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## THE MOOT CONVENTION

PRIMARY ELECTIONS THURSDAY  
SUCCESSFUL—ONE HUNDRED  
NINETY-TWO REGISTERED

## CONVENTION DATED MARCH 12

Wilson Forces Victorious in Choosing  
Members for Committee on Arrange-  
ments.—Harmonites Still Hope-  
ful.—Supplemental Reg-  
istration.

The first round of the political struggle among the students of Trinity College for the control of the moot convention to be held within a few weeks resulted in a victory for the forces of Woodrow Wilson. The primary held Thursday was a success in every way. A total of one hundred ninety-two votes were cast and the returns of the election, while resulting in the election of a partisan board, placed the power to arrange for the convention in the hands of men well capable of so doing.

The polls were open from nine to one and from one-thirty to four as originally announced. By five thirty the vote had been canvassed and the results of the allotting announced. The following persons were chosen as the committee of ten: James Cannon, Jr., E. J. London, H. M. Ratcliff, Don R. Kirkman, A. W. Byrd, R. M. Patterson, N. L. White, H. A. Dennis, D. W. Maddox, and Claude Bennett.

The official vote for all the candidates is as follows:

Alderman	49
Bennett, C.	89
Brower, A. S.	27
Byrd, A. W.	115
Cade	60
Cannon	136
Caughran	88
Dennis	110
Eller	53
Harbison, E.	48
Hardee	51
Jones, E. L.	56
Kirkman	118
Knott	48
London	134
Maddox	99
Patterson	113
Ray	18
Ratcliff	121
Reed	76
Sheppard	58
Terrell	40
White, N. L.	113
Wilson, H. L.	47

At a meeting of the Arrangements Committee chosen Thursday, Monday night, the date for the convention was set for March 12. There will be two sessions of the convention, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. No further arrangements besides fixing the date were made.

A supplemental registration for the purpose of allowing those who failed to register for seats in the convention during the voting last Thursday was decided upon. This registration was held this morning from nine until one in the lobby of the Main Building. According to the reports at one o'clock 28 additional persons had registered to obtain seats in the convention.

There have been rumors of the withdrawal of the Harmon supporters from the contest, on account of the absolutely partisan nature of the board chosen Thursday. What will be the result of this fact is yet to be seen. A with-

## "Reddie" Rowe Back

Manager Sheppard of the ball team announces that he has secured the services of "Reddie" Rowe for umpiring the games this season. Rowe has officiated behind the bat here for the past two years and has won general popularity for his general fairness and ability to make clean decisions. He played last year for Albany in the New York State League, and so far has not signed up for the approaching season. He has married since the close of the season last fall.

## REV. G. F. SMITH TO Y. M. C. A.

Durham Pastor Addressed College Men Wednesday.

Rev. G. F. Smith, pastor of Memorial Church, was the speaker at the regular mid-week meeting of the Y. M. C. A., held last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

He made a practical talk on the importance of carrying out the little duties of life well. He said it was, after all, not the great things of life that counted, so much as it was the little seemingly insignificant and useless ones.

He gave a fine illustration of the importance of discharging the smallest duties of life, by referring to the Spanish-American war, in which many battles were won chiefly because of the carrying out of the commands and orders in detail.

The latter part of the speaker's talk was devoted to the importance of punctuality in one's life. He showed what ample opportunity college students have for developing this side of their personality, and in closing advised that each one pay more attention to the little tasks that confront him in every day life.

## Debate with Swarthmore

Announcement was made at the time of the first preliminary for the South Carolina Debate that there would probably be a change in the question as debated with Swarthmore. This change has been made at the request of the Swarthmore debating authorities. As now stated it reads as follows:

"Resolved, That all corporations engaged in interstate commerce should be required to take out a federal charter in such terms as Congress may, by law, prescribe, granted that such legislation would be constitutional."

The first preliminary for choosing speakers to represent Trinity in the contest with Swarthmore will take place Monday evening next, at seven-thirty. The time allowed the speakers will be the same as that in the preliminaries just completed. A meeting of all students desiring to enter the Swarthmore contest will be held in the Y. M. C. A. hall tonight immediately after the conclusion of the weekly services.

drawal of almost one third of the total delegation would probably mean an abandonment of the scheme or perhaps a fusion of the Harmon men with the Republicans for the purpose of electing Taft at a moot election. Play politics, like the real thing, is abundant with rumors and reported sayings.

