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INTRODUCTION

In the 1850's, literary or debating societies were popular in academy schools and colleges across the United States. In the period from the late eighteenth century to the Civil War, collegiate literary societies were an important part of campus social life. College literary societies are often called Latin literary societies because they typically had compound Latin names. The organization at Marshall Academy appears to have been both a literary and debating society. Essays were submitted, and debates were held, with students being divided into those arguing for the affirmative, those arguing for the negative, and a panel of judges. Usually at the subsequent meetings, these groups would be rotated. A faculty member was present and monitored the debates.

During the academy period at Marshall (1837-1858), the school attracted students from several counties of western Virginia (later West Virginia.) Many of the surnames can be recognized as belonging to the original settlers of the Guyandotte area of Cabell County, such as: Buffington, Laidley, Holderby, Burke, Ricketts, Ong and others. Many of the students have been identified from the 1850 census of Cabell or Wayne Counties, which shows they were in the debating society at an average age of 10 to 17 years. In November of 1856 there was estimated to have been almost 100 students attending the academy.¹

As of the date of this writing, the record book of these two early literary societies at Marshall Academy is the earliest written record at Marshall containing students' names.

The ledger is in three sections: section 1 (the earliest records,) contains minutes of the Erodolphian Literary Society (2 organizations) from 1855 through part of 1857; the second part contains the minutes of the Diagnothean Literary Society of 1861; the third part contains three hand-written issues of the *Marshall College Gazette* of 1879. Whether the three issues of the Gazette were actually printed and circulated is unknown. The pages are handwritten and hand-numbered.

For some unknown reason, the first Erodolphian Society lasted only 13 months; from November, 1855 through the end of 1856. On Jan. 10, 1857 a new Erodolphian Society was formed at Marshall Academy, named the Erodolphian Literary Society No. 2, which adopted a new constitution and bylaws. It is possible this was to coincide with a new class coming in, or with the graduation of the 1855 class. At a meeting on Jan. 11, 1861, a committee was appointed to draft a new constitution. This meeting was chaired by Marshall College Professor D. W. Thrush. On Jan. 15, 1861, the Diagnothean Literary Society was formed with a new constitution and bylaws. This society published its own paper, named the "Sprout." The societies had their own library, but no catalog or bibliography of this library has been found.

Page 30 ends the records of the 1850's, and the last entry is for May 2, 1857. The Academy became Marshall College in 1858. The next entry is for Jan. 11, 1861, and is headed "Marshall College."

On May 30, 1856 "the ladies" were first mentioned as having to wait on the new members. Whether this implies they were actual students or simply guests is not clear. On June 6, 1856 the motion was passed to allow "the ladies" to attend the meetings. They

¹ George S. Wallace, *Cabell County Annals and Families*, Richmond: Garrett & Massie, 1935, 152.

could only attend with an escort. The first mention of a female name in the minutes is in the entry of July 11, 1856, which states that Willie Ann Buffington was the society librarian. Her sister, Eugenia, was also a member. The second entry is Aug. 1, 1856, stating that Eliza Kyle was one of the performers from the essay class. (Eliza Kyle was 5 years old in the 1850 census of Cabell County, making her 11 or 12 at the time. This coincides with the ages of many of the male students.) We were unable to identify any of the students of 1861 as female.

The debate topics were all the issues of the day. Some topics were: “Is printing more useful than narration?” “Are the works of nature more beautiful than the art of Man?” and “Does Washington deserve more praise than Columbus?” The topic for the evening of Friday, April 19, 1861, was one of the most interesting. That is the last meeting recorded. The topic was “Is there more happiness in the savage than in the Civilized State?” The next day a steamboat landed at nearby Guyandotte bringing word that Virginia had seceded from the Union. Soon many of the boys present that evening would learn new meanings to the terms “savage” and “civilized state.” Several of these boys would join the Confederate Army and see action in the Civil War. The two brothers, A. G. (Albert Gallatin) “Gallie” Ricketts, and L. C. (Lucien Cincinnatus) “Cooney” Ricketts would join the 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA, commanded by Albert G. Jenkins, also a Marshall Academy graduate. Gallie was killed in action in 1862. Their fellow student, E.S. (Edward Stanard) Buffington would join Cooney at VMI in time to fight with the VMI Cadets at the Battle of New Market in 1864.

The structure and organization of the ledger is chronological. The minutes of the meetings are formal. Like most similar records of the mid-nineteenth century, the given names of the students are rarely mentioned, since it was the custom to use first and middle initials. The pages are hand-numbered, and pages 14 & 15, and 39 & 40 are blank. The minutes were recorded in ink.

The last section which contains the three hand-written issues of the *Marshall College Gazette* has had several pages torn out. But since the articles are continuous and apparently complete, we can assume that the editor or copyist made mistakes, and tore them out and discarded the pages. They were pages numbered 55 & 56, 59 & 60, 63 & 64. The second issue, consisting of 8 pages is written on unnumbered pages. The third issue starts on page 93, and goes through page 103. A note in the editorial of issue #3 states it would be the last *Gazette*, therefore these three issues may have been the complete series.

The transcription of the record book is verbatim. Misspellings are preserved as they appear in the original. Notes in brackets [] are the editor’s. Brackets containing a question mark [?] means it was difficult to interpret that word or name. Strikethroughs (~~xyz~~) are just as they appear in the record book. Page numbers in the upper right corner of the pages are what appear in the record book. To identify the students mentioned, we have made extensive use of both the 1850 and 1860 U.S. Census of Cabell County, Va., and adjoining Wayne County, Va., now W.Va. Many of the students’ surnames were not in either of these censuses, and are assumed to have been from a nearby county. We also identified several students mentioned in the three issues of the *Marshall College Gazette* using the Marshall Catalogs for 1879 and 1880.

