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# THE PARTHENON

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## The V. L. S. in the Lead

We maintain that the V. L. S. is in the lead as the best literary society of the school, not only because our hall is crowded at every meeting and because everybody in our society is working with zeal and pleasure, but because the E. L. S. people have, themselves, given us the best proof that they recognize (although they do not admit) that our society is the stronger of the two. And now it is this last fact with its significance which we choose to consider and emphasize.

This is the proof which the E. L. S. has furnished as to their recognition of our superiority as a society: after they had spent two years of the best period of their lives in ridiculing the V. L. S. as a society composed of windy dudes and drones, and in charging us with everything base—even to theft of members—after they had boasted that they, themselves, had all the workers and real literary artists, after they had dragged every new student they could into their society on the assurance that the E. L. S. was the best literary society in school—not even giving these new students a chance to visit either society before their names were begged for presentation—yes, and after they had filled practically two columns of one issue of *The Parthenon* with praises of their mighty contestants—yes, we say, after all this—when the proposition was laid before that peerless society, that an admittance be charged those coming to hear the inter-society contest and that each society receive a share in the prize thus raised, in proportion to the percentage of points won by it, they said, “No, we think it would be better for each society to take half of the door receipts.”

Now, what does such action signify, anyhow? Does it show that the E. L. S. people are so constituted that they believe it to be wrong to offer a prize to the winner in a contest like this? Does it show that they are confident that their contestants are better literary artists, after being trained in the best society of the school, than our contestants, trained in a society where they do little but “blow, and brag?” Well, we think it is clear as the brightest day in June that the E. L. S. people do not care to take a proportional share in the prize money simply because they have felt a few drops of moisture on the soles of their feet in their fears for the outcome of the contest. Yes, of course they will tell you, “We did not think it right when we decided that a half of the door receipts would be better than a proportion of it or we would have acted differently.” Certainly they did not think, at that time, just how plain

would be the case of “cold feet.”

But let us drop it here. Only remember this: the E. L. S. would be just about as well off if they would come out plainly and say, “We are a little afraid as to the outcome of the contest,” as to refuse to support a motion which would give them a greater prize than half in case they should win a majority of the points in the contest, when they had the full privilege to do so.

Yet mark you this: we are not predicting or boasting of what our contestants will do in the contest—we are but showing you wherein the E. L. S. people are inconsistent in regard to the way they would represent us and the way they act when put to the test, and giving you the best possible proof that the V. L. S. is not only a society of workers, but the best society in school. And must not all agree that if our contestants are not ranked below those of the E. L. S. by the E. L. S. people themselves, when put to the test, our society must be turning out just about as good product as the E. L. S., although it is a society of “town dudes and drones, doing nothing but brag and boast.”

Finally, we beg that this article be not taken to refer to anyone personally. It is not written with any spirit of animosity or enmity toward any one, nor toward the E. L. S. as a whole. It is written for the purpose of setting before all the fact that the V. L. S. has the acknowledgment of the E. L. S. that the V. L. S. is the leading society of the school.

## Marshall Reserves Won From Ashland

With ease, the Marshall Reserves won the first game of the season yesterday at Ashland, defeating Ashland High School by the gladsome score of 13 to 3, a feature of the game having been the fine pitching of Lawrence, who struck out fourteen and held the Kentuckians hitless for the first five innings. His work was greatly commented upon.

The Marshall boys batted heavily, polling seventeen bingles, good for thirteen runs. Their field work was good considering the early season.

The following is Marshall's lineup:

W. Amick, catcher; Lawrence and Fisher, pitchers; Parks, shortstop; Jones, second base; Feeny, first base; Bailey, third base; Wiley, right field; Gillen, center field; and R. Amick, left field.

The score was as follows:

Marshall Reserves	13	17	3
Ashland High	3	3	6

## The Outlook

Though I may possess little of that power that is said to be able to raise mortals to the skies, I thank God that as yet, I have none of that other power which would drag angels down.

—EDMUND BURKE.

There is a large number of students in Marshall College who want somewhere to put into practice what they have learned of argumentation, expression, reasoning, oratory, etc., in the pursuit of their various studies. Also they are seeking experience in appearing before an audience and in speaking and thinking simultaneously.

