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No. 1

## GENERALS SUFFER OPENING REVERSE

Random Shooting and Inferior Team Work Cause Down-fall by G. W. U.

By virtue of a spurt during the closing minutes of the second half, George Washington University downed Washington and Lee's basketball quintette Friday in the opening game of the season, 24 to 16. The two quintettes had waged an even game during the first period, closing the first half with a 11 to 11 deadlock. The Generals assumed the lead in the second half by registering three successive points after fouls, but were soon overhauled by the superior teamwork and the accurate shooting of Almon and Johnson.

It was a blow to time honored traditions. For nearly a decade, Washington and Lee had not lost a clash on its home court. But lack of teamwork and random shooting caused the downfall of the Generals. Both sides indulged in roughness to a marked degree. However George Washington did not make a substitution, while Washington and Lee used only seven men.

The Generals landed but four goals from field Young registering three and Zaiss one. Sealey played a star game at forward for it was his passing in a large measure that enabled the Generals to play on even terms with George Washington. Young played a strong offensive game. Almon, the little left forward of the visitors, starred, as did Johnston, at center. Miles shot quite accurately following fouls, registering half of the points scored in this manner.

### George Washington Scores First

George Washington was first to score. Following a prolonged session of passing and futile shooting, a technical foul was called on Miles and Almon registered a goal. A double personal foul was inflicted on Almon and Young. After Almon had scored, Miles tossed the sphere in the basket for the first point. Young followed by making a sensational goal from field, that tied the score. From then on it was a nip and tuck struggle between the two fives. The Generals' adversaries, profiting by several weeks of practice, displayed better team work, but Washington and Lee managed to keep an equal pace. Miles registered five goals from fouls, while Zaiss and Young landed another basket. The session closed with the count 11 to 11.

Three successive fouls by Almon, Johnson and Murray gave the Generals the fore in the second half, for Miles, with unerring aim, located the basket. Captain Shaver scored a field goal, but was injured in accomplishing the feat. Almon's basket gave George Washington the lead, which Murray increased by landing another basket. Just after Miles missed, following Johnson's foul, Sealey was injured by a heavy fall. Heavener replaced him at forward.

Although the crowd, seeing a defeat impending, urged the Generals

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## CORNELL AND INDIANA ON THE 1915 SCHEDULE

Most Elaborate Draft in History Will Be Announced Soon—North Carolina A. & M. and Georgetown Will Be Met Again—Will Be Hard on Team

An invasion of the east and west has been planned for the Washington and Lee gridironists in 1915. The Generals will encounter one of the mightiest teams in each section next season. While the complete schedule has not been arranged, announcement is made that the University of Indiana and Cornell have signed contracts to play the Generals.

Indianapolis will be the scene of battle with the University of Indiana.

On Oct. 30th Washington and Lee will play its first game in the west in many years. Ted Shultz, the captain of the 1915 Generals, is a native of Indiana, getting his early gridiron training at Logansport.

Cornell will play Washington and Lee in Ithica. It will be the eighth game of the season, coming just before the Thanksgiving clash with North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical in Norfolk. These are the only three games that have been definitely announced by Manager Robert Boreman McDougale, but he expects to announce the completed schedule within ten days.

Overtures to get an engagement

with leading Southern Universities resulted in vain, for neither Vanderbilt, Auburn, Sewanee or Georgia Technological could reach an agreement with the Generals. However, Washington and Lee will have the most comprehensive and difficult schedule that the University has ever attempted. As usual the authorities plan to meet the leading elevens in the South Atlantic division. The game with Georgetown in Richmond is regarded as a certainty.

Lexington will be the battle ground of a few engagements and especially one large one. While no special announcement is forthcoming as to which team will land this date, it is rumored that Swarthmore will be persuaded to entertain the Generals on Wilson field.

It is obvious, some of the smaller teams that met Washington and Lee during the past season will lose their status. One of the lesser aggregations will be given the opening date, but from that time on, Coach Elcock will have a serious proposition to deal with, meeting a strong opponent each week.

## DR. TAYLOR OPENS 1915 Y.M.C.A. WORK

Will Speak at Chapel Tomorrow Night on Missions

The second term's work of the Y. M. C. A. will be opened by the address of Dr. Adrian S. Taylor of New York, tomorrow night in the chapel at 7:45. It was originally planned to have Dr. Taylor here tonight, but he will be unable to arrive until tomorrow.

Dr. Taylor comes to Lexington as a representative of the Student Volunteer Movement, and until recently he was in charge of one of the large medical hospitals in China, a position which he held for eight years. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia, and while there was one of the outstanding men interested in all phases of college life. He is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, and has lately been making a tour of the medical schools of the country in the interests of missions.

In the opinion of several of the association secretaries, Dr. Taylor is the strongest medical missionary the Student Volunteer movement has ever had on its staff.

It is hoped that a large number of the men in school will take advantage of this opportunity to hear a prominent man and a brilliant speaker.

