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TRINITY DEFEATS W. & L. DEBATERS AT DURHAM, N. C.

Generals Lose Decision in Forsenic Bout—Interpretation of Question at Variance

The debating team representing Washington and Lee was defeated by the Trinity (N. C.) team, in the sixth annual debate between these two institutions held at Trinity College, March 16. The question under discussion was, "Resolved, that the war time scope of Federal regulation should, in principle, be permanently established for times of peace."

The Washington and Lee team was composed of W. O. Burtner, G. P. Wilson, W. W. Sager, while that of Trinity was made up of R. L. Fisher, L. H. Allison, R. H. Durham. Dean Wanamaker of Trinity presided over the debate. The judges were Dr. J. A. Lesh, State Librarian W. S. Wilson, and Hon. W. C. Hammer.

While the decision of the judges was unanimously in favor of the affirmative, there was no lack of spirit in the debate, and the Washington and Lee men from all accounts, put up a splendid fight. According to the local debaters, the decision rested in the interpretation of the question as contained in the phrase "in principle." The two sides differed radically on this point, and so telling were the arguments of the affirmative, both in the main speeches and in the rejoinders that the judges accepted the interpretation of the Trinity debaters. This last debate closes the second series of debates between the two colleges, in both of which the Trinity team has come out winner.

Immediately after the debate there was a smoker held to which were invited the debaters, the judges officials, and the members of the Debating Council. Dr. W. H. Glasson acted as toast-master and the following responded to toasts: G. P. Wilson for the W. and L. team; R. L. Fisher for the Trinity team; all three judges; Dr. Boyd, Dean Wanamaker, Prof. Brooks, Mr. Spransy.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Whereas, Divine Providence has taken, in the prime of his young manhood, Cadet John H. Ware,

Be it Resolved, That we, the students of Washington and Lee University, do express our deep sorrow at his loss, and extend our sincere sympathy to the corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, and to the bereaved family in their affliction.

Be it further Resolved, That these resolutions be inscribed on the minutes of the Executive Committee of the student body, that they be published in the Ring-tum Phi, and copies be sent to the corps of cadets of the Virginia Military Institute and to the bereaved family.

B. F. TILLAR,
T. W. GILLIAM II,
Committee,
Executive Committee of the Student Body.

ANNUAL EASTER DANCES ARE ENJOYED BY ALL CONCERNED

Only Thirty-five Girls in Attendance, But Hops Form Welcome Break in Monotony of Campus—Cotillion Club German Tonight

Ushered in by the "13" Club dance last night, and followed today by a dancant this afternoon and the Cotillion Club German tonight, the annual Easter dances are spreading joy in the heart of many a student care free after the hard mental exertion of examinations just past. Some thirty-five girls, a small but elite crowd, Wright's music, and the Doremus Gymnasium have been all sufficient to satisfy the most particular, and enthusiasm runs high for the closing event tonight.

The "13" Club dance last night was led by T. S. Jones, president of the club, with Miss Lillian Shott of Hollins College. The figure was simple but pretty, ending with the formation of the "unlucky number". Dancing was begun shortly after nine-thirty, and continued with slight interruption until half past one. Supper was served informally from a booth at

one end of the hall, this being in keeping with the desire to reduce unnecessary expense in every possible way.

Matthew Paxton, president of the Cotillion Club, will lead the closing German given under the auspices of the club tonight with Miss Eutha Young of Lexington. A contingent of girls from Sweet Briar is expected to swell somewhat the number of couples, and with "Ole Man Wright" still on the job, it should be a gala through which graces the Doremus Gymnasium tonight.

The elements refuse to smile upon the fair guests of Washington and Lee, but is absolutely unavailing in its efforts to dampen the spirits of the gala crowd. All in all, the two-day respite from the regular program of getting an education is being enjoyed to the utmost by the followers of Terpsichore.

"13" Club Dance

Among those dancing were:
Miss Lillian Shott of Hollins College, with T. S. Jones.
Miss Catherine Kennedy of Knoxville, Tenn., with I. B. Watkins.

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Cotillion Club German

Among those dancing were:
Miss Eutha Young of Lexington, with Matthew Paxton.
Miss Olive Burton of Fort Worth, Tex., with M. P. Sutton.

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GUNS FOR R. O. T. C. WILL BE SECURED CIRCLE HOLDS ITS ANNUAL INITIATION

Shipment May be Delayed—Inspector Will Visit Lexington this Week.