Following the transcription are three lists compiled from the minutes of the debating societies. One is the list of Marshall Academy students for the years 1855-1857, and a second list of students for the period of Jan. to April of 1861. A third appendix contains a partial list of those students of 1861 who fought in the Civil War.

Jack L. Dickinson
February 2012



Kanawha Valley Star
Charleston, Va. (W.Va.) Newspaper
Nov. 11, 1856

Marshall Academy

Turning aside from the din of politics, we would take occasion to call the attention of those interested in the --- of education to the excellent institution whose name heads this article. It is situated in a pleasant neighborhood, of easy access, on the Ohio river, two miles below the pleasant town of Guyandotte, Cabell Co., Virginia.

It has now been in operation for some dozen years, or a little more. And in that short period very many of its scholars have become prominent and leading men in the learned professions of law, physic and divinity; and many of them have risen to high official stations, civil and military, not only in Virginia but also in other States of the Union. Indeed, it is doubtful whether there is now an Institution in the State, that, in so short a time, has sent forth so large a proportion of leading men.

So much for the past of its short history. Its future is still more promising. During the last session there were nearly a hundred students in attendance; and the high character won for the school, by Mr. Boyers, the admirable and estimable teacher, at its head, is a harbinger of still greater success and usefulness.

The trustees, Mesrs. John Laidley, F. G. L. Beuhring, P. C. Buffington, Dr. G. Rickitts and others are gentlemen whose names give character and currency to whatever they may be connected with. The Institution is further under the supervision and control of the Southern Methodist Conference of Western Virginia. This gives assurance that a moral and religious influence will breathe around it.

Should any apprehend that sectarianism might, therefore, be inculcated, their fears will be quieted by the consideration of the fact, that while the Institution is under the control of the Methodist Conference, the principal of the Academy is a *Presbyterian*. Thus showing a liberality of sentiment worthy of Christianity, and a prudence and propriety on the part of those connected with Institution highly creditable to these different branches of the church.

Marshall Academy has many advantages, and offers strong inducements to the public for its patronage.

The course of study, the rules and regulations, the privileges of library and literary and debating societies, the price of food and tuition and such like, can be seen by reference to the printed catalogue for 1856, or by addressing the principal.

Organized November 1858

Organized November 1855

Organized November 1855, Marshall Academy.

Preamble

We the students of Marshall Academy desiring
of improving ourselves in literary affairs,
do for our own mutual improvement
associate ourselves into one body, and shall
be known by the name of "The Esculapian
Literary Society of Marshall Academy" and
will be governed by the following

Constitution, & By Laws

Art 1st

Article 1st: The officers of this Society shall
consist of a President, Vice President,
Secretary, Treasurer, Reviewer and
Librarian,

Art. 2. The above named officers shall
be elected monthly, by ballot, and
the one receiving the highest number
of votes shall be declared elected,
3rd

1st It shall be the duty of the President
to call the house to order at the proper
time, preside at all meetings, preserve
order, enforce all requirements, impose
all fines, appoint all committees and
discharge the same, give the casting
vote in case of an equal election, and
in case of necessity call special meetings.

2nd He shall, after duly elected, deliver an
inaugural address prior to his taking
the chair, or before his term of office
shall have expired.

3rd He shall not take his chair, until
one week after his election.

Organized November 1855, Marshall Academy

Preamble

We the students of Marshall Academy desirous of improving ourselves in literary affairs, do, for our own mutual improvement associate ourselves into one body, and shall be known by the name of "The Erodolphian Literary Society of Marshall Academy" and will be governed by the following.

Constitution & By Laws

Sect 1st

- Article 1st. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reviewer and Librarian.
- Art. 2. The above named officers shall be elected monthly, by ballot, and the one receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

2nd

- 1st It shall be the duty of the President to call the house to order at the precise time, preside at all meetings, preserve order, execute all requirements, impose all fines, appoint all committees and discharge the same, give the casting vote in case of an equal election, and in case of necessity call special meetings.
- 2nd He shall, after duly elected, deliver an inaugural address prior to his taking the chair, or before his term of office shall have expired.
- 3rd He shall not take his chair, until one week after his election.

Constitution. Concluded

SECT 3

- Art 1. It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the Pres. to discharge all the duties of the office of Pres. See that all business is transacted in a prompt and orderly manner.
- Art 2. He shall during the presence of the Pres. be subject to his commands, provided the requirements come within the bounds of his office, and at all other times he shall not be permitted to exercise any authority.

SECT. 4

- Art 1. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take charge of all the Books papers &c. belonging to Society, preserve them carefully, & deliver them up to his Successor in office.
- Art 2. He shall truly and faithfully record all the minutes, which, after being approved by Society he shall enter into the Minute Book in a neat & grammatical style.
- Art 3. All Minutes, Communications Reports, &c &c, shall be read by the Secretary in open Society.
- Art 4. He shall when authorized by Society, notify members of any special meetings, & other matters, or corresponding & shall keep a faithful record of all money due Society, in order to balance his book with the Treasurers Report, & shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the Pres or Society may direct.

Constitution Concluded

Sect. 3

Art. 1 It shall be the duty of the Vice President, in the absence of the Pres. To discharge all the duties of the office of Pres., see that all business is transacted in a gentlemanly[?] and orderly manner.

