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## 1903's Banquet.

Last Friday evening, Feb. 14th, the class of 1903 enjoyed a most elegant banquet at the residence of Mrs. J. E. Booker. A few members were absent, possibly because they were busy studying, possibly because they were on the verge of bankruptcy, and possibly because they failed to appreciate the pleasure to be derived from such a meeting, but whatever the cause, they missed an opportunity such as comes to man but seldom in this life, for having a good time and a good supper. Those present had come for the purpose of getting all out of the affair possible, and they did it.

At a quarter to 10 the feast began, and indeed it was a feast of which princes and lords might well have been proud. It makes us hungry to think of the oysters, turkey, salads, ice cream and other delicacies so beautifully served, but we believe in being merciful to our fellowmen, so will refrain from further description.

When at last the tables were cleared, cigars were passed around and toasts and speeches were then in order. President Bagley spoke of the appropriateness of our meeting at this time, when wedding bells have just made so many of our friends happy, and also of the importance of keeping up class spirit.

The class orator, T. C. Wilson, delivered a flowery oration on the "Lexington Calic," saying that he had been told that his subject was an old one, and likewise that the calic also were rather ancient. He then showed that such a subject could never become old, and that the charge against the gems of Lexington was hackneyed and without foundation, and concluded by advising every man present to endeavor to secure one of these fair maidens to light his pathway through life. Hamilton spoke briefly on the history of '03 in athletics, "scraps" and college work in general.

Wilson now proposed a toast to the Senior class, to which Wither-

spoon eloquently responded, paying a high tribute to them for their originality, progressiveness, and real worth. Millen, becoming sentimental, made a pretty speech on "'03's loves," and proposed a toast to them which all drank heartily. Pleasant talks were then made by Shively, Turner, Lamar, Jones and others, while toasts were drunk to almost everything of common interest.

After spending half an hour in the enjoyment of pleasant songs, a vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Booker for so delightfully providing everything necessary to make the evening pleasant, and the meeting adjourned, each man feeling happier for having been present.

## Washington Literary Society Celebration.

The Washington Literary Society have extended an invitation to the student body to be present at their annual celebration of Washington's birth.

The regular program will be carried out, orations to be delivered by Messrs. Weaver and Thomson, and a debate on the "Partitioning of China," by Messrs. Miller, Stanley, Wallace and R. R. Phelps. The music will be furnished by several young ladies from the Southern seminary at Buena Vista.

The officers of the celebration are Edgar Sydenstricker, president; E. M. Millen, vice-president; A. L. Jones, secretary, and E. D. Ott, chief marshal.

It is to be hoped that the same decorum will prevail tonight as did at the Graham-Lee celebration of January 18, and that the audience will remember that they are guests of the society and at least pretend to enjoy the exercises.

Everybody is invited, town and gown. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock tonight in the University chapel.

Fort Worth (Tex.) Register: "Mr. Elliott scored a great hit last night. He is a whole comedy company in himself, a sort of syndicate as it were."

## Washington Society.

In the absence of both president and vice-president last Saturday night ex-President A. M. Hamilton was called to the chair.

This being the time for the election of an orator to represent Washington and Lee at the Intercollegiate contest to be held at King College early in May. Mr. Duncan of Kentucky, was chosen. He will compete with a Graham-Lee orator for the honor.

The question was then discussed as to whether we should accept the Graham-Lee's invitation to a joint calic meeting. After hearing arguments for and against it the Society decided that it was to her best interests to decline. This action was taken mainly on account of the unhappy result of the past joint debates.

The first orator was F. A. Magruder who gave a logical presentation of the need for an educational qualification for right of suffrage. The subject has been often debated but the sound reasoning and easy delivery of the speaker made it a very pleasant oration. The other orator, Samuel McPheeters Glasgow, told a pitiful tale about why he had no oration prepared and besought the president to allow him to declaim instead. He then rendered that poem that always thrills the heart of man—"Curfew Shall Not Ring Tonight." Sam is a good speaker. He was followed by Landis, who declaimed a parody on Antony's oration at Caesar's funeral. He did this very well indeed, but no one can improve on this oration as Shakspeare wrote it.