A vacancy has been created on the athletic council as M. S. Barrow, vice president, has withdrawn from college to enter the business world.

## HEAVY SCHEDULE FOR TRACK TEAM

Generals Will Enter Many Indoor and Outdoor Events

Favored by the warm weather of last week, candidates for the track team began active training for the coming season. A board running track, twelve laps to the mile, has been laid down on the tennis courts for winter use, taking the place of the customary indoor track. A large squad is daily working out under the instruction of Coach Fletcher.

The coming season will be a full one for the track. The first event to be entered will be the George Washington University indoor games to be held in Washington Feb. 13th. This will be followed by the Johns Hopkins games in Baltimore Feb. 20th, and on the next Saturday the Generals will journey to Washington again for the Georgetown indoor meet. In all these meets Washington and Lee will be represented in her relay races and in various other track and field events open to the S. A. I. A. A.

The outdoor season will open with a dual meet with Georgetown on Wilson field early in April. This will be followed by a meet with V. P. I. which will also be staged here.

On April 23rd and 24th the relay team will compete in the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival in Philadelphia. Here the local

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## FANCY DRESS BALL DATE ANNOUNCED

Kirkpatrick Will Lead the Big Event—Juniors Start Preparations

The eleventh annual Fancy Dress Ball, the most elaborate University function during the collegiate year, will be given on Tuesday night, Feb. 9th. Thomas S. Kirkpatrick of Lynchburg, Va., has been chosen by Miss Annie R. White, under whose direction the event will occur, as leader, while Reuben A. Lewis will be first vice president; E. B. Shultz, second vice president; Ray S. Smith, third vice president, and Lorentz T. White, fourth vice president.

The annual Junior prom will precede the Fancy Dress ball, coming on Feb. 8th. The president of the class, M. A. Derr, will lead the Junior prom. Wright's Saxophone orchestra will furnish the music for both dances.

The following committees have been appointed for the Fancy Dress ball:

Invitation Committee: J. R. Neal, chairman; C. W. Gooch, Junius Peak, P. H. Gibson, Charles Switzer.

Decoration: B. F. Woodruff, chairman; Marion Saunders, James Faulkner, R. H. Gardner, P. A. Childers.

Floor: W. K. Seeley, Lynch Christian, E. A. Donahue, Rick Loughran, J. B. Wadsworth.

Reception: W. R. Burton, Preston White, Dick Fowlkes, W. P. Houghton, Paul Derrickson.

At the last meeting of the Junior class the following committees were announced:

Finance: L. T. White, chairman; C. P. Finlayson, L. L. Shirey, J. C. Rivers, L. E. Bagley.

Arrangement: S. H. Showell, chairman; George Ward, H. P. Magruder, J. S. Twyman, L. S. Anderson.

Floor: E. B. Shultz, chairman; C. L. Christian, R. B. McDougale, J. L. Harrison, R. A. Lewis.

### HACK LINE IS INAUGURATED

To enable the citizens of Lexington to attend the basketball games without difficulty, the athletic association has arranged for a hack line from the postoffice to the gymnasium. The hack line had its initial trial at the George Washington game and a number took advantage of the convenience. It will be continued during the rest of the season if the patronage keeps up.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Mary Louise Botherton of Jacksonville, Fla., to Mr. Robert Lee Hutchinson, graduate of the law school in the class of 1912. He is engaged in this profession at Jacksonville.

Samuel Earle Greene, judge of the probate court in Jefferson county, died at his home in Birmingham on Jan. 6th. He was one of the many distinguished alumni of Washington and Lee law school. He was a member of the class of '75.

## TUCKER WILL JOIN W. & L. FACULTY

Will Be Associate Professor in  
Economics—English and  
Biology to Have Aid

In accordance with the policy adopted some time ago by the University, Dr. Henry Louis Smith announces that there will be three additions to the faculty for the coming session of 1915-1916. The new men will all act in the capacity of associate professors, and will be connected with the following departments of the academic school; English, Economics and Biology. So far as is known, all the present members of the faculty will be retained.

The new professor of economics has already been selected, the board of trustees having recently chosen Robert H. Tucker of Louisville, Ky., to that position. Mr. Tucker is a native of Virginia and received his M. A. degree from William and Mary college in 1897. Since that time he has taught in the Hogsett Military academy at Danville, Ky., Oklahoma A. and M. college, and the Manual Training high school at Louisville, Ky. He has also studied in Germany, and at the University of Chicago and the University of Wisconsin, and will receive his Ph.D. degree from the latter school some time in the near future. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society, and has been for a number of years a member of the Episcopal church. He has been very highly recommended by several of the well known educators of the country.

The associate professors for the departments of English and Biology have not yet been secured, but they will be elected before the end of the present session.