Art 2 He shall during the presence of the Pres., be subject to his commands, provided the requirements come within the bounds of his office, and at all other times he shall not be permitted to exercise any authority.

Sect. 4

Art. 1 It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take charge of all the books papers &c, belonging to Society, preserve them carefully, & deliver them up to his successor in office.

Art. 2. He shall truly and faithfully record all the minutes, which, after being approved by society he shall enter into the minute book in a neat & grammatical style.

Art 3. All minutes, communicated reports, &c & c, shall be read by the secretary in open society.

Art 4. He shall when authorized by society, notify members of any special meetings, or other matters, or corresponding & shall, keep a faithful record of all money's due society, in order to balance his books with the Treasurers Report, & shall perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the Pres or Society may direct.

Concluded

Art 5

Art 1. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all moneys belonging to Society, and collect all money due Society.

Art 2. He shall, when authorized by Society, purchase such articles as may be directed, or as Society may stand in need of, & he shall purchase nothing unless duly authorized, & he shall take receipts for all money expended, which in settlement with his Successor shall appear the same as money.

Art 3. He shall faithfully & truly deliver up to his Successor in office all moneys, Books, Papers belonging to Society.

Art 4. He shall at the expiration of his office present the Secretary with a written report, stating, the situation of the Treasury; the money in hand, money due, fines paid, fines not paid, initiation paid, initiation fees not paid, money expended, for what, which must correspond with the Minutes on Society, and if found correct shall be received, & inserted on the Minutes, if not said report shall be returned to Treasurer who shall correct it before Society closes, unless otherwise directed by Society.

Hampton N.H. O. 17th Nov 1800

Art 5. He shall be held responsible for all money paid to him, belonging to Society and in case of loss &c. he shall well & truly pay over to his Successor a sum equal to the deficit unless exonerated by a majority of the members present.

Concluded

Sect. 5

- Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all monies belonging to Society, and collect all money due Society.
- Art 2nd He shall, when authorized by Society, purchase such articles as may be directed, or as Society may stand in need of, & he shall purchase nothing unless duly authorized, & he shall take receipts for all money expended, which in settlement with his successor shall appear the same as money.
- Art 3. He shall faithfully & truly deliver up to his successor in office all monies, books, papers belonging to Society.
- Art 4. He shall at the expiration of his office present the Secretary with a written report, stating, the situation of the Treasury, viz: the money in hand, money due, fines paid, fines not paid, initiation paid, initiation fees not paid, money expended & for what, which must correspond with the minutes on docket, and if found correct shall be received & inserted in the minutes, if not paid report shall be returned to Treasurer, who shall correct[?] it before society closes, unless otherwise directed by Society. Hampton W.O Kaysford[?]
- Art 5. He shall be held responsible for all money paid to him, belonging to Society and in case of loss & c, he shall well & truly pay over to his successor a sum equal to the deficit unless exonerated by a majority of the members present.

concluded

Sec 6

- Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Reviewer to take charge of all essays read in Society, (and during our week granted him), he shall carefully & strictly criticize them in the following manner, viz; The Grammatical Construction &c. &c. The Punctuation, The Writing the Orthography, the Sentiment & the Style.
- Art 2nd After Society has been called to order, he shall when authorized by the Pres. read publicly his criticisms, which he shall have prepared in writing on the back of the essay, in legible writing.
- Art 3rd Before proceeding to read the essay he shall call the name of the Author, & if he or she be present he shall proceed with the reading of it; But if the Author be absent he shall not read his criticism but shall retain it until such time, when the Author is present.
- Art 4th He shall keep all essays as his own private documents, & shall not read his criticisms to any person or persons, out of Society during the intermission of the same.
- Art 5th He shall exercise no partiality toward any one, but shall criticize with a view of improvement, & shall after reading his criticism, deliver the essay to the Author.
- Art 6th He shall not be permitted to retain essays or essays two weeks, except the Author be Absent, or in case of Sickness or inability, to comply with any of the requirements.

Concluded

Sect 6

- Art 1st It shall be the duty of the reviewer to take charge of all essays read in Society, (and during one week granted him)², he shall carefully & strictly criticize them in the following manner, viz: The grammatical construction & c & c, the punctuation, the writing the orthography³, the sentiment & the style.
- Art 2 After society has been called to order, he shall when authorized by the Pres., read publicly his criticisms, which he shall have prepared in writing in the back of the essay, in legible writing.
- Art 3. Before proceeding to read the essay he shall call the name of the author, & if he or she be present he shall proceed with the reading of it, but if the author be absent he shall not read his criticism but shall retain it until such time when the author is present.
- Art 4. He shall keep all essays as his own private documents & shall not read his criticisms to any person or persons out of society during the intermission of the same.
- Art 5. He shall exercise no partiality toward any one, but shall criticize with a view of improvement & shall after reading his criticism, deliver the essay to the author.
- Art 6. He shall not be permitted to retain essay or essays two weeks, except the author be absent, in a case of sickness, or inability to comply with any of the requirements.

² This phrase, while in ink, is surrounded by parentheses in faint pencil.

³ Orthography is defined as the art of writing words with proper letters, correct usage, and spelling.

Concluded,

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Sec 7

- Art 1. It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take charge of the Library, see that all Books be properly numbered and entered in a book kept for that purpose,
- Art 2. He shall when any book is taken out, record the No. together with the name of the person who took it, and the date when taken out, and he shall see that all books are returned in a clean condition, & if any book be defaced, he shall present it to Society who shall affix the penalty,
- Art 3. He shall not receive a Book as the property of Society unless it be received by Society.