It seems certain now that guns to the number of two hundred will be supplied to the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of the University as soon as the requisite bonds and certificates are made out. A letter received yesterday from the department in charge stated that in addition to the one hundred guns already promised another hundred could be supplied if requested immediately by telegraph. Such request was made by President Smith. The actual time that the guns will be placed in the hands of the members of the corps is still a matter of conjecture.

Four hundred sets of insignia were ordered during the week by the commandant. They consist of official U. S. R. O. T. C. shields to be worn on the coat sleeve below the elbow, small and large R. O. T. C. pins and a small circular collar ornament containing the seal of the University.

The government's inspector for the Reserve Officers' Training Corps of this section is expected to arrive either today or tomorrow. Upon his report will depend the official recognition and maintenance of the R. O. T. C. at the University.

Dr. J. H. Latane Speaks on America's Traditional Policy of Isolation—Seven New Members

On last Tuesday evening, at the public initiation ceremonies of the Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa Society the following new members were announced at the close of the exercises: J. R. Long, Dean of the Law School B. F. Tillar, J. R. Fain, L. A. McMurray, H. A. Holt, C. H. Patterson, and M. W. Paxton.

The address of the occasion was given by Dr. John Holiday Latane, Head of the Department of History, Johns Hopkins University, and formerly professor at Washington and Lee, who was presented to the audience by Dr. Henry Louis Smith. Dr. Latane is vice president of the national Omicron Delta Kappa council.

The subject chosen by the speaker was "America's Traditional Policy of Isolation" at the beginning of which he spoke of the remarkably large number of college men who are taking part in the world war, showing that the ideals of the educational world are of the best type. The address proper was an inspiration to

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BATTALION JOINS IN GREAT LIBERTY LOAN CELEBRATION

W. & L. Students Enter Patriotic Parade—Formed Temporarily in Four Columns

The Washington and Lee unit of the R. O. T. C. made its first public appearance last Saturday when the entire battalion participated in the Liberty loan parade. Following the Red Cross and V. M. I. in order of march, the military department of the University showed to good advantage in the opening of the great spring drive on this side of the water.

All classes were suspended at 10:45 Saturday morning, at which time the battalion formed in front of the main building. To make control easier four companies were formed, the usual platoon of five squads being a company for that day. Captain Tillar was in command as Cadet Major. Captain Holt had charge of A company. Lieutenant Hansbarger acted as captain in charge of B company, while Lieutenant Cox and Lieutenant Smith commanded C and D companies, respectively.

From the campus the battalion was marched to the V. M. I. where the parade was formed under direction of Major Edwards, former commandant. Women of the Red Cross were first in line. Then came the V. M. I. cadet corps and after them the W. and L. battalion, followed by the high school company, various other organizations from the town, such as the Fire department and the Knights of Pythias, and several delegations from the county. Music for the march was furnished by the V. M. I. band.

An enthusiastic crowd greeted the splendid turnout. Weather conditions were ideal and the result in large subscriptions to the third Liberty loan showed that the demonstration was a success from every standpoint. Many compliments on the appearance of the students were heard from the spectators, one lady going so far as to state that they surpassed the cadets. It is to be suspected that she was not referring to their military aspect, but, however that may be, the prospect seems bright for a favorable report by the government inspector who arrives this week.

BOAT CLUBS READY TO BEGIN SPRING TRAINING

Harry Lee Suffers By Loss of Equipment Stolen From Boathouse

With the coming of spring preparations are being made by the two boat clubs for the annual regatta which is a part of the commencement festivities. The Albert Sidneys have already put a crew on the river, and are rapidly breaking in their recruits. The Harry Lees are somewhat handicapped by the lack of supplies, for during the summer the boathouse was broken into and both of the boats of this club were robbed of their rudders

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SHIPBUILDING PROGRAM IS OUTLINED TO STUDENTS BY DR. M'KIBBEN OF LEHIGH

"Can America Build Those Ships in Time?"—Many Will Work in Shipyards This Summer

Dr. Frank P. McKibben, formerly of Lehigh University gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on the shipbuilding industry in the United States with particular reference to the needs and output of the different yards at the present time, on Thursday night, March 28. The lecture was illustrated with many slide views of the several stages in the building of a ship, and of the different types being built for the use of the country in the present crisis. The occasion was specifically to put before the student body the needs of shipyards for labor during the approaching summer months, and to give them some idea of the work and conditions that they would encounter. Dr. McKibben emphasized the idea that our greatest need is not so much for men as it is for the means to get the men already trained across the seas so that they may do the part they are prepared to do. He also mentioned the prospects for the future of the United States on the seas of commerce and said that the shipping industry offers exceptional opportunities for those young men who wish to make it their life work.