## A. & M. WINS FROM TRINITY

LOCALS GO DOWN IN DEFEAT BEFORE N. C. FARMERS AT RALEIGH SATURDAY NIGHT

## MET FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON

Raleigh Men Captured Game by Score of 26-13.—Brinn Unable to Play.—Canvass on Floor Hampered Trinity.—Fast Work by A. & M.

Trinity suffered her first defeat of the season Saturday night at Raleigh when the much-defeated team of A. and M. College won from her by the score of 26 to 13. The game was played in the new Auditorium and a crowd of nearly a thousand people witnessed it. A. and M. outplayed Trinity at every stage of the contest and completely outlasted the local team. Trinity put up the weakest game that she has played in many a day. Captain Brinn was out of the game on account of illness, and his usual snap and "pep" were sadly missed by the players. Another cause of the defeat was the size of the floor on which the game was played, it being a great deal larger than the local floor; also, the floor was covered with canvas to which the Trinity players seemed unable to get accustomed.

The game began with A. and M. taking the lead by getting a field goal. Trinity almost immediately tied it up, and during the entire first half there were only a few points difference between the scores of the two teams. The half ended with A. and M. in the lead, 12 to 9.

In the second half Trinity literally went to pieces and A. and M. walked away with the score. In this half Trinity made only one field goal and two foul goals, while A. & M. scored fourteen points. Huntley, guarding Jones, went wild in this half, scoring three field goals, and LeGrand made two. Phillips also put up a star game for A. and M.

For Trinity, what little starring there was, was done by Hedrick, who put up a great defensive game and was there with the goods in throwing foul goals. He scored seven of Trinity's thirteen points thru his accuracy in this respect. Cherry was put in Moore's place during the last half and was fully a match for the football tactics of the A. and M. team.

The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Trinity:—Jones, White, left forward; Crowell, right forward; Moore, Cherry, center; Hedrick, left guard; Houston, right guard. A. and M.:—LeGrand, left forward; Hargrove, right forward; Chambers, center; Huntley, left guard; Phillips, right guard.

Summary: Field goals, Crowell 2, Houston 1, LeGrand 3, Hargrove 2, Chambers 1, Huntley 3, Phillips 2; Fouls: Jones 1, Moore 2, Hedrick 3, Houston 1, Cherry 2, LeGrand 1, Hargrove 2, Chambers 1, Huntley 3, Phillips 2; Foul Goals: Hedrick 7, LeGrand 1, Chambers 3. Referee, Cartmell, of Carolina.

Dr. J. J. Wolfe of the Department of Biology attended the meeting of the North Carolina Forestry Association in Raleigh last week.

## Baseball Practice

Friday, March 1, will be the picking of the twenty-five men to compose the squad in baseball. Coach Adkins will after that date devote his time to the development of these players. Practice has been hindered during the past week by the rain and the muddy conditions of the field but the coach has been having the men do some work indoors. Now that the weather has opened up, active practice will go forward every afternoon.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY MET

Two Papers on North Carolina Historical Incidents.

The Trinity College Historical Society held its regular meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall Monday evening. The President, Dr. W. K. Boyd, made announcement of several donations to the museum, the majority of which consisted of exchange publications from other colleges to complete the library files. One interesting donation was a scrap of cloth cut from the bier of President McKinley.

The literary program consisted of two papers on local historical subjects read by W. L. Scott and W. G. Sheppard. The paper, "Legends of Colonel Benjamin Cleveland," by W. L. Scott dealt with an experience of Colonel Cleveland which took place near the home of the writer during the Revolutionary days. The subject of the paper was quite a noted character along the Virginia-Carolina line, and at the time of the incident related had been carried off by a marauding band of Tories. The paper by W. G. Sheppard was a review of King's "History of Pitt County," one of the few county histories that have been written. While not written on exact historical lines the reviewer stated that the work is interesting, readable, and full of valuable information.

## Season Tickets

According to Manager Sheppard season tickets for the baseball games this year will be on sale after March 1. There will be seventeen games played on the home diamond this year and with the price of the tickets at five dollars, as is the custom, the amount saved by purchasing a season ticket will be almost half of the total cost of single admissions to all the games. The number of games that will be interesting and hard fought is greater this year than ever before and this, too, increases the desirability of the season tickets. Attention is called to the fact that the University of Virginia has just inaugurated the plan of selling season tickets to the ball games this year, and the idea is taken as a good one at the Virginia school. All lovers of the sport should avail themselves of the opportunity to buy a ticket as soon as they are placed on sale.