Sec 8

- Art 1. The time of meeting shall be every Friday At 1 O'clock
- Art 2. Any Amendment to this Constitution must be presented in writing, and not less than one week previous to its reception or rejection
- Art 3. Every member present shall vote on all questions, unless excused by Society or stands suspended,
- Art 4. This Constitution & By Laws shall not be altered or amended, except by three fourths of the members present,

Concluded

Sect 7

- Art 1st. It shall be the duty of the librarian to take charge of the library, see that all books be properly numbered and entered in a book kept for that purpose.
- Art 2. He shall when any book is taken out, record that no. together with the name of the person who took it, and the date when taken out, and he shall see that all books are returned in a clean condition & if any book be defaced, he shall present it to society who shall affix the penalty.
- Art 3. He shall not receive [?] a book as the property of society unless it be received by society.

Sec 8

- Art 1 The time of meeting shall be every Friday at 1 oclock.
- Art 2. Any amendment to the constitution must be presented in meeting, and read one week previous to its reception or rejection
- Art 3 Every member present shall vote on all questions, unless excused by Society or stand suspended.
- Art 4. This constitution & bylaws shall not be altered or amended, except by three fourths of the members present.

By Laws

- 1st It shall be the privilege of the President to address the Society in time of debate
- 2^d Resolved, no member shall occupy the floor more than 3 times no longer than 5 minutes on one motion
- 3^d Resolved, that any member, bringing before Society in writing, or by word of mouth any thing that shall tend to mar the peace of Society or incite hard feelings and feelings among members, by using fictitious names or otherwise shall for the first offence be fined 10.00, 2^d suspended or 3^d expelled,
- 4th Resolved, that no member shall read or speak any declamation or composition, except such as shall tend to our own mutual instruction. Any other shall be equal to non performance, & the member stand fined
- 5th Resolved, that for each time a member does not perform he shall be fined for the first offence 5.00, and each successive time the fine shall be doubled,
- 6th Resolved, that no presumptuous shall be permitted in Society, and for any such offence the Pres. may impose the penalty

It shall also endeavor to improve ourselves by reading the handbook of the order

By Laws

- 1st It shall be the privilege of the President to address the Society in time of debate.
- 2 Resolved, no member shall occupy the floor more than 3 times nor linger the 5 minutes on one motion
- 3 Resolved that any member bringing before Society in writing, or by word of mouth any thing that shall tried[?] to mar the peace of society or invoke hard feelings ~~bad feelings~~ among members by using fictitious names or otherwise shall for the first offence be fined 10 cts, 2nd suspended & 3rd expelled.
- 4 Resolved that no member shall read or speak any declamation or cornfrontius[?], except such as shall tend to our own mutual instruction, any other shall be equal to non performance & the member stand fined
- 5 Resolved, that for each time a member does not perform he shall be fined for the: first offence 5 cts, and each successive time the fine shall be doubled.
- 6 Resolved, that no interrupting[?] shall be permitted in Society and for each offence the Pres. may impose the penalty

We shall also endeavor to improve ourselves by ----- and an of the --- ----[?]

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Marshall Hall May 14, 1856

Society was called to order by
calling Mr. W. Boyce to the Chair &
J. J. Street Secretary
Resolved the By-Laws be amended with
regard to receiving of members, and that
the reception of members precede the
election of Officers this day, agreed to
Resolved that, Evidly John & Thos. W. Hyle, H. Scott
N. Kenan, C. Adams, B. Johnson, J. Russel
J. Wolcott, Geo & Wm Southwick, J. B. Wellman,
J. Black, J. McCullough — male
Mary Hotchkiss, E. Hyle, Mr. & J. Johnson
be received as members — Agreed to
Society then proceeded to the election
of Officers which resulted in the
following choice, Pres, J. F. Stewart, V. P.
Mr. W. Hampton, Sec, J. B. Wellman, Treas
J. H. Burks, Resolv, W. R. Boyce, Librarian
J. S. Salyer,
Applicable to Order the declamative class
performed, Performers were, E. Buffington, J. Ricketts
L. Ricketts, W. Hyle, Thos. & Geo Ewing, H. Scott
C. Adams, W. & Geo Southwick, A. Wolcott, Williams
Also Essay class performed, the were
Miss N. Salyer, Mr. W. Buffington, E. & Buffington
& E. Hyle
Motion to adjourn Agreed to
Minutes read & adopted
W. R. Boyce, Pres
J. F. Stewart, Sec

Marshall Hall May 16, 1856

Society was called to order by calling W. R. Boyers to the chair & J. F. Stuart⁴ Secretary.

Resolved the By Laws be amended with regard to receiving of members, and that the reception of members precede the election of officers this day. Agreed to

Resolved that Ewing John & Thos. W. Kyle⁵, H. Scott, N. Keenan, S. Swans⁶, B. Johnson, J. Russel, S. Wolcott, Jno & Mr. Douthit⁷, J. B. Wellman⁸, J. Black, L. McCullough ___ males Mary Hotchkiss, E. Kyle, M & J. Johnson be received as members---agreed to.

Society then proceeded to the election of officers which resulted in the following choice, Pres. J. F. Stewart, V. P. W. O. Hampton, Sec. J. B. Wellman, Treas. J. L. Burks⁹, Review W. R. Boyers, Librarian, J. Laidly¹⁰.

