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'BY THE STUDENTS AND FOR THE STUDENTS.'

## Mass-Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon the students assembled *en masse* in the basement of the chapel for the purpose of stirring up interest in general athletics in the ranks of the student body. It is to be regretted very much that it was necessary to call together the students for such a purpose as this. Each one of us should be so enthusiastic over general athletics in our University that there would be no need of any urging with regard to this matter.

Mr. Wilson first addressed the meeting, telling us that inasmuch as we had been defeated in only one game this season, there was no cause for discouragement and urged the necessity of putting in the field as good a team as possible.

Prof. Humphreys then spoke to us of the hearty sympathy which the Faculty felt for us in entering upon all our athletic contests. He pointed out what the Faculty had done in the way of providing a splendid athletic ground and seemed so enthusiastic over having a good team he *almost* volunteered his services in its behalf.

Mr. McClure then spoke on the great encouragement to the teams of a hearty "Chic-a-go-runk" from the side lines. Too much can hardly be said along this line. We all appreciate the good work of our fellow-students while they uphold the reputation of old Washington and Lee in the athletic arena. Then let us cheer them on to victory with our football songs and yells. It shows the team that we are taking an interest in what they are doing and is perhaps the very greatest source of encouragement which we can give them.

Mr. Bryan then spoke on the subject: "Does criticism help or hurt a team?" Here again we find a very important factor in making up the success of teams. Indiscriminate criticism is a source of great harm. It discourages the players and knocks all the vim out of them. A moderate amount of criticism coming from the proper source, will be appreciated and, no doubt, will result in good, but too much of it has, as we have seen, a very bad effect. If we haven't something good to say to the play-

ers let us say nothing at all. We should remember, too, that criticism has to do with merits as well as demerits, and when a good play is made a man should be congratulated and it will help him to make another.

Mr. Farrar then spoke to us of the necessity of raising some funds. He proposed a plan which in every way seems an admirable one. Some fellows may not be able to pay as much as five dollars in order to secure an athletic ticket. By the plan which was proposed by Mr. Farrar he could pay the manager now whatever he felt able to give and be admitted to games as long as this amount lasted. This seems a good plan and one which doubtless would prove satisfactory.

After the meeting adjourned the boys collected on the campus and gave the yell. No sounds could have been more welcome than the voices of a hundred men in the good old "Chic-a-go-runk." It has been a long time since we heard it, but it should not be so again. The absence of the yell shows that college spirit is on the decline and we want to keep it up and help our teams to victory.

W. & L. U.

vs.

Columbian University.

Score 11 to 6 in Favor of the Visitors.

Last Monday was the first of our football games and we played on our own grounds. The game was hotly contested from beginning to end. The teams appeared about evenly matched although the visitors had weight decidedly in their favor. What the home team lacked in weight it made up in activity and dogged persistence.

The W. & L. team opened the contest and then followed rapid playing, some of which was not of the best. Columbian was the first to make a score. Beard failed to kick goal. It was not long after that Bryan took the pig-skin across Columbian's goal-line and Campbell kicked goal. These were the only two touchdowns during the first half of the game. The Columbians kicked off in the second half and played hard ball, and Lyn-

dall advanced the ball fifty feet. It was not long before Norcom took the ball across the line and Beard kicked goal. The score did not again change, although it seemed that at any time W. & L. would score.

The game revealed our weak points and these should be as far as possible remedied.

The halves were only 15 minutes each. Had we played longer halves no one doubts that the result would have been different.

For W. & L. the best playing was done by McNeill, Bryan and Campbell, while Beard, Norcom and Tyndall upheld Columbian.

There were no serious injuries and very few injuries beyond a few bruises.

The line up was as follows:  
Columbian. Position. W. & L.  
Beard.....left end...Witherspoon  
Green.....left tackle.....McNeill  
Osterman.....left guard.....} Rogers  
Cummings.....centre.....Barclay  
Saunders.....right guard.....Deacon  
McGown.....right tackle.....McClure  
Meigs.....right end.....Mullen  
Rye.....quarter back.....Shipp  
Fowler.....left half back.....Bledsoe  
Tyndall (Capt.).....right half back.....Bryan  
Norcom.....full back Campbell (Capt.)

