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## ONCE AGAIN.

**Still Another Sufferer Files His Bill of Complaint—The Conditions Carefully Pointed Out.**

"Once again, oh ye subject dread and ever present with us." The Gymnasium! The Gymnasium! The Gymnasium! When will that sound cease to carry with it ideas and associations of incongruity and shame at W. & L? We believe that credit should be given where credit is due, and join in lauding the present administration for the remarkable strides forward in the past few years; but this very progress, resulting in most material improvements, but emphasizes and accentuates the need for a new gymnasium. Our present building is a screaming contradiction to the rest of the University, a veritable thorn in the flesh. We hear that arrangements are being made for additional bath facilities,—a most proper addition and one for which we are duly thankful—but the extraction of one aching tooth out of a mouthful all in the same condition does not allay the suffering. We cannot believe that the proper authorities really appreciate the conditions. The additional bath facilities will be a great improvement, but the great fault is that the dressing room in the gymnasium, both in actual space and locker room is absolutely incapable of accommodating the crowds who do and would go there. Think of from thirty to forty football men, thirty or thirty-five track men, fifty or sixty tennis players, and a large gymnasium class all using that small room between six and seven o'clock every afternoon. The inevitable result has been and still is, that numbers who desire to take part, either in field athletics or in the usual gymnasium work, do not do so on account of the physical discomfort attendant on using the gymnasium. Consider further what the increased difficulties will be, when in the spring the track squad will be doubled, and when the large boat crew and baseball squad replace the football men. We shudder at the bare thought. We are told that no improvements have been put on the old building for several years because it was considered a waste of money in view of the fact that a new one was to be erected. We trust that this is true, but submit that **unless there are prospects for a building in the NEAR future** it is necessary, essential, and but right and just that very material improvements and enlargements be added to our present building.

## BOTH TEAMS "SNOWED UNDER."

**No Game With A. & M. Saturday. Six Inches of Snow Prevented What Promised to be Pretty Contest.**

When Saturday morning dawned a skim of snow lay on the ground and more was coming—harder it fell, every hour. At first Manager Sykes thought he would be able to have the A. & M. game, but it soon developed that it would be impossible to play, and by mutual agreement the game was called off. This was a great disappointment to everyone, as we had been looking forward to this game for some time.

Although Coach Brown's boys were crippled, it is believed they would have showed up well and played the Tarheels harder than any aggregation the latter have yet been up against. They felt their two defeats keenly and had determined to take out their revenge on the A. & M. crowd.

The Carolinians came up from the "Old North State" with a strong bunch of pigskin warriors, and it is rumored that they had lots of tricks "up their sleeves." However, Coaches Brown and Roller have been working up a few little things of this character themselves, and it is possible that they would have been eye-openers to the Tarheels. It would undoubtedly have been a great game, anyway, and might have given us a boost upwards in the South-Atlantic ranking. What a pity that provoking white blanket fell!

It is barely possible that the management will be able to arrange a game here this week. If not, Georgetown is the next on the slate, and all we can say is for the Blue and Gray aggregation to look out! They won't be able to do what their Buff and Blue neighbors did.

## L. H. S. ALUMNI.

The first meeting of the year of the Lexington High School Alumni, was held Wednesday afternoon in the Engineering room. The attendance was rather small on account of the rain. The object of the meeting as stated by Mr. C. S. Glasgow, was to elect officers and discuss the representation in the Calyx for the current year.

The following officers were elected by acclamation:

President—E. K. Paxton.  
Vice-President—C. S. Glasgow.  
Secretary and Treasurer—B. M. Higginbotham.

The consideration of the Calyx representation was postponed until the next meeting.

## SMITH-CATLETT.

**Beautiful Ceremony at the Home of the Bride in Staunton, Virginia.**

One of the most beautiful events of the social season took place in Staunton, Virginia, on Wednesday, the eleventh of November, when Miss Fannie Gay Catlett, daughter of Mrs. Richard H. Catlett, was married to Dr. Livingston Waddell Smith, Dean of the Academic School of Washington and Lee University.

The handsome home of the bride, in Beverley Place, was thronged with many visitors and relatives, at six in the evening, at which time the beautiful ceremony was performed. The large hall and spacious rooms were banked with gorgeous chrysanthemums and fragrant roses. The color scheme in the hall was yellow and white, while that of the dining room was pale pink and green.