Agreeable to order the Declarative class performed. Performers were: S. Buffington, A. Ricketts, L. Ricketts, W. Kyle, Thos & Jno Ewing, H. Scott, S. Adams, W & Jno Douthit, S. Wolcott, Hiltring [?].

Also Essay class performed. They were Miss N. Laidley, W. A. Buffington¹¹, E. S. Buffington, & E. Kyle.¹²

Motion to adjourn agreed to.

Minutes read & adopted.

W. R. Boyers, Pres.
J. F. Stewart, Sec.

⁴ This is probably either Joseph S. Stewart, age 5 in 1850, son of James Stewart, a stonemason, or James Stewart, age 5 in 1850, son of Robert Stewart, a farmer. (From the 1850 Census of Cabell County)

⁵ This is Thomas, son of John Kyle, a laborer from Penn. (No age given in 1850 Census of Cabell County)

⁶ This is probably Shelby Swan, (Shelvey in census), age 7 in 1850, son of Levan Swan. (Cabell County Census)

⁷ This is John, son of William Douthit, age 7 in 1850. (1850 Census of Cabell County)

⁸ This is John B. Wellman, age 10 in 1850, son of Jeremiah Wellman, a merchant in the 1850 census of Wayne County.

⁹ This may have been Jesse Burks, son of William, a farmer.

¹⁰ This may have been James Laidley, son of John Laidley, a lawyer in 1850 Cabell Census.

¹¹ This was Willie Ann Buffington, age 7 in 1850, daughter of Peter C. Buffington, later 1st mayor of Huntington and sister of Edward Stanard Buffington. Willie married David B. Tenant, and she died in 1921.

¹² This may have been Eliza Kyle, one of the first female students at the Academy.

Marshall Hall May 23^d 1856

Society convened agreeably to order, roll called Minutes read and adapted, members absent G. Buffington. Agreeable to the order of the day. The Reviewers criticisms were then heard. The president delivered his inaugural. Mr Peck was received into this society by an unanimous vote. The declination class performed. The performers were G. G. Laidley J. Hillbriener Jno Willman J. McHugh W. Hyle J. Black Jno Eving Jno Russel & Eng. A. G. Picketts Jno Douthit N. Heman. They were criticized by the Reviewer. Agreeable to order the Essay class performed. The performers were H. Buffington W. R. Buffington H. Laidley M. Hetchkiss & Hyle. by motion agreed that society pay W. R. Bofers 12^{cts} for paper, by motion, the society adjourned.
J. W. Stuart, Pres
John Willman, Sec

Marshall Academy May 30th 1856
Society convened, agreeable to order roll called Minutes read and adapted. W. G. Laidley & J. Eng was received as members exempted of an initiating fee. By motion the ladies were invited to be present. George Laidley was appointed to wait upon them. The declination class performed. The performers were J. Burkes, W. O. Hampton Thomas Eving, Augustus Woodcut, J. Picketts, B. Johnson, W. Douthit, John Adams F. R. Moore J. G. Peck. They were criticized by the Reviewer. James Laidley, Henry Harden, B. Johnson. each is

Marshall Hall May 23rd 1856

Society convened agreeably to order, roll called. Minutes read and adopted, members absent S. Buffington. Agreeable to the order of the day, the reviewers criticisms were then heard. The president delivered his inaugural. Mr. Peck was received into this society by an unanimous vote. The declamation¹³ class performed. The performers were G. L. Laidley, S. Hiltbruner¹⁴, Jno Wellman, P. McCullough, W. Kyle, J. Black¹⁵, Jno Ewing, Jno Russel, E. Ong¹⁶, A. G. Ricketts, Jno Douthit, N. Keenan. They were criticized by the reviewer.

Agreeable to order the essay class performed. The performers were H. Buffington, W. A. Buffington, H. Laidley, M. Hotchkiss, E. Kyle. By motion agreed that society pay W. R. Boyers 12 ½ cts for paper, by motion the society adjourned.

J. W. Stuart, Pres
John Wellman, Sec.

Marshall Academy May 30th 1856

Society convened, agreeable to order roll called. Minutes read and adapted. W. L. Laidley & E. Ong was received as members exempted of an initiating fee. By motion the ladies was appointed to wait upon them. The declamation class performed. The performers were L. Burkes, Wm. O. Hampton, Thomas Ewing, Augustus Woolcot¹⁷, L. Ricketts, B. Johnson, Wm. Douthit¹⁸, Alvin Adams, F. R. Moore¹⁹, E. G. Peck. They were criticized by the reviewer, James Laidly. Henry Harden, B. Johnson, each is

¹³ This was the declamation class. The definition of declamation is: exercise in oratory or elocution, as in the recitation of a classic speech; speech or writing for oratorical effect.

¹⁴ This is Stephen Hiltbruner, age 8 in 1850, son of Jacob, a tin worker in 1850 Cabell census. The Hiltbruners were from Penn.

¹⁵ This is probably John W. Black, 8 year old son of James C. Black in the 1850 census of Cabell.

¹⁶ This is Ernest M. Ong, son of Isaac Ong, the Guyandotte tailor. (1850 census of Cabell County) Isaac Ong fought with the Border Rangers, Co. E, 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA in the Civil War.

¹⁷ There was only one Augustus Woolcott in the 1850 census of Cabell County, he was shown as 41 years old and a merchant. This may have been a son.

¹⁸ This is William Douthit, son of William Douthit, Sr. He was age 9 in the 1850 census of Cabell County.

