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What the Faculty Has Been Doing

Flunked a few (?) fellows and look innocent of manslaughter.

Professor and Mrs. Henry Alex. White spent the holidays in Richmond with Mrs. White's parents, Judge and Mrs. B. R. Wellford, Jr. "Professor White is the author of the Life of Lee, that has been acknowledged as the best ever published. He called yesterday at the department of public instruction and had a long talk with Secretary Brent."—Ex.

Dr. and Mrs. W. LeConte Stevens visited the exposition at Charleston, S. C., on their trip homeward. They were so unfortunate as to be on the train which was wrecked near Lynchburg and to lose all their baggage. It is said that the students of Physics are glad that Dr. Stevens did not lose himself, but we can give no authority for the truth of the statement.

Professor Martin P. Burks of the law faculty, went to Bedford City where he spent the holidays with his family.

Professor and Mrs. Humphreys attended a family reunion in St. Louis.

Professor Vance went bird shooting in North Carolina. We sincerely hope he had a good time shooting, but he might have brought a bird or two back for proof.

Dr. Crow, contrary to Dame Rumor, spent the holidays in Norfolk.

From the Richmond Times, Dec. 11, 1901:

"Dr. William Spencer Currell of Washington and Lee, delivered a most entertaining lecture before the Woman's club last night. There was a large attendance and the occasion was a most delightful one. Dr. Thomas Cary Johnson of Union Theological seminary, presented the speaker of the evening and referred to him as one of the leading educa-

tors of the South, and a great thinker and lecturer.

"Dr. Currell took as his subject, 'Men Beyond in Literature and Life, or The Principle of Suggestiveness in Literature and Life.'

"Literature, he said, was the artistic embodiment in language of the thoughts and emotions of life, and should show the sureness of man's grip on man, nature and God. Is there a mere beyond? Can we have no writings because Shakespeare, Browning, Dickens, Carlyle are dead? Literature must keep pace with the thought of the day. In order to understand and appreciate literature we should cultivate individuality, gather up reserve power, have an aim and persistence through obstacles.

"The lecture was notable because of its richness, aptness of illustrative citation, nobility of ideals and flashes of wit."

Dr. Campbell stayed at home and corrected Physiology examination papers. Next Xmas, it is hoped he will not spend his holidays at home.

Dr. Quarles shed rays of happiness on a rainy day. An exchange describes the process thus:

"A marriage was performed for a couple in a hack on the campus of Washington and Lee university by Dr. Jas. A. Quarles of the University, a few days ago. Dr. Quarles heard some one calling, hello! hello! from without, and upon answering the call found a hack standing near his yard on the campus. A heavy downpour of rain was falling at the time. Upon inquiry he found that a couple within was desiring wedlock, and after being invited to come in and upon their refusal, Dr. Quarles secured his umbrella and performed the ceremony while the couple were seated in the hack. He was observed in the rain with uplifted hand, making a prayer.

"After the ceremony the groom tendered a ten dollar note for the fee to be taken out. The bride, sitting on the side adjacent the minister, asked how much must he take

out when told to take his fee out. The bride was informed that it was not for her to say how much or what but her husband (thus giving a lesson who was the master), who said five dollars. The change was returned in the shape of five new silver dollars received a short while before from a local bank. As the groom pocketed them he remarked: 'You must have made these during last night.'"

Dr. Howe attended a meeting of the National Chemical society, at which he was one of the speakers.

Opening Service of Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. began this term with a song and prayer service, led by Mr. Blain. Although there were not as many present as at former meetings, it was a very encouraging opening. Let each one of these bring a friend with him to hear the lecture to be delivered by Dr. H. A. White next Sunday afternoon.

Another very interesting service in the lower Chapel Sunday afternoon. There was about an average number of attentive listeners. Mr. Lacy, who led the meeting, set forth several reasons why we can claim God as our own God. We can claim Him because he is the God of our salvation. He is the God of Peace, God of Pardon, God of Patience, God of Hope, of Comfort and of Love. Probably no truth in the Bible should come to us with such power as that of love. We have a Savior who gave His life for us because of His love for us, and who will not guide us and uphold us by His omnipotent hand.

Fortnightly Club.

