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## Final Ball Election.

The election for president of the final ball of 1904 was held in Tucker Hall last Friday afternoon. For several weeks of the last session, and during the number of days preceding the election, the friends and followers of the respective candidates had worked very diligently for their choices and, as a consequence, a very full vote was polled, 263 men out of 286 voting.

Although the campaign had been very hotly contested it was run on such a high and honorable plane that no hard or bitter feeling was engendered, although the workers had talked and button-holed here and elsewhere, on the train, or in Staunton, or in Glasgow, or wherever they might find an unwary freshman or an unpledged "old man," and had poured into the ears of these men stories of the ability and qualifications of their candidate; although such was the case it was done in an honored manner. But the work counted and on the eve of battle both sides were well organized and confident of victory.

Professor H. Parker Willis consented to act as chairman of the nominating convention, and afterwards as judge of the election, which was conducted according to the Australian system, and which was held immediately after nominations had been made for the different offices. At 3:30 Mr. Willis called the convention to order announcing that the object of the meeting was to elect final ball president, editor of The Calyx, and business manager of The Calyx, and called for nominations. Mr. Howell of Florida, rose and in the following speech placed in nomination Mr. J. Sharshall Grasty of Staunton.

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Students of Washington and Lee University:

We are assembled here today for the purpose of selecting a competent person to fill the office of president of the final ball, the highest office within the Student body.

I have in mind a gentleman

who is eminently fitted for that position, by reason of his financial and executive ability; by reason of his energetic and successful prosecution of any enterprise with which he is connected. One who has always been loyal and true to the interests of this grand old institution; one who is ever kind, courteous and sympathetic to strangers and newcomers as well as to friends and classmates, whose motto is justice and equal rights to all men and favoritism to none. Whose smiling countenance and genial nature diffuse sunshine and pleasure over and among all with whom he comes in contact.

A man who has befriended deserving and worthy students financially and otherwise. One who, to my own individual knowledge, has arisen from his comfortable bed at midnight and tramped through cold, darkness, mud and rain to befriend a sick and needy stranger. A man who is an A. B. of John Hopkins University, and if he lives until next June will be B. S. of this University. A writer for one of the leading scientific journals of America, and a Virginian patterned after the old school. Whose life and character are as pure and unsullied as the splendor of a midday sun. I have the pleasure and the honor of presenting to this convention as a candidate for the office of president of the final ball, John Sharshall Grasty of Staunton, Va.

Mr. Grasty's nomination was seconded by Mr. J. H. Day.

Mr. A. M. Duncan of Kentucky, then nominated Mr. Herbert S. Osburn of Leesburg, Va. He spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman and Fellow Students:

Near about the middle of June, when the warm summer day wanes, giving way to the peaceful Virginia night, and no one watches save the owl and the moon, there comes into the lives of Washington and Lee men and into the history of the University a felicitous event. The cares of a year have been laid aside; books are but a memory, to many

dim and distinct; while the professor who at one time seemed to be the bane of our existence, are friends and companions on the festive occasion. It is a night of good will, of jollity and legitimate hilarity; a night when Southern gallantry is repaid by Southern smiles. It is the night of the final ball, which, in its beauty, seems almost like the dream of a midsummer night. But not the greatest beauty lies in the fact that the ball room is gorgeous in appearance, or the music sublime, or the women fascinating, but in that it is a student affair given by them and for them and their friends. And it is needless for me to state that we, the student body, are assembled this afternoon to take the initial step to make the ball of 1904 a success, by placing in the hands of some worthy the sceptre of social supremacy for that occasion.

It is a maxim in politics that to the victor belong the spoils, and it is equally true among college men that to the older men, if they are worthy, belong the college honors. The command of army is not at once given to the volunteer, it matters not what his military prowess may be.

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if you look therein you will see that he is a lovable, honorable, open-hearted man. He has been with us for four years, and during this time we have studied him, and known him and loved him. He has not been an office seeker, but has waited for his turn and now asks you for your support for this position, for which he is so well qualified. I present to you the name of our friend and schoolmate, Herbert Stabler Osburn.

Mr. D. H. Ralston seconded Mr. Osburn's nomination.

It was then moved and carried that nominations for this office be closed.

Mr. Preston Allen then placed Mr. T. A. Bledsoe in nomination for editor of The Calyx and his nomination was seconded by Mr. Hartman. Mr. D. H. Ralston nominated Mr. Bouchelle of Georgia, for business manager of The Calyx and Mr. Henderson seconded the nomination.

Upon motion to that effect, the convention adjourned and the voting began. Two secretaries called the roll of the students and as they were called each student received a ballot, proceeded to the booth, voted and handed his ballot to the judge.

