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WASHINGTON'S BIRTH-DAY EXERCISES AT THE UNIVERSITY.

PROGRAM.

Address of Welcome, A. B. Andrews, Jr.
The Watch on the Rhine, Glee Club.
Extracts from Washington's Farewell Address, Mr. Fordyce Harding.
A dramatic description of Washington Resigning his Commission, Mr. Howard Rondthaler.
Introductory Oration, Mr. W. B. Snow.
The Oration, Mr. Victor Hugh Boyden.

MARSHALS.

E. W. Myers. W. R. Robertson.

The 22nd of Feb., the anniversary of the birth of Washington, is always appropriately observed by the University. The exercises on the day just past, were never more appropriately and interestingly observed than those which took place in the Dialectic Hall last Wednesday. The presence of the Glee Club and the exceptionally fine manner in which they rendered the various national hymns, was a source of delight to all present. The exercise opened with Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr. in the Presidents chair. He, in a few well chosen words extended a hearty welcome to the many people, students, villagers and visitors who completely filled the beautiful and historic Dialectic hall. After the singing of the national hymn of the fatherland, by the Club, Mr. Fordyce Harding read "extracts from Washington's Farewell Address" and commented upon the same in an able and scholarly manner, this in turn was followed by the rendition of the Marseillais hymn by the Glee Club. After this, Mr. Howard Rondthaler, read a dramatic description of Washington resigning his commission, from Washington Irving. This was enjoyed by all present. Mr. Rondthaler possesses a peculiarly clear voice and is a graceful and forcible reader. Mr. W. B. Snow then presents to the assemblage, in a happy appreciative manner, the

orator of the day, Mr. Victor Hugh Boyden. The subject of Mr. Boyden's oration, was "The origin of the formative principles of our constitution." These he showed to be our heritage from two civilizations, or the national idea, german to the Romana and Teutonic races. Starting with the recent celebration by the France Republic, of the twentieth anniversary of the existence of their present form of government, and giving a graphic picture of the Panama scandal with its turbulence and secret attempts to overthrow the work of twenty years, touching upon their restless changeful nature, citing them as an example, with Spain and the Latin Republics of South America, of the unsteadiness of the Romana government compared with the stability and solidity of the English, German and American governments, when intrusted with the boon of a republican form of government. He showed their natural tendency was always towards centralization and that the two principles of our constitution were so evenly balanced and equally blended in the hue in whose honor we had assembled, that, when after the confusion and disorder of factional jealousy and avarice succeeding the revolution, Washington took the rains of an unorganized government, not even his enemies could say with truth he leaned to one side or the other, either towards the Romana tending towards centralization or the Teutonic tending towards free institutions. We quote the following from the introduction: "The grateful murmurs of Patriotism and prayer should be of thanks, that the unrestful phantom of the French nature, is not our heritage; that the shining serpent of Spain's tyranny has not left the traces of its evils across the footprints of the Pilgrim Fathers. That it crossed the north of South America, instead of Virginia and Massachusetts." Congratulating America, on the fact that "Saxon and Norman and Dane are we. Saxon because of our heritage of free institutions, and Norman because of the restraint, checking the excesses of those institutions. Mr. Boyden, dropped descriptively back past the province of Andalusia in Spain, in the year of 1486 to England, showing how the result of the several invasions had moulded the spirit of the English people, and describing the two political ideas of nation-

ality permeating the Romana and Saxon civilizations, together with the allusion that the Norman French were of Romana extraction. He showed that the two tendencies of our constitution, the one liberal and the other strict in construction—were the direct result of the ingrafting of the Feudal system on the English people, founding the first great party of Baron and people, the one consisting of the Norman French, the other of the enslaved Saxon. Through the mutation of over 800 centuries and the growth of the English people he traced these two elements of Romana and Teutonic spirit, to America; showing their presence in the councils of the Revolution and afterwards in the adoption of constitution. He showed how the wise, prudent, unerring and impartial hand of Washington had brought them safely through those perilous stages by the influence of his character and grand patriotism, and that their peaceful existence in our legislation, moulding the nature of our national life was mainly due to Washington.

Concluding with the following striking tribute to Washington and the future of these constitutional forces, Mr. Boyden said, alluding to election, "Where is there another such example? In which of our sister Republics will the same be found? In many of them, the presence of large military forces are necessary on such occasions. Not so with us; for too well has the solution of party differences been taught us. We are one people, sharing the glory of one national life. We are not North Carolinians but Americans, and as we stand to-day, again in the dawn-light of the birth of Washington, in the broad glare of a new and proud era, in the presence of the sisterhood of states, it seems that I can see him joining hands of the two opposite spirits of our constitution, in peace and harmony and leading them far down into the distant future—from the troubled past. We should commemorate this day, if not with offerings of Frankinsense and Myrrh, with grateful recollections, warm to the appreciation of patriotic services, for when we regard the progress of the two forces animating our legislation, now so evenly balanced in the hearts of the people; their achievements in the past under great difficulties and their

boundless future, protected and fostered by a great system of education and under the care of a united, devoted and patriotic people. Our 117 years of life as a nation seems but a chrysalis state, and "times" noblest offering is yet to be the best.

The universal opinion in regard to Mr. Boyden's oration, seems to be that it was one of the finest efforts that has ever been made on such occasions at the university. Dr. Battle, in speaking of it, said he thought it was one of the best speeches he had ever heard, on a similar occasion, since he has been connected with the university.

Prompted no doubt with a desire "for fun" oftentimes students commit follies, which in their soberer moments they repent of, also follies are liable to be carried to far. The extremely youthful and puerile performance of last Friday night merited the universal condemnation, freely given, of the entire student-body. It is sincerely hoped that the offenders will in time be discovered and the proper punishment meted out to them.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Y. M. C. A. HALL, SOUTH BUILDING

Sunday Mornings at 9 o'clock,
Dr. Battle's Bible Talk.

Monday, March 6th, Topic:
"Character Study," Leader, Carpenter '95.

Tuesday, March 7th, Leader,
F. C. Harding, '93.

Wednesday, March 8th, Bible
Reading, R. T. Wills, '96.

Thursday, March 9th, Pastor's
Talk, Rev. N. M. Watson.

These meetings begin promptly at 6:45 P. M., and continue 15 minutes. Drop in on your way up from supper.

The foot ball management at Yale have decided to give two trophies to the members of the 'Varsity team. A small gold foot ball will be given to the men who played in the Princeton game, while a large picture of the team framed in oak will be given to all of the men on the 'Varsity eleven.—Ex.

Several very fine buildings are being built at Princeton. A commencement hall costing \$300,000 is to face the campus. A new gymnasium with swimming tank shower and plunge baths, 1,000 lockers, etc., is nearing completion. A new dormitory, to house about seventy-six students, is also well under way.—Ex.