## GLEE CLUB WILL GIVE A CONCERT THIS MONTH

Miss Young Will Direct Club—Several  
Trips Are Planned

The Washington and Lee Glee club will give its opening concert during the latter part of January. Manager Eddie Parks Davis states that the Glee club, assisted by the Mandolin club and the orchestra, will stage a concert soon. Following their local debut, the harmonists will render concerts at Randolph Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, the State Normal school at Farmville and at Mary Baldwin at Staunton. A trip is also planned that will include an appearance in Charleston, W. Va. Miss Euthr Young, sister of the redoubtable "Cy." and an accomplished pianist and director, has consented to direct the Glee club and is holding song practices daily. Already a "scrap iron" quartette, composed of four college celebrities is causing intense anguish. The club will be composed of but twelve voices.

## HENRY BARKER RECOVERED

Henry Barker has completely recovered from concussion of the brain, received in a football game against King's College on Nov. 17th, and has resumed his duties as instructor at Bingham Military Institute. For a time it was feared that he would lose his faculty of sight, and the news of his recovery will be received with a great deal of relief by his numerous friends among the students and alumni.

He will coach the basketball and baseball team at Bingham.

## LITTLE EXCITEMENT FOR STUDENT STAY-OVERS

Canadian Club a Failure—Free Pool at  
Higgins—Reception by Dr. Smith

There was little excitement for the stayovers in Lexington during the Christmas holidays. Even the Canadian club proved a failure, as the star members of last year's organization did not return in proper numbers. Winter sports and a very enjoyable evening at the home of President Henry Louis Smith proved the redeeming features of the season.

About thirty students attended Dr. Smith's reception on Tuesday night. Very entertaining charades were acted and the young ladies present served the refreshments.

Small parties were held at some of the fraternity houses during the holidays, watch parties being especially numerous on New Year's night.

One of the most delightful features of the holiday season was the presentation of a play by home talent, ably assisted by a number of students, and written by John A. Graham, A. B., 1914. The Lexington Pool company gave free pool to the stayovers on Monday and Tuesday.

The weather during the holidays was excessively cold, and the ground was never free from snow. Coasting on one of the town streets and skating on North river were enjoyed by many, and especially by the boys from the far South. A number of Washington and Lee alumni were in Lexington during the holidays. Among them were: R. D. Ramsey, Fred McWane, Willie Flagg, John A. Graham, John D. Rogers, C. S. Glasgow, Ewing Humphreys, Herman P. Davidson, J. E. Seebert, Albert McCown, John F. Hatton, William W. Ackerly, Martin P. Burks, Jr., J. Preston Irwin, Hugh M. Witt, E. W. Buckingham, A. Marshall Moore, Martin Turnbull, James A. Adair and Walter Dunlap.

Most of the eating palaces, including the Beanery and Castle Hill were closed during the exodus and the survivors were forced to pay tribute to the Greeks.

## INCREASE IN TUITION IS PROBABLE FOR 1915-'16

Increased tuition seems inevitable for the 1915-'16 session. President Henry Louis Smith has recommended that the tuition be increased from fifty dollars to sixty dollars. The increase will not be made in the law school, but only in academic ranks.

The Executive committee has as yet not taken any action on this matter, but since the financial status of the country precludes an immediate increase in endowment and the addition of several associate professors has become a necessity, it is probable that this increase will be adopted to go into effect next year.

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## PRELIMINARY TRIAL FOR DEBATERS TO COME

Eight Qualify for Trinity Team—Question of Tennessee Debate Undecided

The preliminary trial for the debate with Trinity college will be held sometime between Jan. 20th and 25th, a definite date having not yet been set. The debate will be resolved, "That the Nominating Convention is Preferable to the Direct Primary as a Means of Selecting Candidates for Public Offices Filled by Popular Election." The method of nominating and electing the president and vice president is excluded from the discussion.

A great deal of interest is being shown in the coming contest and a few have already expressed their intention to try out for the team, which will consist of three men and one alternate. The debate will be held at Lexington on March 6th. Trinity defeated Washington and Lee last year and the debating council is very anxious to even up scores this year.

The following men have qualified to compete at the preliminary: W. C. Little, E. S. Smith, H. G. Brown, A. L. Bennett, W. M. Brown, A. N. Williams, T. R. Scott, E. L. Junkin.

The question for debate with Tennessee is still in abeyance and as yet have not heard from them definitely. It is probable that the question will either be on "Government Ownership of Railways," or "Minimum Wage." The date for the preliminary to this debate has not as yet been decided upon.

## \$50,000 LOSS CAUSED BY FIRE HERE LAST FRIDAY

The peaceful citizens and the students of Lexington were aroused from their slumbers early Friday morning to witness the largest fire that the town has had for years. The fire, caused by an explosion in Harrison & Hutton's furniture store, spread rapidly, and it as several hours before the unequalled fire department of Lexington could get it under thorough control.

The furniture store of Harrison & Hutton, Franklin hall, occupied by the Davidson Wood & Coal company, the Farmers' Savings Bank, and one dwelling house were completely destroyed, while the goods in R. S. Anderson's china store were ruined and several other buildings near being injured. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. A large number of students assisted in fighting the fire.

