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## Albert Sidneys.

The crew has been hampered in their rowing by not having but three seats. Last year some one took one of the seats and has never returned it. We certainly think that if one is going to steal he could find wealthier organizations to steal from than from our Athletic Association.

From now on there will be a pretty race between the contestants for positions on the Albert Sidney crew, even if the Harry Lees do not make the race interesting in June.

Sieg is a good steady man and if he makes the crew can be relied upon to do his share.

Tucker has no end of endurance and will probably be put on because of that as well as his rowing.

Flournoy is pulling a good oar and stands a good chance for the crew.

Campbell is a little short but for a new man pulls the best oar on the river.

Moise stands a good show. He has the making of a good oarsman.

Witherspoon and McCluer rowed on last year's crew and are sure of places on this year's crew.

There are now only two running for coxwain.

Keeble is under the hundred-weight and may develop into a good coxwain.

Collins is rather heavy but has the coolest head.

Some have said lately that the Albert Sidneys were dead or had disappeared, or some such stuff because they had not painted "Old George."

They are not dead, neither have they disappeared as the Harry Lees will find out to their sorrow on the day of the race.

The Harry Lees may do the painting but the Albert Sidneys will win the race.

## Harry Lees.

The prospects for the Harry Lee crew this year are most encouraging.

Moore and Powell of the winning crew of '97 are rowing well.

McPheeters, a "sub" on the '97 crew is almost certain of his posi-

tion.

Holmes, Sloan and Hamilton are rowing well and all stand about an equal chance for the remaining position.

The crews have been hindered by a broken oar-lock, but are now working steadily.

The crew will be picked in about a week and from then on the practice will fit them for a sure victory in June.

We trust the Albert Sidneys will be able to get a good crew so as to make an interesting race. They will have to work hard to be in the race.

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

The regular leader for the evening, Mr. C. S. McNulty, was unexpectedly called away, too late to procure another to speak on any definite topic. Mr. T. D. Sloan took charge and after the ordinary devotional exercises the remainder of the hour was taken up in a song and prayer service.

These informal meetings, as an occasional departure from the ordinary rule, are always enjoyed.

## Chapel Wednesday.

Quite a number of towns-people were present at Chapel Wednesday when President Wilson again took up the so-called trusts and showed the tendency of the times, revolution and healthy evolution.

In his lecture, by way of illustration, Mr. Wilson contrasted present conditions with those of the past. He read a very interesting account by Senator Hoar, of the hardships confronting the young New Englander sixty years ago. This picture he declared represented the average condition of the different sections of the country at that time. Changes have occurred with wonderful rapidity.

The President said there were three factors that had served to separate the latter quarter of the century from the first in advancement. They are: steam, electricity and the corporation. Naturally the railroad precedes the rest and in its growth one can see the

tendency of all modern industries exemplified. First, there is the period of speculation; second, the period of competition; and finally that of consolidation. The President showed this growth in the development of the sugar trust, the Standard Oil trust, and other similar combinations, and going somewhat into detail briefly described the manner of organization and present management of these creations of modern enterprise.

## The Collegian Election.

At a joint meeting of the Washington and Graham-Lee Societies the following gentlemen were elected on the *Southern Collegian* staff: Editor-in-Chief, Mr. E. C. Smith, Montana; Assistant Editor, Mr. W. J. Lauck, West Virginia; Business Manager, Mr. S. C. Lind, Tennessee.

Mr. Smith has served on the board of Editors for one session and is thus acquainted with the work before him.

Though Mr. Lauck is a new man on the board, he will do credit to the position which he fills.

Mr. Lind who has been assistant Editor and is this year Editor-in-Chief shows his unflinching loyalty to the magazine by transferring his efforts to the business management. That his work will be faithfully done we are all satisfied.

## In the College World.

The theses for the candidates for a Doctor's degree at Yale have been published under the title of "Yale Studies in English." Although it is only four years since women have been admitted as candidates for this degree, yet four of the five volumes which compose the series were written by them.

There are 40,628 university students in the United States.

Heidelberg has officially recognized classes for regular practice in field sports. The movement is as yet too young to appreciably reduce the frequency of student duels.

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Crises occur in the existence of almost any organization. Faithfulness on the part of the members of the organization is often sufficient to turn the tide and give a favorable issue. Circumstances made the existence of our base ball organization a serious question, indeed a vital question. The loss of two of our best men disheartened some of the players, and for one day it seemed as if the team of '99 would be a thing of the past.—Such a condition happily existed for only one day, for realizing the obligations resting upon them the other players again started in with renewed zeal and enthusiasm to make the very best possible showing with the material we have.—The improvement which they have shown in the past few days is highly gratifying and deserving of the most cordial support on the part of every loyal student. There are men in college who can play good ball but who will not try for the team, men who have had experience of several years either here or elsewhere. These men could do much to add to the impulse already given in the right direction.

