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Athletics

The 'Varsity left Tuesday for Beckley, Princeton, Athens, and Roanoke. A majority of these games should be counted on the right side. Lambert, Cornwell, Lawrence, F. Bailey, Morrow, H. Ollom, C. Chambers, Young, F. Ollom, B. Chambers, and Dayton Carter will make the trip. This is a small number to make such a long trip but is necessary on account of the heavy expenses.

Games with Ironton and Ashland had to be called off on account of rain Saturday. The Reserves will play the Ironton, Huntington, and Ashland-Catlettsburg teams of the Mountain States League this week and should give a good account of themselves with Fisher and Ferguson working right.

Morris-Harvey lost to W. V. U. Reserves, but won from Bethany and West Liberty last week. The outcome of their games with Wesleyan will be awaited with interest as the Buckhannon team opens the college season here May 10. Wesleyan has defeated Glenville and the University of Pittsburgh, but lost to W. V. U. As the Methodists are the only strong team of the state to appear here this season those games on May 10 and 11 will be worth while.

W. V. U. lost to V. M. I. at Lexington Saturday. Another prep. school will probably be dropped from their schedule. The only redeeming feature was Casto's (M. C. '10) home run with two on bases. The State University pitching staff is very weak.

V. L. S. Notes

An exceedingly interesting meeting was held in the V. L. S. hall last Friday afternoon. The attendance was large for a spring day, and the program, like all the programs prepared by Miss Brandebury, our vice-president, and her assistants, Miss Grafton and Mr. Brinker, was just such a program as is a guarantee of good attendance and lively interest. No one can afford to go through school with his back turned upon such good things as are always offered in the V. L. S. programs.

The inter-society contest will soon be here, and all should begin to stir things. All should now begin to talk contest a little, and get a real genuine, healthful, clean, enthusiasm to boiling. It will do nobody any harm, so long as common sense prevails; and it will give all a

good awakening, which will be good for their development and growth. It is not the man who is afraid to talk a little and "kid" a little who develops most while in school—that sort generally just "sneak" through school with their heads down, instead of walking through with wide open eyes, and they just keep on "sneaking" along after they get out of school. So get to work; and say something. Yes, fight a little (figuratively) when necessary, and let the people know that you are a member of a society.

Now, which will get the big prize? Well, if you are a Virginian don't be afraid to prophesy a little if you think you are sure of what you say. And if you are an Erosophian we see no harm in your prophesying a little now, either. Youthful exuberance and warmth is the best of things when it is open and free hearted, and, so long as it is governed by any sort of common sense, should be encouraged—not extirpated.

Erosophian Literary Society

Since the tone of our reports has become a noisesome thing in the ears of the public, who, be they ever so much interested in Marshall, can have no interest in society brawls and in the petty manifestations of partisan spirit; since it has occurred to us that it is better to represent the things worth while and to give our students, our alumni, and the interested public the "news"; since "attacks" have been removed from our menu, and since it ill-becomes a loyal student in any way to depreciate his own school publication, we feel it is time for these pretended sources of wrath to dry up and for the sweet waters of concord and harmony to flow.

The Erosophians met in interesting session Friday afternoon. A good program, consisting of several numbers, was rendered, among which were "Cause of Crime in the Cities," ably discussed by Mr. Meadows, a highly enjoyable reading by Miss Thurmond, and the round-table topic, "Does Education Increase Happiness?" led by Miss Painter. The new material, as always, has made fine showing. Another thing that has been a matter of deep surprise to our boys is the way those girls have been showing up. They have played a heavy hand all this year, proving themselves not the least asset of our society, and we boys had long been thinking that they couldn't or wouldn't debate! But the coldest, hardest-hearted, weigher-of-facts judge that we could find, has had his prejudices knocked headlong, his

feelings upset, and has been so impressed with their logic that he voted for them whether he wanted to or not. They have loved to call themselves loyal members and now they have proved it. Theirs be the glory.

The Demosthenians Again

Last Friday night the Demosthenian Debating Club entertained the F. F. F. girls who helped in the "stunt" given some weeks ago, and a few other girls of College Hall. The party took place in Miss White's studio. It was quite a unique affair, one of the chief features of amusement being a game called "progressive peanuts." The object of this was to see how many peanuts, in a limited time, could be "forked" out of a jar full of peanuts, with a hatpin held in the left hand. The prize, a little heart-shaped picture, was awarded to the couple getting the most peanuts. The lucky couple was Miss Anna Painter and Mr. Haines. They succeeded in capturing fifty-one of the elusive objects. Mr. Wilson made a most impressive speech in presenting the prize. After refreshments the company was entertained with a number of after-dinner speeches. Mr. C. W. Ferguson gave a most instructive talk on "Foolishness"—a very appropriate subject for him. Mr. R. A. Lee spoke concerning "Politics and Politicians." Mr. Wilson told the interesting story of "The Empty Box." If you have never heard it, ask Mr. Dowdy to tell it to you. While telling about the "Future Presidents," Mr. H. R. Cokeley was interrupted by the "jingling and tinkling of the bell." We were all loath to depart but when the silver (?) tones again pealed forth, we reluctantly said good-night.