## EIGHT NEW MEN ENTER W. & L. FOR REST OF YEAR

The matriculation of eight new men and the return of five old men at the beginning of the second term has brought the total enrollment for the University up to 505. The new men who entered are C. H. Mason, Calloway, Va.; C. N. Danielson, Appleton, Wis.; R. G. Fristoe, Washington, D. C.; J. L. Howard, Floyd, Va.; G. R. Kerr, Medford, Mass.; E. P. King, Washington, D. C.; J. A. McNeil, Lexington, Va.; C. M. Smith, Scottdale, Pa.; Kerr and Smith are football men, Kerr having played for Bates College, Mass., and Smith for Lafayette.

The old men who returned are; R. R. Louhran, Asheville, N. C.; F. S. Deckens, Cumberland, Md.; H. E. Meek, Camden, Ark.; H. L. Morgan, Jr., Seven Mile Ford, Va.; L. C. Zaiss, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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on, they could not respond, for although Young landed a basket Almon and Johnson alternated in scoring until the final count stood, 24 to 16.

The lineup:

W. and L.	Position	G. W. U.
Seeley	L. F.	Almond
Zaiss	R. F.	Murray
Miles, capt.	C.	Johnson
Young	L. G.	Groesbeck
Dingwall	R. G.	Shaver, capt.

Substitutions: Heavener for Seeley; Bailey for Dingwall.

Goals from field: Young, 3; Zaiss, 1; Almon, 4; Murray, 3; Johnson, 2; Shaver, 1.

Goals from fouls: Miles, 8; Almon, 4.

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Umpire Kyle, S. M. A.



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## A Willing Burden

Last spring at a meeting of the student body it was decided by a practically unanimous vote to send a missionary to some foreign county to represent the Washington and Lee student body in the work of evangelization, now occupying so prominent a place in the religious activity of the Christian world. The action was taken as a result of the realization that our alma mater, a recognized leader in the South in most lines of college activity, was far behind our contemporaries.

The decided action of the student body, however, put Washington and Lee in the progressive column. It was determined to send out a man in September, 1915, and maintain him by voluntary contributions of the students. To this end some \$830 was subscribed to be paid Jan. 5, 1915. Of this amount only \$208.50 has been remitted. The subscriptions were made to run for three years, because that is the period of service of missionaries before their first furlough. The plan is to let each generation of students support a man, preferably a Washington and Lee student contemporary.

Without the aid of the new men it will be impossible to accomplish this undertaking. However it is not felt that they will not be willing to assume this obligation attendant upon their privilege of being enrolled as a student here. On the contrary, we feel that they will look with pride upon Washington and Lee's taking up this enterprise that will enable the University to occupy a place second in no respect to that held by her sister institutions. It is indeed a noble task.

## Rally to the Colors!

One of the most significant ways a man has of showing his love for the University is that of offering his services that the athletics teams, representing the University, may triumph. Though the sacrifice of time often hazards a student's standing in his studies, it has been proved time and again that success can attend his efforts in both.

At the present time the basketball team is in need of the most capable talent the University affords. If there is a man who feels that he can bolster the strength of the quintette, it should require no prolonged thought for him to decide that the University needs him that he can spare the time.

For years the basketball team representing Washington and Lee has battled on its court without downfall. This record was overtopped Friday. With a long schedule coming before the basketball team and the obvious need of talent, the reputation of the University is at stake. It is a time to rally to the colors.

## Grasp the Opportunity

The announcement of the questions for the two intercollegiate debates should result in a striking bit of activity among the students. It is indeed a great honor to represent Washington and Lee in any kind of contest, be it of physical prowess or a matched battle of wits, and the most capable should have the honor. Collegiate debating has not received its proper rank in the estimation of the students, but there is little doubt but that it will eventually be endowed with this esteem.

It affords a splendid opportunity for any man in the University and he should not allow the chance to take its fleeting course unchallenged. Even though success should not attend his efforts it would be time well spent.

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athletes will run against the best talent in the country.

The third annual interscholastic track and field meet will be held under the auspices of the athletic association of Washington and Lee University on Wilson field, May 1st. Announcements have already been sent to several hundred prep schools throughout the country and it is the hope of the management that the coming meet will far surpass the previous events in size and class.

On May 7th and 8th the S. A. I. A. A. games will be held in the new Richmond College stadium and the Generals will send a full team to fight for the South Atlantic honors. The season will close May 15th, with a dual meet in Baltimore with Johns Hopkins.

Indications point to a far better track team than has been developed in years. This is borne out by the sweeping victory of the Generals in last fall's cross country championship.

## GENERALS FIVE IS LIGHT BUT HEFTY

### But Two Regulars Returned---Forwards Are Light

The outlook for a winning basketball team suffered an abrupt jar when George Washington downed Washington and Lee in the opening game. The loss of the services of Roger Bear and A. W. McCain at forwards and Charlie Lile, at guard, was keenly felt. However the strength, as displayed against George Washington, can not be taken as a criterion of the true prowess of the General five.