A hurtful precedent which has existed at W. & L. to a noticeable extent is that of allowing men to have a "cinch" on different positions on the teams or crews. In work which is representative, only those should be retained who by special fitness stand out as the men for the places. Nor should a man's being on the team at the be-

ginning of the season insure his keeping the place later on. It frequently happens that another who is at first almost as good will show such rapid improvement as to outdistance the opponent who has the "cinch" on the team by reason of an old precedent. The same caution is sometimes true with reference to men who have in former years held positions. Let college be first and self last in every thing.

For years we have depended too much on the efforts of one, or two, or even three, men. What we need to learn once for all is that we cannot afford to depend so fully on any one that his loss would seriously affect the total. While never forgetful of the good services of individuals and ever anxious for their coöperation we need to learn the important lesson of training men to step into any vacancy. The true spirit is not to stop to think over the loss of good men, but *always* have other good men to take their places. This may be accomplished by proper and persistent training of material which is good but undeveloped.

The following clipping from the *Cornell Sun* so fully reflects the needs of our own athletics that we present it to the attention of the student body:

"After all is said on the subject of support for athletic teams, the fact remains that no other sort of support is so good as the support given by attendance at games.—Subscriptions are necessary; but more than mere dollars is needed in order that our teams may be winners. Yells are as stimulating to the player; and no team can do its best surrounded by empty bleachers."

### How to Encourage Athletics.

Always bet on the opposing team. Money, 'tis good, and it's well to have cause to rejoice in case of defeat. It is very inspiring to the team to know that it is making money for its friends. It shows, too, that you are "dead game."

Make it a point to play billiards when a match game of ball is going on. It's cheaper and then it shows your interest in the game.

Come out and guy the players. It makes a man feel pleasant after a muff which breaks his heart to

be told that he has mistaken his calling.

Encourage the batter by reminding him that he struck out last time and agonizingly ask him why he struck at that out-curve. He knows.

Above all, croak. Never be persuaded to believe that our boys can play ball, and think that every fly of the opposition is going to be muffed. Express your opinions in the most public manner. It makes your friends comfortable.

The proper thing is to kick about the make-up of the team and brag all the rest of the time about what a wonderful player you are. Don't try for the team yourself, though. You might hurt your reputation by playing with scrubs.

If the management doesn't suit you, don't fail to remark about it. Advise the players as to how to play. They never think about their work, and, of course, you know all about every department of the game.

Cuss the Faculty. They have no interest in base ball and are trying to ruin athletics. They ought to let us hire professionals.

Remember the errors made.—Never let them slip your memory. It doesn't make any difference about the good plays. Besides, if you praise a player, he might get swell-headed. He has only done what he ought to have done. You will gain a reputation as a critic by remarking on every bad play.—Hold the team up to the standard of professionals.

Don't come out to watch the practice. It rattles the players to have a crowd watch them. They will feel at home playing before a crowd in the match games.

Don't play on the second team. If you do, however, insist on pitching. Discourage the organization of the second team. Good players are never brought out that way and it doesn't develop players for next year.

Those who have subscribed the least to athletics have the best right to criticise. Those who have subscribed and paid have exhausted their privilege.

### Base Ball.

A good deal of encouragement can be drawn from an analysis of the result of the game of base ball played yesterday with the "Stonewalls." The score was 31 to 2 in six innings, Davis pitching against

Baker.

The fielding of the team was very good, three errors being made on difficult chances, and many of the plays were brilliant.

The batting was also most encouraging. While a great many errors were made on the other side, the hits were good and solid and several for extra bases, Downey getting a home run. Speaking of home runs, Barclay was not well enough to play.

Out of seven times up, Davis got two hits, Graves four and Wilson three. Out of six times at bat, Lee made two safe ones, Andrews four and Glasgow three.

The boys are practising faithfully and are steadily improving both in batting and fielding.

The interest shown by Messrs. McElwee, Hopkins, White and others in attendance and play in practice is appreciated.

The pluck shown in continuing faithful work under discouraging circumstances cannot be too highly praised. Such a team will yet win us glorious victories; even in defeat, it will be glorious.