The bride entered on the arm of her mother, Mrs. Charles Catlett, by whom she was given away, while Dr. Reid White, of Lexington, Va., was the groom's best man. The bride's only attendants were her sister, Miss Amy Catlett and Miss Mettie Smith, a sister of the groom. All three were exquisitely gowned and formed a charming picture as they stood before the Rev. Hullivan, of Trinity Church, who officiated. After the ceremony had been pronounced Dr. and Mrs. Smith received the congratulations of their many friends and left a few hours later for the North, where they will spend their honeymoon, partly in Philadelphia and partly in Boston, before returning to Lexington, where they will make their future home with Dr. and Mrs. Reid White, on Jackson Avenue.

Among those who attended the wedding from Lexington were Mrs. Thom L. Preston, Miss Sarah Preston, Dr. and Mrs. Reid White and Miss Mittie Pratt.

## WASHINGTON VS. GRAHAM-LEE.

On November 28th, in the Lee Chapel, of Washington and Lee University, the Washington and Graham-Lee Literary Societies will lock horns in their annual debate. There is great rivalry between the two societies and much enthusiasm as is manifested promises a spirited debate.

Joe Lykes only refused the coin of the realm once in his young life. When? Where? Why? Ask Joe.

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## THE RIBBON SOCIETIES.

**Different Organizations Change Former Plans—A More Definite Basis Arrived at.**

It is announced that the three inter-fraternity—or so-called ribbon,—Societies now established here, have reorganized on the basis of a mutual agreement defining their respective "spheres of influence." By the terms of this agreement, we understand, the two younger societies, namely S. B. C., and Pan, will become strictly sophomore organizations, taking in their new men during the first term of the sophomore year, while Sigma will remain as heretofore, practically a junior society, and will hold its initiation during the latter part of the sophomore year.

The articles of agreement, according to our information, also set forth that S. B. C., and Pan shall from this time on be virtually exclusive, any member or pledge of either one being ineligible to membership in the other, so that these two societies, will hereafter be rivals in the real and stronger sense of the word. Furthermore, Sigma has adopted a ruling, it is said, that no one shall be eligible to election to this ancient and honorable order who is not already a member of one of the other established ribbon societies. Thus the three societies will be arranged in a triangular hierarchy, of which Sigma forms the apex and Pan and S. B. C., the respective cornerstones.

The ribbon societies as organized at Washington and Lee constitute a picturesque and in many respects a highly important feature of college life. In some ways S. B. C., is the most unique of the three. It was organized in 1901 by a brilliant but hilarious coterie of kindred spirits who took "the late M. Schopenhauer of unhappy memory" for their philosophical mentor and their model in conduct and proclaimed the "*tac-dium vitae*" with the zeal and energy that rather belied their professions. It is said of these young men, of whom W. J. Lauck, now professor of Economics at his alma mater, T. A. Bledsoe, Jno. M. Corbett, H. R. Keeble, Edgar Sydenstricker and B. D. Causey were among the leading spirits, that if a laughable story, were, by mischance, related in their presence, they would solemnly arise and leave the room by way of indignant protest. Howbeit they were not content with playing the passive part of Melancholy Jacques, but were wont to voice their discontent with "the false institutions with which society in general and that of Lexington in particular is

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beset," with vociferous and irrepressible rigor. University assembly, ten-day examinations, the anthems of the Presbyterian choir, the sissiness of Sissy Stevens and the apostasy of Judas Hogue, were some of the objects which inspired their wrath, and these columns (this paper then edited by W. J. Lauck) were filled with their lurid and audacious fulminations against the powers that be and the things that are.

The melancholy traditions of S. B. C., have scarcely survived in their original rigor the withdrawals of these leading spirits, and several years ago alumni were shocked and horrified to hear that the organization had so far degenerated to act as the host at "one of the most enjoyable dances of the season." However, it is understood, that with the gymnasium, the management of the library and the general cussedness of things and the faculty breeding cynics every day, there is a fair chance of reviving these traditions in all their halcyon gloom.

