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## PINAFORE.

On Thursday evening, at the Opera House, there gathered one of the largest and most select audiences ever assembled in Lexington. It was the occasion of the presentation of the opera, Pinafore, in the preparation of which the members had rehearsed long and untiringly.

We can pay no higher tribute to the participants than to say that their rendition of this charming opera far surpassed the most sanguine expectations of their friends and sponsors. The performance was a "benefit," the proceeds contributing to the fund for the erection of the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Building on the campus of the Washington and Lee University. Its very object enlisted in the preparation thereof Lexington's best talent—the best writer say—the best talent in the country.

With such an assurance, you will not wonder that on this occasion the "sisters, cousins and aunts" of the Pinafore crew were largely in evidence.

Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather, which kept many away who would otherwise have been in attendance, a crowded house greeted the crew in their second appearance last night.

The chorus of voices was superb, affording abundant evidence of the skillful training they had received from those who had in hand the direction of affairs.

Mrs. S. B. Walker in the role of Josephine, the Captain's daughter, was the personification of grace and picturesqueness, lending to her splendid voice an ease of manner seldom seen in amateur aggregations.

Miss Janet Allan as Buttercup, sustained the reputation she has enjoyed since last fall, when as the "Bride," in "Trial by Jury," she so completely captured the house and had us all at her mercy.

Hebe (Miss Lulu Semmes) was a dream of loveliness—indeed, a fit subject to "soothe and comfort one in his declining days."

Mr. S. W. Frierson as Captain

Corcoran looked his part and in its rendition was very strong.

Sir Joseph (Mr. Robert Nelson,) was inimitable, and his "official utterances" never failed to bring down the house.

Mr. Euritt in the role of Dick Deadeye, was strikingly realistic; his splendid voice and confident manner lent courage to the crew.

Mr. Anschutz as Ralph Rackstraw, sustained the part well, and in the solo, "Farewell, My Own," was generously applauded.

Finally, the writer would feel himself untrue to every prompting of right and good conscience, were he to fail to make mention of the role which Mrs. Gertrude Tucker Logan has played in the rehearsing for Pinafore. From the beginning she has been the promoter, the foster-mother of this undertaking, and has worked with untiring zeal and energy to make the performance a success. To her we make our most profound bow, linked with the welcome plaudit, "Well done."

Below, "if you please," is the cast of characters.

Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B.	Mr. Robert Nelson.
Captain Corcoran.	S. W. Frierson.
Ralph Rackstraw.	F. H. Anschutz.
Dick Deadeye.	E. D. Euritt.
Boatswain.	R. H. Hancock.
Boatswain's Mate.	G. B. Capito.
Sergeant of Marines.	Cadet Raleigh.
Josephine, Captain's daughter.	Mrs. S. B. Walker.
Buttercup.	Miss Janet Allan.
Hebe.	Miss Lulu Semmes.
Sisters, Cousins and Aunts.	Misses Mattie Gillock, Ruth Anderson, Mary Moore, Martha Moore, Fannie White, Mildred Myers, Laura Carter, Bessie Quisenberry, Bessie Boley, Louise Brockenbrough, Nell Brockenbrough, Mary L. Smith, Mary Barclay.
Crew.	Messrs. J. R. Tucker, Jr., G. P. Fishburne, John Dillon, J. H. Shivelev, J. T. Robinson, C. T. Smith, Cadet Phil Harding, Mr. E. D. Sloan.

## V. M. I vs. St. John's.

Last Saturday was a splendid day for good ball playing, and the Institute put up a gilt edged game against St. John's. Purter was a puzzle to the Marylanders, and the team played well at all points. Meem had three unassisted put outs to his credit in one inning. Shaner and Montgomery made some pretty catches. For St. John's all hands lacked interest in their playing. The final score was 17 to 4.

## Ten Pin Party.

Again the bowling alley, was the scene of a most enjoyable gathering. Tuesday night was the time, and despite the excessive heat of the day, the bowlers did not suffer at night.

About as soon as two would get off in some quiet seat or for a promenade in the long hall, there would come the unwelcome greeting, "your roll."

The rolling was not the only thing the party gathered for, if we may judge by the scores, for oftentimes they were anything but good.