The large number of students greeted with applause the words of the speaker to the effect that every man should do something this summer where it most directly benefits the government program and that nothing is more fitting or more needed than men for the shipyards. At the conclusion of the talk cards were passed to the students and those who wish to take up the work were asked to give certain information thereon in order to facilitate the distribution or those who sign up all over the country for the work. Dr. McKibben states that any student who desires information about the shipyards should write to him giving the data tabulated below.

Address inquiries to: Frank P. McKibben, South Bethlehem, Penn.

Letters should include the following things:

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Locality of shipyard preferred—
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Baltimore or Newport News.
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Experience obtained out of college.
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Two Prominent Alumni in Italy

The following press dispatch is interesting as giving a glimpse of W. and L. men now serving their country.

Rome, April 2.—Newton D. Baker ('91), American Secretary of War, and Thomas Nelson Page ('72), American Ambassador to Italy, are visiting the Italian front.

Whatless day is this? It may be wheatless or meatless but do not let it be Thriftless. Buy another War Savings Stamp.

FAIN ELECTED CAPTAIN OF BASKETBALL TEAM

Young and Barron Are Chosen Assistant Basketball Managers By Athletic Council

At a meeting of the basketball monogram men during the course of last month J. R. Fain was unanimously elected captain of next year's team. A long eulogy upon "Jimmy" is unnecessary as his familiar smile and many honors are known practically to everyone both on and off the campus. Suffice it to say that he has played football and basketball since entering Washington and Lee. He is secretary of the Athletic Council, and a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity, Cotillion Club, White Friar, "13" Club, and Omicron Delta Kappa.

During the month a meeting of the Athletic Council was held at which W. F. Barron and R. H. Young were elected Junior assistant managers of basketball for next year. Both served as Sophomore assistants during the present year. G. P. Wilson is manager-elect.

Negro Pastor Addresses Last Meeting of Study Classes

The classes in the negro problem have been completed and the some forty students who attended were not disappointed in what they expected to get out of them. The last meeting of last term was featured by a speech given by the pastor of the negro Baptist church of Lexington, Rev. S. A. Thurston.

In speaking of the religious side of the negro Mr. Thurston said that the emotionalism which has been characteristic in the past is fast disappearing. Following this he said, "Whatever the student of negro history may believe on the subject of religion in general and of our religion in particular, this certain, it is most real to us. To us God is a reality. So is heaven, hell and the judgment. Our churches are the centers of our social and religious life. Further on he took up the subject of morality among those of his race. He said, "No one who knows the Southern negro and compares the low moral status in which freedom found him, with his present morality can deny that his progress has been stupendous. Mankind is imitative, the negro is pre-eminently so. Throw him in a healthy moral atmosphere and he will imitate the influence and reproduce it in his home. This last statement of the tendency of the negro to imitate was especially emphasized.

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For the County News

To the Easter Girl

The signs of spring are unmistakable, and cover the campus in forms of many shapes and colors. The exams were trying times, but all that's past and all forgotten in the happiness of the moment.

Welcome to Washington and Lee, you Easter girl, for you are spreading joy in the heart of many a love-sick and study-worn student. The skies never seemed so clear as at the dances, when many bright faces provide a feast for our eyes accustomed to see few except those of our own sex. Welcome to Washington and Lee, and take in full measure the entrancing music of "Ole Man Wright."

War and the Honor System

These are wonderful times for America. The war is bringing out the soul of the nation to its greatest spirit of loyalty and sacrifice, and enthroning in every heart a new love for the finest things of life. But the business of war seems bound to violate every law of justice and honor among individuals, and the conflict now convulsing the world has its demoralizing effects as well on the moral standards of all people. In such a time society often lowers the high bars of moral conduct.