The Pan Society makes its first bow to the public this year. It is not an entirely new society, however, having been erected on the ruins of the chapter of T. N. E., which for many years was a strong factor in the social and fraternity life of the school, as it has been elsewhere. Upon the reorganization of T. N. E. last year, Omicron chapter we are told, found itself out of sympathy with the new regime and accordingly decided to withdraw and form a local organization analogous to S. B. C. The Pan Club is the result of this determination and it is now entirely composed of T. N. E.'s.

Pan begins its career, it is whispered, with principles directly antagonistic and defiantly inimical to those of S. B. C., whereas the latter holds to a deep-dyed creed of pessimism, the new and rival society announces a program of untaged, unterrified and outrageous optimism. If the spirit of the older club is indicated in the clytic letters, G. T. H., which adorns its ribbons, that of the younger may be summed up in this motto: "Cheer up Bill, there ain't no Hell." It is said that hostilities will soon be opened in deadly earnest when each of the rivals pulls off its annual stunt, in which this endeavor will be to completely "put it over" the other, and so prove to a waiting and expectant world the superiority of the philosophy of Schopenhauer over the worship of the goat-footed god, or vice-versa as the case may be.

The Ring-tum Phi is authorized to announce that, according to the terms of the new agreement, written invitations will be issued by the two societies on the morning of Saturday prior to Thanksgiving. These invitations will include the colors of the respective societies, which are

green for S. B. C. and scarlet for Pan, and the recipient is expected to either put on these colors and mail his acceptance by return mail, or else return the colors by the same mail, thus indicating his rejection of the invitation. In this way it is expected and intended that "speeches" will be completely eliminated.

The following is the membership of the two societies as at present constituted:

P. A. N.:—W. M. Hood, W. T. Hall, Joe Lykes, John Izard, J. L. Campbell, Jr., Vernon Larsen, F. M. Darnell, R. M. Strassel, P. Lambertson, Fort Pipes, B. M. Chenoweth, L. P. Bryant, C. H. Moore, R. B. Stephenson, R. Hutcheson, Summers Davis, J. S. Campbell.

S. B. C.:—W. M. Hood, J. T. Lykes, W. T. Hall, R. M. Strassel, C. S. Osburn, B. M. Chenoweth, R. R. Brown, John Izard, Sorsby Jenison, J. W. Lykes, C. H. Moore, Irwin Graham, Park Lambertson.

### CAPT. ROLLER ASSISTING COACH BROWN.

#### The Two Doing Great Things Together—Team Shows Great Development.

Last week the football management secured the services of Capt. Charles S. Roller, Head Coach at the Virginia Military Institute, to assist Coach Brown. Mr. Brown's ability and value as a coach has never been for one moment doubted, but Capt. Roller was engaged because a football squad of over thirty men was simply too much for one man to handle. More than this, on account of the injuries received by some of the regulars in the George Washington game, new men had to be worked in for the Varsity, and it was of course impossible for Coach Brown to do this and at the same time develop team-work. He had all along been in need of a co-worker, and Capt. Roller has thus taken a great burden off his shoulders.

Capt. Roller did not come to our aid because he had nothing to do, since the Institute team disbanded, on account of the death of Cadet Ferchee. He is principal of one of the best preparatory schools in the State—Augusta Military Academy, at Fort Independence—and would have never coached anywhere had it not been for his interest in V. M. I., as a loyal alumnus. He consented to help coach this team only because he saw he could be of material assistance to Coach Brown and to Washington and Lee. His willingness to do so is very much appreciated.

When at V. M. I. Capt. Roller made the all-Southern football team and was selected as captain of it. He has, during the two seasons he coached the Institute team, demonstrated his ability as one of the best offensive coaches in the country. Hence, W. & L. now has two coaches who, we believe, are unequalled. Mr. Brown and Capt. Roller will undoubtedly develop some great team work before the season is over.

### HOOD ELECTED TEMPORARY CAPTAIN.

#### Crack Outfielder Chosen in Chatham's Place.

Walter Mandy Hood, of Birmingham, Ala., has been elected temporary captain for the 1909 baseball team by the members of last year's squad who are in college. The reason for this action is that "Ugly" Chatham who was elected last spring has not returned and has not definitely decided whether he will re-enter college. Hence, if Chatham returns he will assume his duties, while if he does not, Hood will captain the 1909 team.