Besides the young ladies of Lexington there were present Miss Frierson of Alabama, Misses Kinnear of Lynchburg, Miss Daniel of West Virginia.

After a game of ten pins had been finished Lowney's chocolates were introduced and cordially received by all. A game of cock-hat finished the games, of which a score was kept, but to an observer many little games were going on and doubtless some archery was indulged in and "old scores fixed up."

By more than one it was declared the most enjoyable roll ever attended.

The couples present were: Miss Nelson and Mr. Young; Miss C. Kinnear, Mr. E. Waddell; Miss M. Kinnear, Mr. Walker; Miss E. Ross, Mr. Miley; Miss Patty Myers, Mr. Vaughan; Miss Sallie Preston, Mr. McElwee; Miss Frierson, Mr. Watts; Miss Campbell, Mr. Moore; Miss Leyburn, Mr. Hyatt; Miss Nettie Preston, Mr. Morgan; Miss Daniel, Mr. McIlhany; Miss Kate Pendleton, Mr. Pratt; Miss Daisy Preston, Mr. Farrar; Miss Pratt, Mr. R. Shields; Miss J. Kinnear, Mr. Bratton; Miss Quarles, Mr. Nelson Myers.

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In answer to the correspondence of last week we will say:—

1. In regard to making the RING-TUM PHI a part of the Athletic Association—that what was proposed was merely a proposal, and it was not expected that the Association would take charge of the paper without its consent. Whether the proprietors wish to give the paper to the Association is a question not yet settled. Of course, as C. says, there would be no room for two papers.

2. The objection to the section requiring an instructor to be one of the Executive Committee seems to be that the free will of the members will act wisely enough without such limitations, yet the voters of our land are limited as to whom they may elect as president. He must be of a given age, and it seems that we would not be amiss in making some such regulation as to one of the student members of the Executive Committee.

3. As to the committee which appoints the managers and editor he speaks of the increased power of the politician which would then exist. This is thory. For fact we have two examples at the universities of our own and of our neighboring state, North Carolina. At Virginia a committee nearly identical with the proposed Executive Committee does the appointing, and at Carolina a committee similar to our Athletic Committee has charge of the same business. At both these institutions politics have been conspicuously absent in the workings of the committee. To our knowledge committees at Virginia have been known to appoint men of different parties from the majority of the committee, showing that their committeemen are men of enough honor to appoint the man whom they think best fitted for

the position. Would a committee whom we elect be inferior in this respect?

4. As to the limiting of the managers' powers, the change does not limit the manager more than now, but the restrictions are merely put down more in detail.

5. As to the futility of establishing another committee, we also think it may be well to have but one—the Athletic Committee which we now have—and let the duties which have been proposed for the Executive Committee be put upon the Athletic Committee.

In this number are some other proposals for changes which have been suggested by the Athletic Committee which will also be considered at the May meeting.

This thing of stealing clappers, breaking gates, and destroying college property is getting to be a nuisance to say nothing of the vandalous side of the question. The perpetrators of such make awful geese of themselves if no worse. They stay up till the small hours toiling arduously to destroy the property of the institution which does ten times as much for them as they will ever do for it, and for all this they get nothing, not even glory, for no one takes the trouble to find out who they are. The object they have in view is hard to detect. The faculty is not disturbed by the loss of a clapper or the breaking of a dozen gates. They don't have to foot the bills. The only thing done is to curtail the surplus to be used in making improvements.

## Harry Lee.

The four who will handle the oars for the glory of Harry Lee this Commencement are: Stroke, Ran Shields; 3, Fitzhugh; 2, Capito; 1, Bonnie. The candidates for coxswain are Benoist Shields and Houston. The crew is composed of light men, but they are wirey and will row a good race.

## President Wilson.

President Wilson left last Saturday for New Haven, Conn., where he is delivering five lectures in the Storrs course of the Yale law school on "Parliamentary Law and Methods of Legislation." A reception was given him on Monday night at the house of Professor S.E. Baldwin of the law school.

## The Lindsay Affair.

On yesterday afternoon, when one of our fellow students went to play a game of pool, he refused to acquiesce to an unreasonable request made by the proprietor of the hall, whereupon the proprietor, a big fellow for whom even Brann in his best day had no fit epithet, grabbed him; and, when the student struck him, called for help. This was the signal for the brother of the proprietor to slip up behind the student and lay him out with a cue, cutting an inch and a half gash across the forehead, laying open to the bone.

