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ASSEMBLY

The address in Chapel Wednesday morning was delivered by Rev. Dr. Paxton, of Lynchburg, his subject being Intellectual Humility. We are, all of us, extremely ignorant and for this reason the speaker said we should be intellectually humble. No matter what nor how much we know of a subject why it is required of us to answer those two fundamental questions, how? and why? we are forced to acknowledge our ignorance and confess that we do not know. The wisest of us are those who most fully realize how little knowledge men possess and how little he can ever possess.

Times of doubting come to us all, we all have our little agnostic corners in life. But agnosticism is not intellectual humility. The term does not apply to those who give up and say that it is of no use to try to learn. That man who gives his whole soul to his work, who does the best that is in him, is the one possessing true intellectual humility, for it is only by working and becoming able to work we fully realize our own unimportance and ignorance that we can become truly intellectually humble. Dr. Paxton ended his address by relating the story of a mouse which, though caught in a trap, was brave enough to eat the bait. This, said the speaker, should teach us that when caught in any of life's traps, even traps of a matrimonial nature, to "eat the cheese."

Dr. Paxton's talk was heartily appreciated by the students, many pronouncing it the most enjoyable they had heard in Chapel this year, and when he ended he received a long applause. The speaker's voice was clear and forceful; he related his stories with a grave face, not even smiling when he spoke of Lexington as the "social and intellectual capital of Virginia." Dr. Paxton's popularity as a minister was shown by the large number of Lexington ladies who were present.

After the exercises of the morning were concluded a mass meeting was held in the Chapel and Manager Kelly explained to the Student body the deplorable condition of baseball finances and asked that every student attend the game that evening.

Harry Griffen, Richmond College's pitcher, was ruled out by the Inter-collegiate Athletic Association some time ago.

Baseball, 1906. Trimble Elected Captain

The Baseball team met in the Latin Room yesterday afternoon and elected K. W. Trimble captain for next year. The team is to be congratulated on its choice. The failure or success of the season depends largely on who is to be the moving spirit of the team.

Kelly has been in college three years and has been playing ball every season. His catching was one of the features of last year's team. Much of last year's success was due to him, as he was the only man who could hold Chilton.

We have, no doubt, that next year's team under such management will measure up in all respects to the ones which have formerly represented the 'varsity.

Kentucky Trip Abandoned

The proposed trip of the baseball team to Kentucky, where they expected to play Kentucky University, Kentucky State College and Central University has been abandoned. The game with Roanoke College has also been declared off and the team has disbanded. This is largely due to lack of support by the student body. Their apathy has been noticeable throughout the year, and its culmination is now witnessed. The manager of the team has enough to contend with as it is, and when bad weather and non-support from the students concur with the other difficulties, nothing save disbanding may be expected. We are sorry that the trip could not be taken but we do not blame any one save the students.

Results of Baseball Season

W. & L.	3,	Millers,	. . .	7.
"	23,	Fishburne,	. . .	9.
"	4,	U. of W. Va.,	. . .	3.
"	6,	A. & M. of N. C.,	23	
"	7,	St. John's,	. . .	2.
"	4,	Davidson,	. . .	9.
"	3,	K. U.,	. . .	8.
"	6,	G. W. U.,	. . .	3.
"	4,	V. P. I.,	. . .	3.
"	19,	Staunton,	. . .	0.
"	12,	R. M. C.,	. . .	3.
"	6,	Delaware,	. . .	3.
	97			73

A movement has been put on foot at Yale for the erection of a new baseball cage. It is hoped to cover the entire lot in the rear of the gymnasium with a glass roof, supported by iron girders. The cost will be about \$25,000.

V. M. I. LOOSES MESSHALL

White Virginia Polytechnic Institute Looses Appetite

We note with regret the predicament into which the two State military institutions have been during the past week. Our neighbors, the V. M. I., lost by fire Wednesday morning their dining hall, and hence have not where to eat their daily bread. On the evening of the same day the V. P. I. Cadets, perhaps through sympathy for their comrades, refused to take their rations and at the appointed supper hour did not show up as usual. Their refusal to eat, an unheard of thing before, aroused the whole state. It was proclaimed in glaring headlines by the State papers that the farmer soldiers had refused to eat. Whether they have "struck" for the rest of the session or are still lamenting the fate of their "comrades in arms" we know not, but we were just thinking how the environments of one student body suited that of another. The one has no place to eat the other has no desire to do so. Say, why not trade around?