To speak of the honor system at Washington and Lee is to mention something which is a veritable religion of her sons. Long traditions of Southern chivalry, pride, and honor have steadily raised the place of this

principle on our campus until today it is undoubtedly the most vital feature of the spirit of Washington and Lee. Yet WAR has its effects on everything, and apparently war is threatening to gnaw at the surface of this spirit, Washington and Lee's heart and soul. The Executive Committee reports knowledge of several violations of the honor system which it is unable to probe, and appeals to the student body for cooperation in maintaining our ideal. Every Washington and Lee man must respond.

The principles of the honor system are well known to all, and to the veritable creed of every one connected with Washington and Lee. It has for its basis the inherent spirit of honor in every man on the campus,—and in the vast majority of cases this confidence is well placed.

But unfortunately exceptions must prove a rule, and occasional irregularities at the bar of some student's conscience will occur. These cases are always so few as to strengthen the general faith in the success the honor system as an institution, but that the ideal may stand unweakened they must be probed to the bottom. Only by keeping the sheet of honor on the campus absolutely white can a perfect reflection of the Washington and Lee spirit be obtained. There is nothing harder for a real man to do than to make a revelation which will blacken his neighbor's name, but to preserve the ideal and for the sake of each man's self-respect a failure to report any known violation must be considered a breach of the honor system itself. And everyone who loves honor will see to it that this ideal of Washington and Lee is always upheld.

We will not be considered Pharaeseic when we thank God that Washington and Lee men have that spirit of honor so engraved in the very recesses of their souls that there can be no room on the campus for a man who does not do his duty to his conscience and to his school, breaking this ideal of honor either in letter or in spirit.

The Third Liberty Loan

Germany's military masters are making a supreme effort to enforce their will on the free peoples of the world, and this war ravaged planet is now the scene of a battle, the like of which history has never witnessed. By sheer force of overwhelming numbers the allies fighting for democracy have been pushed back across the wasted lands of northern France, and loud and urgent comes the call to America to strike before it is too late. America will strike, if the government can carry out its program as recently stated by our president, and men, food, and supplies are going to be sent to the battlefields of France in quantities which may well cause the iron heart of Wilhelm II to tremble.

It is in such a time that the campaign for the third Liberty loan is begun,—one year since this nation joined the ranks of those fighting for the very existence of democracy. It is at a time when the Hun is almost at the

throat of Paris in his last super-attempt to crush the spirit of freedom. It is at a time when every force in the nation must be directed with every energy in the successful prosecution of the war.

At such a time let citizens of America pour out their gold as water into the treasuries of their country. Three billions of dollars is the amount called for, a sum whose size staggers the human imagination. America has done it before and can do it again, but this drive must exceed all others. The loan must be oversubscribed and overwhelmingly oversubscribed, that von Hindenburg and the Kaiser may get a taste of the undaunted spirit of America.

Washington and Lee men will do their share, as always, to back up their brothers in the trenches. The representatives of the five hundred stars in her service flag may know that their Alma Mater is behind them as the armies of democracy will know that the whole nation is behind them. It is needless to point out the advantages of the Liberty loan as an investment; but only to say that there will be nothing left in this country worth investing if German autocracy has its way.

Editor's Note

The Ring-tum Phi accepts with regret the resignation of John L. McChord, social editor, who feels that pressure of other work will not permit him to remain on the editorial staff.

318 STARS CONTAINED IN FRATERNITY SERVICE FLAGS

Eleven Chapter Houses Have Hung Out Emblems—Old Glory Now On Main Building

"Old Glory" floated from the top of the Main building on the anniversary of America's entrance into the war, being a gift of the student body to the University authorized by the Executive Committee. The flag is satisfactorily large, five by ten feet, and is intended to serve until the end of the present session.

Service flags for the different fraternities have come in vogue by leaps and bounds, and of the fifteen Greek letter organizations on the campus, eleven are commemorating the members of their various chapters in the service by star covered flags at the fraternity houses. Kappa Alpha leads the list of service flags in size, for there are fifty seven stars in its white field. The local chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has fifty-five members in the service.

Following are the number of stars in the various fraternity service flags:

Kappa Alpha	-	-	57
Sigma Alpha Epsilon	-	-	55
Sigma Nu	-	-	37
Sigma Chi	-	-	37
Kappa Sigma	-	-	28
Phi Kappa Sigma	-	-	26
Phi Gamma Delta	-	-	25
Pi Kappa Alpha	-	-	24
Alpha Chi Rho	-	-	23
Beta Theta Pi	-	-	6

Total - - - - - 318
 Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, and Delta Tau Delta have not yet displayed their service flags, but expect soon to have them.