Four of last year's first string players have returned to do battle. Captain "Buck" Miles at center, and "Cy" Young at left guard, are the only two basketekers who earned monograms in 1914, but Kenneth Seeley, at left forward, and Leonard Zaiss, at right forward, were two of the most dependable substitutes. Seeley and Zaiss showed to advantage in the opener, while Young seemed to have improved vastly.

At right guard, a four handed combat is ensuing for the remaining position. Al Pierotti, Frank Dingwall, Fred Bailey and Heavener are waging a merry fight for the position. Heavener and Bailey have been given trials at forward, also.

Basketball as waged in the South Atlantic division is a game that weight figures in nearly as much as football. Unless new and heavier candidates offer for the quintette the five, which will represent Washington and Lee will be one of the lightest in many years. The lack of weight is marked at forward. Seeley weighs but 132, while Zaiss boasts of but 140 pounds. However both are exceedingly fast and shifty.

Coach Fletcher's team met a well trained five in George Washington. The Washington quintette had been in training for nearly two months and had already staged a few championship games. The most apparent defect in the work of the Generals was the penchant of the basketekers to take random shots from midfield, thus preventing systematic passing and strong team work. With practice, this defect can be overcome.

Reports from Charlottesville indicate that Virginia will have a strong seasoned team. Virtually the entire 1914 team is intact. Georgetown is reported to be no stronger than in 1914.

## WEST VIRGINIA IS ON SCHEDULE

### Gets Earlier Date—Nov. 5 Will Be Big Day Here

Announcement is made that the University of West Virginia will be met in Charleston again in 1915. However, the Mountainers will be met on Oct. 16th, instead of on the date before Thanksgiving, as this has been assigned to Cornell. Manager McDougle announces that the big game for Lexington will be on Nov. 5th, when one of the strong Eastern colleges will play on Wilson field. Swarthmore will probably land the engagement.

Next season Washington and Lee will have another addition to the training staff in the person of Mike Martin, who serves in the capacity of trainer for the Washington American league team. He will keep the battered knees and twisted ankles of the Generals in trim so that injuries will not keep as many gridironists out of games as in the past.

## AUTOMATIC RULE HITS ONLY FOUR

The inexorable and feared Automatic rule caught in its tenacles six students, for failure to pass the required number of subjects. The faculty was implored to suspend sentence in a few of the cases and, after considering the facts in two cases, two recalcitrants were allowed to remain as students. As the result but four students were automatically forced to withdraw from college for failure to meet the scholastic requirements.

The record of fraternity pledges was inferior to that of 1913-'14. During the first session of 1913, but five in eighty two pledges were prevented from being initiated for failure to pass the required two subjects for the first term. However, this first session did not see as much success attend their efforts and as the result of this deficiency, a greater number must wait another term.

While no official count has been made, it is believed that the members of the faculty distributed more "F's" than has been their custom.

## BASEBALL COACH WILL BE SELECTED BY COUNCIL

A decision in the matter of signing a baseball coach is expected to be made by the athletic council within the next few days. While there have been several applications for the position, it is believed that it will be landed by a student of the University who has attained fame as a player.

A mail vote has been taken among the Varsity players of 1914, to elect a captain to succeed Charlie Lile, who failed to return. The result of the vote is expected to be announced within the next few days.

## YOUNG CHOSEN CAPTAIN OF LESLIE'S STAR ELEVEN

In the Leslie Weekly All Southern football selection, Washington and Lee fared quite well. Cy Young as selected as left halfback on the All-Star aggregation and was also designated as captain of the team. Ted Shultz landed a position at left tackle and was hailed as the greatest tackle in the South. Virginia gained two positions on the eleven, Gooch and Barker being given recognition while Riddick of North Carolina A. and M. as placed at halfback.

Bill Streit, who captained Washington and Lee in 1907, made the selection. He has acquired a reputation in the South as an athletic authority, especially as a football official.

## SOUTHERN COLLEGIAN TO APPEAR IN FEBRUARY

The third number of the Southern Collegian will be in the hands of its readers about Feb. 1st and promises to maintain its present high standard of excellence. The Spotlight feature will be continued in this number, with a writeup of some prominent man in school. It is possible that Bill Raftery may be induced to relate one of his wild experiences for the benefit of the Collegian's readers.

Another feature will be a new story by W. A. Keleher. These stories have been among the best ever published here, and have been eagerly read and appreciated by the students. Numerous other contributions of the usual order will be found in this number.

## The Ring-tum Phi

Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1915

## Social and Personal

Professor D. Clovis Moomaw spent the holidays at his home in Roanoke.

Dr. and Mrs. Granville Campbell spent Christmas in Atlantic City.

Registrar N. D. Smithson of Washington and Lee went to Baltimore for Christmas.

Dr. Henry Louis Smith has as his visitor Miss Anna Dupuy of Blackstone, Va.