Graham-Lee

The meeting was started by a fine paper by Mr. Phillips on the "Religion of the Indian"; he handled the subject with a great deal of knowledge and fine style. Mr. Moffatt was next, and as usual with him, had a beautiful oration beautifully rendered, his subject being "Ideals."

Three good declamations were then given by Messrs. Walzer, Flournoy and Fountaine, their selections: "Patriotism," Extract from In Memoriam, and the "Isle of Greece," respectively.

The debate lacked preparation, the question: Resolved that Billy Bryan is a better politician than Teddy, was upheld on the affirmative by Messrs. McClure and Smith, the negative by Mr. Pilkington.

Messrs. Martin and Crabill then gave five minute orations, and the merchant of Venice. "Casket Scene" postponed as usual.

O. B. Harvey Nominated

O. B. Harvey, who graduated in law here two years ago, was this week nominated for the state senate by the Democrats of the Alleghany-Botetourt-Bath county district. This is quite a high honor for so young a man and we wish to congratulate him.

Crews Hard at Work

Perhaps the hardest working men in college these days are oarsmen. Certainly there is no form of athletics which requires greater physical exertion. Especially is this true just now when the crews are about to be picked and every one is doing his best.

Both clubs have promising material from the freshmen; and both are as hard at work as ever for the victory.

The Harry Lees have cut their crews down to eight or nine men. The Albert Sidneys are still taking out four or five crews. There will be only one or two men on the crews who have ever pulled a race before, so the victory will be doubtful until the finish is made.

The Harry Lees say this is their year to win, and judging from the men they have out it looks like no empty boast. But the Albert Sidneys are as confident as ever. Stone is coaching them in the same old way and as usual saying nothing.

The "Scrub Race" will be another feature of commencement week. This is a good move and will do much to get next year's crew in shape. With both races on hand there will be more enthusiasm than every before in the races. The more loyal adherents are already beginning to flaunt their colors. And the townspeople will soon be showing the true blue or defiant red.

W. & L. 6; Delaware 3

The game of last Monday with Delaware College was very exciting, the score being very close during the first part. In the sixth inning the score stood two and two. Delaware's strength lay mainly in their pitcher, who was as good as any we have seen here this season. Up until the seventh inning he was well supported and held Washington and Lee down, but the visitors went to pieces during the last three innings and allowed the home team to score four runs, making only one themselves. Johnson of Washington and Lee pitched a good game and was well supported. In the fourth inning with the bases full and none out Washington and Lee made a marvelous triple play which seemed almost like robbing our opponents. The feature of the game was a beautiful slide to second by Alexander.

The second game with Delaware which was scheduled for Wednesday, was prevented by rain.

Score: R.H.E.
W. & L. 0 0 0 1 0 1 3 1 0-6 8
Delaware 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 1-3 11

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Tract Meet

The annual track meet of the Washington and Lee University will be held Friday, May 19, 1905. Let every man who has ever taken part in track athletics or who wishes to try, come out, and endeavor to make the record of 1905 a credit to the University. The law school and each class of the academic and engineering department are invited to compete with relay teams. If coaching is desired for the relay teams, Dr. Bitzer will gladly give such aid.

Now let every man in the University, who is to take part or who is not to take part interest himself enough to make this annual meet the most successful the University has known, thus giving Washington and Lee a high place in track athletics among the colleges of the South.

The events will be as follows:

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- 440 yard dash.
- 880 yd. dash.
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- 129 hurdle (high.)
- 220 hurdle (low.)
- Running broad jump.
- Running high jump.
- Pole vault.
- 16 lb. shot put.
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Personals

Mr. Hunt of Roanoke, is the guest of Prof. Staples.

O. B. Harvey of Clifton Forge, is in town.

Railing has returned to College after a months absence.

Mr. J. D. M. Armstead of Lynchburg is in town today.

Tiffany who was in Washington several days this week having his eyes treated, returned yesterday.

