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## PHI BETA KAPPA.

### Installation of the Alpha Chapter. Dr. Bright's Address.

The exercises incident to the installation of the Alpha Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa Society were conducted in the College Chapel Friday night at eight o'clock. The address of the occasion was delivered by Dr. Bright, professor of English at Johns Hopkins University. The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. B. Higdon, the first president of the Alpha Chapter.

In opening the exercises Dr. Alexander, through whose efforts mainly the University was enabled to get this chapter, spoke on the life of the Alpha Theta Phi Society here, and then gave a brief history of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and its aims and work.

Dr. Smith then introduced Dr. Bright, who spoke on the study of the vernacular. Dr. Bright's address was a scholarly presentation of the claims of the vernacular in any thorough course in philology. He showed that even in the study of Latin and Greek, the laws of language find their clearest expression and their most adequate interpretation in the student's native speech.

He began by a well-reasoned discrimination between college work and university work. He congratulated the University on its reputation as a centre of truly graduate work. He expressed his pleasure at the graduate work now being done in the English language, and paid a beautiful and deserved tribute to Mr. Eugene Morehead Armfield, of High Point, whose donation to the graduate department of the English language would be a blessing to students for all time to come.

Altogether, the lecture was in keeping with Dr. Bright's reputation as an original thinker and with the academic association of the Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Bright in closing said that the cause of the great influence of the German literature was to be found in their great universities. He predicted that great things were to come to the "New South" when her universities should carry on this higher work as it is beginning to do. He closed with the following poem to the New South:

#### MERIDES, OR THE NEW SOUTH.

##### I

Oppressive woes forgot, as if new-born,  
Resilient, brave, and spirit all unworn,  
Merides fair now springs to life.  
A country large, united, battle-tried,  
Repledges troth to her, the nation's pride,  
In joyous note of ended strife.

##### II

No neutral heaven is her sky of peace,  
But set with promise of the soul's release  
From childish fears of cloudy night.  
No clamorous jargon fills the mind with  
awe,

But humble science re-expounds the law:  
It is not might but love makes right.

##### III

Sweet garden of the earth, and heaven for  
roof,  
And wisdom of the ages for reproof,  
A goodly heritage and wide;  
And eyes to see God's secrets manifold,  
And hearts to feel more than to ear be told,  
Philosophy the while her guide.

### The Virginia Foot-Ball Game.

The University of Virginia Athletic Association Advisory Committee has accepted Norfolk's proposition and made a contract that the game with Carolina shall be played there next year. The Richmond alumni were much incensed at this and protested vigorously, but without avail. The students at Virginia were apparently not entirely satisfied with the decision, as is shown in a communication from one of them in College Topics. The following are some extracts from the letter:

"The recent action of of the Advisory board of the G. A. A. in changing the place of the Thanksgiving game from Richmond to Norfolk has been criticised and criticised justly. It has been criticised not only by the alumni but also by the students.

"In the first place the students were not considered for one moment and no attempt whatever was made to find out how they stood in the question. In fact the proposed change was left in the background so completely that a large portion of the student body knew nothing at all about it until they saw it in the Topics last week that the change had been agreed upon. If the students had been consulted, there is every reason to believe that the majority of them would have given a decisive answer to the proposed change. But instead of consulting them, their wishes were entirely ignored.

"To prove that the students' wishes exerted very little influence on the decision, it is sufficient to say that the game has been put out of the reach of most of them. With no idea of going to the game, the interest is apt to flag, and will not this lack of interest affect in a way the players themselves? And the Thanksgiving game, the game of all games, to be thus put out of reach, without rhyme or reason, is more than most of them can realize.

"In days gone by the big games were arranged partly for the benefit of the students whose team it really is, but now all this seems to be changed. The commercial spirit, the desire for the "Almighty Dollar", has shoved what the students desire into the background of oblivion, and the student must suffer accordingly without murmuring or letting it be known that the team would not exist except for himself. As the time for the game approaches the "Almighty Dollar" will cry out, "Show your college spirit," but how can college spirit exist when its ideals are trampled under foot by the spirit of commercialism?"

"From the standpoint of a student the action of the Board was hasty and ill advised, and should be reconsidered. If the students were considered the action of the Board would be revoked and the game awarded to Richmond where it rightfully belongs."

The name signed to the letter appears prominently in the directory.