W. S. S. means War Saving Stamps.

DR. CURRELL ADDRESSES ASSEMBLY ON WAR TOPIC

Tells of America's Duty and Gives Facts on Size of the War

Dr. W. S. Currell, for fifteen years head of the English department of Washington and Lee and now president of the University of South Carolina, delivered one of the most inspiring addresses that has been heard at a University Assembly this session on Wednesday, March 20th. Dr. Currell is a very enthusiastic and pleasing speaker. His subject was "America in the World War."

"America has entered the greatest war in the history of the world, and she is in to win," declared the speaker in opening his address. "We are fighting for the right and the right must win. Every American man, boy, woman, and child must do his bit but his best and it must be done now."

Dr. Currell emphasized again the great need now and the still greater need of the future for educated men and women, and the importance of completing a college education while one is able to. The men who are not of the draft age and even those who are of the draft age but have not been called yet, should complete their education and be well prepared when the country calls. She will call; she needs you.

Dr. Currell showed that in ten different respects the present war is the greatest in history. It is the greatest in making history, in the number of countries engaged, in the area of the countries involved, in the amount of material that has been written on it, in the number of men engaged, in the number of dead and wounded, in the number of men in any one battle, in the financial cost, in the length of the battles, and in atrocities committed.

"When you see Old Glory unfurled," said Dr. Currell in concluding, "look at the white and think of the purity that we have for our purpose. Look at the red and think of our noble aim and our bravery in protecting the weak. Look at the blue and think of loyalty and fidelity to duty. Then when you look at the stars know that through difficulties we shall reach the top and that even now the stars show that we stand for the supremacy of right among the nations of the world."

William M. Morrison

The Rev. William M. Morrison, D. D., the dean of the great mission of the Southern Presbyterian church in Central Africa, died March 14th, at Luebo, on the waters of the Congo, which for twenty-one years had been his home. Particulars of his illness and death are lacking, due to the fact that mail from this part of Africa takes several weeks to reach America.

Dr. Morrison was born November 10, 1867, three miles northwest of Lexington. He was educated at Washington and Lee, graduating with honor in 1887. In 1897 after graduating from the Louisville Seminary and being for two years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Little Rock, Ark., he sailed as a missionary to the Congo.

Dr. Morrison proved not only a great teacher among the natives whose absolute confidence he enjoyed, but their successful champion and defender. Returning from his vacations, which were rare, he labored zealously at Washington, London, and in Belgium to relieve them from the cruel tyranny of King Leopold, one of whose punishments on the natives for failure to pay the ivory tax was the cutting off of their hands.

The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, April 9, 1913

Social and Personal.

M. W. Paxton Jr., attended the Easter dances at the University of Virginia.

Martin Simmons is back from Stetson University, Fla., where he studied law during the winter months.

Lieutenant "Eddie" Davis of Camp Lee, was in town for a few days last week.

Robert Ewing has returned from New York, where he went to see his brother off for France. The latter graduated from W. and L. in 1912, and is now a captain.

Major W. B. Elcock and Mrs. Elcock, nee Nancy Pendleton, arrived in Lexington last week. Major Elcock was recalled to duty at Camp Gordon, while Mrs. Elcock is remaining for a longer visit to relatives.

As a means of recreation after the strenuous work of examinations Fitz Mayo, C. C. Hileman, H. C. Hearne and G. G. Gregg undertook a walking trip to Hot Springs. Unfortunately the enthusiastic pedestrians somewhat overestimated their powers and fell short of their objective, Clifton Forge being the farthest point reached.

President Smith will be out of town during the week filling engagements as follows: Tuesday, an address before the State Sunday School Association in Richmond; Wednesday, a conference in Washington with the medical department of the army relative to the advisability of establishing at Washington and Lee a temporary training school for hospital sergeants; Thursday, an address on "Educated Womanhood and the New Era" before the State Association of Women's Colleges in session at Sweet Briar.

Graham-Lee Notes

The regular meeting of the Graham-Lee Literary Society last Saturday night was a rather brief one, but none the less interesting. E. D. Campbell, the orator of the evening delivered a splendid oration on "The Building of a Nation," and F. T. Cole gave a very interesting discussion of the current events of the week. As none of the debaters were present Messrs. Rolston and Flournoy made interesting extemporaneous talks on "The long range gun used by the Germans in Bombarding Paris," and "The Chances of the Boat Crews this year," respectively.

