ben Geddy, representing L. A. Balfour Co., Attleboro, Mass., has been a guest at the Kappa Sigma house for the past week.

J. J. Izard underwent an operation on his neck during the holidays and will not return to college till late in January.

Dr. Granville Campbell spent the holidays with Mrs. Campbell in Atlantic City and was prevented from returning on time by an attack of grippe.

Woodson P. Houghton will be detained for several weeks in Washington where he is holding a position as interpreter with the Pan-American congress.

E. A. Donahue, Ray Tull, A. F. Pierrotti and C. Lombardi, were delayed in their return from Boston by being in a railroad wreck. The wreck occurred between New York and Philadelphia and caused considerable delay in traffic, and the death of the engineer of one of the trains. "Duke" Lombardi reports the profitable application of some of his newly acquired knowledge of the Law of Carriers.

MISS WHITE WANTS COSTUMES FOR BALL CHOSEN EARLY

The Twelfth Annual Fancy Dress Ball will eclipse all others in brilliance if the plans of Miss Annie White are not denied success. It will be the first of these scintillating events to be given in the new gymnasium and will obviously take greater preparation.

"If the students will assist me in arranging the preliminary details of the Fancy Dress Ball," Miss Annie White stated yesterday, "I am sure that the Twelfth Annual Fancy Dress Ball will outlustre any of the previous events. The costumer—Van Horn—has written, stating that inasmuch as the ball comes late this season that he will be in a position to offer a more elaborate and more complete lot of costumes than hitherto."

"One may readily imagine that there is a vast amount of detail to such an event. In one particular, I would ask those who expect to attend to favor me. Please think of what costume you shall want, so that you may order early and thus prevent one of the frantic rushes at the last moment. It will be of inestimable aid to me.

The plans and details of the ball will be announced later.

Small Number of Students Enjoy Lexington Hospitality During Christmas Season

Christmas in Lexington was unusually quiet for the stayovers. This was, in part, due to the fact that only about fifteen students remained in Lexington during the holidays. The warm weather afforded none of the winter sports, such as coasting and skating, and the students who remained, had to resort to shooting pool and playing golf in order to pass the time away. A few in desperation retired to their beds with the grippe. Not even the Canadian Club showed its usual spirit, for it seemed to lose out after the first two or three days.

However, several social functions served to make the holidays more enjoyable. A Beanery Ball was held Monday night, December 27th, at the W. and L. Commons and a very delightful reception was tendered the students by President and Mrs. Henry Louis Smith on Thursday, December 30th at their residence.

The last few days of the holidays were enlivened by the V. M. I. dances and the large number of girls in attendance. All of the students were cordially invited and were entertained most hospitably by the corps of Cadets.

By Monday, January 3rd, a few students had straggled in and university life began to assume its natural activity. On Tuesday classes were resumed and the nine o'clock bell announced the resumption of college classes, and the beginning of mental gridiron contests for 1916.

MRS. DOREMUS COMING TO INSPECT GYMNASIUM

Donor of Magnificent New Structure Will Be Visitor Here January 22

Mrs. Robert Parker Doremus, who gave to Washington and Lee the Doremus Memorial gymnasium, will spend Saturday, January 22, in Lexington for the purpose of inspecting the building. Mrs. Doremus will arrive from New York at 7:50 a. m. Saturday and will be shown through the gymnasium during the morning and will again visit it during the afternoon while the building is being used by the students.

Mrs. Doremus will be accompanied by her attorney, Charles J. McDermott, and Mrs. McDermott. They will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Louis Smith while here and will return to New York Saturday evening.

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S. I. A. A. ABOLISHES THE ONE YEAR RULING

Crimson-White:

At a meeting of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic association held in New Orleans before the holidays many of the needs of the association were attended to and the summer base ball question was modified.

Coach Noojin, as a member of the summer base ball committee and representative of Alabama, attended the conference and took a leading part in the base ball agitation.

Regarding summer base ball it was decided that a player might play outside of his home county and receive expenses, providing the team was not a member of a league recognized in organized ball.

A wide variety of questions came up for discussion and action was taken on most of them.

A feature of the conference was the return of Tech to the association and abolishing of the one year rule entirely. Some opposition arose over this step but without avail. Several of the schools banded among themselves to return the one year rule, but this in nowise was detrimental to the association as it was merely in the form of agreement and pledge.