The next issue of the Topics contained an editorial in reply, upholding the action of the Advisory Committee. It had rather the note of an apology.

The proposition made by Norfolk is, in effect: (1) railroad facilities and rates equal to those enjoyed by Richmond; (2) accommodations for both teams while in Norfolk; (3) railroad expenses of the Virginia team to and from Norfolk; (4) a field containing 5000 reserved seats and "unlimited standing room". Richmond offered to spend \$25,000 in equipping her park, on condition that the game be given her for three years. Norfolk wanted a contract for one year, and she got it.

The situation now is that Virginia has signed up to play her next Thanksgiving game in Norfolk. If Carolina plays her she must play her there. Thus passes the hope of many that the South might have an annual Thanksgiving game that would be to the South what the Yale-Harvard game is to New England and the North, a game where the students, Alumni and friends of the two great Southern Universities would gather and see a splendid contest. The promise of a suitable park in Richmond was a pledge of this. Richmond is accessible to everybody and everybody likes to go there, Carolinians and Virginians. A splendid Thanksgiving day, a good park, and a game such as North Carolina and Virginia should play. That would never fail to draw a loyal crowd to Richmond. But to have this game in Norfolk means leaving out the under graduates, who have first claim on the teams that are playing for the championship. If Carolina plays Virginia in Norfolk most of the students will witness the game through a telegraphic report. And a game where the under graduate is not on the side lines to back his team is only a part of a game. We can never have the Great Southern Game at Norfolk.

The following from the Richmond News-Leader is of interest in this connection:

"Between the action of her Athletic Association in agreeing to play the annual foot ball game for three years in Norfolk, and the generalship of her athletic rivals of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, it begins to look serious for the foot ball future of the State University.

"Fearing that their University of Virginia rivals would reconsider their action and get out of the Norfolk deal, which they have been warred threatens the ruin of their athletic future, Virginia Polytechnic Institute men in Richmond and Blacksburg did some quick thinking and exchanging of ideas, and on Saturday Woodson P. Waddey, Virginia Polytechnic Institute '95, closed a lease which he had been negotiating with the Broad-Street

Park Company (Messrs. Bradley and Donati) for Thanksgiving day for three years. This morning Mr. Waddey transferred his lease to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute Athletic Association.

"The Virginia Polytechnic Institute men say they will get a game for Richmond for Thanksgiving day equally as attractive as the Virginia-North Carolina contest.

"This seems quite possible, for there are old rivals, the Virginia Military Institute, with many friends in Richmond; the Carlisle Indian eleven, the Georgetown and other teams to draw on.

"This blocks any retreat of the University men from Norfolk to Richmond, and is calculated to cripple the attendance from Richmond at the Virginia-North Carolina game Thanksgiving day in Norfolk.

"There is the glee of successful rivalry at Blacksburg to-day. The Virginia Polytechnic Institute alumni in Richmond, headed by Woodson Waddey, and the Polytechnic athletic committee feel that they have outgeneraled the "University crowd", have burned its bridges behind it, and have forced it into a quicksand at Norfolk into which it will slowly sink, leaving the Virginia Polytechnic Institute first in Virginia football, rivaling North Carolina for the leadership of the South.

"Bradley and Donati, the Broad-Street Park Company, are making arrangements to tear down the present seating arrangements in the park and make the place over new, and up-to-date and better than the LaFayette Field in Norfolk.

"It is very probable, by the way, that the annual North Carolina-Virginia Polytechnic game, played alternately at Blacksburg and Chapel Hill, will be brought to Richmond a week or two before Thanksgiving day."

### Dr. Smith's Book to be Used at the Naval Academy.

The authorities of the Naval Academy, Annapolis, have adopted Dr. Smith's "English-German Conversation Book", written in collaboration with Dr. Kruger of Berlin, and published by D. C. Heath & Company, for use in their German classes. The students at the Academy are taught the modern languages by the phonograph method. The book has been put into phonograph plates and will be used in this way.

### A New Prize.

Mr. George P. Brett, the accomplished president of the MacMillan Company, the great publishers of New York, together with his wife, visited the University last week. It is with grateful appreciation that we hear of his offer of a prize, of the value of twenty-five dollars, of his best publications, for best work in "The Literary Study of the Bible," a course of exceptional interest conducted by Dr. Hume.