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THE PHOENIX FAILED TO RISE FROM THE ASHES OF LAST YEAR'S DEFEAT

Philomathean Society Won the Meet by a Narrow Margin. Points stood Ten to Nine

Thursday evening, February the twenty-second, the Phoenix and Philomathean Literary Societies met once more to do battle for the cup. The Philomatheans won, but the score was so close that fright well-nigh robbed victory of its reward. The Phoenix failed to rise from the ashes of the defeat of last year, although it was generally expected that it would be victorious.

THE PROGRAMME AND THE WINNERS

Mr. John Lewis Tucker, president of the Philomathean Society presided. In a very timely and gifted way he made the opening address of the evening, and incidentally paid a glowing tribute to the great Washington whose name is so inseparably linked with that of the College.

The first number on the programme proper, was the reading contest in which Mr. Robert Bruce Jackson, of the Phoenix, won over Mr. P. L. Witchley, with Van Dyke's "New Year's Eve" as his selection.

Original poetry was the next event, and Mr. Wm. Kavanaugh Doty, Phoenix, was the successful contestant over Mr. Wm. Mortimer Harrison, with "Dead is Another Year" as the subject of his verse.

In the declamatory contest, which came third, Mr. J. Foster Barnes, of the Phoenix, was given the laurel. His declamation was "The Harp of a Thousand Strings" which he rendered perfectly. Mr. H. Lee Harris his opponent was excellent also in a tragic and difficult selection from Lewis' "Bells."

WON THREE EVENTS, LOST MEET

Notwithstanding the fact that the Phoenix won three out of five entries, they lost the meet, because these three counted only nine points while the other two totalled ten.

In the Debate Mr. Douglas M. Griggs for the Phoenix presented the affirmative in an able and entertaining manner, but Mr. Earl B. Thomas of the opposition was so masterful in his treatment of the negative and so convincing in his delivery that the judges felt compelled to award him the prize.

Perhaps the closest decision of the evening was that on oratory. Mr. Charles Henry Smith, of the Phoe-

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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ELECTS MANAGERS FOR THE TEAMS OF 1913

Sam Hubbard to Head Basketball and Wm. Elliott Dold to Manage Baseball.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held Friday night for the purpose of electing a manager for the 1913 basketball team and an assistant baseball manager, to succeed to the management next year. The Athletic Council through President Deierhoi offered the names of Messrs. S. H. Hubbard and H. A. Turner for basketball manager, Mr. Hubbard being elected. For baseball manager, Mr. W. E. Dold and Mr. Jack Wright were nominated, Mr. Dold being the fortunate candidate.

A GENERAL CONFORMITY ACT

Mr. W. B. Lee was given the floor to bring before the Association a step recently taken by the Council with regard to the custom of "blowing," a method frequently used by athletes to avoid the pledge. Mr. Lee stated that hereafter this practice would be regarded in the same light as smoking, and made a strong plea for the keeping of the spirit as well as the letter of the pledge. The attitude of the Council received the heartiest endorsement of the Association, and this custom has been started down the long trail, much to the profit of W. and M. athletics.

BURGLAR TRAP INVENTED BY ALFRIEND

Mr. William Jeffrey Alfriend, star athlete, and all-round college man, has just added another point to his list of attainments in the form of a burglar trap. The patent for this simple, yet novel and subtle mechanism, is now pending, and the intimate friends of this gentleman are predicting that at last the man who will endow the College is just before making his bow to the sordid gaze of an admiring public.

CONTRACT IS CLOSED WITH COEBURN PLAYERS

The Faculty Committee on entertainments has at last definitely closed the contract with the Coeburn Players to give two performances here at the College in April. They have agreed to come either on the 22nd or the 24th of April. In the evening they will present Macbeth, and in the afternoon The Taming of the Shrew, unless it is decided that As You Like It is more generally preferred.

THE COLLEGE RECEIVES REGULAR APPROPRIATION PLUS \$17,000 FUND

Regarded as Expression of Approval by Friends of the Institution, and belief in Efficiency

The action of the Finance Committee with regard to educational appropriations was made public Saturday. The College fared well. The regular appropriation was granted, and an additional amount was added to relieve the debt on the new heating plant.

REGARDED AS AN EXPRESSION OF APPROVAL

This generous action on the part of the Committee is regarded by friends of the College of William and Mary as an expression of approval of the work being done here and it shows that the belief in the efficiency and work of the College is unshakable, even in the face of the strongest opposition from several different quarters. It is a recognition of the incalculable service that William and Mary is doing for the State.

AMOUNT OF THE APPROPRIATION

The usual appropriation was made which amounts to forty thousand dollars per year, and in addition seventeen thousand dollars was set apart for the liquidation of the debt on the heating plant, which the amount set aside by the Board of Visitors failed to cover.

There is little doubt but what this recommendation will pass the General Assembly. The entire course of this body during the present session is considered becoming, sane and conservative.