Captains Spillman and Milton, of the V. M. I. were umpire and referee respectively. Linesmen, Mr. Tucker, of W. & L. and Mr. Weaver, of Columbian.

## Gymnasium.

More interest ought to be taken in the gymnasium and especially in the boxing. If a class can be organized, opportunity is now offered for instruction in boxing by a good boxer. Let all the students come and take advantage of this offer. Every man should know how to box and none of the students ought to let this good opportunity for learning slip.

The prescriptions will soon be distributed and then the charts can be made out. Each one that desires it, can copy a chart for himself. After these prescriptions are given out, classes I and II, and also the special classes on apparatus will be organized.

The United States postage stamps sold in Manila up to September 1st, amounted in value to \$18,000.

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Through some error which seems to belong to no one in particular our exchange list was misplaced and our business manager has failed to mail the RING-TUM PHI to the exchange. The editor now apologizes for such seeming carelessness but begs to assure the editors of exchanges that up to a day or so ago he supposed that the paper was regularly reaching them. He had wondered that so few had come in return. Will those who receive the RING-TUM PHI this week for the first time please enter it on their exchange list so that we may keep in touch with them.

The football practice on Thursday was the best we have had any day this fall. We have some good material and now with hard training and encouragement from all, all that is necessary now for a winning team is hard and earnest practice and plenty of college spirit—not only on the part of the players but of the entire student body. The cheering for the team should not be so great while it is gaining but while it is losing ground. Great good can be done by urging on and encouraging a team. It has been the prevailing custom among those on the side lines to grumble and growl at the players when a losing play is made. There is nothing more discouraging to the men than this; and it is a habit that must be gotten rid of if the team is to play winning ball.

In a recent address a speaker said that the following four things

are essential to success:

First, Determination by both students and team to win.

Second, Thorough-going team work.

Third, Dogged perseverance.

Fourth, Self-sacrifice and unselfish devotion to the success of the team.

Let's try all four.

Our game on Monday is in no wise discouraging. We did not play our best it was manifest but we were playing against very much heavier men and this alone gave us a decided disadvantage. It is to be remembered that our team has had many interruptions in its practice and considering all things our prospects are brightening every day.

The mass-meeting on Thursday was an enthusiastic gathering and much good is predicted from it. We are so much separated by reason of boarding around in private families that we forget to practice that inspiring tune, the Chic-a-go-runk. Let us give a good yell every Wednesday morning just after Chapel.

The *Gazette* has the following about the V. M. I. game on Saturday:

The first football game of the season took place here Saturday afternoon at the Virginia Military Institute between the cadet eleven and the team from Columbian University of Washington, D. C., resulting in a score of 33 to 0 in favor of the home team.

From the beginning it was apparent that the visitors, although larger men, were no match for the cadets, who were well trained and athletic.

Although the Columbians put up a good game, the cadets drove them back and made touchdown after touchdown, many times crossing the entire field.

Columbian kicked off, and the first half consisted of brilliant plays and touchdowns, every inch bravely contested, and resulting in a score of 17 to 0.

The second half consisted of similar plays to the first, the cadets by rapid playing, preventing their opponents from scoring, and themselves closing with a score of 16.

The leading plays on the cadet side were made by Derbyshire, of Richmond; Otey, Meem and Shanner, of Lynchburg, while Cummings, Rye and Tyndall did valiant work for Columbian.

### Wednesday Morning.

As usual the Chapel was full or nearly so and the lecture of the President was no disappointment, for if possible it was better than usual.

On beginning he announced that two kinds of letters were received during the past week, some concerned a scheme to build a battleship by contributions from students throughout the country, as he had determined never to ask money from the Chapel platform these letters were passed by and a few minutes were devoted to the others. In these it was proposed to establish Oct. 19th, the 127th anniversary of the surrender of Cornwallis, as Lafayette day. The whisper of a holiday which resounded throughout the Chapel made it evident that Lafayette was much revered by W. L. U. students. This noble sentiment did not seem to exist with the President for after advising all to read of the life of the distinguished Frenchman he coldly stated that there would be no holiday.