This election is a very wise one on the part of the ball tossers, as Walter Hood will only have to make as good a leader as he is a player to be one of the very best the Varsity has ever had, and we believe he will measure up to these expectations.

Hood has played left-field for two years, always playing the position in good style, and last year he hit well, greatly improving his previous record. He is also a first class catcher and can be used behind the bat whenever necessary.

This is Hood's fourth year in college and last spring he was elected president of the Final Ball for 1909. He also served as vice-president of the Student Body in 1907-'08. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, several ribbon societies, and is an all-round good fellow. The Ring-tum Phi extends to the new captain its heartiest congratulations and best wishes for a successful season.

Ask Manager Lykes and Assistant Manager Chenoweth how much it cost them to get in at the G. W. U-W. L. U. game.

### CHINA HONORS ROBERT E. LEE.

Amoy, Oct. 28.—In 1898 a slip of ivy from General Lee's grave was planted in the grounds of the Amoy Club, and a bronze tablet was set in an adjacent rock today by American residents of Amoy. The tablet is inscribed: "This ivy was taken from the grave of General Robert E. Lee and planted by Vice-Consul Carrington in 1898."

Capt. James H. Reeves, the American military attache at Peking and the Taotis, Tsao Wong and Li delegated by Viceroy Twang Fang, of Hanking, arrived here today to attend the ceremony.—Roanoke Times.

If The Ring-tum Phi has improved it is a pity you men who don't subscribe should discourage next year's management.

The University Hatchet of George Washington University, states that all football men are excused from lectures. No wonder they can play the game.

The management is willing to do its part if the students do theirs. Who is doing the most?

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### SECOND ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY RUN.

Event to be Pulled Off Saturday Afternoon—Goodly Number Expected to Participate.

The second annual cross-country run from Buena Vista to Lexington will be held next Saturday, November 21. The track squad has been in hard training for the past six weeks, and Capt. McCown states that the men will be in good condition for the race. Probably fifteen men will compete, and judging from past indications, the event promises to be even closer than last year, when the first two men finished within a minute of each other.

The men who will enter the race will go down to Buena Vista by train Saturday morning, and will leave there for Lexington by cross-country at about 2:30 p. m. The winner will receive a gold medal, and a silver and bronze medal will be presented to the second and third men respectively. The finish will be at the corner near "H. O.'s"

**Not Just What He Expected**—As the brisk philanthropist thrust her fare into the cab-driver's hand she saw that he was wet and apparently cold after the half hour of pouring rain. "Do you ever take anything when you get soaked through?" she asked.

"Yes, ma'am," said the cabman, with humility. "I generally do." "Wait here in the vestibule," commanded the philanthropist. She inserted her house key in the lock, opened the door and vanished, to reappear a moment later.

"Here," she said, putting a small envelope in the man's outstretched hand. "These are two-grain quinine pills; you take two of them now and two more in half an hour."—*Youth's Companion*.

Is it fair to the other man to let him pay for the paper you read?

**THE GREAT AMERICAN COLLEGE GAME.**

"The football season has been ushered in auspiciously. The college hero in full regalia of stuffed moleskin, striped jersey, and bandaged features stands again upon his pedestal hugging a grimy pigskin oval to his breast and accepting as his right the worship of the multitude. There seems to be no diminution in the number of his admirers.

"Despite the agitation against its boisterousness and its complete prohibition in some of the universities, football does not appear to have lost ground. Its popularity can not be growing because there is little left for it to conquer. On last Saturday afternoon, there were in nearly every village, hamlet, town and city in the United States where the weather would permit, 22 powerful, ardent, and high spirited young men fighting with every ounce of energy and muscle force in their bodies to drive a muddy leather ball across a line of whitewash. Possible a million people screamed themselves hoarse in joy, encouragement or defiance as they watched the fighters and the fights. For no football contest is worthy of a name if it is not a fight from beginning to end; that it is good natured and friendly does not alter the fact.

"It is just because it is a fight calling for courage, action, spirit, stamina and persistence that football makes such a strong popular appeal. The average American early loves a fight. A little danger adds to his zest in it whether it be as participant or spectator. At the time when his blood tingles with the joy of living and all his faculties are sharpened for this contest with the approaching winter, he demands some excitement as that afforded by the game of football. It is an added tonic to the reviving wine of autumn, and as a good son of his wilderness-conquering forefathers, he cannot resist its appeal. In the sense of pure sport, perhaps football is more characteristically the American national game than baseball.