SEVERAL NEW COURSES BEGIN

Since the opening of the second term two more courses have been started. Commerce V, known as Commercial Law, will be given on Thursday and Saturday of each week, lasting during the second and third terms and counting as two points towards a degree. It is being taught by the Registrar, N. D. Smithson.

Dr. E. F. Shannon, head of the English department, will teach the class in Politics IV, known as Oral Debates. This course will be given only during the second term, coming every Monday night at 7:30 and counting as one point towards a degree. A large number of students have enrolled in both courses.

Astronomy I, taught by Dr. Stevens and usually given only during the first term, will be given over during the second term.

SPECIAL BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED NEXT MONTH

The special university bulletin which is issued each year as a supplement to the catalog is now in the hands of the printers and should reach Lexington for distribution within the next week. The bulletin is being issued earlier than usual this year and will precede the catalog by about a month. Eight thousand copies are being printed.

Copy for the 1916 catalog has been prepared and the book will be issued about the middle of February.

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LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Houston, Texas.
Mr. Adrian H. Boyd,
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Lexington, Va.

Dear Sir:—

I have received the copy of the Ring-tum Phi with the account of the successful season the football team has had. Our papers carry only the score but I have followed with interest those meager reports and have not lost a chance through the season to brag on 'my team' when others were talking about "their teams." I wish I could know and congratulate the boys personally.

Besides being newsy and well gotten up your paper has an unusual interest for me, in that, I have not seen it for many years (to my shame) although I had the honor to be one of the three, though the least of the three, who started the paper in 1897, the other two being Gordon Houston, Editor-in-Chief and Sam Slicer, business manager, my title being Managing Editor for the first year, as I recall it, after which I was Business Manager for two years.

Needless to say I was proud of my job in those days but when I see the little paper still being published now, eighteen years afterwards I am even prouder. Gordon Houston, a fine fellow but never physically strong has, I understand passed away. My good friend, Sam Slicer, is, I hear, in Atlanta, Ga.

As I had the job of getting the "ads" for two years I have been looking them over with interest. Some are not very different from then. I see my friend H. O. Dold is still the students' friend, that Ned Graham still is ready to dress the boys up for Miley to take their photographs and that McCrum and Gorrell are still rivals in the dispensing of cold drinks and strong drugs. James Jackson the barber is advertising now. I don't think he did then. 'Twas no use, as the boys wore football hair and one trimming a season was about all he could expect from any one student. The Peoples National Bank with my genial friend Wm. McElwee is still taking care of as much of the boys money as they will permit him to. Some "ads" I miss and then there are lots of new ones.

Your news items conveyed to me several items of interest about my fellow alumni and their present interests in life but mingled with these was the first news I have had of the death of Mr. A. T. Barclay, whom I esteemed highly as an officer of the University and as a friend whom I could always look to for friendly advice and in whose home I spent some of my pleasantest days.

But it was not my purpose to be reminiscent and the further I get the harder it will be to stop. I can't resist though asking you to convey to Tom Farrar and Liv. Smith and others possibly of my fellow students my congratulations on the esteemed privilege they have of showing the boys "how much they know." They didn't know all that I knew then, though they showed evidences of some day being as learned as they are and the boys looked up to them even then.

Now to come to what you are more interested in than anything else I might do or say. I am enclosing you my subscription for the "reminder" of the season—when I was Managing Editor we spelled it "remainder"—and I want you to pass me on to successive managers as a subscriber until they hear of my demise. With best

wishes for your paper and the University, I remain.

Very truly yours,
J. W. GARROW.

Y. M. C. A.

Two Gospel Teams, composed of men who were willing to give a part of their time in doing personal and evangelistic work among the people in the smaller towns of the state, were sent out under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. during the Christmas holidays. Ted Shultz, L. G. Junkin, Wm. M. Junkin and Nelson L. Brown went to Basic City, and R. N. Lature, A. T. Bennett, J. T. Bate and W. D. Forbus went to Eagle Rock. The two teams were well received and met with great success.

"Dad" Elliott, International Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the West, assisted by William Miller, '12, Francis Miller, '14, and Mimms Lee, State Student Secretary for Virginia, will hold an evangelistic campaign at Washington and Lee from January 27 to 30 inclusive. Plans for the campaign are now under way and the full program will be announced shortly.