Resuming the topic of territorial expansion Mr. Wilson said that it was by the skillful diplomacy of John Adams and John Jay, who being members of the peace commission disobeyed the orders of Congress and succeeded in having the territory acquired by George Rogers Clark and a Virginia army included in the possessions of the United States.

The possession of this Northwest territory by the states in common, (for Va. ceded it to them in 1784), was in a large measure the means of preventing the States from falling out in 1786 and of gaining the adoption of the constitution. Notwithstanding the great importance of Clark's work his name is not even mentioned by some of our historians.

Neither Clark, Sam Adams nor Washington; no, not even the Scotch-Irish at all. At this surprising statement a look of pain flit across the countenances of one or two Professors.

Leaving the question as to who did accomplish it all somewhat undivided, the President said continuing that there was no stain left on the fair name of the United States nor did its political life undergo any strain in acquiring the territory between the Mississippi and the Pacific. The growth was natural, healthy and in full accord with the Constitution. With one exception the territories when suf-

ficiently large have been admitted as States. New Mexico, however, with a population larger than either Montana, Idaho or Nevada has not been taken into the sisterhood of the states because her Spanish-American population was not thought trained for self-government.

The President brought out the fact that men in the heat of a political campaign or in the triumph of war often deal excitedly with momentous questions. He said that not many months ago we went to war, for the sake of humanity, with the weakest, most bankrupt of nations. Yet the treatment of the army and navy has not shown our humane motives, nor has the expansion of territory policy adopted since the war given much truth to the statement of our intentions.

Up to the present time the rule of conduct laid down by Washington in his "Farewell Address" has been wisely followed, which is for us to have little political connection with Europe. The policies of the two countries are and should be different so "Why quit our own to stand on foreign ground?"

### Football in the East.

Public criticism has become so strong in the last few years that the framers of football rules for this year have endeavored to make the game less dangerous. The list of penalties is very long; for instance, when a runner is down he must not try to crawl on the ground and edge his ball up or it will be given to the other side. This makes it unnecessary for a whole team to pile on one man, and if anyone does jump on a man when he is down his side loses fifteen yards. The method of scoring is changed. A touchdown counts 5 points; a safety 2 points; a goal from the field 5 points, and a goal from a touchdown 1 point. The Northern coaches are trying to have more scientific team work and to have no individual playing. The football critics argue that the open play is the best game; but the U. P. still sticks to her mass plays of putting six men behind the line and bunching them together at one point. In the South the football rules have made it impossible for such by allowing only four men behind the line.

—Ex.

Owing to excessive rain our football grounds are too wet for a game to-day. Game next Tuesday.

#### Personal Mention.

Mr. C. E. Bushong has withdrawn from college.

Mr. C. B. Perrow, of Lynchburg paid his brother Mr. M. G. Perrow a visit this week.

Roy Mitchell was in town this week.

Miss Bessie Poague and Miss Lucy Effinger were bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss Nettie Moore Strickler to Rev. Charles Franklin Rankin in Richmond this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth P. Allan and Miss Margaret Allan are visiting in Baltimore. They are the guests of Dr. and Mrs. George J. Preston.

The *Richmond Dispatch* has the following: Miss Lucy Shipp, niece of Mrs. James Keith, will be married at her home in Lexington before Christmas. The bridegroom is to be Mr. Ben Huger, of North Carolina. Mr. Huger was some years ago a student at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

Miss Fay, of New Orleans, who has for several weeks been visiting her brother, Professor Edwin W. Fay, is ill with fever.

Mr. W. A. Haines, of Staunton was visiting in Lexington last Sunday.

Rev. Thomas A. Johnson whose marriage took place on Wednesday, has accepted a call to a church in Hagerstown, Md., and will go there about the middle of November. His congregation will reluctantly give him up.

At the annual convention of the Daughters of the Confederacy Mrs. S. B. Walker, Jr. was elected Treasurer and Mrs. E. P. Allan, Historian.

#### Program of Washington Literary Society, October 29, 1898.

Orators: Allan, Theobald.

Declarers: Bledsoe, E. P., Smith, E. C.

Debate:

Aff. Ott, E. D., (open), Brown, (open),  
Bledsoe, T. A. Smith, C. T.,  
Goshorn, Lee,  
Seig, Joliffe.