As the hour was getting late a motion was carried to do away with the debate for the evening to allow some of the men to go calicing before 10 o'clock.

Healthy boy,  
Cigarettes,  
Little grave,  
Violets.—Ex.

The University of Chicago is to establish an annex at Paris.

## David Harum.

IMPERSONATED BY EDWIN P. ELLIOTT — UNIVERSITY CHAPEL, MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 24TH, 8.30 O'CLOCK.

This is to be a splendid entertainment. Students, faculty and town-people cannot afford to miss it. It is for the benefit of athletics and the managers of the teams earnestly hope that there will be a full house.

### PROGRAM.

An original dramatization of Edward Noyes Westcott's celebrated novel,

DAVID HARUM,

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John Lenox, A Hero in Reduced Circumstances.  
General Wolsey, A New York Lawyer and Mary Blake's guardian.  
Dick Larrabee, Factotum to David Harum.  
Deacon Perkins, A pillar of the church  
Chet. Mimson, Clerk in the bank.  
Zeke Sweeney, An Usurer of Homerville.  
Mary Blake, Ward of General Wolsey.  
Aunt Polly, Sister to David Harum  
Widow Outton, Who has seen better days

Act I.—Exterior of Harum's bank, Homerville, N. Y.

Act II.—Interior of the bank.

Act III.—David's sitting room, Christmas day.

### Y. M. C. A.

On February 16 the usual Sunday afternoon meeting was held in the lower chapel. There was scarcely an average number of students present, but there seemed to be no lack of interest. Mr. McClure led the service, and gave a talk on the important subject of the Responsibility of Students. After citing some Biblical examples of college bred men, he said that the responsibility of fostering Christ's kingdom devolved upon the college student to a great extent. Every one who leaves college will have more or less influence upon the world. If this influence is good it will advance the cause; if not, it will hinder the work greatly. Therefore, the great opportunity and the great responsibility are to reach the students first. He urged the Christian men to make a greater effort to see their fellow students before they start out into the world of action. Dr. Quarles then dismissed us with the benediction.

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The class banquets which have taken place during the past week remind us pleasantly of the fact that there is class spirit of the right sort at Washington and Lee. Those who have long left "these classic walls" are wont to complain of the dearth of college memories that ought to "throng in pleasing fancies" as they sit beside the "evening fire" on the hearth of a new home. Perhaps the fact may be explained by the dearth of open fires, and the use of steam, hot air, or "king heaters," concomitant with the bustle of the present industrial and commercial period. But a great deal of it is due to the dearth of things to remember. Class gatherings foster the feelings of interest in student life; and each of us will be so much the sadder if that feeling is not strong enough to live throughout our after life to remind us of our days at our alma mater. Let us not omit to perform the duty of preparing to remember old Washington and Lee.

It is a thing to be regretted that the librarian must be caused so much trouble in regard to the Century magazines which were charged to a student of this University. The magazines in question were six in number, as announced in our columns some weeks ago. It is possible that the student who took them out has not seen the notice for their return on the library door or in the columns of the RING-TUM PHI, but he cannot be so ignorant of the

rules of the library or of the necessity of justice to others who use the library that he does not see his error in keeping the magazines out so long. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the request of the librarian be taken notice of by that gentleman for the sake of politeness, to say the least.

We notice with pleasure that our esteemed exchange, the Lexington Gazette, is to be continued notwithstanding the sad death of its honored editor, the late Mr. E. H. Barclay. We understand that two of our townsmen, Messrs. Wm. R. Kennedy and J. Scott Moore, have purchased the plant, and assumed the editorship. It is a fact to be rejoiced over that a paper, which has for so long a time had a useful career in Rockbridge county, shall not die but live to commemorate the memory of its late editor and to continue its usefulness under the new management.