DR. SCOTT WILL MAKE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

Dr. Walter Alexander Montgomery, Chairman of the Committee on Public Activities, has announced to THE FLAT HAT for publication that James Brown Scott, LL. D., of Washington, D. C., has signified his acceptance of the invitation extended to him to deliver the Baccalaureate Address to the Graduating Class on Thursday, June the twelfth.

Dr. Scott is one of the Country's foremost authorities on diplomacy; and is Solicitor of the Department of State. He was initiated into the William and Mary Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity four years ago, and is a man of the broadest culture. The College is to be congratulated on securing so eminent a speaker for the occasion.

BIG ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT DREW LARGE AND ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD

Wrestling, Boxing, and Basketball Contests Well Performed, with Ludicrous Side Issues

The athletic tournament held last night in the Gymnasium under the direction of Dr. Young was largely attended, and the crowd was treated to an interesting exhibition of two hours' duration.

The first event was a wrestling match between "Flit" Neblett and "Tubby" Roberts. Neblett secured the first fall in a few moments, the second being longer and hotly contested, but a quick fall in the third gave "Flit" all three.

The medicine ball relay race between three teams was a novel, amusing and highly exciting event. The contest was for three out of five, and Frye's team took the first three in rapid succession. Following this was a dumb-bell relay by teams captained by Zehner and Frye, the latter's team winning the first and last, while Zehner's men took the middle race.

BASKETBALL BIG EVENT

The big event of the evening was a basketball game between the College Scrubs and the Academy. The whole game was hot and interesting, though a little wild. The first half witnessed a tie score, 7-7, the boys just beginning to hit a good pace when the period was ended.

Between the halves a laughable boxing match was pulled off between Tripphammer Fisher and Slugging Somers. From start to finish this event was a merry ha-ha. The first round went to the slugger, who displayed great ability both as a boxer and in making flying tackles at his adversary. Both were strong in the second, Fisher having the advantage. The last clash was a draw, being equally divided between wrestling and boxing.

BAT AND SWEENEY FIGHT

"Bat" Peachy and "Sweeney" Blitzer gave a pretty exhibition, "Bat" guarding nicely while "Sweeney" was a regular cyclone.

The second half of the game saw the Scrubs run away with the laurels, frequent fouls by the Academy assisting them. Alfriend got in a couple of nice shots, while Gilliam was the shining light for the Ducs. Scheie shot some pretty baskets from fouls. Final score, Scrubs 22,

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'HE THAT IS FILTHY'

A notable ramification of that intangible thing known as college-spirit is that of making the best appearance at all times and in all places. A whole can not be better than its elements. A college is judged by its students to a greater extent than one would suppose. The appearance of these is the chief standard observed by outside critics, just as the same is largely true throughout life. Appearance counts about fifty per cent.; brains, about twenty-five per cent.; and brass, the other quarter.

Now do not think beloved that because we have banished spring breezes, rosy tints and poetic effusions from this column temporarily that we are unnecessarily quarrelsome. You must admit that it is but seldom that we are. But at this time the behoivement is very great. The Saints would act the same way (during Lent). Your pardon, therefore, for calling a shaggy head a fodder shock, and by no means a bunch of violets; and for calling a dirty coat, a dirty coat, and not the saintly robe of Lazarus.

There are some few men around this beautiful old College of William and Mary who present themselves to the public gaze in such a way as to make the Queen of Sheba blush for shame, and to cause Beau Brummel to turn thrice over in his grave;—not to mention the effect upon Dr. James Blair, John Randolph, of Roanoke, George Washington and a few other local lights. They seem

to have taken the well-known Bible injunction, 'He that is filthy, let him be filthy still,' too literally.

It may be supposed that these upright young men are acting conscientiously, in the light of this Biblical sanction, whatever it may mean, but do they not know that this wonderful Book contains many contradictions, whether apparent or real? Else wherefore that other well-known opposing command, 'Wash, ye, make ye clean.'

He, who has read, may have seen this also, 'An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,' but looking further he must have read as well—'Who-soever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.' Likewise he may have read again, 'Take therefore no thought for the morrow,' only to discover a sterner dictum, 'If any would not work neither should he eat.'

Therefore brethren hold not up the page of Holy Writ in justification of your slovenliness; you may meet a contradiction. Be not like poor Margery Daw; she lived, you know before laundries, barbers, whist brooms and benzine were invented.

Do not think that we are holding poverty up to ridicule. God forbid. For poverty is an honourable, and may be even a beautiful thing. But there is not the suspicion of an excuse for those few in this community whose shoes never looked well after the day upon which they were purchased; whose hair has not been trimmed since that time when their first picture was taken for grandma; whose coats combine the characteristics of the leopard's spots, and the Ethiopian's skin; and whose faces resemble the bristly side of a scrubbrush. Barbers are never exorbitant, whist brooms are to be had at all first-class ten cent stores, Mason's blacking sells for five cents the box, and gasoline enough can be bought for a dime to purge the face of the earth.