"Derived though it was from the English Rugby game, the football played generally among American colleges today presents few features of a British sport, but has been modified until it is a remarkable expression of all those most obvious characteristics which set Americans apart from the rest of the world. Skating, rowing, boxing, prisoner's base, mumble-peg, keno, pen pool, or poker—all these games, and even baseball and cricket, one can imagine being played by Frenchmen, Germans, Japs or any other people under the sun who care to cultivate them. But foot ball demands any and every sort of faculty that enters into the being of a man, and Americans alone, as a product of many races,

possess all the elements called forth by this great game as it has been developed in the United States.—Washington Post.

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"My! Thank de Laud I ain't no rich man!"—Atlanta Constitution.

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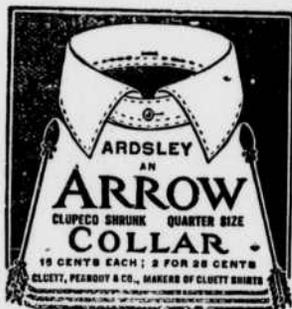
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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORGANIZATION OF A PRESS CLUB.

Some years ago a few energetic souls organized a "Press Club"—electing charter members, laying plans for the development of their idea, etc. It was their aim to hold weekly meetings at which the topics of the day would be discussed in a certain number of papers by the members and in addition each man was to keep his eyes open for comments, for discussion at the meetings. Owing to a combination of circumstances, the plan was, however, never carried out.

It was undoubtedly an excellent idea, and if the club was properly conducted it would be of material benefit to its members. But in addition, it should be an important factor in the development of "The Greater University." Washington and Lee news in the press of the country is painfully conspicuous by its absence. Washington and Lee alumni who are prominent in the field of journalism, have attained their positions by the sheer force of character and natural ability. Few of them have ever had an opportunity to receive an incentive or an elementary training here. What an opportunity for a "Press Club!"

In the first place if its influence were brought to bear on the leading newspapers of the country, it could undoubtedly accomplish the purpose—striven for by a few men in recent years—of getting Washington and Lee news in the press. We would suggest that in order to defray these expenses a donation be made by the Board of Trustees, because our experience has taught that, though many papers would be glad to publish

news items from the University, few of them are willing to offer any remuneration therefor. Do not the interests of the University demand that its news be put in the press at almost any cost?

Then, by this means, what would become practically a school of journalism would be established. Events of the nation, of the State and of the college could be discussed at one meeting, while the latter would have already appeared in the press. The advantage derived from such discussions would be easily worth any one ticket in college. Men would then go out from here versed in national affairs, as well from a practical as from a theoretical standpoint.

Furthermore, exchanges from other colleges would open up a field for the inception of new ideas and would very often awaken interest in material improvements.

These are only a few of the many advantages to be derived from such an organization.

## SOME POPULAR MISCONCEPTIONS.

To the mind of the man who does not know the game, or for some occult reason, has become ignorantly prejudiced against it, football represents, as we all know, a striking example of "the survival of the fittest." He conceives it to be a foolish, injurious contest, in which brute force alone accomplishes anything. He has been taught by the newspapers and cartoonists that it is a department of a college designed for the sole purpose of giving the dunces an opportunity to shine. Poor, deluded soul!

To attempt to enumerate the many advantages of this truly American game, would be a never-ending task, but a few of its finer points we do wish to emphasize for the benefit of the uninformed.

Football, well played, represents, we believe, more real science than any other athletic game the world has known. It is very rare indeed, that the dolt can play the game. It imparts something to the physical and mental man that goes far towards making stout, wholesome, true-hearted Americans, and it is not, as its deriders would have us believe, a training school for ruffians. True it is, that the sturdy, well-developed chap who tips the scales around the two hundred mark, is often a valuable asset to the football team. But his "brute force" alone can accomplish little. The quicker his brain works, and wider awake he is, the better player he makes. Furthermore, the injuries received are rarely, in comparison with the number who play the game every year—of a serious nature. Facts have proven that football is not nearly so fatal, as a great many people believe. In only a very small per cent of the sports and pastimes are fewer participants killed than in football. On the other hand, more people are annually killed—

reckoning the number taking part and the time consumed—in many other sports. During the writer's personal experience, at least three hundred men have played the game at Washington and Lee and not one has been seriously or permanently injured.