## Banquet '04.

The class of '04 met at Squire Granger's Friday night to enjoy their first class banquet. The banquet was served at 11 o'clock in the Squire's most sumptuous style. After the banquet proper had been cleared away and cigars passed around, Mr. Dennis assumed the authority of toastmaster. The following toasts were then drunk to the Squire's best:

"The Class '04," Mr. Osborne.  
"'04 in Athletics," Mr. Smith.  
"'04, Past and Future," Mr. Carney.

"The Ladies," Mr. Thomas.  
"The Retiring Dean of the Law School," Mr. Price.

"Myself as an '04," Mr. Haw.  
"The New Men in '04," Mr. Pritchett.

"Good-night," Mr. Tabb.  
Among the toasts not on the program was one to the toastmaster's mustache, drunk with great enthusiasm.

The feature of the evening was the Squire's response to the toast to himself. The class was much impressed by Squire's moral precepts, and the toast was redrunk, modified to "The Squire and his Posterity."

President Denny made an address today before the State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association, which is in session at Staunton.

## Debate in the Economic Class

A quite exciting debate took place in Mr. Hoxie's class in Junior Economics on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the question of establishing an international standard of bimetallism of gold and silver at the ratio of 28 to 1. For several weeks the members of the class have been working hard at compiling briefs from which the eight best were selected for the oral debate, with four on each side. After these were selected, their compilers set to work and combined all the different points, assigning to each speaker a certain number of points to present, which resulted in an interesting debate. The speeches on both sides showed a familiarity with the question, some deserving especial mention, as those of Messrs. McNulty, Duncan, Graybill and Pilkington. A necessary limit to the time prevented almost all extraneous talk and "embellishments" in the way of "oratory," and made each speaker drive to the point in hand and hit as hard as possible. Both sides accused each other of not producing sufficient proof for statements, which called forth a formidable crop of statistics, and every variety of illustration in lieu of logical argument. The judges were Messrs. Price, Sydenstricker and Whipple, who rendered a majority report in favor of the negative.

Mr. Hoxie is to be congratulated on the progress which his students have made in a few month's time. With a purely representative set of men of the academic college, he has achieved noteworthy results and made every man feel interested in the subject of economics. It is to be hoped the men will continue the debates.

Lynchburg (Va.) Advance: "Mr. Edward P. Elliott, the noted impersonator of Boston, and a gentleman who has delighted thousands of cultivated auditors all over the American continent, captivated a large audience last night. With such a story, with so practical a moral and so versatile an artist, this pleasant evening will linger long in the minds of the members of the Star Course."

Come and help athletics out by enjoying yourself at the Chapel Monday night. David Harum is an interesting book; but just wait until you see it played and recited!

## Verbum Sap.

Let everybody come to the show on Monday night, so that it will be for the benefit and not the detriment of athletics. The management has got to have some funds with which to run a successful season, and by patronizing the entertainment on Monday night you not only help the manager to toot his horn in fitting style, but in David Harum you will see a good thing and enjoy yourself at one and the same time.

The management this season starts off with not a surplus, as last year, but with what is practically a minus quantity, viz: he has to furnish nearly the entire team and extras with new suits—all the old ones having been stolen from the gymnasium last summer by thieves or rowdies.

In this connection (not to change the subject) it seems only right that the University authorities ought to investigate the matter and at least make an attempt to locate the guilty parties. A passive tolerance in such cases only tends to encourage such outrages. In fact it is a duty to report or endeavor to apprehend the criminals in every instance of this kind. If said authorities proceed vigorously, the culprits may yet be found, and even if the goods be not recovered, it will at least benefit society in general and discourage further depredations, particularly on college property.

E. G.

## Athletic Association.

In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the regular mid-session meeting of the Athletic Association will be held on next Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in Professor Nelson's lecture room. Full attendance most earnestly desired, as important business may be on hand.

Georgetownian (Georgetown College), Ky.: "Seldom have we seen an impersonator followed with such breathless interest. Mr. Elliott is an artist, and brought out the delicate shading of this piece of literary art most admirably. In facial expression, in gesture, and in tone adaptation he presented an impersonation which in many respects amounted to a second creation."

Minnesota played the entire season without having to remove a man from the game on account of injuries.—Ex.