No better arena for this work can be found than the Literary Societies and Debating Clubs of Marshall College, for in them you are pitted against the most intellectual and accomplished students of the college.

The Outlook is one of the best of these clubs. We shall be pleased to have all students who are interested in work of this kind give us a call and if pleased with our club, join us.

The following officers were elected March 29: C. W. Ferguson, president; C. P. Haynes, vice-president; R. O. Fowler, secretary and treasurer; Guy Dowdy, critic; C. F. Winter, reporter.

We meet in Room 39, on Fridays, at 6:30 p. m. Come and inspect our work.

## Program of Demosthenian Debating Club and F. F. F.

On Friday evening, April 5, the Demosthenian Debating Club and the F. F. F. Club combined forces to give the students of Marshall an interesting evening's entertainment. The opening talk by C. W. Ferguson on the future of the United States was very well delivered. The debate, which went to the affirmative, was interesting throughout.

## Freshmen Athletic Club

The Freshmen Class came together a few days ago and effected an organization by electing the following officers for their baseball team for the coming term: Captain, Mr. Lawrence; manager, Mr. Ballard. A motion was carried to lay as an assessment upon each member of the class a fee of ten cents. To look after the collection of this money the following committee was appointed: C. P. Haynes, chairman; Mr. Ballard, Mr. Lawrence, Miss Mugridge, Miss Lyon, Miss Marshall, Miss Cary, Miss Callison. With such a committee to push the work we feel sure to have the finances of the class upon a sure foundation.



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THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1912

### Lord Lister

"The greatest surgeon in the world's annals," to quote a great magazine, has passed away at 85, to leave the world poorer in *truly great men*. But, though this noble prince of surgeons and kingly servant to suffering humanity has passed to the unknown, his work, with his memory, will live for all "human" time.

Lord Lister's princely contribution to the world's knowledge consisted in "discovering the principles of scientific cleanliness and applying them to surgery," in other words the discovery of how to use the knife on the human body without leaving a poisoning sore, thereby preventing all those forms of blood-poisoning which, prior to his discovery, had left gangrene, pus, putrefaction, inflammation, and death in the wake of surgery in such proportion that the operating table was but another road to death with but little less hope of life than to let the canker eat. As the readers of *The Parthenon* know, poisoning in case of operations, is due to the introduction into the body at the time of the operation, through the means of the unclean hand, knife, bandage, and many other ways, of a small vegetable germ known as a bacterium (plural, bacteria) which are not only foreign to the tissues and blood of the human body, but which at once begin to prey upon the tissues in such a way as to produce all the terrible consequences of inflammation, pus, gangrene, putrefaction, etc. The awful and speedy ravages of these foreign germs when once introduced into the human body can partially be appreciated when it is stated that scientific

estimates have placed the increase, through breeding, at the rate of 16,500,000 bacteria, from a single germ, in 24 hours, and in a period of *three days* at the incomprehensibly great number of *forty-seven million millions!*

Lord Lister's discovery is estimated to have saved more human lives in the Nineteenth century than were lost by all the battles of all the wars of that century.

Those who are familiar with the antiseptic known as "listerene" will recognize the derivation of that word now.

### Married

An event of much interest to Marshall Alumni was the wedding last Thursday evening, April 4, of Miss Matie Marcum and Mr. Llewellyn W. Wells, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marcum, 626 Tenth Street.

The wedding at 7:30 was witnessed by relatives and intimate friends only, the ceremony being performed by Dr. M. L. Wood, assisted by Dr. Donaldson. The brides-maids were two cousins of the bride, Miss Vivian Mossman and Miss Ada Wilcoxen, and the best man was Frank Adair of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore.