These facts will substantiate, we believe, our views regarding the sport. We are not unmindful of the fact that a great many football players are very poor students, but how many men in every college, who accomplish absolutely nothing, never go on the gridiron? It is not better to be a good athlete than an habitual loafer and drone? Then, there's that fling about the dunce. Well, some of the best students in every college are often star football players. A man has to have a good head on his shoulders to make a good back, line-man or end. Then, the game trains his mind. It makes him alert; it makes him literally think on his feet; and it teaches those two all-important lessons—self-control and obedience to orders. Can the dunce and brute become an adept in any such branch of science as that? Furthermore, it takes character to make a good football player. A man with no will-power, no back-bone, no moral stamina, fails utterly at the game. And then the majority of football players are gentlemen. We have seen comparatively few that are ruffians, but, of course, there are some. You find them also in every walk of life. Many men that haven't the sense or the character or the gentlemanliness to play football are entertained in your homes, work in your offices and marry your daughters. Just like everything else in this old world, football has its good and its bad points, but we believe the good in it far outweighs the bad. We believe that it is a game that makes a man a man, because it takes an all-round man to play it; we believe it is a game which does every student—whether he plays it or not—some good; and we believe it is the game which imparts to the American youth that sturdiness of body, that cleanness of character, and that nobleness of mind of which his forefathers boasted.

## RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, Death has invaded the home of Mr. A. Wallace Ruff and summoned to his final reward his distinguished father, Rev. John Ruff, and,

Whereas, Mr. A. Wallace Ruff has for two years been a faithful member of the Washington Literary Society; now, be it therefore, Resolved: That we, the members of the Washington Literary Society hereby tender to our brother and the other surviving members of the bereaved family our deepest sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow. While the friends and loved ones mourn the loss of a devoted husband, a loving father, and a Christian citizen, we may all rejoice that his abiding place is in that house not made

with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Be it further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Mr. A. Wallace Ruff, a copy be spread on the minutes of the Society, and a copy be printed in the Ring-tum Phi.

W. E. DAMERON,  
STAFFORD CALDWELL,  
E. E. SKAGGS,  
Committee.

## EXCHANGES.

The following exchanges have been received.

The Michigan Daily.  
The Virginia Tech.  
The Texan.  
The Crimson-White, (Univ. of Ala.)  
College Topics (U. V.)  
The Cadet (V. M. I.)  
The Tarheel (Univ. of N. C.)  
The Trinity Chronicle (N. C.)  
The Hustler (Vanderbilt.)  
The Purple and White (Sewanee.)  
The University Hatchet (Geo. Washington Univ.)  
The 'Varsity Voice (Univ. of Miss.)  
The Wesleyan Transcript (Ohio Wesleyan.)  
The Cadet (M. M. I.)  
The Tulane Weekly.  
The Horae Scholasticae (St. Paul's School.)  
The Oracle (Woodberry Forest School.)  
The News-Leader.  
The Lexington Gazette.  
The Rockbridge News.  
The Bayoult, (Augusta Military Academy.)  
The Red and Black.  
The Ring-tum Phi will be glad to exchange with any college papers in the country.

*Evidence to Fit.*—When John T. Barrett was new at the San Francisco bar two Chinamen entered his office and retained him to help prosecute "one velly bad man, Jim Hing."

Having locked the retainer in the safe, Mr. Barrett inquired what Jim had done.

"Him velly bad man," the spokesman replied. "Jim Hing kill he wife. He live same alleyway, 'closs the stleet. Me—my blother—both look out window 'closs alleyway, see Jim Hing stabbee wife. She die light away. He lun. You hang Jim Hing?"

"Certainly," said Mr. Barrett. "But you must tell the police just what you saw."

"Jim Hing kill wife—" they began, when the lawyer interrupted: "Yes, yes, I know; but when you first saw Jim was the knife up high or low?"

"Hoong yeh goyamen zoon fah goon quong gey yoola—" the Chinamen began jabbering and singing at each other, when Mr. Barrett again interrupted:

"Answer me truthfully. Stop consulting. Was the knife up high or down low?"