### Base Ball Among the Ancients.

A member of the Canton Theological School, who is interested in the great national game, has written two theses on "Base Ball Among the Ancients." From these are gleaned the following points:

γ The devil was the first coach—he coached Eve when she stole first. Adam stole second.

ψ When Isaac's servant met Rebecca at the well, she was walking with a pitcher.

Samson struck out a great many times when he beat the Philistines.

Moses made his first run when he slew the Egyptian.

Cain made a base hit when he killed Abel.

χ Abraham made a sacrifice.

The prodigal made a home run.

David was a great long distance thrower.

φ Moses shut out the Egyptians at the Red Sea.—Ex.

It should be added that Rebecca caught Isaac's servant out at the well, and that Noah put the dove out on a fly.

Noah was the first sure pitcher—"he pitched it within and without." And Solomon was captain of the team when he said, "Let us go forth into the field."—*Colorado Collegian*.

### Personal Mention.

Miss Lucy Effinger is visiting Mrs. W. T. Poague.

Mrs. Oliver Perry Alford, Jr., left this week for New York.

Mr. C. S. McNulty has been called home on account of sickness.

Mr. J. Shepherd Clark, of New York, an alumnus of W. & L. is in Lexington.

Rev. H. P. Hamill, the newly appointed pastor of the Methodist Church here has taken charge.

Dr. James Lewis Howe was absent in Salem on Thursday where he delivered an address.

Mr. J. E. Arbuckle has withdrawn from college to enter business in Charleston, West Virginia.

Miss Janet Allan is to entertain next Monday evening in honor of her friend, Miss Buchanan.

Miss Eliza Dillon has returned from a delightful visit to Washington and Philadelphia.

Miss Kate Pendleton, of Wytheville is visiting Mrs. S. P. Lee at the "Pines."

Miss Hankla, of Staunton, is the guest of Col. and Mrs. Hunter Pendleton.

After a delightful visit to friends in the city, Miss Mary Powell has returned to her home in Alexandria.

Col. and Mrs. Hunter Pendleton entertained the first class of the Virginia Military Institute last night.

Dr. Henry Alexander White will address the students of the University at the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. H. C. Getzendanner, B. L., '80, of Shepherdstown is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Auditor of West Virginia.

President William L. Wilson has accepted an invitation to deliver an address in Staunton, June 9th, at the Confederate Memorial exercises.

Professor Edwin W. Fay was in Buena Vista Wednesday where he acted as best man at the marriage of Rev. C. W. Trawick to Miss Winnie Paxton.

The University Cotillion Club gave its regular April dance in the gymnasium last Tuesday night. As usual it was an extremely delightful affair and was kept up till a late hour.

Mr. H. P. Rhodes was married to Miss Annette Jones at Crozet

last Wednesday. Messrs. Frank Miller and Theobald, of W. & L., accompanied him. Mr. R. L. Miller, of Paris, Ill., was best man.

In the absence of Dr. Whaling, who is in Atlanta attending the International Sunday School convention, Dr. G. A. Wilson, of this county, will preach at the Presbyterian Church to-morrow.

Lieutenant Arthur M. Shipp left last Monday for South Carolina where he will visit until May 1st, when he will report at Columbus, O. for duty. "Buck" carries with him the best wishes of many friends.

A full attendance at the Wash. hall is desired to-night (April 29), as there is important business on hand.

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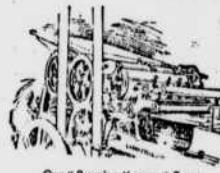
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*Student Publications:* The RINGTUM PHI, published weekly by the students; *Southern Collegian*, published quarterly by the Literary Societies; *The Calyx*, Annual, published by the students.

**Hon. J. R. Tucker's Work on the Constitution.**

The work of the Hon. J. Randolph Tucker on the constitution of the United States is now in the hands of a Chicago publishing firm and will be issued from the press next month. It was prepared by Mr. Tucker during the closing years of his life and places in an enduring form his knowledge of a branch of the law in which his learning was preëminent. Beginning with a treatise on political science and a historic sketch of the English constitution he treats the main subject under separate headings as determined by the history of our country beginning with the Colonial era and ending with the Constitutional era since the war. The intervening eras were the Continental congressional era, the Confederate era and the Constitutional era down to 1861.

The work has been edited by the Hon. H. St. G. Tucker since his father's death.—*County News.*

**Program of Washington Literary Society for May 13th.**

Orators: Allan and Brown.  
Declaimers: Bledsoe and Sieg.  
Debaters: Aff.—Lee, Smith, McNulty; Neg.—Ott, Theobald, Goshorn, Jolliffe.

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