The College Yell Defined

The Baltimore Sun, commented on the college yell as follows:

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1912



It will be of use to all undergraduates to note the following with reference to the courses of study as arranged on the six-year basis:

1. The courses will be known as "A" and "B."

2. Course A is composed of "Secondary A," four years, and the "Academic," two years.

3. Course B is composed of "Secondary B," four years, and the "Normal" two years.

4. The Model School course will be extended to cover nine grades, or years, instead of eight, as at present, the ninth year to include a review of the most important eighth grade work, and several additional subjects, among which is "advanced grammar" so that "elementary rhetoric" may be used hereafter in the "freshman secondary" year.

The ninth grade will be known as the "sub-freshman year."

This change is made because the transition from the present eighth grade to the present freshman work is too long a step. Accordingly the freshman work is made heavier and the additional year between the Model School and freshman work is inserted.

5. The four "secondary years" cover 16 units, as at present; the two advanced years (the Normal and the Academic), 7 units. That is to say: A regular year's work in the secondary courses consists of four subjects, in the two advanced years 3½ subjects, per year.

By this it will be seen that the course required for receiving a diploma, after the year 1913-14, whether "A" or "B", consists of 23 units instead of 16 units as at present; 16 units of secondary

work, 7 units of work done on the college basis.

It was at first decided that 22 units (16 secondary and 6 college), would be the standard for graduation, but it was found impossible to arrange the courses on the 22 units basis without sacrificing some of the work deemed necessary.

The committee is still at work on the details, which will appear in the next issue of *The Parthenon*.

6. The class of 1912 graduates on a basis of 16 units.

The class of 1913 will graduate on a basis of 17 1-6 units.

The class of 1914 will graduate on a basis of 20 units.

The class of 1915 and succeeding classes on a basis of 23 units.

7. A "unit" is nine months' work, recitations five times per week in the "secondary" work, four times per week in the advanced work. That is to say: The sixteen units of the "secondary work" will be done on a basis of five recitations per week; the seven units of the "advanced work" on a basis of four recitations per week.

8. The work on which the committee is now engaged is that of arranging the courses in "groups" of subjects. As at present arranged these groups are:

1. English A and English B.
2. Classic A and Classic B.
3. Modern Language A and B.
4. Physical Science A and B.
5. Biology A and B.
6. Geography—Geology A and B.
7. Education A and B.
8. Art A and B.
9. History A and B.

"A" indicates the Academic course in the groups, B the Normal.

These groups will appear in *The Parthenon* soon, together with explanatory notes.

"Still Water Runs Deep"

The contributions of two organizations in school we would criticize in a friendly manner—yes, friendly, because we were members of these same organizations only a short time ago.

Perhaps there is perfect good humor to back these articles which appear almost weekly in *The Parthenon*, but from the tones of the printed product it appears to us that there is more than genial rivalry.

What is to be gained by it? Surely neither one hopes to win over any members from the other, or gain many new members by such boisterous methods. The true purpose of their formation is held in the background and the middle initial does not present to us what it stands for.

More than one subscribing alumnus has thrown his *Parthenon*, unread, into the waste basket because of the headlines which first attract one's attention. And yet, we are sorry to hear the criticism of outsiders against our own school

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paper, although we realize that it is not wholly unjust.

We have waited for some time thinking the members, as two bodies, would lay restraining hands upon their reporters, but they are busy and perhaps can not see themselves "as others see" them. We are personally acquainted with several who would not approve if their attention were directly called to the facts as they present themselves to the public eye.

Now, would it not be more consistent for them to prove their worthiness by deeds rather than words? And before they contribute another article, may we kindly suggest that they see what Solomon says in Prov. 25:14.

We are always hungry for news from Marshall and are always eager to gather that worth while from this paper. Before the close of the term can not these contributors give us something of real value, of sound literary merit?

We wish them both success and hope that each enthusiastic body of students may get its just share of the laurels in June.

—ALUMNI.

The Parthenon for April, from Marshall College, gives one-half of the first page of a four-page weekly to what we consider a "preppy" and inappropriate boost of one of its literary societies. A college paper is evidently not the place for one of its organizations to publish puerile "muck-raking" of its rival.—*The Pharos*, Buckhannon.

Locals

The Reverend Doctor Wood, of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, of this city, greeted us in chapel last Wednesday.

The baseball team left on their trip of Northern Virginia day before yesterday, April 30. They are going to make a fine record on this trip, and of this we all feel certain. The scores of the games will be received and posted at the College Pharmacy.

The Reserves play three games this week. One will be played with the Iron-ton league team down there, one with Ashland-Catlettsburg at Clyffeside park, and one with the Huntington Blue Sox at League Park.

Have you one of the baseball schedules that the College Pharmacy has put out? You had better get one so as to know where and when the team is to play.

"Red" Hawley has returned to his home at Bluefield.

O. P. L.—"Good morning Miss—My! but you hand is cold this morning."

Track work has been hampered somewhat by the wet weather of the last week, yet the boys still keep at it with an undying zeal.