The polls remained open till 7:45. The votes were then counted and they showed that Mr. Osburn had received 152 votes to 111 for Mr. Bledsoe.

Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Bouchelle had no opposition.

The election passed off in the quietest manner, as all had expected, and to the gratification of those who desire honorable college duties.

## Alumni Notes

D. B. Harvey, B. L. '03, who is now with a prominent Richmond firm, visited in Lexington for several days this week.

M. B. Gill, business manager of the '03 Calyx, stopped a few days at the University on his way to the Episcopal Seminary at Alexandria where he will study theology.

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### Opening Exercises.

Thursday morning at 9:15 students, faculty and visitors assembled in the Chapel for the opening exercises for the one hundred and twenty-second session of the University. The Y. M. C. A. choir rendered Reginald Heber's "Holy, holy, holy," after which Dr. Quarles gave a Scripture reading Job xxviii., a passage of unknown authorship. He then offered prayer for the success of the work of the session, besought Divine guidance for those who hold the responsibility of teachers, and prayed that the environment, both general and special, of the young men in the town might conduce to their highest well-being.

The religious exercises over Dr. Denny came forward amid prolonged applause and made the address of the morning. This was of a distinctly informal nature and thoroughly practical, bearing upon the actual life of the men before him.

The students were welcomed to the University, and whatever they might find there was their own. Traditions had been handed down to them inviolate from the generations that had gone, and these traditions must they pass on to the throngs that were to succeed them; and the great tradition of Washington and Lee was that of honor.

But while many had returned to their *alma mater*, and many had come for the first time, so no seats were empty. Why should this be? What were the great factors inimi-

cal to success in student life? They were two: the contraction of often unnecessary debts and waste of time.

To live beyond one's income in making debts could not be immediately paid was not only bad policy but a moral wrong; in the case of students it was against the law of the commonwealth. To make debts was the easiest thing in the world, to pay them, the hardest. The only safe and true way for the student, of course, did not apply to those who were making provision for the expenses of their college course by the assistance of noble-hearted friends; in their cases the spirit of the undertaking assured them all consideration and respect. But one who made a practice of buying on credit was deceiving himself; he was simply trying to get something for nothing.

This was the case also with the second class, those who had too little regard for the value of time. They were desirous of mental development and advancement and were willing to give nothing in exchange. It was the lot of man to have both occupation and leisure, but the leisure was to be earned in years to of activity. He who borrowed leisure for his youth should assuredly have to pay with interest later. The emoluments of life were to be purchased with active industry. "For labor the gods give us all good things."

The assembly was then dismissed with the benediction by Dr. Manly.

### Mass Meeting.

On last Thursday week a mass meeting of the students was called for the purpose of securing the support of the student body for the football management. Mr. Wilson was out of town on business and Capt. Trundle presided in his absence. So few were present that it was impossible to transact the business for which the meeting had been called.

Mr. McNulty took the occasion to make some very sound and appropriate remarks. He said that athletics is a student enterprise and that he knew from personal experience as a manager of athletic teams that many of the students appreciated much more readily the honor conferred upon themselves and upon the college by a victorious team than the personal obligation resting upon each and every one of them to support the management of such a team. According to his testimony there are many who yell very loud over a victory and make big fires out of college property, who haven't given so much as a red to the management. This ought not to be. As Mr. McNulty said, it is the duty of every man in college to show his interest in athletics by supporting as far as he is able the management of our teams.

There are some men who can give only a little, but all these ought to give what they can. There are others with the answer "can't afford it" who seem plenty able to afford most other things. There is still another class who make big promises, but don't come up when the time comes to pay. This is dishonorable, to speak plainly, and has no palliation or excuse. Let every man come up as he is able. It is because only a few give that it is so hard to get anything. If every single man in college does his part the management will be on a sound basis.

It is not certain yet whether another mass-meeting will be called but in case there is let every student be there in his place. We want and are going to have a good football team, so let no man walk around the block to avoid meeting the manager.

A card announcing the establishment of a new law firm in Staunton, Va., under the title of Tucker and Tucker, has been received by the RING-TUM PHI. It is composed of Hon. H. St. George Tucker and J. Randolph Tucker, at one time manager of the RING-TUM PHI.