¹⁹ This is Fredrick Moore, age 10 in 1850, son of Fredrick Moore, Sr. a merchant in the 1850 census of Wayne County. Frederick Sr. was a large landowner on both sides of the Big Sandy River in Wayne County, and in Ky.

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fined 5 cts for not performing.
 The society tender an invitation
 to Dr. Picketts to appear with them next
 Friday, by motion a committee of 5
 was appointed, they were Oliver Hamp
 Si Laidly Inr Ong Farnis Peck
 Inr B. Wellman.

By motion the house adjourned
 J. F. Stuart, Pres
 Inr B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall June 6th 1856
 Society convened, agreeable to order
 roll called, Minutes read and adapted
 members absent Inr Ong, by motion
 it was agreed that the president
 be allowed to make any change in
 the performance that he may wish.
 by motion it was agreed that the ladies
 be invited into the hall. And moss
 was appointed as committee of escort. The
 declamation class performed, the performers
 were E. Ong, W. Kyle, S. Donthit, St. Picketts
 S. Hillbrenner, The Essayists were M. Mullyh,
 Black, J. Haring, J. Kufel Inr Wellman G
 and S. Laidly, and the Misses E. and W.
 Buffinton and H. Laidly, St. Picketts and
 M. Hotchkiss was each fined 5 cts for nonperformance.
 And the performers were criticized upon. The
 committee appointed to tender an invitation
 to Dr. Picketts reported and the motion
 of the report was received

By motion the house adjourned
 J. F. Stuart, Pres
 J. B. Wellman, Sec

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fined 5 cts for not performing. The society tender an invitation to Dr. Ricketts²⁰ to appear with them next Friday, by motion a committee of 5 was appointed. They were Olliver Hampton, L. Laidly, Jno Ong²¹, James Peck, Jno B. Wellman.

By motion the house adjourned.

J. F. Stuart, pres
Jno B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall June 6th 1856

Society convened, agreeable to order roll called. Mintues read and adapted members absent Jno Ong, by motion it was agreed that the president be allowed to make any change in the performance that he may wish, by motion it was agreed that the ladies be invited into the hall. And moore was appointed as committee of escort. The declimation class performed, the performers were E. Ong, W. Kyle, J. Douthit, A Ricketts, S. Hiltbruner. The essayists were McCullugh, Black, J. Ewing, J. Russel, Jno Wellman, G and J.[?] Laidly, and the misses E. and W. Buffington²² and H. Laidly. A. Ricketts and M. Hotchkiss was each fined 5 cts for nonperformance and the performers were criticized upon. The committee appointed to tender an invitation to Dr. Ricketts reported and the motion of the report was received.

By motion the house adjourned.

J. F. Stuart, Pres
J. B. Wellman, Sec

²⁰ Dr. Ricketts was Girard C. Ricketts, the town doctor for Guyandotte, and the father of Academy students L.C. "Cooney" and A. G. "Gallie" Ricketts. Dr. Ricketts was a trustee of the Academy in 1858. Dr. Ricketts died of a disease in 1859.

²¹ This is probably John W. Ong, son of Isaac and brother to Ernest W. If true, he would have been one of the older students, being 12 in the 1850 census of Cabell County.

²² These girls were the two sisters, Eugenia and Willie, Eugenia was 5 in the 1850 census and Willie was 7. They were daughters of Peter C. Buffington, and sisters of Edward Stanard Buffington, another student. Eugenia married Henry E. C. Baskerville and died in 1871. Peter Buffington was a trustee of Marshall Academy in 1858.

Marshall Hall June 13th 1856

Society convened agreeable to order roll called minutes read and adapted, members absent W^m C. Hampton. The essays were criticized upon, by motion it was agreed that a factotum be elected. Election of officers being in order, factotum: F. R. Moore; President: James Peck; vice president: Geo. Cong; Secretary: Geo. Wellman; Treasurer: Lewis Burkes; reviewer: Gilmore Laidly; Librarian: W^m C. Hampton. The declamation clasp was called. The performers were A. Adams; Henry Harden; B. Johnson. The Essay clasp was called. they were Harvey Foot; F. R. Moore; Thomas Erving; J. G. Peck; G. Ricketts; W^m Donahit; L. Burkes; J. Laidly; each 10 cts fine for misperformance. C. Cong fined 10 cts for disorderly conduct. G. Laidly 10 cts for immodest language and obscene pictures on his last essay. The performers were criticized upon.

By motion it was agreed that the minutes be read. house adjourned

J. F. Stuart, Pres
G. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall June 20th 1856

Society convened agreeable to order roll called and minutes read and adapted. members absent: John Erving; Harvey Foot, and L. Burkes. The essays were criticized upon, J. W. Reynolds was received into the society. The declamation clasp was called. the performers were G. Laidly; P. Taylor; J. M. Mullen; Geo. Wellman; J. Black; J. W. Russell; C. Cong; J. G. Ricketts; Geo. Donahit; W. H. Brown; J. B. Ricketts; The Essay clasp was called. The essayist was C. Buffington; W. Buffington

Marshall Hall June 13th, 1856

Society convened agreeable to order roll called minutes read and adapted, members absent Wm. Hampton. The essays were criticized upon, by motion it was agreed that a factotum²³ be elected. Election of officers being in order, factotum: F. R. Moore; President James Peck; vice president Jno Ong; Secretary, Jno Wellman; Treasurer Lewis Burkes; reviewer Sidney Laidley; librarian Wm. Hampton. The declination class was called. The performers were A. Adams, Henry Harden; B. Johnson. The essay class was called, they were Harvey Scot; F. R. Moore; Thomas Ewing; J. G. Peck; L. Ricketts; Wm. Douthit, L. Burkes, J. laidly; each 10 cts fine for nonperformance. E. Ong fined 10 cts for disorderly conduct. G. Laidly 10 cts for immodest language and obscene pictures on his last essay. The performers were criticized upon.