## After Raleigh Advertisers

Assistant business manager H. L. Wilson of the *Chanticleer* spent Monday and Tuesday in Raleigh in the interests of the publication. He was accompanied by F. S. Bennett, who went to the capital for the purpose of doing some research work in the state library.

## ANNUAL CIVIC CELEBRATION

LARGE AUDIENCE OUT TO HONOR WASHINGTON'S MEMORY ON ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH

## ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT POTEAT

Inspiring Talk by President of Wake Forest on Subject of Patriotism.—Points Out New Battlefield Where Young Men May Try Mettle.

Before a representative audience of Trinity students and citizens of Durham, Dr. William Louis Poteat, President of Wake Forest College, delivered what may be termed on of the most forceful and appealing addresses ever heard on the occasion of the Civic Celebration held yearly at Trinity College on the occasion of Washington's birthday. The addresses was characterized by scholarly qualities, and revealed the sympathy which Dr. Poteat holds for the scientific view; his delivery was one that captivated his audience and the few bits of humor which he attempted were well received. Dr. Poteat was introduced by President Few of Trinity. On account of the fact that Dr. Poteat was also to be a guest of the Merchants' Association at its banquet the same night, the exercises of the evening were cut short.

Taking as his subject, "Patriotism," Dr. Poteat began by saying he was not a sectionalist. He said that he believed in a national spirit or a national consciousness. Such a spirit, he went on, is not incompatible with local attachments, for civilization cannot begin until man is firmly rooted to some loved spot; nor is it incompatible with pride in local achievements; likewise it is not contrary to international sympathies; in no way does it interfere with the spirit which works for international peace, and the signs of the approaching unity of mankind, such as the conferences at the Hague and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, are in harmony with a national spirit. The speaker here took occasion to say that, opposed as was Washington to international alliances and strongly as he advised against them, the first President would find no harmful additions to our national life from our close relation with foreign powers.

War is the result said Dr. Poteat, of the workings of one of the two predominant motives that actuate human efforts. The one of these is hunger; the other, love. To the desire to appease hunger, fighting and war can be directly traced. In his desire to obtain food, man has resorted to a method which means the survival of the fittest; half the types of mankind have perished in this struggle and for every living language there are twenty dead ones.

And with all our clashing ideals the military spirit is still strong among our people. This is the natural result of the early resort to warfare as a means of obtaining food. Distinction in war is accounted greater than distinction in peaceful pursuits. Reference to the strata of society as they existed in ancient Greece and in modern India bore out the speaker's point. He also gave his view of the position in which we press

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The argument that preparedness for war prevents it does not apply to college classes.

Since the establishment of the *Chanticleer*, we have heard little of the college chronicler.

Some fond parents might find the land of the midnight sun is located on college campuses.

Little drops of water,  
Little puddles of mud,  
Don't make a mighty ball team,  
But don't you wish it would?

To be mistaken in a reference to an author is bad enough, but when to this offence is added misquotation, the worst of punishments are not too bad for the guilty party. This statement may require some qualifications. Like the Colonel's hat it is pretty good to talk thru, but not so well to act by. We plead guilty to the charge in this case and beg judicial, or other, clemency for our poor persons. The crime in question was committed in our issue of February 14, and the author thus mutilated was the leader of Transcendentalism, the worthy expounder of the laws of Compensation and the preacher of the divinity in man. Since that time we have learned that both references to Emerson in the aforementioned editorial occurred in the essay on "Self-Reliance" within fifty lines of each other, and not, as we then said, in separate essays.

Information from the library to the effect that some person or persons have been taking liberties with the periodicals on the racks in the reading room seems to call for some special notice. It appears that the *New York Times* for February 23, has been shorn of the speech of the doughty Colonel before the Ohio Constitutional Convention. Of course there may be some doubt as to whether

the sheet has really lost anything that is worth while, and whether the dissemination of information, or the nature contained therein, should be one of the functions of a well balanced college library; these matters are beside the mark. What is more to the point, however, is the fact that this speech is one dealing with a subject which the sophomore class in English is at present preparing a debate on, and the paper has been called for, more than once at the librarian's desk. Were it not so, the very act of clipping from the periodicals belonging to the library is one that should be discontinued by all thinking students. The act was doubtless, a thoughtless one and hence no great blame rests upon the person who committed it, but it can easily be seen that were every student in college to clip from the papers at the library, whatever he wanted to preserve, there would soon be no matter left to bind at the end of the year. The speech clipped also appears in the *Outlook* for February 24 in complete form, and consequently no serious harm has been accomplished thru this thoughtlessness. We merely call attention to it in the hope that next time there may be no need for so doing.