Dr. James Louis Howe will address the regular Y. M. C. A. meeting tonight at 7:45 in the Carnegie Library. The speaker's subject will be "Missions." You are cordially invited.

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Note: All notices must be handed to F. J. Gilliam or W. M. Brown before 2 p. m. Monday to insure publication.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:45 p. m.—Dr. Howe addresses weekly meeting of Y. M. C. A. in Library.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

8:15 p. m.—Basket ball game in Doremus Memorial gymnasium: W. and L. vs. West Virginia.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15.

8 p. m.—Meeting of Literary Societies in Main building.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

9:30 a. m.—Bible classes in all churches.

Basket ball practice every afternoon in gymnasium. Track practice every afternoon except Monday and Wednesday. Freshman gym classes Monday and Wednesday 4 to 6 p. m.

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ALUMNI SECTION**REUNION AT COMMENCEMENT**

Plans are already being laid by the University authorities for the 1916 Finals, and at that time, an alumni gathering which, it is hoped, will be even larger and more enthusiastic than the one of 1915. Of course the men who are making the arrangements want it distinctly understood that every alumnus who finds it possible to come is invited, and that the University holds a hearty welcome for all of her returning sons. But a special effort is to be made to have present as many captains and members of former athletic teams as possible. The central feature of the Commencement will be the dedication of the newly completed Doremus Memorial Gymnasium, and a rejoicing in all that it means to the athletic and recreational interests of the institution. For that reason it is felt to be especially appropriate that there shall be a gathering of athletes who have worn the White and Blue to participate in the dedication. Details of the plan will be announced from time to time in the Ring-tum Phi.

The near approach of Lee's Birthday and of Washington's birthday suggests that these dates are the most fitting of the year for local associations of alumni to get together, revive the old spirit, and rejuvenate their organizations. It also suggests that there are many places where no local associations have been formed, that such organizations are desirable, and that the present year on one of those days would be an excellent time for their formation.

CLASS OF 1915

Practically complete returns have been received from the members of the academic and scientific classes of 1915, giving their occupations and addresses. Twelve members of the class are again at Washington and Lee, while eight are engaged in teaching. Various pursuits are engaging the attention and efforts of the remaining graduates.

Of the two recipients of the M. A. degree, James E. Bear is teaching in the Greenbrier Presbyterial Military School, Lewisburg, W. Va., and Wm. M. Brown is an instructor at Washington and Lee.

The men who graduated with the B. A. degree are located as follows: Robert P. Adams is back in college for law.

Nicholson Barney Adams is teaching in the Lynchburg High School, Lynchburg, Va.

Leslie Samuel Anderson is at Ocala, Fla.

Winston Carter Bleight is teaching at Warm Springs, Va.

Ellis McDonald Bristow is at Urbanna, Va.

John Carroll Bubb is doing government work, his home address being 719 9th St., N. E., Washington, D. C.

Walter Lapsley Carson is a student at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

William Waugh Cash is engaged in the milling business with his father and brother at Eagle Rock, Va.

Madison Pettigrew Coe is teaching at Bassett, Va.

Joseph Lowrie Dean is in insurance at LaFayette, Ala.

Richard Williamson Fowlkes is working for the DuPont Powder Co., his address being Petersburg, Va.

Claiborne Watts Gooch returned to

Washington and Lee to pursue further work in preparation for the study of medicine.

Willis Peery Groseclose is teaching at Slidell, La.

Herman Randolph Hampton is engaged in mercantile business at For-dyce, Ark.

Woodson Plyer Houghton returned to college for law.

James Lawrence Howerton is a chemist at one of the DuPont powder plants in New Jersey, and his address is Hercules Club House, Kenil, N. J.

George Preston Jackson is a teacher at the Marion Institute, Marion, Ala.

Joseph Benjamin Johnson, Jr., is farming at Manassas, Va.

Edward Leyburn Junkin returned to Washington and Lee for his master's degree, which he will receive in June.

Jonah Larrick, is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at the University of Alabama, University, Ala.

Rupert Nelson Latture is again a student here, and will receive the M. A. degree in 1916.

Samuel Harvey Lewis is a chemist at the DuPont Powder Company's plant at Hopewell.