By motion it was agreed that the minutes be read. House adjourned.

J. F. Stuart, Pres
J. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall June 20th, 1856

Society convened agreeable to order roll called and minutes read and adapted. Members absent John Ewing, Harvey Scot, and L. Burks. The essays were criticized upon. John Reynold²⁴ was received into the society. The declination class was called. The performers were G. Laidly, -[?] Kyle, J. McCullough, Jno. Wellman; J. Black²⁵, Jno Russel, E. Ong, A. G. Ricketts, Jno Douthit, N.[?] Keenan, S. Hiltbruner. The essay class was called. The essayists were: E. Buffington, W. Buffington,

²³ A factotum is an employee or official having many different responsibilities, also one who can explain the mission of the organization, a jack of all trades.

²⁴ Unidentified. There were several Reynolds families living in Cabell in 1850, but none with a child named John of the same age as the other students. Ezekiel Reynolds had a son named John that was 20 years old in 1850 census of Cabell County.

²⁵ This is most likely James Black, age 7 in 1850, living in the household of James Russell in the 1850 census of Wayne County. His mother was Amacetta Russell Black, a widow.

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Heber Laidly, Miles Holman, and C. S. Taylor.
The Organist Sidney Laidly gave each piece
5 cts for nonperformance. There was a
motion made and it was carried that
there be an exhibition of the society in the
fall. The house adjourned.

J. G. Peck, Pres
Jno. B. Williamson, Sec

Marshall Hall Sunday 27th 1856
Society convened agreeable to order, roll
called, minutes read and adapted
members absent John Reynolds: J. Laidly
C. Johnson: J. Buffington. The Essay
were criticized upon Ansel Fimble and
James Summers were received into the
society. The declamation class was called
the performers were F. R. Moore: J. Bush
H. Hardens: J. Ricketts: W. Doitthit:
Augustus Woodcot: Elwin Adams:
Thomas Ewing: J. G. Peck: W. O. Hinmpton:
is fined 5 cts for nonperformance.
A resolution was adapted for fining
any scholar each successive time
for nonperformance, they be fined 5 cts
and each successive time to double it.
By motion the house adjourned

J. G. Peck, Pres
Jno. B. Williamson, Sec

Marshall Hall July 11th 1856
Society convened agreeable to order minutes
read and adapted. members absent
James Laidly: Mary Fortchiff: Amelia
Walace: F. R. Moore: John Ewing. The

Helen Laidly, Melia[?] Wallace, and E. Kyle²⁶. Jno Ong and Sidney Laidly were each fined 5 cts for nonperformance. There was a motion made and it was carried that there be an exhibition of the society in the fall. The house adjourned.

J. G. Peck, Pres
Jno B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall June 27th, 1856

Society convened agreeable to order, roll called, minutes read and adapted members absent John Reynold; J. Laidly, B. Johnson; S. Buffington. The essays were criticized upon. Ames Kimble[?]²⁷ and James Sanders-ummers were received into the society. The declination class was called, the performers were F. R. Moore; L. Burkes, H. Harden, L. Ricketts, W Douthit; Augustus Woolcot; Alvin Adams; Thomas Ewing; J. G. Peck.

W. O. Hampton is fined 5 cts for nonperformance. A resolution was adapted for fining every scholar each successively time for nonperformance, they be fined 5 cts and each successively time to double it.

By motion the house adjourned.

J. G. Peck, Pres
Jno B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall July 11, 1856

Society convened agreeable to order minutes read and adapted. Members absent James Laidly, Mary Hotchkiss, Amelia Wallace, F. R. Moore, John Ewing. The

²⁶ This is most likely Eliza Kyle, mentioned earlier.

²⁷ It has not been determined if this is the same student as Asa Kimball, who appears elsewhere in the minutes.

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election of officers was next in order.
 For president W. Oliver Hampton; Vice president
 James G. Peck; Secretary Sidney Laidly;
 Treasurer L. Burkes; Reverend J. F. Stuart;
 Librarian Willie Ann Buffington; factotam
 J. B. Willman; The essay class was called,
 the performers were, J. Laidly; J. M. Cullough;
 James Black; John Purcell; E. Ong;
 Newton Sherman; Mrs. B. Willman;
 Sidney Laidly, E. Hyle; H. Laidly; E. and
 W. Buffington. House adjourned.
 Samuel G. Peck, Pres
 Mrs. B. Willman, Sec.

Marshall Hall

July 23rd 1855.

Society convened agreeably to order; minutes read and
 adopted. Essays were criticized; Installation of officers;
 Roll called; Members absent: J. Laidly, R. Scott, S. Buffington
 R. Hardin, Asa Kimball. Declamation class called:
 The performers were: L. Ewing, A. Wolcott, L. Richetts, B. Johnston
 W. Louthat, Adams, J. W. Moore, J. G. Peck (at Sammers
 W. O. Hampton. — L. B. Burkes gave a 5 cts for non-perform-

Society adjourned

W. O. Hampton Pres
 W. Laidly Sec.

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election of officers was next in order. For president W. Olliver Hampton²⁸; Vice president James G. Peck; Secretary Sidney Laidly; Treasurer L. Burkes; Reviewer J. F. Stuart; Librarian Willie Ann Buffington; factotum J. B. Wellman. The essay class was called, the performers were. G. Laidly; J. Mcullugh; James Black, John Russel; E. Ong, Newton Keenan²⁹, Jno. B. Wellman; Sidney Laidly, E. Kyle; H. Laidly; E and W Buffington.