The treasurer urged that all delinquent members pay up their dues as soon as possible.

It was decided to allow the Freshmen to hold their tryouts for the coming class debate with Emory and Henry, to take the place of the regular debate at the next meeting.

Boat Clues Ready to Begin Spring Training

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and the shell was stripped of its seats. The Blues also suffered at the hands of the vandals for these predatory creatures gathered up the "fin" on their new shell, it is supposed for the brass which is bought by junkmen.

However in less than a week the splash of the oars and the voices of the coxswains working on the new men will be heard, the railroad track will be filled with men in track costume wending their way to old North river, and the work for the 1918 race will be on in full force.

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Practice Games Convince Students that Inter-Mural Baseball is Needed

Appearances seem to show that baseball is in the air. Of late there have appeared on Wilson Field, not in very great numbers it is true, but still with much enthusiasm, several pick-up teams who have answered the call of bat, ball, and glove. Although there will be no Varsity baseball this season, there seems to be a sentiment in favor of having some games just for the fun of the thing and several plans have been suggested whereby much diversion and sport may be obtained.

Some of the older men on the campus have suggested having an informal team and playing some of the closer colleges and prep schools in this section. Inter-company games would certainly create much interest, and the usual interclass games will no doubt break the monotony of "school without play". Interfraternity baseball would be of keen interest were it not for the fact that the local chapters are composed of fewer members than usual this year. Though there has nothing definite been done yet, it seems probable that there will be some kind of sport on this spring and whether it will be inter-company, interclass, interfraternity baseball, or an informal team representing the student body or all four put together, no one should worry about dull months to come.

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Y. M. C. A.

Officers for Next Year Elected—Dr. Howerton and Dr. W. S. Currell Address Weekly Meetings

There have been two meetings of the Y. M. C. A. since the last issue of the Ring-tum Phi, and both of them were exceptionally well attended. At the first Dr. J. R. Howerton talked on the negro question, and at the second [Dr. W. S. Currell, president of the University of South Carolina, and former professor of English at Washington and Lee, made an address on "The Bible as the Book of Books."

At this meeting also the officers for the association for next year were elected. They are as follows: L. A. McMurray, president, E. S. Mattingly, vice president, J. H. Smith, treasurer, and S. A. Anderson, secretary. These officers will go into active service next year.

Dr. Howerton told of having been taken in by a negro saloon keeper one cold night when a white man would not take that much trouble. He said that after that he has always understood better the parable of the good Samaritan. In this connection he said that everybody who needs one's help is his neighbor.

In explaining the condition of affairs today the speaker told how that once there was a class of northern people who came down South for the purpose of helping the negro in any way they could. At that time he said that there were a number of Southerners who loved particular individuals of the negro race, and that then there was considerable interest in the race problem. Since then, however, these classes both disappeared, and now considerable indifference is growing up which in some instances is really dangerous. Dr. Howerton insisted that the good of both races and the bad of both races should be put in the same class rather than the line drawn sharply between the two races. In conclusion the speaker said that the negroes are here and that there is no way out of the problem by ignoring it. He said, "We must meet them on a plane of justice, and as Christian brothers."

In speaking of the "Book of Books" Dr. Currell showed first that the Bible is the only complete book to be found in the world. Every department of literature is found there, and all of a superior grade. The Bible tells where one is from, what he is to do while here, and where he is going, therefore it is truly a complete book.

The speaker pointed out that there are passages in the Bible that sympathize with every mood of the human being. Next he showed how the Bible is the only inexhaustible book. All the commentaries on Shakespeare have exhausted him, and the same with Dante, but the Bible, has never been exhausted because it is from an infinite mind. Dr. Currell showed how the meaning of certain passages change with one's experience with life. Every time a new personality interprets a passage there is a new light shed on its meaning.

"If all these things are true," the speaker asked, "why do we treat the Bible as we do?" Dr. Currell said that men should read the Scriptures with readiness of mind, definitely, and daily.