L. Berkeley Cox, 14, made a short visit at the Psi Gamma Delta house for the closing days of last term.

Miss Harris Staples of Roanoke visited friends in Lexington during the holidays.

Miss Annie R. White has returned from a visit with Miss Edna Steves in San Antonio, Tex.

Miss Lucy Patton will leave tomorrow for Richmond, where she will visit Miss Preston.

George Kerns, '14, spent several days in Lexington while on his way to Richmond, where he is a student at the Theological seminary.

Mrs. Henry Miller has been spending the holidays at Princeton, N. J., with her sons, the Messrs. William M. and Francis Miller.

Dr. John H. Latane of Baltimore, d., was the guest of Hon. William A. Anderson last week.

Miss Guendolen Howe spent the Christmas holidays at home in Lexington, reaching Lexington from Augusta, Ga., Wednesday.

Dr. Easter, professor of Romance languages, has been in Baltimore, Md., for the past week, where his wife is ill.

Miss Frances Hamilton, who is attending Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, spent the holidays at home.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Le Conte Stevens were visitors of Colonel and Mrs. John D. Letcher in Norfolk during the holidays.

Mr. Ewing Humphreys of Beckley, W. Va., and Miss Elizabeth Brooks of St. Louis, were the guests of Professor D. C. Humphreys on Jackson avenue Christmas.

Emory G. Nusz, ex-'16, who married Miss Young of Lexington on Sept. 16th, is in Lexington with his wife, spending several weeks at the home of Mr. Young on White street.

Frank H. Huffman, who was a freshman last year and who was at V. P. I. the first part of this year, has returned to Washington and Lee again.

Announcement is made that Mlle Anna Pavlowa, the famous dancer, will give one performance in Lynchburg at the Academy of Music on Wednesday, Jan. 20th. Students who are desirous of seeing the show may get seats now by mail orders.

## GYMNASIUM CLASSES START

Gymnasium classes have been organized and are working out every afternoon at 5 o'clock, under the direction of Coach Fletcher. The classes were organized last Monday and were attended by about fifty men. The exercises consist of drills with and without dumb bells and of work on the mats and apparatus. Anyone desiring to join these classes should see Coach Fletcher immediately.

## DR. C. A. SMITH SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

"Southern Orators" is Subject of Address—Made Striking Impression

In the first assembly of the second term, Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, Edgar Allen Poe professor of English at the University of Virginia, spoke on "Southern Oratory Before the War," striking the keynote of his address in the sentences: "There is no note in the gamut of oratory which the South has not sounded, and sounded as a master. The great orations of the past should be a priceless heritage to us. Our fathers made history; we must write it or it will be forgotten. In all crises the voice of the South has been heard never in behalf of conscious wrong; never in defense of known usurpation."

Dr. Smith opened his address with a brief sketch of the powerful influence held by the orator through all the ages, and a regret that his fame was not more commemorated and perpetuated by the historian. Beginning with Demosthenes, he recalled the great work done by great orators of all nations, and drew from consideration of them too lessons—that orators come not singly but in groups and that great questions of vital interest to man are essential to the production of great orators.

American oratory, he said, was included in two periods, the Revolutionary, from 1760 to 1790, and the second from 1830 to 1860. In each of these periods the South played her full share. As representatives of the first he discussed Patrick Henry, the orator who stirred men's souls; Washington, who, although not a great orator, possessed such tact and integrity as always to be a convincing speaker, and James Madison, of whom he quoted Fiske as saying: "The government under which we now live is more the work of James Madison of Virginia than of any other man, and who, he declared was worthy of the reverence of every Southerner."

As the connecting link between the two periods he named John Randolph of Roanoke, the greatest satirist the country has ever produced, and gave examples of the biting retorts which made him so feared in debate.

As the first example of the second period he mentioned Robert Y. Hayne, declaring that even the partisans of Webster were beginning to admit that Hayne had worsted him in their great debate. Hayne, he said, was one of the foremost orators of the country and deserved a far higher place than was generally accorded him.

Dr. Smith spoke of the other Carolinian, Calhoun, discussing the position he held in the affairs of state, and in the realm of speech. He then compared Prentiss with Calhoun showing the different styles of the two masters. As his closing orator he brought up Henry Clay—the last of the Southern school of oratory before the war. In closing he urged upon the student body the profit to be found in the study of oratory and the duty of the present generation to perpetuate the fame of our fathers.

The address was enjoyed by a large audience of townspeople as well as the student body. The speaker was introduced by his brother, President H. L. Smith.

R. W. Winborne has matriculated in the law school for the second term.

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**THE LITERARY SOCIETIES  
BEGIN ACTIVITIES ANEW**

**Debates of Military Nature Hold Interest in Both Meetings**

The Graham-Lee Literary society held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday night, Jan. 9th, with the president, M. M. Keaton, in the chair.

The declaimer of the evening, W. M. Brown, had for his subject "Hoch der Kaiser."