Edward Stuart Moore holds a position in the division of documents, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

Evan Sidebottom McCord is a student in the law department.

August Gillis McKinnon is doing graduate work at Washington and Lee.

James Robert Neal is a student in the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Samuel Earl Oglesby is teaching at Mine Run, Va.

Walter Creigh Preston is a teacher in the high school, Pennsboro, W. Va.

George Robert Shaw returned to college for work for his master's degree.

Howard Charles Stuck is engaged in the manufacture of brick at Jonesboro, Ark.

Taylor Hudnall Stukes is a government clerk and law student, 335 House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Charles McClung Switzer is a chemist for the DuPont company. His address is Riverside Club House, Penn's Grove, N. J.

Paul Campbell Thomas is in the employ of the Huff, Andrews & Thomas Co., Bluefield, W. Va. His home is at 210 Russell St., Bluefield.

Prentiss Guthrie Thompson is teaching in the high school at Petersburg, Va.

Donald David Utt is again in college, pursuing School of Commerce work.

Ki Williams holds a place as chemist in the gun and cotton laboratory of the DuPont plant at Hopewell.

Two members of the B. S. class returned to the University for further study, and both are acting as instructors. They are James Carl Fisher and Samuel G. Keller, Jr. The others are located as follows:

Carl Schaeffer Davidson, engineer, Pennsylvania Railroad, 5713 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Benjamin Harrison Farquhar, engineer, Lake Charles, La.

George Stanley Morrison, 437 Harrison St., Petersburg, Va.

Giles McKinney Penick, 119 31st St., Newport News, Va.

JOSEPH RUCKER LAMAR

Joseph Rucker Lamar, '78, associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died at his home in Washington on the night of January 2, after an illness of several months.

He was 58 years old and had been on the supreme bench five years.

The immediate cause of death was gradual heart failure, hastened by inflammation of one of the lungs which had threatened to develop into pneumonia. The attending physician declared, however, that the primary cause was overwork due to his arduous duties as a member of the Supreme Court and as commissioner of the United States in 1914 to the mediation conference between the United States and Mexico at Niagara Falls.

Justice Lamar's remains were taken to Augusta, Ga., for many years his home, where the funeral was held and interment was made on Thursday, January 6.

Had Justice Lamar lived until noon of January 3, he would have completed five year's service on the Supreme Court bench. During the entire period he was regarded as one of the hardest workers ever on the bench. His opinions were excellent specimens of diction.

About the time Justice Lamar returned to Washington last fall a movement was started to have Congress legislate so as to enable him to retire on full pay. At that time Secretary Lane of the Interior Department, and Solicitor John W. Davis, who is also an alumnus of Washington and Lee of the academic class of 1892 and the law class of 1895, were mentioned in discussions as to his possible successor. It is believed that President Wilson will act at once in filling the vacancy because of the important cases now awaiting consideration before the full court.

OTHER ALUMNI NOTES

Duncan C. Lyle, M. A., '69, for many years a teacher in the McDonogh School, near Baltimore, and known to former students of that institution as the "Grand Old Man" of McDonogh, was one of the guests of honor of alumni of McDonogh at the Hotel Rennert in Baltimore early in December, and was the recipient of many touching tributes from his former students.

Dr. E. P. Bledso, '00, of Little Rock, Ark., was in December unanimously elected by the board of control as superintendent of the Arkansas State Hospital for Nervous Diseases. After leaving Washington and Lee Dr. Bledsoe studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Baltimore.

Peyton D. English, B. L., '71, retired last month from the clerkship of the Arkansas Supreme Court, after a term of service covering fifty-five years. When the Federal army captured Little Rock during the Civil war Mr. English took the Supreme court records to Washington, Arkansas, which was made the temporary capital. As the Federal forces advanced south he again carried them to safety, and at the close of the war returned the records intact to the State government.

David B. Strouse, B. L., '67, of Salem, Va., died suddenly in Waynesboro, Va., on the evening of December 7, 1915. He was at that time engaged in conducting revival services in the Methodist Episcopal church at Waynesboro. After his graduation from Washington College Mr. Strouse practiced law in Salem for twenty-seven years. About eighteen years ago he gave up all business interests, and has since that time been giving most of his time to evangelistic work.