Chas. A. Maccatee, '96, was married on the 11th to Miss Martha C. Murphy of Front Royal, Va.

Will Allan, '02, is at home for his vacation from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Baltimore.

J. Reid Sterrett and Templeton Adair, two old W. & L. boys returned from the University College of Medicine in Richmond this week.

Mr. Robert Jordan, an alumnus of W. & L. accompanied by his wife and child is visiting Dr. Hartman.

Misses Dunlap and Brockenbrough have returned home after a visit to Miss Tucker in Washington City.

W. G. MacCorkle, left for his home in Charleston, W. Va., Monday. He was compelled to give up his studies on account of trouble with his eyes.

One of the features of the baseball season just passed, which has been commented on by visiting teams and students alike in complimentary terms was the umpiring of Cadet Sergeant Goodloe of the V. M. I. His reputation for giving a "square deal" on the diamond has never been questioned. This combined with his thorough knowledge of the game has given him more than a local reputation as an umpire.

Rare Opportunity

Some of the ladies of the town are making an effort to bring Dr. Hopkinson, the great Baltimore baritone here some time between May 20th and 26th. Before this can be definitely arranged a guarantee of \$50 and expenses must be raised. The price of tickets for this rare treat will be only 35cts and all who wish to hear Dr. Hopkinson can give their order for tickets to Miss Annie White. It is necessary that the ladies who are getting this up should know at once as to the number of tickets that are wished, else they do not feel inclined to bring Dr. Hopkinson. This will be a treat to all and every one who is able should subscribe at once.

STATE ORATORICAL CONTEST

The Virginia Oratorical Association held its annual contest at Hampden-Sidney on May 5th. The contest was well attended and was successful in every way. Mr. Scott of Hampden-Sidney, who is president of the Association, presided, and the following speeches and speakers were listened to:

Mr. Powhatan James of Richmond College, chose "Reserve Power" as his subject and he handled it well. He spoke of the reserve power in men and in nations. He was very graceful and forceful in his delivery.

Roanoke College was represented by Mr. Peery, who subject was "The Hidden Angel." Mr. Peery had a very beautiful speech in which he pointed out the "Hidden Angel" as the divinity in every man's life. Mr. Peery held the attention of his audience and showed a very attractive delivery.

Washington and Lee's representative, Mr. Tillman was forceful in the delivery of his speech, "The Crime of Lawlessness." He pictured the tendencies of the day and attributed it to lawlessness and indifference on the part of the people.

Mr. John A. Shishmanian had a powerful speech and his delivery was superb. He took the "New Diplomacy" and showed what it was. He pictured the old and the abuses allowed under it. He told of the great work America is doing in protecting the weaker nations. He was very logical and convincing.

Mr. Trapp from Emory and Henry, had "Virginia and the Union" and his delivery was particularly good. He treated the old Virginia and the new. He was well received.

Mr. Lughton of Randolph-Macon, had the prettiest speech in the entire program. He was a master of his subject and had his delivery been better he would probably have made the race closer. His subject was "Dreamers" and he showed that dreamers have had a powerful effect in shaping history.

Mr. Carson of William and Mary, and Mr. McCoy of Hampden-Sidney, spoke on the Negro Problem. Mr. Carson was very graceful. He treated his subject well. Mr. McCoy was received handsomely at his home college.

The judges, Dr. Tucker Graham, Judge Crete and Mr. Jarmun of the Normal School, gave the medal to Mr. John A. Shishmanian of the University of Virginia. Mr. Shishmanian is an orator of pronounced qualities, having won the Southern contest on the 3rd of May. As our representative, Mr. Tillman, said: "He beat us fair and square but he had to work for it."

Y. M. C. A.

Students Addressed by Mr. Junkin

Rev. Wm. F. Junkin of Souchen, China, was the speaker at the regular meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association last Sunday afternoon. Mr. Junkin is a talented speaker and his treatment of the theme, "Choice of a Life-work," was very suggestive.

The text for the address was Acts 22:10, "And I said, what Shall I do Lord?" After commenting on the remarkable freedom, which American college students exercise in choosing a profession, Mr. Junkin drove home the truth that each man has a work to do. We were made to be active. We were placed in the world to glorify God.