The elder Chinaman looked puzzled. Retaining the impulse to consult his brother again, he turned a guileless stare on Mr. Barrett.

"Which you think best?" he replied.—*Harper's Weekly.*

# The Ring-tum Phi

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1908

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Frances Howe spent the week end with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. Howe, in University Place, and returned on Monday to Lynchburg, where she is attending R. M. W. C.

Miss Frances Dillard, of Indian Rock, is the guest of Miss Helen Turner, at the latter's country seat, "Brushwood."

Mr. Jno. L. Campbell was absent several days last week on a business trip to Philadelphia.

Mrs. Montgomery Corse spent a short time in Lynchburg last week.

Miss Scull and Miss \_\_\_\_\_, who have been visiting Miss Hope Stuart for some time, returned on Tuesday to their home near Pittsburg, Pa.

Miss Brockenbrough has returned from a short visit to Lynchburg, Virginia.

Mr. Arthur Fant left on Thursday day for Memphis, Tenn., to attend the wedding of his sister in that city.

Miss Ellen Rogers is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Rogers, with whom she will spend the winter.

One of the most beautiful social affairs of the season was the wedding of Prof. L. W. Smith to Miss Fannie Gray Catlett, of Staunton, which event took place at the home of the bride on Wednesday, November 11th, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Among those who attended from Lexington were Dr. and Mrs. Reid White, Mrs. Thom L. Preston, Miss Sarah Preston, and Miss Mettie Pratt.

Miss Ellen Rogers entertained beautifully last week at her home on Jackson Avenue. Many callers were received during the afternoon and evening.

Mrs. Cross, who has been spending some time in Baltimore. Maryland, returned on Saturday.

Invitations have been issued to the wedding of Miss Marie Stuart Lewis, to Mr. St. Julian Ravel Marshall, which event will take place in Lee Memorial church November 25th, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Knox Smartt is up and out again having recovered from injuries he received on the gridiron.

Miss Douglass is the guest of her niece, Miss Bessie Catlett, on Main street.

Miss Lucy Patton, who has been visiting in Paducah, Ky., is now in Lawrenceville, and from there will go to Lexington, Ky., before returning home.

"Boots" Fleming, ex-'08, came up from Lynchburg Friday to attend the A. & M. game, and was the guest of friends.

J. M. Goodwin, '08, was on the campus a few days last week.

## WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The "Wash" Society rendered an excellent program, Saturday evening, November 7th. Every man on the program responded and the numbers were especially well rendered.

One of the best orations of the year was delivered by Mr. F. R. Ruff, his subject being "The Southern Soldier." Mr. Piper gave an interesting oration and declamations were given by Mr. Adams and Mr. Miller. A very lively discussion took place on the question, "Resolved,

"That Shylock was justified in demanding the pound of flesh." Messrs. Moreland and Gammon looked after the interests of the affirmative. The defendants of the negative were Messrs. Richardson and North. The judges, Messrs. Walters, Bowman and Rand, gave their decision in favor of the affirmative by a vote of two to one.

Many members of the society participated in the general discussion which followed the main argument. Mr. Leith and Mr. Leonard gave short impromptu speeches.

Mr. Kenny resigned his place on the Thanksgiving debate. Mr. Stanley was elected from the preliminary debators to fill the vacancy, and Mr. F. R. Ruff was selected to fill Mr. Stanley's place.

Messrs. Dameron, Skaggs and Caldwell were appointed by the president to draw up resolutions on the death of the father of Mr. A. W. Ruff.

Messrs. Cather, Kaylor, Larrick, Bussard and Skaggs were appointed a committee on commencement orator.

Mr. Skaggs gave a very excellent talk on the duties of the censor.

A paper for the students and by the students"—less than half of them pay for it, and less than a dozen write every word that appears in it.

## JUNIOR CLASS MEETING.

The Junior Class held a meeting in the Engineering Building on November 10th, at 3:30 p. m. President C. E. Burks called the meeting to order and stated the purpose of the meeting which was to elect a manager for the Junior Class basket ball team and a reporter for the Ring-tum Phi. Mr. C. P. Robinson was nominated for manager and was elected without opposition. Mr. B. Me D. King was elected reporter to the Ring-tum Phi. The meeting adjourned and gave nine Rahs for 1910.