The wedding reception to the many friends lasted from 8 o'clock to 10:30. Upon entering a fairy scene met the visitors' eye, the central figure being the bride dressed in white satin and bridal veil and carrying a bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

The house was tastefully decorated by Dudley, with ferns, white carnations, and daffodils. After being refreshed at the punch table, each visitor was requested to register in the bride's book over which little Miss Sybil Mossman presided. The decorations of the dining room and the refreshments carried out the same color scheme. The pretty fancy cakes were furnished by Mrs. Howell of the Bide-a-Wee Tea Room. Boxes of wedding cake were given each visitor at the door and many a Marshall girl is now anxiously "trying her fortune" sleeping with a bit of it under her pillow. Leroy's orchestra furnished music during the evening and a popular room was the one filled to overflowing with beautiful wedding gifts. The bride and groom are graduates of Marshall in class of 1906. They will spend about three weeks on a wedding trip to Havana, Cuba, and later make their home at Ben's Run. *The Parthenon* extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Wells for a happy future.

Almost all the old students are back at work, but still the new ones keep coming in. Has Taylor found any more young ladies with pretty hats coming in by way of the C. & O.?

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## Easter in College Hall

Several College Hall girls went home for Easter; they were: Fay Mugridge, Alice Gunther, Cynthiana Turley, and perhaps others.

Great disappointment reigned on Sunday morning when, upon rising, from their beds of pleasant dreams over the bright prospects for wearing Easter finery and peering out doors, the countenances of all the fair prisoners of the weather became as clouded as the morning itself. For the sun, on this day of all days in the year, had hid his smiling face behind a black and scowling cloud and the very heavens wept because no Easter bonnets could be brought forth in this unfavorable atmosphere. Nevertheless, some contented themselves in remaining indoors and making bright and cheerful the dreary interior with their own smiles and bouquets of lovely spring flowers. Of these there were great variety and abundance: lilies, roses, jonquils, carnations and practically all the different kinds obtainable.

The pride of the entire hall was a box of two dozen red and white American beauty roses received by Miss Aline Jamotton. We do not know from whence they came, but just ask Aline, perhaps she can explain.

Of course, other countenances brightened on Easter morning when they beheld the rain. They were the ones who were so unfortunate as not to have procured their Easter finery. "Tis an ill wind that blows nobody good."

As usual, Mrs. Kearns came to the front with her appropriate suggestions of the season, in the dining room. On the table for breakfast were little bon-bon dishes, decorated with Easter eggs and chicks and containing candy eggs of all colors. Some few of the tables immediately proceeded to pass these around and eat them every one. Some of the tables rested content with merely looking at them, while Mrs. Everett passed the dish around at her table that all the girls might take a good look at them at close range, but cautioned them to not take out a one.

At dinner the color scheme of yellow and white was carried out. At each place was either a little yellow chick or a white rabbit. The salad was yellow and white with a daisy on top made of a hard boiled egg. The yolk formed the center while the petals were made of pieces of the white. Yellow and white brick ice-cream for desert completed the menu.

## Locals

Pitcher Lawrence was certainly in fine shape Saturday. He held his old time form and control. In five innings he struck out fourteen men and allowed no hits. Lawrence is captain of the Freshmen Class team this spring, but at this rate the "minors" will not be

sufficient to keep him. Fisher's debut was also a very brilliant feature of the game.

Last Wednesday the Chapel services were turned over to the Reverend Harry Wilson. Mr. Wilson is totally blind and has been so for thirty-nine years. He talked to us about the education of the blind. Our attention was directed to the wonderful abilities and attainments of Helen Kellar, especially. His talk was right to the point and he showed us wherein the blind were overcoming seemingly unconquerable difficulties in obtaining an education. The Bible from which he read was printed in raised type. Mr. Wilson is trying to complete his clerical training. A sum of a little over \$25 was raised by the students for him. He remarked that this was the most liberal school he had yet visited. Mr. Wilson certainly deserves credit for the attainments he has reached through such adverse circumstances. We all hope a speedy and firm success for him in his good work.

## FIRST GAME

Our baseball team opens the season next Wednesday, when they meet the Bethany College nine on our home field. Of course the students will all be there to cheer and to witness the first of Marshall's long string of victories.

Two of the "Old Guard" were in town last week. "Monk" Middleton was back from Philadelphia where he is attending the University of Pennsylvania. "Monk" was certainly looking fine. Fay Amos was also back. Both prophesied a great year for the baseball team at Marshall. They are old athletes and certainly capable of judging the present situation of athletics.