Never let Spring catch you as you are; and never any of the Seasons for that. If you have not a ten cent piece or a bit of elbow grease, then take our advice and immediately report your pitiable plight to 'Our Dumb Animals,' or to 'The Spirit of Missions,' and watch the relief pour in. Failing in these ventures (as you will not) report your case promptly to the next meeting of the Chambermaids' Convention, to be held in Boston on the Fourth of July.

For, in truth, you may not expect, brethren, that there are many who will say their prayer, 'to a rag, and a bone, and a hank of hair.'

THE PLEASURE OF DEATH

'The Early Rising Bill' has at last gone by the board. It has gone the way to dusty death, if not to the briny cradle of the deep. The Uni-

versity of Virginia has been saved. Destruction which has threatened it for several years has been again averted.

The University has, and does remind us of a beloved old ship struggling with pirates. Many of her destroyers are on the decks with cutlasses and daggers, slaying traditions and customs by the yard, and cheapening wherever they can. Some of the erstwhile faithful crew have deserted and gone over to the ranks of the enemy for fear of their lives (and salaries). The fickle winds of public opinion have buffeted her piteously. But, maybe, in the end these aliens will be driven from her boards, and the ancient grandeur of this once delightful seat of learning will be restored with all of its dignity, cordiality, refinement, worth and honour.

The grand and conservative old State of Virginia is to be congratulated upon her General Assembly. It is made up of men of common-sense, conservatism, and respect for the works of our forbears who builded well and for all time.

Let us drink to Virginia, a State that has ever been on the right side, and to her Legislators, who are determined that she shall always be.

CONCERNING CLASS GIFTS

This year is a good one for the setting of a much needed precedent at the College of William and Mary. The Senior Class should make some sort of a permanent gift to their

Alma Mater. Probably this has happened in the dim ages, but not within the present memory of man. The observance of the custom, if we may speak of it as either an observance, or a custom, has been most desultory and sporadic. Certainly there is not a more laudable thing to do; nor one more deserved.

As a suggestion, why not present to William and Mary a portrait of General Washington? There is, shame to say, no picture of him, worth the mentioning at the College. And his is one that should hang here in the most honoured place. He is the greatest figure in the entire history of the Institution, brilliant as it is, and if the Senior Class is desirous of beginning life with a bound, the lighting of this lamp will shed lustre upon their upward course for many years to come, and will never grow dimmer as they go.

The expression of approval by Dr. Montgomery on the work of the two Literary Societies should be gratifying to those organizations. 'Never,' said he, 'have the Societies, in the minds of the Judges and Faculty, given a better demonstration of the work being done by them than the one given this evening. I hope that every man in College not now a member of one of them will take advantage of this great opportunity.'

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During Lent this department will most probably look like the Desert of Sahara. Both the concert and the bush have been cut, and mirth is dead.

Mr. Roy Chitwood Deal spent the week-end in Norfolk with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Deal.

Miss Virginia Peachy, who has been visiting for a week in Baltimore and Washington, returned home yesterday.

All those who have been ordered by the Athletic Council to slow down on blowing will have to try puffing for a while.

Miss Mary Davie, of Chesterfield Court House, Virginia, is the guest of Miss Katherine Geddy.

Mr. Blake Newton was at the Pi Kappa Alpha House through Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Wing, of Pennsylvania, is the guest of Mrs. John W. Ritchie, at Sandybrooke, on the Palace Green.

The Dancing School was not given last Wednesday evening. It was so greatly missed that the demand for its continuance through Lent will be heeded.

Miss Sadie Harrison, who is so well known and remembered in Williamsburg and at the College, is to return soon to be with her aunt, Mrs. Hartwell Macon.

Miss Anne Carter Ruffin, of Wey-anoke-on-the-James, is coming to Williamsburg for an extended visit soon—as soon as the apparently unending round of festivity is over in Charles City County.

The following is a sample of what an exchange gave to a wedding. The HAT has some well assorted specimens of social puffs just as good, if any one will make the opportunity possible. Accept no substitutes. Drop in and look over the lot:

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Academy 14.
In the next event Ed. Addison and Games gave an exhibition more remarkable for heavy hitting than science. Games seemed to have a shade the advantage right through.

The finale took the form of a bout between Long Arm Mayer and Slab-sides Dix. All three rounds were full of clever shifting and hitting, and the contest was about a draw.

The proceeds of the evening will be devoted to the needs of the track team, and Coach Young proposes to hold a field meet in the near future.

Mr. E. R. Willcox was in Norfolk Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

THE PHOENIX FAILED TO RISE FROM

nix, in an eloquent manner spoke his well constructed and beautifully worded oration, "The New Law of Nations" but the judges of this department were disposed to give Mr. Arthur W. James the decision on his able address "The Scholarship of Service."

As a whole this Annual Contest between the Societies is considered by all one of the most successful for many years.

Miss Harriett Hankins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hankins, has as a guest Mrs. Bert. James, of Newport News.

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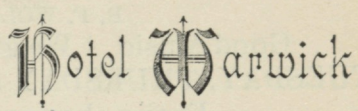


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