If our chief end here is to glorify God, then we have a Lord to serve. We should therefore go to him for orders. The first question is, what shall our work be. To this the answer comes that we should work at the business by which we can best glorify Christ.

The ministry is possibly the highest sphere of service for Christ. If we decide that this is to be our life work, then the second question comes as to where our work shall be. Following out our ordinary common sense judgment, we must conclude that we should work where there is the greatest need for us. The need is greatest in the foreign field.

Mr. Junkin closed his address with a strong plea for missions, showing that the excuses now given for not going into this work are largely imaginary and unsound. The demand for missionaries is increasing from year to year. Therefore the call to this work comes to every young man not providentially hindered from going.

Meeting of Tennis Club

Yesterday afternoon the tennis club met in Dr. Crow's lecture room, President A. F. White presiding. It was decided to place the club on a more permanent and definite basis and for this purpose a committee consisting of Messrs. Ran Bledsoe, Turnbull and Hudson was appointed to draw up resolutions. It was also decided to write the clubs of Richmond, Norfolk, the University of Virginia and the University of West Virginia in regard to a meet.

May 23rd was decided upon as the date for the tournament to begin.

Monday the 15th is New Market Day.

The season for Inter-Ranch baseball is on.

The Y. M. C. A. will be addressed tomorrow by Dr. C. L. Crow. Give him a full house.

Natural Bridge Taken by Storm

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Special Dispatch to Ring-tum Phi

NATURAL BRIDGE, May 13, 10.30 A. M.—The morning train brought in a large delegation of young ladies from the Randolph-Macon Woman's College of Lynchburg, Va. This will be a gala day at the Bridge. The college girls are now exploring Lost river and wondering how the Bridge was so quickly rebuilt after the destructive fire of a year ago. Any way they are not bothering about the Bridge or its past but are out for a jolly good time.

Some few W. & L. U. Students are seen now and then, but they are only out to view the grand piece of masonry and will give the chaperones no trouble. Only one "Student of the University" has tried to make eyes at the girls so far, he was a divinity student and was at once expelled from the premises. The others are a quiet set of fellows and will give no trouble. The "Calio" will return to Lynchburg on the evening train.

Henry Hall Medal

Mrs. Archibald S. Hall of Mobile, Alabama, has established a medal here in memory of her son Henry Hall of class of '03.

This medal is given to winning stroke in annual regatta. Though Hall was an all round athlete, he was particularly interested in rowing and for several years pulled a good oar for the Harry Lees.

The medal is a beautiful gold design and appropriate to the department of athletics to which it is given. On the face in raised letters of blue enamel is W. L. U. 190—(date of winning) and the crossed bars the spoons of which are of white and blue.

On the back is the inscription "Henry Hall Medal" and below this is to be inscribed the name of winner. It is to be worn as watch fob on black ribbon. This is a token of love, and we are glad to feel that the memory of Henry Hall is to be kept fresh in Washington & Lee where he spent three happy and successful years.

As he was loved by all when he was among us and deeply mourned when taken away, so shall his memory ever be dear to his friends and fellow students.

Glee Club

The Glee Club will give a concert consisting of vocal quartets and choruses, some time within the next ten days. Several numbers will be rendered by the mandolin and guitar club. The date for the recital has not been definitely settled, but it is hoped a good crowd will turn out to give the club their appreciation. The proceeds will go to a worthy cause.

V. M. I. Messhall Burned

Last Wednesday morning about 3.30 o'clock the people of Lexington were aroused by the alarm of fire, which proved to be at the V. M. I. Messhall. It was not long before the fire company, cadets and many students and townspeople were on the scene and all did good work and saved the building from total destruction. It was burned nearly to the ground, however. The exact loss is not known, but it is covered by \$10,000 worth of insurance carried on the building.

The annual intercollegiate track and field meet will be held this year under the auspices of Harvard at Soldiers' Field, Cambridge, according to a decision reached at the meeting of the executive committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association held in New York recently.

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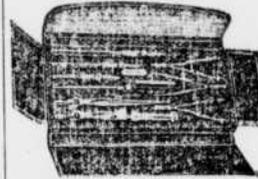
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