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Thanksgiving Evening

JOINT DEBATE

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES TO OPPOSE FORCES ON THE PLATFORM

Those who have been in attendance on either one of the literary societies of the University this year well know when you read these headlines that if there is to be a contest between the societies, there is to be one of the most stirring battles of argument and oratory that has ever been upon the Chapel platform.

The societies of the University have been taking on a great amount of energy and enthusiasm for the work that they are designed to do. They have for several years been feeling the growth of the institution, and with it has come the realization that the literary work of the institution must keep pace with the times as well as the University itself. This year finds the societies on a basis that they have never before known. They are possessed of sterling material. They have the growing material. They have the energy, and especially the enthusiasm.

So it is they stand in the history of the University for the year, and possessing this ability and energy they are looking out into greater fields of conquest, into other literary arenas than its own. But the training must be had at home and they are to try their mettle upon each other.

Thanksgiving evening has been set as the date of the first one of these home contests. This contest will be held in the Chapel, and the public is to be cordially invited. The students and their friends, society members and all. There is an invitation to all who enjoy such. The debaters will represent the ability of each society. The question will be one of interest to all. The speeches will be limited and will represent the speakers' best efforts.

This will be the first appearance of the glee club for the year and all will enjoy the music which they render as well as the speeches that are to be heard.

The speakers are Messrs. Tillman, Semple and Armstrong of the Washington Society, and Messrs. Anders, McClure and Bradham of the Graham Lee Society.

Remember there is an invitation to all. You will enjoy it. The

wit, wisdom and oratory of these men is sufficient to bring out the students, towns-people and visitors.

Graham Lee Society

The meeting of the Graham Lee Literary Society last Saturday night was opened by the inauguration of Messrs. Pilkington and Larrick as president and vice-president, respectively. Mr. Pilkington in his inaugural address spoke very interestingly upon the need of oratory in the young men of today as a protection for the future welfare of the country. Mr. Pilkington's appointments were: Secretary, Mr. Sheaf; Critic, Mr. Bradham; Censor, Mr. Herzog.

The regular program was moved forward one week and the rest of the night was taken up in electing officers and participants in the intermediate celebration to be held in the Chapel Jan. 19, 1905. The following were elected to take part in the exercises:

President: Mr. Browning.

Vice-President: Mr. Walzer.

Secretary: Mr. Smith.

Orators: Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Herzog.

Debaters: Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Brittingham, Mr. Pruitt, Mr. Walton.

Messrs. Engle and Addison were also elected as contestants for inter-collegiate debaters.

To be Here Tuesday

Mr. N. Floyd Featherston, the well known entertainer of the National Capitol will give a novel performance at the Lee Memorial Chapel next Tuesday evening. It will be remembered that Mr. Featherston was here on previous occasions and played to a delighted house everytime. He is a tri k musician, monologist, singer and slight of hand performer of the highest class and will give an entertainment introducing up to date songs and monologues. On account of the lack of football games gotten here this year season tickets will admit you to this entertainment, otherwise the admission is fifty cents. Come and help the football management out of the hole; it will only cost you a small sum and you have a good time and will help us materially.

A Smithsonian Institution man has announced that he has found the germ of laziness in South Africa. He has not been down here. If he had he would found lots of 'em.

Football

To the Students:

The cancellation of the Richmond College game was a severe disappointment to us all. Nevertheless if you read the letter on the bulletin board you will see that the game would hardly have been as good as with any prep school. The season is nearly over and we have not had a game here for three weeks and the students are rightfully sore, especially the precious few that bought season tickets. On account of lack of funds the Davidson game had to be cancelled and Cumberland also cancelled, but the Maryland Athletic Club was gotten in their place, but no sooner had we cancelled the Davidson game, than the Baltimore team also wrote saying that they could not come. About a week ago Manager Cutchins of Richmond College wrote saying that they had a poor team, and if possible, for me to let him off of coming here to play, but I told him the situation here and he promised to come. Now on Monday I received his letter saying that the team had disbanded but he was trying to get them together again, but the wire of Wednesday showed that he had failed in this. As soon as I got his letter I began wiring various teams around here and tried eight of them but not one could come, so we are in our present fix. I tried hard to get the game for this week but failed utterly and find that I owe the student body an apology. The season ticket holders will be able to hear Featherston on their tickets, so this will reimburse them somewhat. There are still some men who are delinquent in paying their subscriptions and I would appreciate it very much if they would pay up, we are decidedly "in the hole."