Question: *Resolved*, That prohibition is beneficial.

Orators Nov. 5th, Chermside, Wade.  
C. N. Roark, President.  
Chas. S. McNutty, Secretary.

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

At the weekly meeting of the Association, the exercises were conducted by Mr. R. M. Lacy, assisted by a number of the members. The attendance was perhaps a little smaller than usual, due doubtless to the beautiful evening, so inviting for a walk in the country.

The weekly prayer-meeting held in the Y. M. C. A. hall every Friday night has been fairly well attended. We hope it will continue to grow in numbers and influence. There is a pray-meeting held at the Blue every Tuesday night and is attended by all the men in the house.

Four classes for Bible study have been organized and have fairly entered on the work. Surely the men of Washington and Lee have every opportunity for spiritual development.

Dr. James Lewis Howe will address the Association to-morrow. We hope a great many of the students will be present.

The *County News* has the following curious account:

About one month ago Mr. J. E. Deaver purchased a cow on Walker's creek and on the road to Lexington she broke away from the drivers and hid in the cliffs along the river above "Jordan Neck." He has made frequent efforts to recover her but without avail. She is represented to be as wild as one of the bison that used to roam the Western plains. A week ago the men seeking her cornered her on a cliff overhanging a deep eddy of the river, and not to be outdone or caught she took a header off the cliff into the water, that would have done credit to Sam Patch, and came up on the other side.

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### Among the Colleges.

The University of Virginia has 548 matriculates. It is expected that there will be 600 this year.

At Princeton the library is now kept open at night.

The military department of the University of Iowa has been abolished.

Although the standard for entrance into the civil engineering and scientific departments of Cornell University was raised this year, the attendance is an increase over that of previous years, there being about 1,800 students enrolled in the different departments.

Walker, the great fullback of the University of Nashville, is teaching at St. Albans this year.

At Princeton the incoming class is the largest in the history of the University. The largest school delegation is from Lawrenceville which sends forty men. Newark Academy, Shadyside and Hill School each send between ten and twenty, while St. Paul's, Andover and Pingry send between five and ten. Nearly every State in the Union is represented. The entire number in the class is 320.

Last spring at the entrance examinations at Yale there were 1,119 applicants, against 1,115 a year ago. In the Academic department there were 723 applicants this year, against 701 a year ago. In the scientific department there were 396, against 414 last year. As last year's class was much below its predecessor in numbers, the slender increase this year is regarded as very unsatisfactory.

Leland Stanford University is to have a handsome new library with a capacity of 200,000 volumes.

The Biological Department of the University of Pennsylvania is to have a "live" house. This building, when completed, will correspond to the green house of the Botanical Department, only it will be intended for the use of those taking the course in zoology. The house will be so arranged as to enable bugs, beetles, marine animals, small vertebrae, etc., to be kept alive for the purpose of reference and investigation. This will mean the addition of greatly increased

facilities in the zoological branches, which have so far been hampered by lack of adequate specimens in a live state.

Kentucky University has a co-ed society.

The members of Pennsylvania's last year's Varsity baseball team have been awarded gold cuff buttons as souvenirs, and the "subs" silver ones. The design is two crossed bats and a ball.

Cornell University has been presented with \$1,500,000 for a medical school. Although the name of the donor is not given, it is generally believed to be Colonel Oliver H. Payne, who has given so generously to medical institutions in the country before. The Cornell Medical College will be situated in New York, at First Ave. and 27th St., and the architects have been instructed to spare no expense in meeting every material need of the students and physicians. One prominent feature of the building will be the dispensary, which is to be the largest in New York, occupying more than half of the first two out of the five floors. The four years' course will be given in New York, although the first two years may be taken at Ithaca.

Princeton has a training table for the "scrub" team.

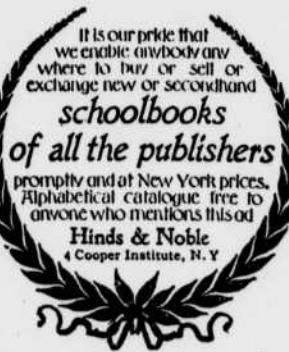
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