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ALUMNUS TELLS OF GERMAN DRIVE IN FRANCE

Hundley '15 Writes News of Western Front Where He Has Seen Several W. & L. Men

The following extracts of a letter from R. G. Hundley '15, who is a 2nd lieutenant in the regular army with the American Expeditionary Forces, written to D. S. Noble, come to the attention of the Ring-tum Phi:

"I am now 'somewhere in France' as a second lieutenant in infantry in the U. S. regular army. I had an opportunity to get a higher commission in our reserve, but I chose to cast my lot with our old regulars. At present I am somewhere with the British at an officers' specialist school. At this point we are thirty miles behind the lines but of late the thunder of the big guns is continuous and can be heard by us quite distinctly. At night the flash from one of these monsters brightens the sky like a flash of lightning on a summer's dark night. "All Europe is waiting with bated breath for the spring drive to start. On the fields of France are gathered practically a representative of all the races of the world, and their costumes are as varied as those of a movie scene. A regiment of Scotch Highlanders will march down the street of a French city in their kilts, and the French girls will run out and pull them up to see what they wear under them.

"Since being in France have met a few Washington and Lee men, Fagg Malloy, John Harrison, Jim Izard, a Delta Tau by the name of Phillips, and McKinnon who was a Sigma Chi at W. and L. way back in my Freshman year, 1910-11.

"Life in France for the soldier is full of hardships but he has a good time when he comes out of the trenches and reaches the villages behind the lines. Although the climate of some parts of France is mild, I must say that in winter, at least, it does not touch the climate of old Virginia, if I am to be the judge. But now spring is setting in and these clear moonlight nights are indeed beautiful, and can be admired by everyone except the occupant of 'No Man's Land.'

"I have had a visit to Paris and it is indeed a wonderful city, for we hear so many stories of life in Paris that we begin to think of them as really a new story, a new 'Arabian Nights.' The boulevards are marvelous, the women beautiful, and the city magnificent.

"My address is A. P. O. 714, A. E. F. France.

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E. M. Bristow '15 of Urbanna, Va., enlisted in the naval reserves as a 2nd class seaman in December. His present address is: Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

L. C. Mears Jr. '13 of Keller, Va., enlisted in the naval reserves in December as a seaman and was sent to the Cherrystone Naval Base, Cape Charles, Va.

J. H. McGinnis '16 of Beckley, W. Va., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Benjamin Harrison and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the infantry. He is now stationed at Camp Greene. Address: Camp Greene, Charlotte, N. C.

R. B. Longbrau '15 of Hickory, N. C., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Oglethorpe and in August received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the regular infantry. He volunteered for service in France and is now stationed abroad. His address is: B. C. H., American Expeditionary Forces.

H. C. Hicks '16 of Inwood, Long Island, N. Y., enlisted in the naval reserves in May, 1917. He is now a gunsight. His address is: U. S. S. Vedette, S. P. 163, U. S. Naval Base, care of Postmaster, New York.

Evans Dunn '14 of Birmingham, Ala., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort McPherson and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the field artillery. Last August he was sent to France. His address is: American Expeditionary Forces, via New York.

P. A. Calkins '14 of Goodes, Va., was drafted into the national army last October and was assigned to the engineers division with rank of first class private, stationed at Camp Grant. In January he was sent abroad. His present address is: Co. A, 21st Engineers, Am. Exp. Forces, France.

R. N. Krebs '15 of Buena Vista, Virginia, attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Myer and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the field artillery. He was for a while last summer at the Asheville, N. C. training camp. He is now stationed at Camp Lee. Address: 314 field Artillery, Camp Lee, Virginia.

J. R. Manning '16 of Henderson, N. C., entered the R. O. T. C. at Camp Jackson with a rank of sergeant. He is at present stationed there. His address is: Officers' Training Camp, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Edwards Seal '14 of Lexington, Va., enlisted in the navy navigation bureau in November as yeoman, 3rd class. His address is: 1231 11th St., Washington, D. C.

Jas. H. Rowan '14 of Greenville, Va., enlisted in the W. and L. ambulance unit last year and trained at Allentown, Pa. He is now abroad with the unit. His address is: A. A. S. Sc. 534, A. E. F. via New York.

B. H. Somerville ex-'19 of Lynchburg, Va., enlisted in the naval reserves as seaman in March. He is now at the Norfolk Training Station. His address is: Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

John G. Ramey ex-'18 of Rome, Ga., has enlisted in army aviation but not yet been called, and is still at home.

L. D. Lyle '17 of Pine Bluff, Ark., attended the R. O. T. C. at Fort Logan H. Roots and received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in infantry. He was stationed at Camp Mac Arthur, Waco, Texas, and was later transferred to Camp Beauregard, and still later was promoted to rank of 1st lieutenant. His address is: Camp Beauregard.