The debate, Resolved, "That a German defeat will result in the overthrow of militarism in Europe," was extremely interesting and spirited throughout. J. W. Flood and R. W. Fowlkes upheld affirmative against William Lamont and C. P. Herndon on the negative. The judges, Mason, Latture and Myles, rendered their decision two to one in favor of the affirmative.

C. P. Heavener resigned as chief marshal at the intermediate celebration to be held on the 19th of this month, and W. J. Cox was elected in his place.

The Washington Literary society initiated the year of 1915 at their meeting on Saturday night, Dec. 9. After the inaugural address of the president elect, L. W. Harris, the retiring president, S. L. Robertson, delivered his report for the first term.

The orator of the evening, E. S. Smith, had as his subject, "The Greatness of America." The first declaimer, J. W. Blake, delivered the "Speech made by Joseph Mazzinni to the Young Men of Italy." The second declaimer, A. L. Bennett, delivered "Man's Progress and Problems."

The debate, Resolved, "That a well trained citizenary is preferable to a large standing army" was well debated by both sides and many good points made. S. L. Robertson and D. A. Falk upheld the affirmative against M. S. Cannon and J. D. McCready for the negative. The judges, F. B. Potter, H. Powell, and G. S. Watson, rendered their decision two to one in favor of the affirmative.

C. E. Worth spoke extemporaneously on "Sentiment," while Morris Masinter spoke likewise on "The fellow that you have got to beat" H. Powell and G. S. Watson were initiated into the society as new members.

**JUST THREE FRATS HAD MEETING CHRISTMAS**

As is usually the case, a number of fraternities held their conventions during the holidays just past. The Phi Delta Theta's met in Birmingham with C. W. Gooch as delegate from the local chapter. R. G. Thach, '12, also attended. Nashville was the scene of the A. T. O. gathering, P. C. Buford and R. A. Lewis being delegate and alternate, respectively. J. T. Gray, '12, and C. H. Stark, ex'16, were present. The S. A. E's. convened in Chicago, with R. H. Gardner and M. R. Miles representing local interests. Last November the S. P. E's. assembled in Atlanta with F. F. Malloy as delegate.

In February next the Alpha Chi Rho's meet in New York city. The Delta Tau Delta's follow them in March, their convention being held in Cincinnati. In July the Sigma Nu's gather in Denver.

San Francisco becomes the seat of many conventions next summer. Among them are Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Kappa Psi does not convene until the summer of 1916.

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1. Scholarship.
2. Athletics.
3. Conspicuous service on the campus.
4. University publications.
5. Literary society work.

With faculty approval, the following men were selected as the charter members:

Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Dean David C. Humphreys, Dr. De la War B. Easter, William Moseley Brown, Carl S. Davidson, Philip Pendleton Gibson, J. Purver Richardson, Jr., John Eppes Martin, Edward Parks Davis, William C. Raftery, J. Carl Fisher, Thomas McPheeters Glasgow, Edward A. Donahue, James Edwin Bear, Rupert Nelson Latture.

**Y. M. C. A. NOTES**

**Mission Study Classes Begin Soon**

It has been the custom for the past several years for the Y. M. C. A. to inaugurate a special mission study campaign during the second term. This year a class will be run once each week under the leadership of one of the members of the faculty, and the student classes in the Sunday schools will also take up some phase of mission work for special study. It is hoped that a large number of men will enroll in these classes, as they promise to be very instructive. Further announcements will be made later.

**No Y. M. C. A. Tonight**

On account of the address of Dr. Adrian S. Taylor in the chapel tomorrow at 7:45 p. m. there will be no Y. M. C. A. meeting tonight in the library.

**LITTLE GENERALS WILL  
HAVE SCHEDULE AGAIN**

Although this early in the season no complete schedule has been arranged, it is planned to continue the policy so successfully carried out last year of having a game for the second team on the evening of many of the clashes of the first quint.

Two second string games have been so far scheduled. On Jan. 18th, when the Generals meet West Virginia Wesleyan, the Little Generals will strive with Augusta Military academy between the halves; on Feb. 13, the night of the A. and M. game they will play Fishburne Military school. Negotiations are now under way for several other games and a good schedule is expected.

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## ESCAPED THE EYE OF THE CENSOR

Petrograd, Jan. 1st, (Correspondence of Ring tum Phi delayed in transmission by Censor.) The Russian secret service has captured and returned to Lexington a series of New Year's resolutions that have been withheld in the interest of neutrality and peace. However in order that the rights of the neutrals might not fall under the edict of the belligerents, it was thought best that the guarded secrets be revealed.

### Not Confirmed Here

Lexington, Va., Jan. 11.—While they could not be confirmed or denied, the resolutions alleged to have been given utterance in the quiet moments of Jan. 1st are presented herewith:

Resolved:

That the history room should be equipped with beds—Dr. Riley.

That I will devote the rest of my life to the study and promotion of intercollegiate athletics—Dr. Stevens.