The cultivation of a careful and attractive style in English composition is a matter that concerns every person intending to take part in the activity of the world after graduation from college. Courses are provided for giving instruction in this subject in practically every college in the land and it is probably true that the average of excellence is being gradually raised. It is also true that too much carelessness in regard to style exists among our college men today, if the statements of men who have occasion to read compositions from them are worth taking at their face value. Now, we do not set up our own form of expression as a model to be followed, nor do we claim that we have attained to any greater degree of perfection in this line than have others. We wish to say, however, that we steadfastly believe that a closer attention to the details of expression in the mother tongue would result, not only in greater perspicuity in language but in far greater clearness of ideas on the part of all concerned. As has been often said, there is no surer sign of the ability to think clearly and logically than the ability to express that thought clearly and in well arranged form. Carelessness in regard to matters of composition is not so much a reflection on the writer's knowledge, but rather a reflection on his powers of thought, even though the composition be but a business letter.

While courses in composition furnish an excellent method of giving and acquiring a clear style, and while as a means to an end this is perhaps the most efficacious, there still remains the fact that the careful and thoughtful reading of well written books is a wonderful help in this line. It is possible to read a book for the sake of obtaining ideas alone, and to get these without gaining any definite impression of the author's manner of expression. Reading for thought, however, which we may define as reading for the purpose of finding out the author's connected line of reasoning with regard to the subject matter of the composition, can hardly take place without some conception of the writer's style pervading the mind

of the reader. In our days of hurry there is little time, we say, for such reading, but it is probably true that there is more time in heaven and earth than our poor minds have dreamed of.

Long years ago, Dr. Johnson gave his pronouncement to the effect that the young man who would obtain a clear and readable style in composition must give his days and nights to the study of Addison. This statement holds good today, and were it not so, it would be presumptions in us to take exception from it. We wish, however, to call attention to a writer who seems to have attained to an excellence in style so far unexcelled in American literature. A perusal of his books cannot but bring recognition of this fact. It cannot but bring, too, recognition of the fact that he is one whose perception and thought are well worth knowing intimately. The person referred to is none other than Mr. William Garret Brown, a man who has within the past two years spoken at Trinity College, a southerner whose interest in southern conditions and problems have not been decreased by his long residence in the East, an author of distinction in the field of history, and a man whose works are pervaded by an idealism all his own.



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### Trinity Man Heads List

James R. Sidbury, a Wilmington boy, who has been studying medicine in Columbia University during the past four years, has recently won by most rigid competitive examinations, a two years' intern service at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. This comes to Mr. Sidbury as a distinct honor, appointment being made to only the best men in the largest universities in the country. Columbia, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Yale, Harvard, Long Island Medical College, New York University, are the institutions which every year send representatives to New York to take the examinations, which cover a period of three days, in competition for about thirty-six places in the four big hospitals in the city—Presbyterian, St. Luke's, New York Hospital and the Roosevelt. To be appointed to an internship in either of these is regarded as the first honor a medical student in either of these universities can enjoy. Mr. Sidbury won first place in medicine at the Roosevelt, and his service there for two years will serve to qualify him as an exceptional practitioner.

The importance of these appointments will be seen when it is remembered that ordinarily 150 applicants seek the 36 possible places in the Big Four. Mr. Sidbury was among the very first in appointment.

Mr. Sidbury took his A. B. degree from Trinity College, Durham, in the class of 1908, and will receive in June of this year his M. D. degree and also his A. M. degree for special work in Chemistry at Columbia. His internship at the Roosevelt begins July 1, 1912.

### Officers from Trinity Faculty

Judge J. Crawford Biggs of the Law Faculty was elected chairman and Dr. W. H. Glasson of the Department of Economics was chosen vice-chairman of the Committee on Civic Progress organized in the city of Durham Monday of this week. The committee is composed of about twenty-five of the leading citizens of the community and has for its purpose the promotion of civic growth and improvement.

### Peace Contest

The date for the preliminary for choosing a speaker to represent Trinity in the State Oratorical Contest at Raleigh in April has not yet been decided. Five men have signified their intention of entering the contest. Those in charge of the affair are delaying in the placing of the date of inducing more persons to participate. Those who will try for the place are: Eugene Allison, Claude Bennett, J. L. Nelson, James W. Bain, and W. G. Sheppard.

