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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

An interesting and instructive Programme Rendered on February 22nd by Messrs. Stewart, Stern and Dr. C. L. Raper.

The annual George Washington's birthday celebration was held in Gerrard Hall Monday. Mr. Pharr presided and Mr. Stancell acted as Secretary. The exercises were good. The speeches were not only well prepared but were interesting. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Moss, the president announced the first speaker as Mr. R. S. Stewart of the Di.

His theme was: "Opportunities of the Southern Young Man."

We have met to celebrate the birthday of the one man who did most to secure to every American citizen, liberty, and on such a day, when every heart beats with a pure patriotism we do not hesitate to say a few words about our own section of the nation, the South. In order for a man to become great he must have some vital problem of life to solve. It was so with Caesar, with Luther and with our own Washington. For a man to become great he must have a stage on which to act. The South is now problematic, it is a magnificent stage for great actors. The political and the financial problems are the ones with which we must grapple. First of all the South must develop her natural resources and thus become a centre in Financial and Industrial life, for he who is ruler of the business world's ruler of the whole world. We are living in a material age. We have the resources and all we need is the brain and energy to develop them. Closely following is the political situation. We must cease to vote for parties and begin to vote for men, for principle. The parties are too narrow in their views and hence he is considered a traitor who votes against his party. Such should not exist in healthy political parties. Then, too, we must solve the negro problem. We have mistreated the negro and then cleared ourselves of crime—in other words we have entered a spirit of lawlessness. We are placing too small a value on human life. Negro education is a failure. You rarely see a negro boy as good as his father before him. No real solution has yet been formed; yet Dr. Bassett and Mr. Walter Page have broken ground upon the education and the truth lies somewhere between their views. Who is able to solve these problems and be hailed as Washington the second?

The next speaker was Mr. D. P. Stern of the Phi. His subject was: "The Young Man and the State."

It is well to celebrate the birthday of Washington. Such celebration should not consist of mere vain boasting of past glory or longing for a return of the good old ways of the fathers. It is only valuable in so far as it gives us an opportunity

to stop and take a look and examine the conditions and forces about us. That phase of our life which is probably most neglected is the duty that we owe to the State. For every citizen owes a duty to the State. He can pay that duty best to-day by viewing our great problems in a larger and more liberal way, with a higher conception of National sentiment than at present pertains. This is especially true of the great industrial problems of the day. These problems must be worked out under our party systems. A better knowledge of the proper place of the party in our government and our daily life is absolutely essential. This knowledge is to be gained, these problems solved by all men taking a lively, healthy interest in the thoughts and activities of the political world about them. Everyone should do this but there are some who by temperament and disposition and training are peculiarly fitted for the work of governing and these should devote themselves to politics as a profession and it is herein that the solution of many of our present day problems lies, the solution of which means that America shall lead the world.

The last speaker was Dr. C. L. Raper. Subject: "The Constitutional Revolution."

The following were the chief points.

The Revolution, which by many is thought of as having its origin in 1776, was in reality the work of a century or more; it was the result of several fundamental forces working themselves out through a long period. George Washington, who is reported by many as being the head and shoulders of the Revolution, was, in fact, only one of its great leaders, he did not at all create the Revolution. He was, however, able to appreciate the direction of the forces which had been at work and to lead them at the last to a great result. The real Revolution was the result of the Colonial idea in conflict with the English idea, largely on these three problems: the administration of the territorial system, the administration of the fiscal system and the administration of the judicial system. These were the causes of the great constitutional struggles and bothers of the Colonial period; these problems with the struggles which they produced were the Revolution itself. We are in the habit of thinking of these three problems as being solved when the Colonies overthrew the control of England, but this is by no means the case. These three problems, certainly finance and justice, are still the great problems of every State; they will continue to be the fundamental problems of all people whether they govern themselves or are governed by other people. These problems are surely most important to the people of the United States in the Colonial administration of their

provinces—Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Review of the February Magazine.

The February number of the University Magazine came out more nearly on time than the preceding issues. It is a very creditable issue.