Colonel Nichols entertained the Fortnightly on the Friday of last week at which meeting Dr. Campbell read a paper on "The Elective Systems in College in Contrast with the Regular Curriculum."

MASS-MEETING

On Monday, 4 p. m., for the purpose of electing the Calyx editors and managers; in Professor Vance's room, Tucker Hall.

Alumni of Washington and Lee in Atlanta Banquet

Atlanta Journal, Jan. 1: "The alumni banquet of the Washington & Lee university men at the Aragon last night was an enjoyable affair. Around the festive board were gathered many of the alumni of this famous school, some new fledged graduates and some gray-haired men, who had studied there during the presidency of Robert Lee. Some were men who have made for themselves names in church and state and business life; some were beardless youths with their fortunes yet before them. But around the banquet table all were young and merry. Many a tale in college life was told, memory recalling many a thing long since forgotten. Many references were made to Washington, to Robert Lee, to Judge Brockenbrough, to John Randolph Tucker, to Custis Lee, to Professor James J. White, to William L. Wilson and to other great names associated with the university, all betokening reverence and affection.

Toastmaster William A. Wimbish was exceeding happy, sometimes bubbling over with most exquisite humor, sometimes eloquently serious. Full five hours they sat around the board none noting the rapid flight of time. The occasion closed in drinking a toast to the new year, then more than an hour on its way. The toasts were all eloquently responded to, the interest keeping at its height until the end.

"The banquet was given in the private dining room of the Aragon, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. Over the centre of the table hung portraits of Washington and Lee, both entwined with wreaths of living green.

"The toasts and speakers were as follows:

"The University"—Hon. Walter McElreath, president of the association.

"The Faculty"—Rev. J. B. Taylor, D. D.

"The Alumni"—Mr. N. P. Pratt.

"Reminiscences"—Hon. Tinsley W. Rucker,

"The Calix"—Dr. C. W. Strickler.

"Under the Presidency of Lee"—Hon. John T. Pendleton.

"The Atmosphere of Washington and Lee"—Mr. W. W. Gaines.

"New Alsace"—Mr. Lowndes Calhoun.

"The Women"—Mr. Thomas C. Turner.

"The Presidency of William L. Wilson"—Mr. J. S. Slicer.

"The Law School"—Mr. Walter P. Andrew."

Five new students have matriculated at the beginning of this term, making the total number 232.

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The Calyx

Elsewhere we publish a notice for a mass-meeting of the student body for the purpose of electing the editors and the business managers of the 1902 Calyx. This ought to have been done long ago, and the editors and managers, whoever they may be, are seriously handicapped by the loss of time. We would urge on every student the necessity of immediate action, and that every body should. Come to the meeting.

Another View.

Mr. Herbert Welsh, secretary of the Wilson Memorial fund, and a constant benefactor of Washington and Lee, has the following to say as regards the Roosevelt-Washington editorial in the Collegian:

"A SOUTHERN VIEW."

"The following extract from the 'Southern Collegian,' issue of November, relative to the Booker Washington incident, serves to support the claim which this paper has frequently made, that there is a more progressive and better spirit in the South than that which many Southern newspapers have given utterance to on the race question. It is unfortunate, but nevertheless true, that things evil make themselves frequently more felt than things good. It has long been our desire to try to bring to the front the ideas of the better and more progressive minority, whether that minority be found north or south of the Mason

and Dixon line. We especially urge our readers to ponder the significance of these words from a Southern student of an institution of learning in which we feel, for its sake and for the South's sake, a deep interest."

The whole editorial in question is quoted.

The Other Side

The article in the Southern Colleague, a monthly publication of Washington and Lee university, in which the editor condemns the Virginia Press and defends the Booker Washington incident is amusing in that it is the utterance of a young upstart who, overcome with his editorial honors, has grown arrogant. In no degree does conceit reach a greater magnitude than in the young graduate and it is only by contact with the world that he learns his real value. The misfortune is that such sentiments should be found within the halls of this grand institution under whose shades the spirit of the Lees will ever dwell.—Radford Advance.

Dr. Currell's Address.

The first University assembly for this term was held in the chapel Wednesday morning, the address being delivered by Dr. Currell.

