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## "9019" DECLAMATION CONTEST A SUCCESS

**Thirty-Two Schools from Three States Sent Representatives.—South Carolina and Virginia Sent Two Declaimers Each.—Banquet After the Contest**

**J. M. PRITCHARD, OF MARS HILL COLLEGE, WON**

**Young Son of Judge Pritchard, of Asheville, Carried Off Highest Honors.—Subject of His Declaration, "The Chivalry and Traditions of the South".—All Declamations of An Unusually High Order.**

Mr. Jeter McKinley Pritchard of Mars Hill College, the son of Judge Jeter C. Pritchard, of Asheville, delivered one of the most stirring declamations ever heard at Trinity College and in the opinion of the judges, excelling the other nine contestants of the evening was declared winner of the inter-scholastic declamation contest held Friday night in the Craven Memorial hall under the auspices of the "9019", a patriotic and scholarly society of the college. The decision was an exceedingly difficult one to make on account of the high order of excellence that marked the declamations of the other nine contestants who competed for the honor. In decisions of this kind there is always room for disagreement on account of the personal appeal that the various declamations make to the hearer, but taking it all in all the decision of the judges awarding the medal to Mr. Pritchard, represented the consensus of opinion and met with the approval of most of those present.

In many respects the contest was one of the most significant events that has taken place at Trinity College in many years. Never in the history of the state's educational system have 32 leading secondary schools competed for a declamation prize at one time. That so large a number of the best high schools in this and adjoining states deemed the occasion momentous enough to send their representatives, many of them for a distance of over 100 miles to take part in the contest, is an encouraging sign that the fine art of declamation, which had so much to do with the grace and eloquence of the Clays, Websters, and Calhouns of the older days, holds still a high place in the estimation of our educators, and that, although we have fallen on a materialistic day which lays most of its emphasis upon vocational and utilitarian accomplishments the declaimer's art is still a noble one, and one that will not die.

In all 32 contestants entered the competition, 28 from North Carolina, two from Virginia, and two from South Carolina. They arrived on the afternoon train Thursday, and were met by committees of students and friends who took them at once to the rooms assigned to them. The official program began the same evening with the enrollment of the representatives and their assignment by lot to the positions they were to occupy in the preliminary contest of the following morning. The delegates attended in a body the same night the basket ball game at the gymnasium between the juniors and sophomores, as the guests of the college community.

The preliminary contest followed

at 9 o'clock Friday morning with Professor R. G. Anderson, Rev. T. L. Trott and Rev. W. P. Constable, acting as judges. The 32 declamations consumed all the morning and part of the afternoon, the last one finishing about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The 10 schools that were chosen at this preliminary contest to compete in the final contest of the evening were: East Durham High School, Kinston High School, Winston High School, Raleigh High School, Hawfield High School, Warsaw High School, Gastonia High School, Mars Hill College, and Durham High School.

The contest in the evening drew a full attendance of the college community and levied generously on the city folk. Those who were present will remember the evening as one of rare oratory and eloquence. Every speaker on the program was master of the art, and the chairman of the committee in making the announcement spoke the opinion of the large audience when in making the award, he regretted that there was not a medal for each speaker. The glee club selections during the evening, the violin solo by Mr. S. S. Alderman, and the vocal solo by Mr. F. S. Bennett, calling forth much applause. The quartette was at its best, making its first public appearance this year.

While there is no means of knowing how the judges arrived at their decision it must have been very nearly unanimous for it took them only a short time to decide, returning their verdict in favor of Mr. Pritchard in 10 minutes. The winner has a magnificent stage presence and a powerful delivery, both factors counting heavily in swinging the decision his way. Rivaling him closely for the highest honor was Mr. Gray Hicks, of the Wilmington High School who rendered "The Conquered Banner," with an eloquence and feeling that held the large crowd spell-bound; and Mr. Gray J. Hunter, Jr., of the Raleigh High School, who put into his declamation "Military Glory and Robert E. Lee," the fire and spirit that carries one back to the South of the old order and the soldier-citizen in gray who has since then inspired song and story. Clarence Ross, of the East Durham High School, rendered finely "Regulus to the Roman and Carthaginian Senates," in "The Chivalry and Traditions of the South." Mr. Pritchard, the winner of the medal, had a subject that lent itself readily to declamation, dealing as it did with the heroism of the South's past and the glorification of her heroes and heroines. It was a noble subject, and the speaker made the most of it, making up by his sincerity and elo-

quence for the lack of unity from which the declamation frequently suffered.

