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Baseball 1901.

Judging from the number of applicants, the old men who are back, richer in experience and better by practice, and the quality and ability of several of the new men, the outlook for a good team this spring is very bright. We cannot boast of the stars which shone so on the teams of '97 and '98, but it is to be hoped that we can make up for their absence by good team work and by means of the greater number of home games and excellent schedule the manager is now arranging.

The old men who are back and who played on the team last year are Bagley, J. W., Bagley, S. C., Boogher, Booker, Crawford, Spencer and Andrews. Besides these there are 19 other candidates for various positions. "Rusie" informs us that after a diligent investigation he has found that there are 13 men, besides himself, applying for the infield—five of whom are running for second base, and the balance for pitch, catch, first and third. It is also reported that several of last year's men have had evil omened dreams, and still others who are now privately speculating as to how much they would have improved had they played a little "summer ball."

Among the applications we have a very promising new battery, Baker and Smith; the former has had considerable experience with good teams, and judging from his past record is a twirler of great ability. The other end of the battery handles the ash well, is also the owner of a good wing and a cool head. The contest for second base promises to be exciting and close; five candidates for this position have appeared up to date—Breckinridge, Graves, Hall, McLaue, Montgomery (Kentucky university), and possibly Thompson. Paucake (Hampden-Sidney) will contest for Spencer's place on first, for which, were it a matter of fielding only, "no one need apply," as the latter's work on bag No. 1 last season would be hard

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Reminiscences of General Lee.

After the devotional exercises on Wednesday morning, Chairman Tucker introduced Dr. E. C. Gordon, a member of the board of trustees from Missouri, who gave the students some interesting recollections of General Lee while president of the University. Dr. Gordon was secretary of the faculty in 1867, and in this position, being brought into close touch with General Lee, was able to speak authoritatively in regard to his method of dealing with the students, and his character.

In dealing with the student body, which in those days was a heterogeneous mass, ranging all the way from the youth in his early teens, who had been sent to sit at the feet of the idol of the South, to the rough and rigged veteran of the war, General Lee displayed wonderful tact and discretion. He studied with great care the reports of the students in regard to their class record and attendance, and consequently was well informed at all times as to the standing of every student. Every student was known and addressed by him by name, and the General always made it a point to gain the favor of the students by inquiring about their immediate friends and relatives at home.

In concluding Dr. Gordon said that the strongest part of the man was his character, and the impressions it made upon those who knew him. Under all circumstances he preserved a calm, unruffled and dignified exterior. He seemed to be entirely devoid of self-consciousness or egotism, and constantly gave the magnificent impression of a man who in all the course of a varied life had never done anything of which he might feel ashamed. The thoughts and intents of his heart, his feelings, desires and purposes might all have been exposed to the gaze of the world without causing a blush to mantle his cheek.

Make your dates now for the Shakesperian Recital to be given by Dr. Barr on Feb. 7th.

John Marshall Day.

At a meeting of the American Bar association held at Saratoga Springs, in August 1899, a plan of celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the accession of Chief Justice Marshall to the position on the supreme bench of the United States, which he so greatly adorned for a period of thirty-four years and in which he rendered such valuable services to the cause of republican government, was set on foot and a committee appointed to make suitable arrangements for the celebration of this centennial. In accordance with the report of this committee there will be on Feb. 4, 1901, a meeting in the hall of the House of Representatives, under the presidency of the Chief Justice of the United States, and attended by the president and his cabinet, the members of the supreme court, both houses of congress and the diplomatic corps, to commemorate the life and work of the great chief justice.

Similar meetings will be held in the capital cities of all the states and territories, and that in Virginia, Marshall's native state, will be addressed by Justice Gray of the supreme bench.

At the last meeting of the American Bar association a resolution was adopted by the section on Legal Education, in which Dean Tucker represented this University, that suitable steps should be taken to secure proper celebration of such a centennial in the Colleges and Universities of the United States, and many of them have signified their intention of celebrating John Marshall day.