Dr. Currell's addresses are always interesting and the one Wednesday morning was no exception. He took for his subject "The Making of a Dictionary." He took up the different steps in making a dictionary and the difficulties that beset a lexicographer in his work. He has to choose from both written and spoken discourse, choosing only those words which are good. Dr. Currell told of how slang by usage may become good, and how even profanity may become conventional, and of the peculiar manner in which words come into use. The next difficulty is as to how words should be spelled, some being spelled in more than one way. However, the shorter should as a rule be chosen. How to pronounce these words is the next difficulty, and the deviation of them, the next and last mentioned by Dr. Currell, although he said that the etymological laws are more fixed than the others.

The bell rang before the address was completed, which was regretted by all who heard it.

Mr. Tucker Resigns.

Hon. H. St. George Tucker, professor of constitutional and international law and dean of the law faculty, has tendered his resignation to take effect at the close of the present session, July 1.

The resignation of Mr. Tucker will come as a great surprise. It is not known why he has resigned, but it is thought to be because of the action of the board of trustees last June in declining to fill vacancies on the board by the election as members of those who had shown a deep interest in the school, especially in the raising of the Wilson Memorial fund. Mr. Tucker will not leave Virginia, but will practice his profession in the state. For the present he has consented to undertake for the Southern Educational Conference, assisted by Dr. R. A. Frazer of Farmville, Va., to arouse popular interest in public education in Virginia.

With this resignation will end the connection of the Tuckers with Washington and Lee, which in some form has been continuous by father and son for more than thirty years. Mr. Tucker has rendered valuable service to Washington and Lee. Five years a student, graduating with the degree of Master of Arts, he served ten years on the board of trustees, five years as professor of law, one year as chairman of the faculty and acting president. While dean of the law faculty the law school increased 50 per cent. in two years. While serving in Congress he secured the passage of a bill reimbursing Washington and Lee to the extent of \$18,000 for damage done to the building during the Civil war. In the spring of 1897 he started to raise funds for Tucker Memorial Hall in honor of his distinguished father, Hon. John Randolph Tucker, and in two years the building was completed and in use at a cost of about \$25,000. He undertook in the winter of 1900-1901 to raise \$100,000 for the endowment of the Wilson Memorial chair of economics and by June \$75,000 had been secured. His father, whom he succeeded as law professor, secured to Washington and Lee a gift of \$100,000 from Hon. Vincent L. Bradford of Philadelphia, for the law department, including a valuable collection of rare paintings.

A Sad Death.

On the night of December 24, at a time when all Christendom was preparing to celebrate the anniversary of the coming of its Savior, the soul of Christopher Tompkins Smith left this world to join the celestial throngs in their glorious celebration of the anniversary of Christ's nativity.

To all who knew "Chris." Smith the news of his death will bring great regret and grief; to those of us who knew him best, it comes to us as a personal loss.

Quiet, steady, courteous, generous, he won and held his host of friends, not by brilliant achievements on the athletic field, nor by marked ability in scholastic or literary fields of endeavor, but by a peculiar and lovable personality which captivated those around him and held them in spite of themselves.

"Chris." Smith was born February 16, 1879; at Charleston, W. Va., where he lived up to the time he entered college. He entered Washington and Lee in the fall of 1896, and remained here three years, subsequently attending the University of West Virginia and the University of Virginia. About a year ago he was compelled to leave the latter institution on account of his health and immediately went South to seek relief from the pulmonary troubles from which he was suffering. The past year he spent in travelling in Texas, Arizona and Lower California in a vain search for health, the end coming while he was at El Paso, Tex.

His many friends among the students and alumni of Washington & Lee grieve that a spirit so true, manly and honorable has gone from among us.

Married.

GOSHORN-HONAKER.—On Dec. 18, 1901, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. P. Honaker, Draper's Vatley, Pulaski county, V., by Rev. James Henderlite of Accomac county, Va., Mr. Fred. W. Goshorn of Charleston, W. Va., and Miss Birdie Honaker.

We extend our hearty congratulations, mainly, of course, on the ground that "Fritz" has gone so far on the way to success in so short a time. Many's the man that can't get a half mate.

Don't forget the mass meeting on Monday evening in Tucker Hall.

Personals.

Miss Annie R. White spent the holidays with friends in Philadelphia.