Fiddler, '11, and catcher of the Marshall 'Varsity of last year, is now catching in great style for West Virginia Wesleyan. Fiddler was one of the greatest catchers that ever donned a Marshall uniform.

Clay Casto, '10, captain of the Marshall 'Varsity of that same year, is again starring on the 'Varsity team at Morgantown. This makes his second year as a 'Varsity regular. In a recent game against the University of Virginia, Casto got a home run with two men on bases, yet Virginia won, 6 to 3. Clay certainly does clout that pill, especially "sometimes."

Be Loyal to Your Teachers

We hear a great deal about loyalty these days—we must be loyal to our church, we must be loyal to our friends, we must be loyal to our school, and a thousand other loyalties that we must have; but there is one that we sometimes forget and that is loyalty to our teachers.

What does the faculty of Marshall College mean to you, fellow students? Is it just a sort of machine that makes things work and for which you have little other thought than that you must work, work, work? Is each teacher, to you, merely the "fellow" who sits behind the desk and gives you a little "mark" when you do or don't recite, and at the end of the term gives you "D" or "AA?" or is each teacher a living human being, to you, whom you can trust and respect; someone in whom you have the utmost confidence and who you feel has confidence in you?

We get out of anything just what we put into it, and if we get "D" on a certain study that is all we got and not what the teacher gave us.

What does your teacher mean to you? Are you ready to defend your teacher in his or her absence regardless of personal feeling? If not, you are not worthy of the name of Marshall College student. Will you be loyal to your teacher's rights? Could you stand by and hear some one make damaging remarks about one of the teachers of your college without lifting one word in his or her defense? No loyal student could I am sure, but there are some who go even farther, they make the remark themselves and think it smart. Well, it is "smart" but not of the commendable kind.

A most beautiful, most noble, most perfect example of confidence and loyalty happened a few days ago when a certain college fellow stood right up in defense of his teacher when a remark was made and said, "I know that is not

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true, for she is my teacher." I wonder how many would do that in spite of consequences?

The faculty is not merely a machine run by many hands, but it is made up of real, live human beings, who are not infallible, but are likely to make mistakes. Let's be loyal and look over little things, see all the good things and take no note of the bad. Don't pick flaws or let any one else pick flaws in your teacher. Hold up the best and stand by your teachers through thick and thin, for they have stood by you. Be loyal at least if no more.

School Activities

EROSOPHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3

2:30 P. M.

Chapel—Mr. Gamble.

Vocal Duet—Miss Pine and Miss Honaker.

Reading—Miss Lee.

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Oration—Mr. Coffman.
 Round-table: "Is a quick and fiery
 temper an element of strength or of
 weakness in character?" Led by Mr.
 Shepherd.
 Debate: *Resolved*, That the president
 of the United States should be elected
 for a term of six years and not be eligi-
 ble for a second term. To affirm—Mr.
 Christian and Mr. Sweeney; to deny—
 Mr. Elliott and Mr. Cokeley.

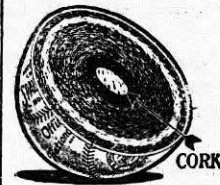
OUTLOOK DEBATING CLUB
 PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3
 6:45 P. M.
 Chapel—Mr. Coffman.
 Extemporaneous Speech—Mr. Fowler.
 Current Events—Mr. Lowry.
 Debate: *Resolved*, That the State of
 West Virginia should issue bonds suf-
 ficient in amount to permanently ma-
 cadamize all the leading thoroughfares
 of this state. To affirm—Mr. Halstead,
 Mr. Farmer; to deny—Mr. Killings-
 worth, Mr. Morrison.
Visitors are welcome.

VIRGINIAN LITERARY SOCIETY
 PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3
 2:30 P. M.
 Selection: "Everybody's Doing It."
 —Orchestra.
 "Education, the Remedy for All
 Evils."—Julian Hagen.
 Violin Solo—Robin Smith.
 Round-table: "What can we do for
 next year's literary society?" Opened
 by Thomas Good.
 Debate: *Resolved*, That a girl re-
 ceives a better preparation for life in a
 co-educational school than in a girls'
 school. To affirm—Wellington Yates
 and Lessie Sheets; to deny—Smith Gar-
 rett and Beulah Wilson.

Y. W. C. A.
 TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5
 2:30 P. M.
 Undone Things. Leader—Olive Tall-
 man.

CICERONIAN DEBATING CLUB
 PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3
 6:45 P. M.
 Chapel.
 Current Events.
 Debate: *Resolved*, That the unwrit-
 ten law of the sea, saying that women
 shall be saved before men, is not based
 on good ethical principles. To affirm—
 Hypes, Gamble; to deny—Lee, Cox.

Y. M. C. A.
 PROGRAM FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5
 6:30 P. M.
 Subject—Perseverance.
 What is Perseverance?—Mr. Ward.
 Value of Perseverance.—Mr. Milam.
 How and In What to Persevere.—Mr.
 Lowry.
 Perseverance and Genius.—Mr. Gal-
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 How to Acquire Perseverance.—Mr.
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