Such a celebration has been, accordingly, adopted here and on Feb. 4th all University duties will be suspended and an address delivered on Marshall's life and work by Hon. Robert T. Barton, mayor of Winchester, Va. This address will be delivered in the University Chapel at 8 p. m., and the faculty and students are expected to attend in a body.

No President Chosen.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The board of trustees held a called meeting in the president's room Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The members present were: Dr. G. B. Strickler, rector; Dr. R. H. Fleming, Dr. A. H. Hamilton, Dr. C. E. Gordon, Messrs. William Ingles, John A. Preston, Lucian H. Coker, Hon. William A. Anderson, William A. Glasgow, A. T. Barclay and William P. Houston.

As the charter of the University provides that a president can be chosen only at a regular meeting of the board, no successor to Mr. Wilson was elected and the business of the board consisted of routine matters pertaining to the University.

Dean Tucker was requested to act as president until the close of the session, and resolutions of respect on the death of President Wilson were read and adopted.

The vacancy in the presidency will not be filled until the regular annual meeting during the finals.

The Grahamites.

Graham-Lee had quite a spirited meeting on last Saturday night. The program was carried out with more exactness than usual, and a great deal of vigor was put into the speeches. The oration of Mr. Guthrie was well delivered and evidenced considerable thought by an analytical mind. Mr. Haw declaimed.

The question for debate was whether women ought to have the right of suffrage in all elections, and many instructive and amusing views were educed. Messrs. Biggs, Corbett, Allen, Lauck, Lord, Blain and others spoke. The lack of mental capacity and the innumerable prejudices with which the ladies are afflicted operated to decide the question in the negative.

The old, old matter of non-payment of dues was discussed and it was determined that all whose dues and fines are not paid in two weeks will be dropped from the rolls of the society.

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The artist who does stunts on the bulletin board in red ink, in one of his recent hemorrhages has said that he was forced to adopt such tactics as the columns of the RING-TUM PHI were closed to any discussion of the matter, meaning thereby the feasibility of having a University reporter, or reporter for the various dailies.

We wish to say that the columns of the RING-TUM PHI are not closed to any discussion of the matter. They are always open to any *sane and rational* discussion of any matter that is of interest to the University or the student body. But when such a discussion descends into personalities, when its sole forces consists in slinging mud and besmirching the intellectual and moral qualities of the men with whom it is concerned the RING-TUM PHI does not propose to be the means of giving them publicity for we do not think they are the real sentiments of the student body. If they were well founded we would not hesitate. In our opinion they are not. It requires the stretch of an imagination higher than we can boast, to see the connection between a C. & O. handbook, a certain reporter and the newspaper accounts of University affairs. Granting they are well founded, we have nothing to gain by antagonizing the powers that be, and suggesting no methods of improving the conditions. We must not think because we can make such big splashes in the mud-

holes around Lexington that we can dictate terms to the great daily papers of the country. If they should see fit they could probably manage to worry along without the news which emanates from this section.

Although we condemn the methods employed, we think that the idea of obtaining greater publicity for University affairs through the newspapers is a good one, and we would be glad to hear any reasonable discussion of the matter, or any feasible method for putting the same into execution.

Washington Society.

The "Wash." met at the usual hour Saturday night, and at once took up the literary program in the absence of any occasion for holding an election.

After the orations and declamations the Ship Subsidy bill was warmly debated. Mr. Cramer proved conclusively to himself that the bill would lay a burden of taxation on the "bone and sinew" of the country to choke the coffers of the ever greedy New England shipbuilders and Mark Hanna.

Hamilton, H. W., retorted that in case of war, without ships, we would be "at sea," in a figurative sense only. We have not been able yet to find out which side of the question Sydenstricker upheld.

After revision the report of the judges was in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Weaver, an old "Wash." man, entered his name on the roll. Mr. Goshorn gladdened all hearts by the announcement that he would occupy a chair in the hall during the future meetings of the society.

After the appointment of sundry committees the motion to adjourn was carried.