Is it interesting? We mean to you, the man who reads this paper over the other fellow's shoulder? Better subscribe, anyway.

## ALUMNI NOTES.

Martin S. McDonough, law, '06, who is practicing law in City, Mich., recently defeated the Democratic candidate for the county legislature, by virtue of which he is now Judge McDonough, having acquired the title that may mean greater things in the days that are to come.

R. W. Hynson, ex-'08, is studying law in George Washington University.

John A. Moore, '05, has a position with the Southwestern Railway in its engineering construction works.

John L. Colville, ex-'07, is engaged in the wholesale grocery business in Nashville, Tenn.

T. D. Sloane, '06, is studying medicine at the University of Virginia.

Chas. B. Bagley, ex-'09, generally known as "Hardtack," has torn himself away from the wiles of the fair Eskimo beauties of the frozen north and his incidental work on the U. S. Geodetic Survey, and is now in Los Angeles, Cal., making a comparative study of the southern beauties. Had he waited for the appearance of the northern moon, the aurora borealis, we doubt not that he would have so far committed himself to some fair Eskimo maiden under its benign influence, as to have indefinitely deferred his return to the Sunny South.

Thomas G. Stone, '03, familiarly known as "Tubby," who has been very ill at Thermal City, N. C., is reported to be much better and on the fair road to recovery.

At the recent election, Wm. F. Semple, ex-law, '07, was elected to the lower branch of the Oklahoma legislature by a safe plurality. "Bill," together with some of the other young alumni, is making rapid strides toward success in the far West.

E. A. C. Hoge, '07 and '08, for four years a rock of defense and a remarkable example of offensive vigor, in the White and Blue line, was linesman at the W. & L-G. W. U game.

M. W. Sheaf, B. L., '06, now practicing law at Watertown, S. D., has been elected State's Attorney for his county,—the only Democrat elected in the county Good for Mark and the W. & L. Law School.

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**GRAHAM-LEE SOCIETY.**

Our program last Saturday evening was the most complete of the year. Good orations, well delivered declamations, a debate, numerous extemporaneous speeches, and a hotly contested election postponed adjournment until a late hour.

Mr. Kluttz, of North Carolina, led off the program with an oration of his native State. The glories of the Tarheel State and the noble character of that Tarheeler of Tarheelers, Zebulon B. Vance, were set forth in a manner, the elegance of which will impress it self deeply upon the memory of those fortunate enough to be present.

Mr. Reid next delivered a thoughtful oration. The really important aspects of progress were dealt with in a very logical manner by the speaker.

Mr. Kluttz next rendered the old but excellent declamation, Spartacus to the Gladiators.

The next speaker, Mr. Reid, delivered a declamation entitled: "The Preservation of America."

The next feature of the program was the debate. The question for discussion was: Resolved: That primary education should be compulsory. The speakers on the affirmative being absent, Messrs. Somers and Alley were appointed to fill the places of the delinquents. Messrs. Minter and Denny represented the negative.

Considering lack of preparation, the gentlemen of the affirmative did very well, arguing that the earliest training of a child has the greatest influence upon it, and that it is of vital importance that this training should be in the right direction and universal. Mr. Minter, of the negative, sustained his points by apt examples, but using little theoretical argument. Mr. Denny, his colleague, among other able arguments, explained the fact that although primary education is a good thing, yet along with all other good things, the impossibility of everybody obtaining it is simply self-evident.

After some little time spent in deliberation, the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

While the judges were coming to a decision, Mr. Moomaw and several other members enlivened the meeting by several impromptu speeches on the question just debated. Evidently from the amount of interest taken in it by members from many States, primary education is receiving much attention throughout the South.

The society then proceeded to elect the officer for the next term. Mr. Ware was elected president by acclamation; Mr. Watkins, vice-president; Mr. Paxton secretary. Mr. Guthrie was elected Ring-tum Phi reporter. After discussing a few matters of business, the motion to adjourn was made and carried.

We have heard of a "title without an office," but the "reader without a cost" species seems peculiar to some colleges. There are 325 at W. & L.

If 200 of the 225 men were willing to pay \$1.50 for The Ring-tum-Phi several years ago, when it was a very small 4-page affair, how many out of the 560 here now ought to pay that for a larger six-page paper?

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