ARBERT STEVES, JR.

Shenandoah Valley Club Meets

The Valley men met in Magruder's room Nov. 9. and an election was held which resulted in the choosing of the following officers:

President: J. L. Williams.

Vice-President: F. A. Magruder.

Secretary: B. E. Clark.

Treasurer: C. A. Engle.

Historian: J. H. Faulkner.

The Club decided to have its first banquet on Thanksgiving night, and after partaking of the feast prepared by our host, adjourned to meet again Nov. 19.

The Dignity of College Athletics

As our great inter-collegiate games are becoming more prominent in the public eye, there is a lamentable tendency on the part of the sporting world to lower them to the plane of professionalism and gambling. It is also to be regretted that some students, who are really opposed to betting, under the excitement of an approaching game, fired by the purest impulses of college spirit and enthusiasm, will thoughtlessly wager a few dollars to "back the team." But is it "backing the team?" Does it help the team to do better work? Would it not be more effective to speak to a few of the players individually before the game, and assure them of your interest and confidence, then go to the game and root for all you're worth? Would it not be a better backing and really show one's interest more to take the few dollars that might be risked in a bet and deliberately contribute it to some form of celebration of encouragement for the team during the game.

Let us remember that as college men, enjoying peculiar advantages according to the limited few, we owe a duty to the world in the moulding of public opinion. Is it not a part of this duty to show the world that here can be a strong healthy interest in athletics and sport without making it a means of gambling? Let us support our team with more enthusiasm than ever in the past; but for the sake of our country and our institution, let us maintain the dignity of college athletics.—Ex.

The Sumter Trip

The football team leaves for Sumter, S. C., where it will play South Carolina College on Thanksgiving day, on next Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock, and catch the Southern at Lynchburg that night and get to Columbia, S. C., at 11:30 on Wednesday morning. They then leave Columbia that afternoon and get to Sumter that evening and stop at Hotel Sumter. There is a fall festival going on at Sumter during next week and the game bids fair to be a good one. Gov. Heywood, an alumnus of this institution will be at the game, also Senator Tillman's daughters. This ought to incite the boys to play hard and win this game.

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Rockbridge County News Print

New York American: "Charles Van Horne, president of the Sophomore class at New York University, was the only sophomore at the freshman dinner at Reisenweber's Friday evening according to a gleeful story told yesterday by the under classmen. Van Horne was kidnapped by a band of five freshmen and treated to a ride from his home to the restaurant in a closed cab and made to "perform" for the youngsters when he had arrived there. The interval between his arrival and the announcement of the dinner was spent in attiring him in a suit of pink pajamas, which contrasted strangely with the evening dress of the others. A private table was provided for the president of the sophomore class and on top of this he was placed, bound with ropes. His hands were left free, however, and as the dinner progressed special courses of bread and milk, salted stewed prunes and occasional doses of tabasco sauce, to aid his digestion, were fed him from a large wooden spoon. When the dinner had been in progress for some time and Van Horne had gone through all the stunts known to celebrating freshmen, from 'scrambling like eggs' to making a 'noise like a nut,' he was required to drink a toast to the class."

Yesterday while at football practice quarterback Alexander was accidentally kicked on the head and quite seriously hurt. He is much better today and will no doubt be able to take trip to South Carolina.

Did Chafce run after a coca cola ticket? If he did its better than some that met the man at every corner.

Brittingham—Watch me win a medal.

Let everybody go to hear Featherstone.

INTER-COLLEGIATE DEBATE

The interest displayed this year in literary society work has led the societies to inaugurate a regular schedule of inter-collegiate debates.

The committee has already arranged for a debate with Columbia University, to be held at Washington sometime during march. An engagement has also been made with the University of North Carolina and we will possibly meet U. of W. Va., and other colleges, all of high standing and aggressive in every university undertaking.

We believe the inauguration of this system will be a good thing for the universities and colleges, by bringing them in closer touch, inter-changing ideas and arousing literary effort within their own walls.