### THE BANQUET.

The contest was followed by an informal banquet in the Hesperian Hall to which were invited the representatives of all the high schools, the judges of the evening's contest—Professor N. W. Walker of Chapel Hill, Professor E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest, and Mr. Allen J. Barwick of the state department of education, Raleigh; the members of the college faculty, the members of the "9019" and invited guests. Mr. Holland Holton made a witty toastmaster. A varied menu of fruits, cakes, nuts, and chocolates kept everyone present busy while the numerous toasts were responded to. These were many and humorous. The first to respond were the preliminary judges of the morning's contest—Rev. T. L. Trott, Rev. Constable, and Professor Anderson. The latter styled his talk "Declamation as a legal recreation." Mr. Hull of Rutherford College spoke appreciatively in behalf of the delegates. He was followed by Mr. H. C. Doss, to whose initiative was due largely the conception of the contest, who responded in behalf of "9019" and the college. Professor Walker of Chapel Hill, one of the judges of the final contest, told of the regret of the committee that there was only one medal to award, saying that every man who entered the contest was entitled to some sort of prize and distinction. Dr. W. I. Cranford spoke on the "Psychology of Declaiming," combining in his talk some good humor and plain common sense thoughts on the value of declamation as a training to the individual. Mr. Allen J. Barwick, of the committee thought that this contest was the most significant movement inaugurated by a college organization in the history of the state, saying that the move will prove of the utmost value to the literary societies of the state's secondary schools. Mr. W. G. Matton, in behalf of the student body of Trinity College, sustained his reputation as the college humorist by telling several funny stories which reasonably to the occasion and assuring the delegates of the pleasure their presence had afforded to every Trinity man. He was followed by Mr. R. C. Moore, of the Wofford Fitting School, who insisted humorously on the supremacy of South Carolina in the realm of oratory and declamation. His account of the trials and tribulations that attended his first ride in a sleeper on his way to Durham brought the most continued laughter of the evening. Mr. A. B. Ferguson, the only other representative from the Palmetto State, coming from the Lancaster High School, was next called on. Mr. Eugene Charles Hurt, of the Cluster Springs Academy, and Mr. Ralph Wheatley, of the Danville High School, the two Virginians in the contest, spoke for the Old Dominion, the latter referring feelingly to the dear old Danville High School, which sent him here, and regretting that he had so far overrated his powers, since he had not even made one

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## SENIORS AND JUNIORS WIN

**Freshmen and Sophomores Go Down in Defeat in Last Week's Games**

By the score of 23 to 16 the "Gentlemen of the Sticks" defeated the freshman in a fast game of basket ball on last Wednesday evening. The seniors headed by their bright particular star, Gaston, put up a game that completely dazzled the new men and the latter failed to matriculate on the wily curves and lithesome glidefulness of the former in time to prevent a score decidedly in bias.

Gaston, as has been intimated, played a brilliant game for the seniors. Hunter played strongly, and the passing done by the whole team, and in particular by Bell, was so good as to deserve honorable mention. The freshman, while they have a much weaker team than the seniors, played well, and judging by the way they played the last few minutes of the last half, they are capable of playing an even better game than they put up. Jenkins, the team captain, and Hill played especially good ball, while the defensive work done by Gaston may be taken as an indication perhaps of the not far distant appearance of another bright constellation among the Pleiades now glittering in the firmament of Inter-Collegiate Basket Ball.