That I will attend at least some of my classes this term—Dr. Howerton.

That I will tell no jokes that have not been passed by the National Board of censors.—Dr. Easter.

That I will make a prep school of this University at any cost—Dr. Shannon.

That I will discontinue my humorous lectures this term—Dr. Hancock.

That I will make of the Biology course, a beautiful proposition—Dr. Pollard.

That I will make sarcasm the basis of my math—Dr. Smith.

That I will not express my opinion as to the European situation, as I am convinced that Germany is in the right—Dr. Farrar.

That although the price of meat has advanced, the amount of bull will remain the same—Dr. R. G. Campbell.

That I will smile at least once a day in at least one of my classes—Dr. Kern.

That I will resign in favor of Eddie Lyons.

## HENRY ALLAN PRICE WILL GIVE CONCERT IN LIBRARY

Reader and Mimic Will Give Entertainment—Is Highly Recommended

Next Thursday evening the students of Washington and Lee will have an opportunity of enjoying an evening of unusual entertainment given in the University library by Henry Allan Price, dramatic reader, impersonator, basso. Mr. Price comes here from New York City, where his pleasing personality and marked ability have been the delight of the winter audiences. He is accompanied by Mrs. Price, who is an accomplished pianist.

Mr. Price is an imitator and a mimic. He will give imitations of several of the better known entertainers and will also render several selections in the various dialects. He possesses a rich basso voice and has a few songs included in the program.

This is the second concert under the auspices of Miss Annie R. White. The New York Concert company, which made such a striking impression, was the first of the series.

Robert Surpell is in Richmond, having undergone an operation for appendicitis.

## W. VA. WESLEYAN FIVE HERE MONDAY

Game Will Be Played in Afternoon—Georgetown Next

The basketball team of West Virginia Wesleyan will be the next quintette to meet the Generals. In this time, Coach Fletcher expects to have ample time to develop a strong passing team and to offset other defects that were apparent against George Washington.

The game will be called at 3 p. m. that the West Virginia five may catch an early train. The game with Wesleyan will be the last before the first large game—that with Georgetown in Lynchburg on Jan. 23rd.

## FRATS BEGIN TO INITIATE THEIR NUMEROUS PLEDGES

Having qualified in all scholastic requirements for initiation, fraternity pledges are beginning to enter the inner circles of the various organizations. Last Saturday was the date appointed for Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Alpha Epsilon to initiate the pledges. Allen Beall, J. J. Tucker, T. S. Jones, F. M. Bailey, W. F. Taylor, E. D. Crocheron, E. M. Stewart and M. W. Paxton, Jr. were initiated into A. T. O.; W. B. Watts, J. G. Ramey, P. Collins, George Hearn, Horace Hearn, R. G. Vance, W. F. Sutton, F. Mayo and McCue Marshall were initiated into S. A. E., while W. B. Trigg, G. S. Taylor, L. L. McKinnon, W. H. Brandon, F. Hoge and F. H. Gilbreath were taken into Phi Delta Theta.

The other fraternities have set Saturday, Jan. 16th, as the fateful day for the initiation of their pledges and on this day the majority of the neophytes will enter the Greek world.

Next Saturday the following pledges will be initiated into the respective fraternities:

Phi Kappa Psi—E. P. Anderson, A. E. Lusk, R. R. Hinkle, W. N. Camp, S. H. Williamson.

Kappa Alpha—W. E. McClintock, F. T. Barker, E. E. Nelson, B. F. Tillar, S. Hill, G. G. Platt, J. Sorrells, J. Delaplaine, S. B. Christy, C. W. Covington.

Sigma Chi—J. E. Cantrill, R. Bryant, L. W. Brandon, R. G. Kine, S. Riley, B. Lamp-ten, G. Twyman.

Phi Gamma Delta—J. S. McChord, A. C. Crymble, E. S. Marshall, H. G. Peters.

Kappa Sigma—James A. Ambler, C. Williamson, J. J. Izard, G. P. Macatee.

Sigma Nu—T. G. Woodson, G. L. Payne, J. F. Clemmer, Jr., I. B. Watkins, A. S. Watkins, T. H. Wade, M. W. Simmons, J. K. Reeves, E. G. Majors.

Phi Kappa Sigma—W. Hopkins, W. S. Mahood, P. H. Jones, R. S. Walker, A. Lorez, J. Gallagher, E. Krusen, C. Hastings, M. G. Raham, F. Wright, L. Stephenson, G. Revercomb, C. Revercomb.

Pi Kappa Alpha—H. Gregory, I. Birchfield, C. A. Camp, J. L. Williams.

Delta Tau Delta—Frank B. Scarry.

Sigma Phi Epsilon—S. D. Shore, V. L. Page, M. Miles, E. Calloway.

Alpha Chi Rho—J. E. Howard, E. W. Sandford, S. M. Martin, R. W. Coleman, J. E. Kellam, R. R. Scott, H. G. Smith.

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