This is not a new field of work for us, as we have debated with some of our state colleges, but our efforts along this line has not been crowned with the best success. It now behooves us to make every effort to put out a debating team which can cope with any of the universities with which we contest.

The usual preliminary contests will be held and competent judges will choose the men who are to represent us. There should be many contestants for the places, for aside from the honor and privilege of representing your college, it is a good training and promotes a thorough scholarship.

V. M. C. A.

The address Sunday afternoon was delivered by Mr. Frank Glasgow, a prominent member of the Lexington bar, and the popular Superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school in this place.

The basis of the address was Matt. 3:8. "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." The author of these words was, according to Isaiah and his own personal testimony as well, "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." Christ says of him that this is that Elias which should come, and that among them that are born of women there hath risen no greater than John the Baptist. John was a unique character who preached repentance. Among those present at the time when John spoke these words were the Scribes and Pharisees, who on account of the shallowness or lack of character were addressed as a generation of vipers. There was no evidence of a genuine repentance for sin in their lives.

The great practical lesson to be drawn from this exhortation of John is that life is the time for repentance not the death bed. In the Bible a large amount of space is devoted to the lives of Abraham, Moses, David

and Paul, while a few simple words record the death of these men, or as in the case of Paul, there is no record of death at all. This all goes to show that how a man dies is unimportant. The life is the evidence of the faith in his soul. A man whose life is full of sound, ripe fruit is what God delights in. The power of God's grace to transform character is limitless. Just as in nature the commonest street dirt made up of sand, clay and soot may, under proper conditions, be transformed into beautiful crystals of quartz, ruby and diamond, so God's grace can transform ones vile character into the likeness of his son Jesus Christ.

W. & L. SCRUBS vs. S. M. A.

Scrubs kick off to Staunton, time 2:55. Staunton downed on 25 yard line. Held on 38 yard line for downs. W. & L's ball. Scrubs advanced rapidly for a touchdown. Time 3:01. Eggert missed goal. Score 5 to 0.

Staunton kicks off to Scrubs. Time 3:05. W. & L. downed on 30 yard line. Advanced steadily by end runs by Dotson and Eggert, for touchdown by Dotson. Time 3:12. Eggert missed goal. Score 10 to 0.

W. & L. kicks off. Time 3:15. Staunton downed on 35 yard line. Staunton held for downs on 40 yard line. W. & L's ball. Advanced steadily to 25 yard line. Time up. First half. Score 10 to 0.

SECOND HALF.

Staunton kicks off to W. & L. Time 3:41. W. & L. downed on 35 yard line. W. & L. held for downs on 45 yard line. Staunton advanced ball 5 yards, when they lost on fumble and Dotson advanced ball 6 yards. W. & L. advanced steadily to 3 yard line, when held for downs. Staunton's ball. Staunton held for downs on 5 yard line. W. L's ball. W. & L. held for downs on 5 yard line. Staunton's ball. Staunton's quarterback attempted an end run and W. & L. made a touchback. Score 12 to 0.

Staunton kicked to W. & L. from 25 yard line. W. and L. advanced ball to 30 yard line. Time up. Second half. Score 12 to 0.

Almost impossible to kick goal on account of wind. Dotson's end runs feature of game. Egger and Cul'um played a splendid game.

Thanksgiving Dances

It has not yet been definitely decided as to when the Cotillion Club will give its Thanksgiving dance. It had been their intention to have them Friday and Saturday nights but because of the fact that music may not be procured the dates may have to be changed. Tickets for these dances may be gotten from Bledsoe or Thomas.

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"Buster" Preston is still sick.

Dotson got his arm broken in the Staunton game. We were all sorry to hear of the accident, as well as to lose one of our good players for the rest of the season.

Mandolin and Guitar Club

There are better prospects for a good mandolin and guitar club than for several years. About 15 men have gone into the work in earnest and the talent is good. The club will be in conjunction with the Glee club and it is hoped that if the two organizations make a good showing they can take several trips. It will require regular practice and hard work to put out a good club, but the talent is in college and there is no reason why every man who can play an instrument should not join in the undertaking. There is nothing which is more conducive to good fellowship or which brings men closer together than a glee club.

We hope that if the clubs do good work and get up an attractive program they can take a trip through the South. It would be a big advertisement for University and would arouse enthusiasm among our alumni and friends wherever it went, besides being a source of pleasure to the members of the clubs. Such a trip is worth working for.