### Harvard Banquet at University

At the banquet of the N. O. Harvard Society held at Chapel Hill Friday evening, Prof. R. N. Wilson was elected President of the Society for the coming year. Dr. J. J. Wolfe is one of the Vice-Presidents. The banquet was attended by six members of the Trinity faculty, including President Few, Dr. J. J. Wolfe, Prof. R. N. Wilson, Prof. W. H. Wannamaker, Capt. W. W. Card, and Prof. A. L. McCobb. President Few made the principal address of the occasion.

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### Organization to Promote Field Sport

A much needed boost to field and track athletics will probably result from the formation of the South Atlantic Intercollegiate Association, organized a short time ago at Georgetown University. The following institutions are members of the Association: Georgetown University, Johns Hopkins University, University of North Carolina, North Carolina A. and M., Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Washington and Lee University, and Richmond College.

The purpose of the new organization is the promotion of field and track sports among the colleges of the Middle South.

Plans will shortly be made for a big field and track meet in the spring, and if this should go through it is a sure bet that one of the largest meets ever attempted in the South will be held. A strong bid has already been made for the meet by Richmond College, as the representatives of that institution say they can obtain unlimited backing for that purpose. A second meeting for the purpose of finally ratifying the by-laws and rules of competition will be held in Richmond on February 27.—*Ring-tum-pi.*

### How Virginia Does It

The first preliminary contest for the selection of teams to represent Virginia in the debate with Tulane and Georgia was held in Wash. Hall Monday night. A large crowd attended and much interest was manifested throughout the entire proceeding. Good arguments were advanced and each point strongly contested. Out of fourteen entries the following ten were selected to enter the second preliminary: Ballard, Coleman, Forbes, Fulton, McDonald, Miller, Ramsey, Schmitt, Storm, Tyree. The committee in charge of the contest was composed of Professors Bidgood, Paul, and Forest. Announcement was made that the second preliminary will take place in Jeff. Hall on next Monday at 8 p. m.—*College Topics.*

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ent day Americans rank men according to their occupations. First we place the soldier, next to the capitalist (if he has sufficient capital) then the professional men, fourth, the tradesmen and manufacturers, and fifth and last the laborers.

Having thus asserted that military distinction is more glorious in the sight of most persons than that of other lines, Dr. Poteat went on to explain and amplify his point. He said that the business of the soldier was to be slain for the sake of his country. This element of unselfishness or heroism is what makes the military profession so marked for honor. The wellspring of honor, said the speaker, lies in unselfishness. And yet there can be unselfishness in other fields, and he went on to relate several incidents which showed the intense heroism of men in civilian pursuits.

We need men in all walks of life to be unwaveringly devoted to the performance of their duty just as the soldier is in his. When Washington dismissed his troops after the close of the war he felt great solicitation as to whether they would safely make the transition from warlike to peaceful pursuits, and warned them to take heed in regard to this matter in his farewell address. The change, however, was made from the old to the new battlefield with comparative ease.

The new battlefield, to which the soldiers of the Revolution turned, is the one on which our battles are to be fought today. Our country does not now ask of us to die for it, but to live for it. It does not ask us to defend it from foreign enemies but from the internal enemies that assail it. This is the battlefield on which the new knight errant is to try his mettle. In this battle the elements of heroism count for just as much as on the old. The young men of the world are the ones who have always been in the forefront of achievement just because they have those heroic qualities of receptibility, energy, adventurousness, and enthusiasm which count for so much in winning battles of any description.

The speakers called on his hearers to enter the lists for the warfare against these insidious ills within our state that would destroy it. He took up a number of the evils which he considers the most pressing. Among them he mentioned disease, which goes so far towards the tearing down the race's vitality, and vice which does the same for our morals. The speaker placed special stress on ignorance. He stated that it had been said that ignorance was the mother of happiness, but that his opinion was that ignorance had never been the mother of anything except little ignorances. A wreath of unfading laurel is stored up, he said, for the man who will make possible the education of the children of North Carolina. Other forms of ills which are to be combatted are war and economic injustice in its many existent forms.

In closing he called upon his hearers to hearten themselves for the conflict. The esteem which they are to attain will depend upon their surrender to the air cause. His final words were full of optimism for the future of the nation and of the age.



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