It opens with an admirable poem by R. M. Roach, entitled "Futurity."

The next article is the speech of Mr. A. H. Johnston, which won the Bingham Medal at the last commencement. The title is "Direct Election of United States Senators." Mr. Johnston argues that the present system of election was the effect of an aristocratic feeling in the makers of the constitution and that as this feeling has given way before the democratic growth of the people, we require the more democratic method of direct election. He further shows that the change will not alter the character of the Senate, but make it more useful by making it responsible to the people; that it will still preserve State representation, and will be a blessing to both State and nation. We need offer no word of criticism of a speech which has been already so honored.

"Social Coloring of the Book of Job," by W. F. McCanless, is an attempt to find in the book some knowledge of the people. The incidents of the book, says the writer, are supposed to have occurred between the time of the Flood and that of Moses. The people were in the patriarchal state of society. Yet many of their manners and customs were much the same as those of today. The article shows careful study of the facts and a good handling of them. Several quotations are introduced to explain and to illustrate the points.

"Carlisle's 'Essay on Characteristics' Only a Half-truth" is a criticism by W. K. Perrett of the essay. The doctrine of the essay is that "the healthy know not of their health, but only the sick." It teaches the gospel of unconscious power. Mr. Perrett denies this doctrine, showing that "to know ourselves is not conceit" and that unconsciousness is not an "unmistakable evidence of healthy condition." This seems to us a very just criticism.

"To the Lady in the Moon," by M. H., is, like other productions of the writer, a poem of a high order. It is smooth, clear, fresh and of a dignity that lifts the mind above the things around it to see the "fair and cold and inaccessible" Lady of the Moon. Such poetry as this always does credit to the Magazine.

When we come to the fiction department we feel that the stories are not what they should be. Some of them are very good; but in the main, they are confined to the love affairs of the college boy. We need more interest in story writing, and more stories of a better sort. The Harris Medal should stimulate this

interest.

"Where Beauty is Dust" is a love story of a crippled college student and a consumptive co-ed. "A Spectre to the Rescue" is a somewhat amusing story of love by the sea. The writer fails in his attempt at weirdness. "The Purple Flea Mine" is a very good story of its kind. It describes the stratagem resorted to to rid a mine of fleas, only to find the gold to be iron pyrites. "A Night with Grandpa" is a philosophical meditation, suggested by a fire-side scene and Juvenal's satire on old age. "Her Report of the Game" is a very laughable account of a foot ball game, as given by a rustic mother who had been to college to see her son. The writer handles his story well.

In the editorial department we note a suggestion to institute an employment bureau. THE TAR HEEL endorses this and wishes to see the suggestion become a working bureau. Nothing could be more advantageous to the man who works his way through college.

We wish to congratulate the Magazine editors on their publication. Its contents, with the exception of some of the fiction are very good. But there is one very serious trouble—there is not enough of it. The Magazine should be two or three times its present thickness. This is by no means the fault of the editorial board, but it is the fault of the student body. We need more interest in such work. Let us have it. We know there is more literary ability in the University than shows itself in the Magazine. The cause of its not being shown is a certain carelessness of such matters. Every student owes it to himself and to his college to develop his literary talents and to make the Magazine second to none. Let us have more work of this sort.

Dr. Alderman's Marriage.

Wednesday evening last, at 8 p. m., Miss Bessie Greene Hearn, of this city, was married to Dr. Edwin Anderson Alderman at the home of her parents in Audubon Place. The bridesmaid was Miss Helen Penny-packer, of Philadelphia, while the best man was Mr. Thomas Sloo, of this city. The newly-wedded couple left for Pass Christian, where they remained until Saturday night and then left on the Morgan liner "Louisiana" for Havana, where they will remain for some time. The Olive and Blue offers its best wishes to the happy couple.—Olive and Blue, Tulane University.

The Tar Heel also extends best wishes to our quondam President in his new happiness.

Harvard has 125 men trying for the track team. This is an increase of 30 over last year.

Bender, of the "Athletics," will coach the Carlisle Indians, at least during the early part of the season.