### Sophs Vs. Freshies.

On Friday night, Sept. 11th, about ten o'clock the Sophs climbed to the roof of the bell tower on the main building and silently dressed "Old George" in his autumn suit, the colors this year being red and black. The Freshies had gotten together too, first at a meeting in Tucker Hall and later after the Y. M. C. A., reception, and entered the lower hall by battering down a door. Their efforts to get into the attic through the trap door being unsuccessful, the upper classmen who had gathered on the campus were about to leave thinking the noise raised by both classes a mere bluff when the fight began in earnest. The Freshmen had broken the ceiling of the Washington Society ante room and had suddenly come down on the head of Sophs in the tower. Men on both sides were falling under the roof, some of them going on through into Dr. Willis' lecture room carrying with them great scales of plaster. At this stage cries of "Man hurt! Man hurt! Compromise!" were raised and the battle was declared off, the Freshies being allowed to adjust George's costume so that yellow and black covered just one half of the statue. For several days many of the new men have been nursing sore heads and aching bodies, but none of these wounds were at all serious. The damage to the Dept. of Economics and Political Science was very great, especially to the library and also the papers of the professor. Several dollars will be required to cover the cost of new window glass and repairs to the roof.

### Wash. Society Begins Work.

The Washington Literary Society held its first meeting last Saturday evening. Many of its old members were on hand, and a very interesting program was rendered. The declamations of Messrs. Kelly and Trundle were especially good, and Messrs. Lapsley, Thompson and E. C. Miller delivered excellent orations.

President Kelly appointed as committee on finance, Messrs. E. C. Miller, Duncan and Armstrong; and as committee on questions Messrs. Tupper, Thompson and Thackston.

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The first foot-ball game of the season has been played and won. Taking everything into consideration the result ought to be satisfactory to all concerned. Miller School has a plucky team, and possibly there is not a better trained team in Va. at this time. Our team's work was good, considering the time they have been training, and shows conclusively that we have a good lot of material out of which to make a team, and that Coach Byles will soon have eleven men working as one. Fumbling seems to be the team's worst fault as yet and on every occasion, save one, it was in this way that Miller's secured possession of the ball.

Miller's played with determination throughout, and Lewis' goal from field was a feature.

Captain Trundle did not play in the game, but he and Coach Byles saw to it that every man had a chance and it is pretty certain from the showing of all who got to play in the game that we are going to have a team that we will be proud of before the season is over. The line up was as follows:

W. L. U.	MILLERS
Ross, (Moomaw)	f. h. Lewis, J. H. (Capt.)
Helson Campbell	L. H. Goodwin
Alexander, D. (Quisenberry)	ct. h. Woodson
Marshall (Alexander, J. H.)	q. b. Harris
Stone	c. Durham
Stewart (Miller, E. C.)	r. e. g. Hildebrand
Jones	l. g. Andrews
Withers	r. t. Vauter
Levy's Whipple	l. t. Lewis, F.
Masterson (Bagley)	r. e. Bragg
Dawson (Bair, Hollingworth)	e. Teller

Time of halves 22 minutes.  
 Touch downs—Helson, Moomaw, Ross.  
 Goals—Alexander, 1; Campbell, 2.  
 Go from field—Lewis, J. H., 1.

**Cotillon Club.**

The University Cotillon Club held its first meeting of the present session Saturday night. The purpose of this meeting was to organize for the coming year. Mr. J. Sharshall Grasty, of Staunton, was elected President, and Mr. Martin P. Burke, of Lexington, Secretary and Treasurer. Those gentlemen proved by the successful dance which was given under the auspices of the Cotillon Club, the following Tuesday night, that the Club and its leaders this year will be well regarded.

It is advantageous to belong to the Cotillon Club, as well as being beneficial to it to have as many good men as possible on its roll. For this season all the dancing men in college and Quise application for membership is being received. The competence of the present social standing of the Club at the University.

**Y. M. C. A.**

On Friday evening Sept. 14th, a reception was given by the Y. M. C. A., to the students of the University. After addresses of welcome by Thompson in behalf of the Association, Dr. Manly in behalf of the churches and the town, and Dr. Currell in behalf of the University, suitable refreshments which had been prepared by the ladies of the town were served. The reception was an enjoyable event, well attended, and an eminent success in every particular.

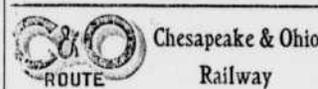
The first regular meeting of the Association was conducted by D. H. Ralston. He made a strong appeal to the students to decide for Christ and become identified with His interests in this University.

Many students indicated their desire to become active members of the Association.

The Bible Study Rally, Sept. 20 was conducted by Rev. Dr. Turnbull. He showed with great force and earnestness the importance of daily systematic devotional Bible study, and that such is imperative because the Bible is God's inspired word and the only source of a revealed salvation.

After the address several students signified their desire to become members of the Bible class.

The prospects for the Association this year are encouraging. The indications are that this will be an exceptional year in the Y. M. C. A. work of this University. The working force has been greatly augmented by the accession of many earnest workers from the ranks of the new students.



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