## Announcement

The Summer Session for 1912 at Marshall College will open June 12; term of six weeks. The subjects offered and the instructors therein are as follows:

*Mathematics and Educational Methods*, by Mrs. Harriet Lyon.

*History*, by Mrs. Naomi Everett.

*Latin*, by Dr. Charles Henry Saylor. Attention is directed especially to the course in methods under Mrs. Lyon.

The fee for tuition is \$6.00. Students are limited strictly to two courses.

Dutiful Librarian:—Please don't make so much noise young man—I must report you—your name, sir?

Bashful Student:—My name is W. R. T.—

Dutiful Librarian:—Where do you live?

Bashful Student:—I live at 425 Sixth Avenue and weigh 100 pounds.

—GYM NOTES.

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## Athletics

The 'Varsity had its first infield workout Saturday and gave great promise of future wonders. The diamond has been greatly improved and the men will have a chance to show their real ability. Ollom, Morrow and Bailey work together like professionals, while Chambers seems to fit in nicely at third. Trace Bailey, Jones, Parks, Harper, and Feeney will give Cush a hard run for the regular job at the third corner. "Cap" is showing in great shape in the outfield. His sidepartners will be chosen from H. Ollom, Fisher, Ellis, Gilham, Layfield, Booth, and Hildreth. There is no question of a strong battery with Lambert and Amick backstopping and Cornwell, Lawrence, Fisher, Ollom and Ferguson doing the mound work.

H. Fay Amos, '11, one of the best pitchers ever at Marshall, spent Saturday and Sunday among friends in the city. Did it ever occur to you that Amos and Cornwell, the two best pitchers in Marshall's history, are very much alike? Amos roomed at 1622 Third Avenue, was a great pitcher, was president of the class of 1911, was a guard on the football team, and was a candidate for matrimony. Change the tense of the verbs and you have Cornwell's history.



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**School Activities****EROSOPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Talk—J. Q. Hypes.

Rendering of Male Quartette.

Reading—Miss Fern Hurd.

Round-table—"Is there any founda-  
tion for a belief in luck, omens, signs,  
dreams, and presentiments?" Leader—  
Mr. Dowdy.

Question for Debate: *Resolved*, That  
the United States should adopt penny  
postage. To affirm—Mr. Hollingsworth,  
Mr. Stanley Simmons; to deny—Mr.  
Groves, Mr. Lowry.

**OUTLOOK DEBATING CLUB**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Chapel—Lorraine Morrison.

Extempore—P. C. Thorn.

Current Events—J. Leonhart.

Debate: *Resolved*, That the indica-  
tions of the time point to the downfall  
of both the Democratic and Republican  
parties. To affirm—C. F. Hull, C. H.  
Miller; to deny—C. W. Ferguson, Bob  
England.

**CICERONIAN DEBATING CLUB**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Chapel—Gamble.

Talk on Love—Pullen.

Current Events—Hypes.

Extemporaneous Speech—Elliott.

Debate: Subject—*Resolved*, That a  
protective tariff in our republic is nec-  
essary. To affirm—Wilson, Cokeley; to  
deny—Chambers, Bonar.

**VIRGINIAN LITERARY SOCIETY**

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12

2:30 p. m.

The Noble Caesar Ferguson, of the  
V. L. S., will be arraigned on a charge  
of treason and conspiracy against his  
own society. There will then be seen in  
the V. L. S. hall one of the most stirring  
scenes of the year, for Mr. Ferguson has  
long stood high in his society, holding  
offices and wielding the influence of a  
dictator therein for years, and, further,  
because those bringing the charge  
against him seem to have done so out  
of animosity or jealousy. *Things will  
be hot sure enough.*

The Noble Caesar, aided by the hero,  
Mr. Archer, will defend his own case;  
while Mr. Brinker and others will ap-  
pear in the interest of the society.

Come one! Come all! Come every-  
body.

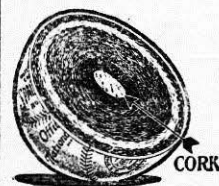
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