Without a doubt this was the most cowardly act we have ever seen;—two men, 200 pounds—jumping on one of the smallest men in college, and not content with nature's weapons they deal a dirty blow with a cue. Would that we had the gift of the Iconoclast. We would paint this affair in its true colors, which would be so gruesome that no student worthy of the name would ever enter the hall again and would shun any other student who would lower himself enough to be seen there.

The opinion has been formed in the minds of some of the people in town that the students have so little organization that anything done to one of them will not be taken up by the rest; and we are sorry to say they have some grounds for their view, as some of the fellows continue to patronize dealers who do not advertise in our publication, etc. But, though we carry a good deal, there is a last straw, and it has been put on the camel's back.

One of our peelers, one Spillan, also showed his yellow streak by letting the offender go without so much as a summons. That is the way. Niggers and toughs go Scott free, but let a student do anything and they have him pulled in a jiffy.

And to this we ask with the gallant crew of the Pinfore—"Shall we submit?"

## Pinfore Notes.

The audience seemed to be able to tell a good deal by Sir Joseph's eye.

Sir Joseph Porter was a great seaman, but he was not the equal of Lord Nelson.

The heavy rains enabled the Pinfore to come up North River without making use of the locks.

## Local and Personal.

The friends of Mr. W. K. McClung are glad to see him back again.

A joint meeting of the Literary Societies this week adjusted the matter of expense in sending representatives to the oratorical contests.

President Wilson is at Yale University, delivering a series of lectures on the "Origin and History of Representative Government."

Mr. H. H. Lile of the Law department, has been confined to his room for several days on account of sickness.

Mr. McBrayer Moore was called to Bessimer, Ala., on Friday night of last week, by telegram announcing the serious illness of his sister.

We regret to chronicle the departure of Mr. W. C. Bouldin, who was called to his home in Texas by the illness of his father.

Mrs. Aglionsby and daughter of West Virginia, who have been visiting at President Wilson's, returned home on Monday.

Miss Daniel, who has been the guest of Miss Barclay since the Easter holidays, returned to Charles Town on Friday.

Miss Dillon returned from Indian Rock on Wednesday, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Lucius P. Dillon, who is rapidly recovering from a spell of fever.

## Y. M. C. A. Sunday.

Tomorrow Mr. L. A. Coulter, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association of Virginia, will address the association. Let us have a good attendance and we will more than enjoy it, we will be profited.

In the Y. M. C. A. Hall tomorrow at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

## Albert Sidney.

The Albert Sidney boat crew has been picked and the men are working hard to make a winning crew. Their training pledge has had some new restrictions put on it, two of which are the prohibition of "boss" at all times, even Sunday, and soda water phrase which shuts off all drinking at soda fountains. The successful candidates are: Stroke, McCluer; 3, Muir; 2, Witherpoon; 1, Tucker. The candidates for coxswain are Nelson and Shively.

**St. JOHN'S vs. W. & L. U.**

Last Monday when the 'Varsity team crossed bats with the St. John's College boys, the rooters expected an unequal and one sided contest, and they were not disappointed. St. John's played a much better fielding game, however, than they did against the V. M. I's on Saturday, but they were powerless in the face of the terrific slugging of the 'Varsity team. Jones started to pitch for St. John's but in the third inning after eleven hits and thirteen runs had been made off him, Clark was substituted. For the next five innings he held the 'Varsities down to three runs, but in the eighth they found him and new balls were continually called for, and as a result ten men crossed the rubber plate. Two more in the ninth off him ended W. & L. U.'s batting. Pratt held the visitors down to six hits and they were scattered.

The feature of the game was the batting of the 'Varsities, four balls being put out of the lot for homers, Snyder getting two and Pratt and Faulkner one each. Campbell plunked the ball against the right field bank three times for two bases, and Burnett getting a three bagger and a single with four times at the bat.

In the first inning two bases on balls and four hits netted the 'Varsities four runs, but in the second the merry-go-round was in full swing—two home runs, two two-baggers, three singles and a base on balls added nine more runs to the 'Varsities credit.