The teams played the following men:

Seniors—Cheek, Gaston, Guards; Hunter, Bell, Forwards; Adams, Center.

Freshmen—Murry, Carroll, Hill, Highland; Guards; Gaston, Meyers, Forwards; Jenkins, Center.

The game Wednesday was followed Thursday evening by an equally good game between the juniors and sophomores, in which the former won by the score of 26 to 10. Both teams played with plenty of snap and go and although the two teams were not evenly matched, the juniors being conceded the stronger of the teams by far, the Sophs put up a good hard fight and did in spurts and fits some clever work.

The line up was as follows:

Juniors—Brinn, Houston, Johnson, Forwards; Cherry, Barringer, Guards; Moore, Center.

Sophomores—Watrick, White, Forwards; Radcliffe, Kirkman, Guards; Hardee, Center.

At the weekly meeting of the Y. W. C. A., at the Woman's Building Monday night, Dean Cranford made the address. He made an inspiring talk on the "Purity of the Heart." He read from the Nineteenth Psalm, applying the moral to the life of Woman, which, the speaker said, is closest to the heart of all human things, in that upon her depends the happiness of the home, which is the center of all political as well as social life. His talk made a deep impression upon the young women. During the meeting Miss McCullen sang "Calvary," and a quartette rendered "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." The meeting closed with the doxology and prayer.

Mr. L. A. Puryear has returned to college from his home at Paducah, Kentucky, where he was called by the illness of his mother.

## HISTORIAN'S HELD SESSION

**INSTRUCTIVE PAPERS READ BY MESSRS. E. J. LONDON AND R. G. CHERRY**

### ADDITIONS TO MUSEUM

**Valuable War Relics Donated by Mrs. W. P. Constable.—Set of Japanese Feudal Armor and Old Newspaper Files.—New Cases Placed in Museum**

The Historical Society of Trinity College met Monday night in regular monthly session in their hall in the Duke Building. The literary program of the evening consisted of two papers, one, by Mr. E. J. London on "The Downfall of the Royalist Government in North Carolina," and the other by Mr. R. G. Cherry on "The Stamp Act in North Carolina." Mr. London's paper was an exceptionally able treatment of a difficult subject and one which in its preparation, had required much research work among original sources and contemporary records. It was greatly enjoyed by the members present who were given a new insight into a little known subject. Mr. Cherry's paper dealt in an interesting manner with the effects of the famous Stamp Act in this State, tracing the opposition that developed against it principally in the vicinity of Wilmington.

Preceding the reading of the papers much routine business was disposed of and entries made of the new acquisitions of the historical museum. Among the valuable additions to this department since the last meeting are a Confederate revolver, which was in use on the Confederate battleship "Alabama" and a Bible found on the battlefield of Gettysburg, both of them donated by Mrs. W. P. Constable. An old loom and flax pack donated by Mr. H. L. Scott, is a valuable addition to the society's collection of the implements used in domestic industry before the introduction of machinery, which is now becoming fairly complete. Mr. W. A. Wilson has donated a set of Japanese feudal armor obtained by his father who is a missionary in Japan. Mr. C. E. Richardson has presented to the society some old files of the "Boston Advertiser" for the year 1865, containing interesting sketches of life in the South immediately after the war.

The collections of the museum have now assumed such proportions that additional space will soon be needed for their proper display. New cases have been set up recently containing manuscripts of the Reconstruction period, and complete sets of text-books used in the Confederate States.

At the home of his father, Dean Mordecai of the Law School, Mr. W. G. Mordecai, editor of the Park School Gazette, the student publication of the Trinity Park School, gave a reception Saturday evening to his associate editors and managers. These students of the Park School were present: Mess. W. I. Wooten, G. H. Nash, E. G. Reade, E. G. Curdin, B. W. Evans, J. E. McCless, B. W. Gaither, W. W. Kimball, Mr. R. D. Komer, of the senior class of Trinity College, was present as the representative of the College Press Association.