Prof. Willis' New Book

Within a few weeks the University of Chicago Press will issue Prof. H. P. Willis' new book entitled, "A History of the Latin Monetary Union; a Study of International Monetary Action." It is the fifth number of the "Economic Studies of the University of Chicago." It is Royal 8 vo. in size, 340 pp., bound in cloth, \$2.00.

The Mu Pi Lambda fraternity has purchased and placed a billiard table in their hall.

William Lyne Wilson.

The board of trustees of Washington and Lee university at its first meeting since the death of Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, its late president, places upon its records this minute to his memory.

President Wilson was born near Middleway, Jefferson county, W. Va., May 3, 1843; was graduated A. B. at the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., 1860; took the post graduate course at the University of Virginia, 1860-'61; was a private soldier in the 12th Va. cavalry, Confederate States; was assistant professor of ancient languages and student of law at the Columbian University, 1865-'67; professor of Latin at the same institution, 1866-'71; was graduated in law, 1867, and practiced his profession at Charlestown, W. Va., 1871-1882; was president of the University of West Virginia 1882-'83; a member of the national house of representatives 1883-1895; postmaster general of the United States 1895-1897; a member of the board of regents of the Smithsonian institution; and president of Washington and Lee university, 1897-1900. His death occurred Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1900.

Such is the brief record of a memorable life of service and honor to state and county.

It is not our purpose to enlarge upon his service as soldier, professor, lawyer, congressman and cabinet officer. Other and abler pens have drawn the picture of his life in those stirring times. The impress of his intellectual ability and devotion to duty is indelibly stamped upon the pages of his country's history.

It was the privilege and honor of this board of trustees to call him into the service of this University. The closing scenes of his life's drama claim from us a deeper and more touching interest as we witnessed day after day that quiet life, and we feel that we have been enriched by his brief stay with us.

No truer, nobler, braver spirit ever faced the inevitable with more quiet, uncomplaining resignation. For two years, standing on the brink of the grave, he gave no sign to his nearest friends that he knowingly was facing death. His greeting was ever cordial and kind, dissipating any anxiety or distrust that arose in the hearts of those who loved him.

When physically able the call to duty was ever met with promptness and discharged to the full satisfaction of his colleagues and co-workers. Never a note of distrust or a hint of discouragement. He was helpful to the strong and a stimulus to the buoyant. Of a quiet and reserved disposition, he yet attracted and held more quickly and more firmly than those of more ardent and more impulsive natures. He has left us a rich endowment, a cherished possession, the fruit of his exalted services and the sweet and pleasant memory of his attractive personality and Christian character.

"Taught us how to live, and oh! too high
A price for knowledge! taught us how to die."

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of Washington and Lee university, January 15, 1901.

Personals.

Dunkin is a Mu Pi Lambda gent.

McGuire, from Winchester, is visiting his many friends here.

Chairman H. St. G. Tucker will deliver an oration at Harvard on John Marshall Day.

Prof. Cr w almost broke the record of a long drive at golf on Thursday afternoon when a darkey's head loomed up on the horizon and stopped the ball.

Prof. "Jake" Armistead, Ph. D. '98, has been elected to the chair of Latin and History in the Lynchburg High school. The position is a good one and will be all the more pleasant to Mr. Armistead as Lynchburg is his home.

Lieut. Walker Webster Whiteside of the 10th U. S. cavalry, and Miss Lillian Rigney, daughter of Joseph Rigney, were married at Manzanillo, Cuba, on January 10th. Lieut. Whiteside is well known in Lexington, having attended Washington and Lee for three sessions and a half as a student from Texas. On the breaking out of the Spanish-American war he left the University to accept a lieutenancy in the army.

Mass Meeting.

At a mass meeting of the students held on Thursday afternoon Mr. Keeble, on account of stress of work, tendered his resignation as editor-in-chief of the Calyx. His resignation was accepted and Messrs. W. J. Lauck and B. D. Causey were elected to fill the vacancy.

Law Department.

Law Notes.

The Senior class met last Monday and organized the moot court. H. M. Fox was elected clerk and R. C. Biggs sheriff. A few causes were also matured for trial.