The third and fourth innings were blanks but in the fifth two more runs were added. Another blank was recorded in the sixth, another run added in the seventh and in the eighth a home run, a three-base hit, a two-bagger and two singles with several errors allowed ten more runs to be scored.

The scoring of the 'Varsities closed in the ninth with a home run, a two-bagger and a single, crossing two men at the home plate.

St. John's four runs were made in the fourth, sixth and ninth innings. In the fourth with two men out, and second and third bases covered, Brady at third tried to make home, Burnett threw to Davis who muffed and Brady scored. In the sixth Brady hit for three bases and

scored on a passed ball by Burnett. In the ninth Mockall hit safely, Clark followed with a hit over second which passing Maxwell allowed both to score.

W. & L. U.		St. JOHN'S.			
AB	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	E.
Snyder, 1b.	8	5	11	0	1
Campbell, ss.	7	5	3	2	4
Pratt, p.	8	2	4	1	1
Maxwell, cf.	7	2	2	2	0
Faulkner, 2b.	7	3	4	4	2
Burnett, c.	4	3	2	5	2
Barclay, 1b.	5	2	0	0	0
Davis, 3b.	6	2	1	0	0
Frierson, rf.	7	2	2	0	0
Total	58	28	24	25	9

\* Two men out for stepping out of box while batting.

ST. JOHN'S.		W. & L. U.			
AB	R.	IB.	PO.	A.	E.
Blanchard, 2b.	4	0	0	4	4
Jones, P., 3b.	4	0	0	3	1
Tolley, cf.	4	0	0	4	0
Brady, ss.	4	2	2	2	1
Mockall, 1b.	3	1	2	6	0
Hill, lf.	4	0	0	1	0
Clark, p.	4	1	1	2	1
Spota, c.	4	0	1	4	0
Wisser, rf.	4	0	0	1	0
Total	34	4	6	27	8

Summary.—Home runs—Snyder 2, Pratt and Faulkner. Three base hits—Burnett. Two base hits—Campbell 3, Pratt 2, Frierson. Base on balls By Jones, 3, by Clark 4, by Pratt 2. Struck out—By Jones 2, Clark 4, by Pratt 8. Umpires—Mr Powell of W. L. U. and Mr. Taylor of V. M. I.

At the preliminary oratorical contest held on Monday night, Mr. H. W. Anderson was chosen to represent Washington and Lee University in the Southern Interstate Oratorical contest to be held in Nashville this month. Mr. Charles F. Myers was chosen to represent us in the State contest.

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That in five licks I'd make him perspire,  
But he'd rather go barefoot than wait.

Last evening I met him out walking,  
And spoke to him, seeing him lonely;  
To come ahead told him, while talking;  
But the odd fellow came afoot—only.

When with him I've seen him explode,  
Spit his sides, yet he still in the swim,  
Uncle Sam should patent this microbe,  
For how well had the Maine been like him.

T. M. K.

**Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the Athletic Association.**

**ARTICLE IX—To read—**

The dues of the Association shall be one dollar (\$1.00), payable at the opening of each session.

On the payment of two dollars by a member, not including the membership fee, the manager of the football department will issue a season ticket, non-transferable, which will admit the holder to all games played by the 'Varsity football team in Lexington. By a like payment of two dollars the baseball manager will issue a season ticket to all games played by the 'Varsity baseball team in Lexington. No season ticket will be sold to any student who is not a member of the Association.

No one shall be considered a member until his annual dues are paid for the first year. Provided, however, that the Athletic Committee may at their discretion remit the dues of any member of a 'Varsity team, or of the boat crews, who may be unable to pay his dues.

**ARTICLE XII—To read—**

**Admission of Members.**—Any matriculated student on paying the annual dues of one dollar to the treasurer shall be enrolled as an active member of the Association. Application for associate membership must be approved by the Athletic Committee, and when so approved the applicant may become an associate member on payment of \$1.00 to the treasurer of the Association.

These amendments are proposed at the suggestion of the Athletic Committee for discussion and adoption at the May meeting, the idea being, if possible, to get every student into the Association shortly after the opening of the session.

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In Latin, Greek, Math., &c  
References: Letters from faculties Wash. & Lee, V. M. I., Univ. Va., and others.

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