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"Rockefeller gives an additional \$725,000 to the colleges." (News Item.) "Praise John, from whom oil blessings flow; praise oil creatures here below," suggests the Rainchild.

The eschatology of aviation, a valuable addition to the catalogue of aerial catastrophes and the very latest in aerial literature, is the "Life of Wellman's Cat," in nine volumes, just out.

These three puns are on The Index: The seniors are raising cane—they are something on a stick—they have re-conquered Cannan. No respectable Trinity man will be guilty of the gross lack of taste of using them in any of their possible variations.

The last game is played. We rest, and faith, we need it. Three things make one wonder if football is a white while—the expense of white paper and the waste of ink before the battle, the dead and wounded after it, and the moving picture account of the game which your friend who was on the side lines, thinks is essential to your happiness, and which ceases only with the threat of physical violence.

The University of Missouri has a prize cow, "Josephine," which gives thirty-two quarts of milk daily. (News Item.) Hail Josephine! here's to you, your fame has already become Associated Press matter; the University in which you reside is still lapped in universal peace. Give one more quart than any other cow in existence and the world will make a pathway to your door—though it be through a wilderness.

This business of writing short, vigorous, stinging paragraphs, pulsating with the accumulated piquancy of the ages is easy. Just watch—an evening with Her, 'Toddy, huddle-bees, oscillatory dill-pickles of Pompei and Ninevah,—read it again.

"ON TO RICHMOND!" in big bold capitals with a husky exclamation point after it, was the five-deck head which squatted gracefully over three front page columns of football intentions in the November 23 issue of the Tar Heel. Over the stupefying how it happened, in the issue of November 26, a modest single column three decker read simply "Carolina Loses to Virginia." Which same illustrates for the ninth time the fact that only only those who arrive are worth newspaper prominence. Aside from dragging in this little incident by the hair of its head to point a moral, we bear for the University of North Carolina only brotherly love. We are sorry that Carolina did not win. We should have preferred Virginia to lose this year—they have had Carolina's Angora long enough.

To catch a tradition red-handed in the very act of fastening itself to the name of a great man, is a thrilling experience vouchsafed to few. We have done it. In the current number of the Davidson College Magazine we read in "Woodrow Wilson, A Sketch," of a tradition that has scurriously sprung into being between November 8th last and this writing, which we denounce as an unwarranted and highly unparliamentary attempt to add to the biography of New Jersey's governor. Speaking of Wilson's one-year stay at Davidson, the writer says:

"Tradition leaves one very interesting and pleasing thing about his college life, which reminds one very much of our present-day college life. A classmate when asked what was one of the things for which Dr. Wilson was noted when in college, replied that about the only thing of especial note was that he was able to be in bed fast asleep when the second chapel bell began ringing, jump out of bed, start to chapel with his clothes on one arm, dressing with the other, and be in his seat in chapel fully dressed when the bell stopped ringing, something like five minutes time."

We believe we are performing a real service to future students of history, by registering at the very outset our utmost skepticism with regard to this tradition. The cherry tree incident of another famous American is at least within range of probability, but carrying your duds in one arm while dressing with the other, all the time en route to your morning's devotions, strains strongly the very laws of physics. Napoleon may have said, "Good God! How rare Men are," and Sherman asserted that "War is hell;" yes, we even credit Goethe with having called for "Mehr Licht," but we decline to believe that Woodrow Wilson, even while a freshman at Davidson, had no better sense than to rush to chapel without first eating breakfast.

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of the ten of the final contest. He was his last year at the high school, to have Danville ably represented at the next contest.

Professor Sikes of Wake Forest, kept the assembly roaring for several minutes with his dialect stories and witty sallies. He referred to the pleasure the contest had afforded him and said that he would look forward to serving on future committees of similar contests held at Trinity College. Mr. J. M. Pritchard, the prize winner, responded with a short talk expressing appreciation for the honor conferred upon him by the judges, and the pleasure of meeting so many representatives of other schools. Professor Brooks, of the department of education of Trinity College, closed the speech-making of the evening with a few appropriate remarks, concluding with a quotation from Dr. Few's inaugural address to the effect that the ability to think, and think through to right conclusions, marks the cultivated man; an accomplishment, the speaker said, which participation in declamation and debate never fails to confer upon those taking part in it. The banquet came to a close at midnight.