**Personals.**

Rev. Dr. H. A. White preached at Trinity Methodist church Sunday morning.

Professor H. St. G. Tucker is the guest of the Hanhattan club, New York city, today.

Miss Mary Houston expects to leave Lexington on Wednesday to visit in Baltimore and Washington.

Miss Roberta Preston of Abingdon, Va., is the guest of Mrs. S. R. Moore.

Miss Fannie Gay Catlett of Staunton, is the guest of Mrs. Reid White.

Miss Bruce Houston sustained a rather severe fall from a buggy this week

Messrs. Gibbs, Atkins and Brown entertained the Florida club in a very pleasant way at Mrs. Larriek's on Monday night.

Miss Wellford of Warsaw, Va., who was the guest of Mrs. H. A. White for several days, returned to her home Tuesday last.

Miss Virginia May of Staunton, is spending some time with Miss Rosa Tucker and other friends in Lexington.

We have received a catalogue of the New Mexico Military Institute, which is quite a relish from the wild West. Among the faculty we are glad to notice the name of B. F. Harlow, A. M., W. & L. '98. Two V. M. I. men are also on the staff.

It is said that one of the "calic" men has received a new kind of scriptural love letter. The sender was too busy to write her usual epistle, so she referred him to Philimon, v. 22. Upon borrowing a Bible, he found to his joy: "But withal prepare me also a lodging, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you." Congratulations.

**Special Notice.**

LEXINGTON, VA., }  
Feb. 20, 1902. }

I desire to inform my friends that I am no longer in business with Mr. John LaRowe. I am now with Mr. W. E. Granger and would be pleased to have my friends call and see me.

W. P. REILLY.

Don't forget David Harum Monday night, at the University chapel.

**Major R. C. Marshall Has Entered the Army**

Major R. C. Marshall, commandant of cadets at the Virginia Military Institute, who was some weeks ago appointed by the President a second lieutenant in the coast artillery, received orders from Washington Saturday to report for duty, and promptly severed his connection with the Institute and left on the early Baltimore and Ohio train Tuesday morning for Fort Myer, near Washington. He will go thence to Fort Wadsworth on Staten Island, in New York harbor, where he has been permanently assigned to duty. He attracted much attention at parade inspection Saturday afternoon, when wearing the glittering uniform of an officer of the United States artillery, he inspected the battalion for the last time. The severance of his connection with the Institute is much regretted. He has already seen service in the United States army, having been a lieutenant of volunteers in Cuba during the Spanish war.

The position of commandant at the Institute will be filled by Major H. C. Ford, professor of Latin and English, until the end of the session. He will continue to teach his regular classes, and the classes in military science, usually taught by the commandant, will be taught by Colonel E. W. Nichols.

**A Donation from John D. Rockefeller**

President George H. Denny of Washington and Lee university, received Friday night from Mr. John D. Rockefeller of New York, a letter making a subscription of \$5,000 to the William L. Wilson Memorial chair at Washington and Lee. Mr. Rockefeller's beneficence to educational institutions has been very large and he continues to give largely on the same line. It is encouraging to find that his attention has been thus favorably directed toward Washington and Lee.

Dr. Robert Frazer, late president of State Female Normal college, spent Friday night in Lexington the guest of Hon. H. St. G. Tucker. They are to be associated together in canvassing in the interests of education. Dr. Frazer was a member of the Rockbridge battery during the civil war.

Mr. Howard W. Barclay of Ronceverte, W. Va., who since the beginning of the Christmas holidays has been ill at the home of his father, Mr. John W. Barclay in Lexington, was able to be out on the street Monday. Accompanied by Mrs. Barclay he will tomorrow return to Ronceverte to resume his duties as principal of the High school. Mr. Barclay is an alumnus of W. L. U.

Mr. Robert E. Hutton left yesterday for Baltimore, where tomorrow he will attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Lexington Light and Power company, and next day will attend the interesting exercises at Johns Hopkins university, of which he is an alumnus, incident to the installation of the new president, Dr. Remsen.

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