Law Class Election

The Senior Law Class met Monday at 12 o'clock to elect a class historian and Calyx editors, and to discuss some matters of interest to the class. For historian, Messrs. Cave, Bledsoe and Duncan were nominated, and Mr. Cave easily elected. For Calyx editors about half the men in the law class were placed in nomination. Mr. Williamson and Mr. E. S. Shields were elected.

Attractions Thanksgiving Week

The following are some of the student attractions for Thanksgiving week:

The Blue Hotel-Lindsay Ranch game Monday.

Featherstone Tuesday night at the Chapel.

Joint Society Debate and Glee Club Thursday night.

Thanksgiving german Friday night at the "Gym."

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Somewhat of a genius, eh, Mr. Manly?

Oral Debate—Nov 21.

Resolved, That the exercise of suffrage in the Southern States should be limited to those who can read and write.

Affirmative Negative

Mr. Hynson Mr. Moffett
Mr. Cox Mr. Smith

BRIEF FOR AFFIRMATIVE

I. It has precedent. a. Exists in some states. b. Works well where used. c. Supported by sound thinkers.

II. Ignorant voters a menace to good government. a. Stability of a republic depends upon intelligence of its citizens. b. No other test secures intelligent electorate.

III. Objections of slight nature. a. Not unconstitutional. b. Property qualification detrimental. c. Illiterate old soldier would be exempted by public opinion.

IV. Would be of great benefit to South. a. Present racial hatred and differences. b. An incentive to education. c. More intelligent voting would result.

BRIEF FOR NEGATIVE

(First part omitted).

III. Suffrage in the South must be narrowly restricted. a. Evils of Reconstruction. b. Evils of 1875-1895. c. Efforts of South to mitigate evils of both periods.

IV. Educational qualification not desirable in South. a. Present system works well. b. Property qualifications to be preferred. 1. Many vicious Negroes able to read and write. 2. Only better class Negroes own property. c. Revision of election laws preferable to educational tests.

Its a good thing that Thanksgiving comes before the Xmas exams, for there might be a few that would not be as thankful as they should.

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Bradford Law Debating Society

Perhaps the best meeting of the Bradford this year was the one held last Thursday night in Tucker hall. Professor Long presided in his usual able manner, and the arguments showed thought and study upon the case at bar. The court consisted of Chief Justice Stokes, Associate Justices Hunter, Shields, E. S., Howell, J. H., and Mayer.

The case at bar was the case of Norfolk & Western Railroad Co. vs. Tanner. Mrs. Tanner was riding on a free pass and was injured while on the company's train. She sued and the lower court gave her damages to the amount of \$5,000. The Railroad company appealed the case. It was brought out that on the back of the pass was a condition in which Mrs. Tanner had agreed not to hold the company liable for injuries.

Mr. English opened the case for the appellants and made a good argument. He showed by numerous cases that in other courts, including the U. S. Supreme court, the railroad company had been held not liable under similar circumstances. Mr. Duncan followed for the appellees and made a very able argument. He contended that Mrs. Tanner was a passenger and as such was due the same care as a pay passenger. He cited Cooley, Clark and Hutchison to show that carriers cannot contract against their own negligence. He closed with a plea that such contracts were against public policy.

Mr. Moreland for the appellants and Mr. Maxwell for the appellees, both junior counsel for their respective sides, made able arguments, going over what Messrs. English and Duncan had said in their first speeches and citing new authority for their position. Messrs. English and Duncan closed the case with short rebuttals.

The court decided in favor of the appellees by a narrow margin, Chief Justice Stokes, Associate Justices Howell and Meyer deciding for the appellees, and Associate Justices Hunter and Shields dissenting. Mr. Justice Stokes delivered a very able opinion on the case.

Prof. Long decided in favor of the appellants. He said that such contracts were not against public policy and therefore should be held good.

After the announcement of the case, counsel and court for the next time, the Society adjourned.

The person who is really leading the "strenuous life" this season of the year is the college freshmen.—Ex.

The French epicures are eating donkey's brains. This may go to substantiate the charge that the thoughts of the Democrats seemed to be elsewhere on the 8th.—Ex.

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