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## Meeting of the Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club held its last meeting for this collegiate year last Thursday evening in Gerrard Hall. At 7:45 Dr. Hume, President of the Club, called the meeting to order, and after the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read, announced as the first paper the "The German Hamlet" or "Fratricide Punished," by Miss Bessie Whitaker.

Miss Whitaker called attention to the fact that the German play appeared about fifteen years after Shakespeare's Hamlet, and, since the plots of the two coincide, that it may have been the latter put into popular German form in order to please the "groundlings." Throughout the play the real Hamlet is left out; for in Shakespeare's play his true character is portrayed by the philosophic thought expressed in his soliloquies which are entirely lacking in "Fratricide Punished." Instead of the masterly strokes of Shakespeare we find words, words, words. Hamlet's scenes with his mother and the players are present but are reduced to mere travesties. In "Fratricide Punished" there are no traces of the grave-yard scene, which contributes so much to bringing out Hamlet's character in Shakespeare's play. The actions of the ghost in the two are in striking contrast; in the German play he is much less distinguished than in Shakespeare. Finally, Hamlet himself and not the story makes the play of Shakespeare. The German play by depriving him of his character justly deserves the name of "Hamlet with Hamlet Left Out."

Mr. McKie next recited a selection from "A Midsummer Night's Dream," which he did in an admirable manner, causing considerable laughter and much real enjoyment to those present.

The next paper was by Mr. H. B. Holmes on a "A Comparison of Satan in Paradise Lost and Vondel's Lucifer." In beginning his paper Mr. Holmes called attention to Mr. Van Noppen's translation of Lucifer which has a rare degree of literary worth. Lucifer was published thirteen years before Paradise Lost, and it was pointed out that, although Milton may have had suggestions from Vondel's work, yet by using them in his own way and giving them his own setting, he entirely removed himself from the charge of plagiarism. Lucifer treats exclusively of angels, while the great English epic treats especially of man's first fall. Vondel's devils don't become devils at all until the end of the play, while Milton shows satan's gradual degeneration. In Lucifer he claims that he is working for the good of God's kingdom, while in Paradise Lost he makes no such pretence.

The last paper of the evening was by Mr. G. D. Vick; his subject was "The Fool in Shakespeare." He began by showing that the fool nature is a natural thing in the race. We find it in all literature from Homer on.

In "As You Like It," we have Touchstone, the fool of brains, who has effect even on the melancholly Jacques. He is a mixture of the ancient cynic philosopher and the modern buffoon. Fest in Twelfth Night is the binding link between sad and lively characters.

In King Lear we find the fool in Tragedy; here he is sympathetic and

consoles the king. Shakespeare reaches his comic climax in Falstaff in Henry IV., a character of unbounded brains as well as body, and a great lover of such. He is no slave of honor, and clearly demonstrates how a man can live without it. Such characters are the outcome of genius and not of accident.

Dr. Hume, in introducing Mr. McKie, said that he did not believe that oratory is going to die out; that reading also is a fine art and should be carefully cultivated.

Mr. McKie this time gave a selection from Hamlet, a fitting close to the excellent programme of the evening.

The attendance at the meeting was exceptionally large, and all felt that the time had been well spent.

## In the College World.

The University of Virginia has received a gift of \$10,000.00 for the purchase of books devoted to Virginia history.

Tulane University and the University of Texas are enthusiastic over the excellent showing of their respective base ball teams in a game played at New Orleans recently. It was a twelve inning game. Score 3 to 3.

The cable chess tournament held last week between the English Universities, Oxford and Cambridge, and American Universities, Columbia, Harvard, Princeton and Yale, resulted in a victory for the English Universities by a score of 3½ to 2½ games.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association it was decided that the Association would return to the Eastern foot ball rules next fall, because of the disadvantage and inconvenience experienced from the use of two sets of rules, the S. I. A. A. and Eastern rules.

Owing to charges of professionalism made against several players on Mercer's base ball team, that University has been suspended from the S. I. A. A. It has not yet been determined whether or not the decision will be permanent. All the evidence of the case is in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Association for their final decision.

## Recent Base Ball Scores.

Cornell	6,	Lafayette	0.
Lehigh	2,	Manhattan	9.
Tulane	3,	U. of Texas	3.
Vanderbilt	14,	Nashville	3.
Georgetown	6,	Harvard	5.
Vermont	6,	Pennsylvania	3.
Yale	12,	Amherst	0.
Bingham	5,	U. of Md.	8.
Georgetown	8,	Virginia	6.
Virginia	10,	U. of Md.	2.

A musical concert will be given tomorrow evening in Gerrard Hall by a chapter of orphans from the Oxford Orphan Asylum for the benefit of that worthy Institution.

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