The common law division convenes on Tuesday and the chancery division on Friday of every week, until the end of the session. Prof. Burks presides over the former and Dean Tucker over the latter.

One of the law magazines for December contains a collection of poetry that has been cited by the courts. The article is something of a revelation, and has caused not a little adverse criticism by the sticklers for judicial dignity. The courts, however, have the authority of Lord Coke to sustain them in this practice. "Verses," he says, "at the first were invented for the help of the memory, and it standeth well with the gravitie of our lawyers to cite them."—Co. Litt. 237.

One of the features of the Law School of the University of Kansas is the Cooley Law Club. The club was organized at the beginning of the present session and named in honor of the late Thomas M. Cooley. A similar organization would be of incalculable benefit to the embryo lawyers of W. and L. University. It would provide a legal atmosphere in which we might "live and move and have our being." A knowledge of law may be added to by absorption.

Y. M. C. A.

The yearly report has just been sent in to headquarters and the association should be greatly encouraged by the advancement made in the different departments.

The last Sabbath service was led by Mr. C. S. McNulty, and his remarks on that tendency of student to form about themselves a "shell of selfishness" were much enjoyed.

Next Sunday Prof. D. C. Humphreys addresses the meeting and a large attendance is desired.

Have you read the January Inter-collegian? If not ask Spencer for one.

Street Urchin on P. O. corner to his chum on seeing a party of golfers with sticks under their arms:—"Gee whiz, Jimmie, don't them professors from over at college look like umbrella menders?"

University Directory.

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Washington Literary Society:—President, Chas. S. McNulty; secretary, A. L. Burger.

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Fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Sigma Nu, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Mu Pi Lambda, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon.

Student Publications: The RING-TUM PHI, published weekly by the students; J. R. Tucker, business manager; W. J. Lauck, editor-in-chief.

Southern Collegian, published monthly by the students; W. C. Moore, business manager; H. R. Keeble, editor-in-chief.

The Calyx, Annual, published by the students.

The Calyx.

Subscription cards have been put in circulation by the managers, and many students should consider it their duty to sign up at once. The success of the Calyx is more dependent upon the financial support of the students than anything else.

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to beat. Smith and the "mighty Oom Paul," safety valve of 1900, will run for ownership of the face cage.

Shively, having agreed to pluralise with an S, our A, B, C aggregation of slab artists, we will be well provided with that commodity in case of emergencies. For third, Crawford, whose tricky twisters were always on hand in case of need, Thompson and Turner are the applicants. For the outfield there are applying at present, including alternates, Baker, Boogher (who specially is batting in the winning run in 13 inning contests), Booker (a left garden automobile, tar barrel and fly charmer), Carney, Glasgow, Handlan, Moore, Osborne, Quisenberry, Shively, Smith, Thompson, Triplett, Turner, Wallace (also shortstop), Wilson and Andrews.

Since there are applicants sufficient to furnish three teams, to make the scrubs, or in polite terms, "The University Consolidated," will be quite an honor, and their games with the "regulars" and the possible changes from one team to another will make the practice games very interesting, when the diamond can be gotten into good shape. As was the case last year, there will be an "official scorer" at these games.

It is to be hoped that the greater number of candidates will in no wise effect the harmony in the ranks, which was characteristic of last year's team, and which, beyond a doubt, helped to change a very bad beginning into a successful ending. Nothing is so advantageous to the other team as petty squabbles and ill feeling in our own.

Some one has suggested a small grand stand in the usual position, behind the plate. It would be quite an inspiration (not the stand, but the probable occupants thereof) to the team, at any time to electrify the said grand stand with heavy hitting, but, when once on "bases," to hurry home. Hence it means better batting and an improvement in base-running. Whoever said grandstand, say it again. "It sounds good." No questions will be answered as to who "will make the team." That has not yet been settled, and if it were it would not be told, but it is almost safe to say that whoever can bat, or hunt, or bat bunts, will be the "successful aspirant."

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