J. N. Johnston ex-'18 of Union, W. Va., is now at the Naval Academy Annapolis. He entered there in the spring of 1915 and will graduate in June as a midshipman of the first class. His address is: Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

A. S. Johnston Jr. '18 of Union, W. Va. enlisted as a private in the W. & L. ambulance corps last spring. After training at Allentown, Pa., he was sent abroad in January with the unit. His address is: Sec 534, Batn. 19, U. S. A. A. S., A. E. F.

S. S. McNeer '16 of Union, W. Va., enlisted with the University of Virginia Base Hospital and has joined it and is now in training at Camp Sevier, N. C.

R. G. Vance Jr. '18 of Waynesboro, Va., enlisted in the naval medical reserves corps as a 1st class hospital apprentice. He is now attending the medical school at the University of Virginia. His address is: Box 242, University, Va.

G. R. Shaw '15 of Frederick, Md., enlisted in the Gas Defense Service Sanitary Corps last September. His present rank is that of sergeant. His address is: Gas Defense Service Lab., 12th and Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Homer Powell '16 of Christiansa, Tenn., enlisted in the quartermaster corps as a private in December. He was stationed at Camp Travis. His present address is: A. R. D. 329th, Station 2, San Antonio, Tex.

Charles H. Roberts '17, of Frankfort, Ky., is an army field clerk with the General Headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces in France.

J. Allison Cooper ex-'18 of Henderson, N. C., received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the quartermaster corps in March. He is now stationed at Camp Johnston, Jacksonville, Fla.

R. B. Stuart ex-'18 obtained his commission as 2nd lieutenant in the marine corps in October. Address: 92nd Company, 10th Regiment Field Artillery, Quantico, Va.

R. L. Mixon '14 of Marianna, Ark., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Plattsburg and received in August a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the regular infantry. He is now stationed with the forces abroad. Address: 165th Inf., Co. G., A. E. F., via New York.

H. J. Tamm '15 of Brownsville, Tenn., attended the first R. O. T. C. at Fort Oglethorpe and in August received a commission as 2nd lieutenant in the field artillery. He is now stationed at Camp Jackson. Address: 317th Regiment Field Artillery, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

J. G. Boatwright '13 of Danville, Va., was drafted into the national army last October and reached the rank of corporal in the infantry before being transferred to the 3rd R. O. T. C. at Camp Lee, Va. Address: Co. 7, Officers' Training Camp, Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va.

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 Miss Sara Lucas of Roanoke, Va., with Jas. G. Foster.
 Miss Julia Storey of San Marcos, Tex., with C. M. Shelton.
 Miss Elizabeth McCulloch of Lexington, with Frank Somers.
 Miss Kathleen Bain of Norfolk, with R. E. Milling.

CIRCLE HOLDS ITS ANNUAL INITIATION

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those who heard the speaker, an authority on international law and history, as he gave a detailed outline of the interpretation and application of the Monroe Doctrine from the time of its conception to the present view of Woodrow Wilson. Dr. Latane said that the Doctrine as promulgated and interpreted made democracy safe in the western hemisphere, but that the meaning has been widened and extended to include the whole world as President Wilson has said.

The address of welcome was by the president of Alpha Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, E. M. Bell, who gave a history of the origin and growth of the society. Its object is to promote congeniality between the leaders of the different college activities and to bring these groups together through their leaders as well as to give recognition to prominent service on the campus. Alpha Circle was established in 1914 and has already granted charters to Beta, Gamma, and Delta Circles at Johns Hopkins, University of Pittsburgh, and Davidson College, respectively. The secretary of Alpha Circle, W. O. Burtner, read the names of the new initiates already mentioned, at the close of the exercises. These men were all called up to the front and then the society adjourned to the halls of the Graham-Lee Literary Society for a smoker and the secret initiation of the new members.

The faculty members of Alpha Circle are the following: Dr. H. L. Smith, Dr. D. B. Easter, Dr. J. L. Howe, Prof. D. C. Humphreys, Prof. E. F. Shannon, Prof. W. H. Moreland and Prof. G. H. Ordeman.

The student members not including the initiates mentioned are, W. J. Cox, E. M. Bell, W. O. Burtner, E. D. Campbell, D. S. Noble, F. C. Stipes and J. B. Waters.

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