F. W. Anschutz, class '00, who has been engineering in Nicholas county, W. Va., was in town during Christmas.

E. E. Booker, a former student, who has an engineering position near Parkersburg, spent his holidays at his home in town.

T. A. Bledsoe, A. B. '01, of the faculty of Locust Dale academy, near Orange, Va., and Edwin Bledsoe, medical student at the University of Va., were at home during the holidays.

Miss Mayne Davis of Knoxville, Tenn., was the guest of the Misses Heuston this week. Miss Davis is a student at Bucknell Institute, Penn.

The December Collegian.

The reviewers of the last Collegian were the recipients of so much "scoring" from Virginia to far Georgia that it was hard to tell which fared the worst, the criticised or criticiser, if we may use the latter term.

In the issue before us we are glad to say that no such singing sarcasm is necessary, and as a whole the number is very creditable and we hope it is the forerunner of greater things to come.

"A Lesson from Bacteriology," which shows an analogy between the social and animal organisms, is an article well worthy of perusal and it is very evident that the author has derived much profit from a course in the department that has its abode in the building near the Tucker hall.

A knowledge of the laws of energy and motion is seen in "Effect of Science on the Emotions," although we only wish the writer could have deduced a law subject to which the other sex seem to move, as some of their cousins seem, to us at least, to be rather exaltic.

There must be a dearth of poets in the University this session, for in the whole issue not a stanza appears to give us a breathing spell. Strange, too, when "Every Man is a Greek Poet." Professor Hoxie's admirable article is concluded in this issue.

Our editor, as an after-thought perhaps, touched lightly on politics, but his remarks were probably more to his constituents' taste than on a former memorable occasion.

Dr. Denny in Lynchburg

Tuesday's Lynchburg News: "Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee university, made the address to the men's meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. A large audience of business men, prominent citizens and young men, went to hear him, expecting an interesting meeting and they were not disappointed.

"Rev. R. H. Fleming, D. D., gracefully introduced the speaker. He said when the presidential vacancy occurred in Washington and Lee university, the trustees looked over the country to get the best man to fill this exalted station, once graced by General Robert E. Lee and the late Hon. William L. Wilson. After carefully studying men they finally decided that they had the right man in one of their professors, and chose Dr. George H. Denny. Though this occurred but a short while ago, yet the wisdom of the choice had been splendidly evidenced in the success attending Dr. Denny's administration.

"Dr. Denny at once entered into his discourse, selecting as his subject, "Repentance," and from the first sentence the audience realized that they were listening to a young man of genius and power.

"It would be impossible in a short space to give even an idea of the great analysis of this solemn theme as outlined and pressed home upon the hearts with forceful language and powerful argument by the earnest speaker.

"It is safe to say that a more thorough, practical and impressive discourse has seldom been delivered in this city."

Tucker May Enter the Congressional Arena Again

Yesterday's Richmond Times: The retirement of ex-Congressman Harry St. George Tucker from the head of the law school of the Washington and Lee university is creating a great deal of talk in political circles, and is thought by many to mark the re-entry of the brilliant leader into the political arena.

Mr. Tucker has from the time he succeeded his distinguished father as congressman from the Tenth district, been one of the popular idols of that section, and he is already being looked upon as a congressional probability in the future. It is not known that Mr. Tucker has any further political aspirations, but his recent moves are certainly creating much talk among his admirers.

When here the other day Mr. Tucker, while in conversation with a former constituent, asked concerning the people in a certain county in the district, and his bright eyes sparkled as he said: "I can never forget them; they have always been my friends." It is said that Harry Tucker came as near knowing every voter in his district as any man who ever represented it in congress.

To use a term now made almost classical by its use in one of the monthly lectures in the Chapel, the Christmas examinations proved "most disastrous" to the Junior Law class, and many of them now understand why so large a percentage of the Senior class added a junior subject or so to their senior course last term. Only 16 men out of a class of 33 passed the examination on contracts, and the only consolation we can give to those who failed is that they helped to maintain the high standard of Washington and Lee and should be satisfied with that. The results of the Senior examinations have not as yet been made public, because the members of the Senior class of this year are so constituted that they can do better work when in doubt concerning the results of their previous efforts.

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