### THE REPRESENTATIVES.

The following is a list of the schools which participated, the names of the speakers and their declamations: The Old South (Taylor); Lancaster high school, (S. O.), A. B. Ferguson, Jr., The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold; Cary high school, H. C. Upchurch, True Heroism; Whitsett Institute, C. W. Carrick, Carmack, the Martyr; Charlotte high school, George Long, Ransom's Eulogy of Vance; Danville high school (Va.) Ralph Wheatley, The Victor of Marengo; Trinity Park high school, Walker Setzer, The Death Bed of Benedict Arnold; Wofford Fitting School (S. C.), H. C. Moore, Lafayette (Prestiss); Raeford Institute, J. W. Phillips, Zebulon B. Vance, a Eulogy; East Durham high school, Clarence Ross, Regulus to the Roman and Carthaginian Senates; Horner Military school, J. V. Whitfield, The Curse of Regulus; Hidenite high school, Howard D. Sharpe, Whisperin' Bill; Hawfield high school, Will C. Copeland, Anton's Speech Over the Body of Caesar; Louisburg high school, Julian Hart, Casey at the Bat; Raleigh high school Cary J. Hunter, Jr., Military Glory and Robert E. Lee; Wakelon high school, Albert G. Horton, Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death; Mars Hill College, Jeter McKinley Pritchard, The Chivalry and Traditions of the South; Creedmoor high school, Ben Lawrence, The Resources and Pleasures of the Cultivated Mind; Gastonia high school, Miles Thornburg, National Honor; Winston high school, Harry Lee Dalton, The Old and the New South; Warsaw high school, Henry L. Stevens, Jr., The New South; Wilmington high school, Gray Hicks, The Conquered Banner; Holly Springs high school, Ray Olive, The New South (Grady); Waynesville high school, Judson McManaway, Geneva; Washington high school, Enoch Simmons, Earl Dameron, Speech of Emmett Under Sentence; Kinston high school, Gordon Rhodes, The Traitor's Death Bed; Cluster Springs Academy (Va.), Eugene Charles Hurt,

Jr., My Mother! My Country! My God! rDuham high school, Beverly Snow, Spartacus; Baird's school, W. S. Cunningham, The Heroes of the Maine; Oxford high school, Shepard Booth, John Maynard; Sten high school, Amos Latta, The Old and New South.

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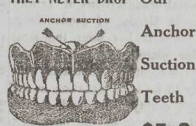
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## COLLEGE PICKINGS

Mr. P. B. Best, '12, spent Thursday at his home in Goldsboro.

Mr. J. B. Courtney, of the senior class, spent Thanksgiving day at Lynchburg, visiting friends at the Randolph Macon Woman's College.

Among those who saw the University of North Carolina go down in defeat before Virginia at Richmond last Thursday were: Messrs. W. H. Muse, Jr., Hal McCoy, F. R. Ray, D. W. Maddox and H. B. Mayes.

Professor Markham, who has been ill for the past few days, is out again and is meeting his classes.

The Mission Study Class studying "Negro Life in the South," held its first meeting Sunday morning in the Hesperian Hall under the leadership of Professor J. A. Morgan. The meeting was highly interesting. The second of the four meetings of the course will be held next Sunday at 9:30 a. m.

Mr. John Martin, of the freshman class, has left college.

Mr. R. C. Goldstein, of the Law School, left Monday morning for Asheville, on a matter of business.

Miss Emma Babbitt, of the senior class, spent Thursday in Raleigh with her parents.

Misses Mabel and Ada Bell Isley spent Thanksgiving day at home in Burlington. They were accompanied by Miss Fannie Kilgo.

Misses Mary and Lucile Gorham spent the holiday at their home in Fayetteville.

Miss Katie Lee McKimmon spent Thanksgiving day with her sister at Randolph Macon Woman's College at Lynchburg, Va.

Miss Pearl Jones, of Laurinburg, is visiting Miss Emma McCullen, of the freshman class.

Misses Wrenn, McCullen, Smith and Sinclair, chaperoned by Miss Sue Cobb, enjoyed an automobile trip to Chapel Hill Thursday.

Mr. R. A. Whitaker, Jr., of the class of 1910, visited friends on the campus Sunday and Monday of this week.

Mr. Willis Smith, of the Law School, spent Saturday in Greensboro on professional business.

Mr. H. A. Hayes, of Winston-Salem, visited his son, Mr. Hal Hayes, of the sophomore class, last week.

Mr. R. B. Anderson, of the freshman class, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Wilson.

The following men have been chosen by the captain of the basketball team to make up the squad from which the first team and the scrubs will be selected: Kiker, Brinn, J. E. Jones, Moore, Hunter, Houston, Brinn, C. B. Cherry, Puryear, Gaston, W. G. Bell, W. R., Barringer, Smith, W., Johnson, W. L., and Hedrick.

Messrs. Vick, Vickers, Hurley and Bob Gantt have gone to Elizabeth City to attend the North Carolina Conference.

## PI KAPPA ALPHA OUTING

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity of Trinity College spent Thanksgiving Day at the hospitable cabin of Mr. James H. Southgate, near Hillsboro. With the most beautiful of late autumn days to make the trip through the country, with the jolliest and prettiest girls of the city accompanying them, with the assurance of the utmost leniency on the part of the professors, in the matter of recitations the next morning, and with the most bountiful of wild game dinners prepared by an experienced caterer served in a place ideal for an occasion of this kind, the picnicers will long remember this day as one of Thanksgiving and good cheer. The party left at nine o'clock in the morning, traveling through the country in bugies and landaus.

Southgate's cabin has become to the social organizations of Trinity College a Mecca of good cheer. For years it has been the most popular place of outing for the college students, a popularity due largely to its ideal situation in the Orange county hills, and to the genial character of the host, Mr. James Southgate, who has himself never stopped being an undergraduate, and whose sportsmanship and love of the out-of-doors have endeared him to all Trinity students. He has never failed to throw wide open the doors of his hospitable bungalow to every college organization looking for a place to spend a holiday. In addition to the members of the fraternity who are in college, the party included several members from out of town, and other colleges. The party returned to the city about six o'clock in the evening. Those who enjoyed the day at the cabin were: R. M. Gantt with Miss Lucile Womack; George S. Lee with Miss Rebecca Michie; Eli Warlick with Miss Annabel Gray; Andrew Warlick with Miss Janet Mason; James Dillard with Miss Placide Kramer; A. W. Horton with Miss Anna Branson; B. S. Hurley with Miss Willie Smith; L. B. Hurley with Miss Gladys Taliaferro; J. A. Lee with Miss Sarah Womack; Mark Rose with Miss Emma McCullen; Pierce Wyche with Miss Mattie Lehman; Mills Kitchen with Miss Helen Gribble; Robert Hunter with Miss Ella Boddie; Clarence Steadman with Miss Louise Hackney. Stags: C. D. Gantt, Sam Gantt and Jas. Howard. Chaperones: Professor and Mrs. E. C. Brooks, Mr. James H. Southgate, and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Best.

Nine rules of traditional conduct which the Students' Council asks all first year men to observe have been printed on small cards and are being placed in the hands of Michigan's latest arrivals. They are as follows:

1. Wear the freshman cap or toque the entire year.
2. Never smoke a pipe on the campus.
3. Never wear prep-school insignia.
4. Get all prep-school pins out of sight.
5. Never sit on the senior benches.
6. Always allow a man of a higher class to precede you through a door.
7. Attend all mass meetings.
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