House adjourned

James G. Peck, Pres
Jno. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall
July 25th 1856

Society convened agreeably to order; minutes read and adopted. Essays were criticized; Installation of officers, roll called; members absent: J. Laidly, H. Scott, S. Buffington, H. Hardin, Asa Kimball. Declamation class called. The performers were: T. Ewing, A. Wolcott³⁰, L. Ricketts, B. Johnston, W. Douthit, Adams, F. R. Moore, J. G. Peck, Jas Summers, W. O. Hampton. L. H. Burks fined 5 cts for non-performance.

Society adjourned

W. O. Hampton, Pres
W. S. Laidly, Sec

²⁸ This was William Oliver Hampton, born in Boyd County, Ky. Age 15 in 1850, son of Rev. William Hampton and Sarah (Buchanan) Hampton. He left Marshall in 1857 to study law. Admitted to the bar in 1859. Sarah Hampton died in 1874 and Rev. William Hampton married Salena Mason, who purchased Marshall College for \$1,500 during the Civil War and kept it in business.

²⁹ This may have been Samuel N. Keenan, age 6 in 1850, son of Andrew S. Keenan. They lived next door to the Ricketts family in 1850 census of Cabell.

³⁰ This may have been B. A. "Gus" Wolcott, age 17 in 1860, son of Augustus S. Wolcott, the wharfmaster in the Cabell County 1860 census. Gus joined Co. E (Border Rangers) of the 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA when the Civil War started.

Marshall Hall Aug 14th 1856¹³

Society convened agreeably to Order.

Minutes read and adopted - Declamation class called: performers were: Jas Black, Wm Kyle, J. W. Cludhugh, Geo Russell
Class excused. Essay class called, performers - viz: L. G. Buffington, W. A. Buffington, N. Laidley, Ediza Kyle, P. Wallace; class excused.
Essays were criticized.

It was motioned and adopted that Prof: M. W. Hill of Moabana O - be invited to deliver an oration at the exhibition.

The President appointed the following committee to accept the invitation. They were, viz: N. L. Laidley, J. B. Wellman, J. S. Beck, L. H. Burkes, J. Laidley.

Society Adjourned
W. C. Hampton Pres
N. L. Laidley Sec.

Marshall Hall
Aug. 15th 1856.

Society Convened agreeably to order

Marshall Hall Aug 1st, 1856

Society convened agreeably to order.

Minutes read and adopted. Declamation class called: performers were: Jas Black, Wm Kyle, J. McCullough, Jno Russell Class excused. Essay class called. Performers-viz: E. S. Buffington, W.A. Buffington, H. Laidley, Eliza Kyle, P. Wallace: Class excused. Essays were criticized.

It was motioned and adopted that Proff: McKee[?] AU³¹. of Urbanna O, be invited to deliver an oration at the exhibition. The President appointed the following committee to extend the invitation. They were: viz: W. S. Laidley, J. B. Wellman, J. G. Peck, L. H. Burks, Jas Laidley.

Society adjourned
W. O. Hampton Pres
W. S. Laidley Sec

Marshall Hall
Aug. 15th 1856.

Society convened agreeably to order.

³¹ We have not been able to identify if this is a college or university or some other type of school at Urbanna, Ohio.

December 31st 1856

We the students of Marshall Academy, feeling the need of a literary association for the mutual benefit of such of our number, as are willing to thus combine for improvement, are desirous of forming said association on the following plan, viz, that we be allowed to compile and adopt, a constitution and by-laws suited to our wants. To meet in a hall at our disposal, and also the time, but, not to conflict with the appointments of the Academy proper. Agreeing at the same time, to meet twice in every Academic month, or alternate weeks, and further we humbly petition the Academy proper, to grant us this privilege by affixing the respective signatures of Principal and assistants, asking at the same time that the male assistant Mr. Stuart compose one of our number;

Charter members
 James, G. Dock
 Levi, G. Wilson
 John P. Willman
 Thomas, J. Erving
 John, A. Erving
 John, W. Powell
 Strather, J. Burgess
 James, H. Laidler
 William, P. Holdenby

Names of Teachers
 Wm. B. Boyers, Pr.
 J. F. Stuart, Asst.
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 William P. Holderby³⁵

Names of teachers

Wm. R. Boyers, Prin.³³
 J. F. Stewart, Assn
 L. H. Hanna, Assn

³² Pages 14 and 15 of the ledger were blank.

³³ His name appears in historical documents as Boyer. He was President (principal) from 1854-1858.

³⁴ The only Levi Wilson in the Cabell County 1850 census, was living with Albert Laidley, and was age 15 in 1850.

³⁵ This is William, age 8 in 1850, son of James Holderby a Cabell County landowner. (Cabell 1850 census.) This is the James Holderby who conveyed a deed for the land where Marshall Academy stood "to be used for educational purposes."

Constitution

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of the Erodelphian Literary Society No. 2. of
Marshall Academy.
Adopted January 10th 1857.

Preamble

We a portion of the Students of Marshall Academy
desiring to improve ourselves in Literary affairs
do for our mutual improvement Associate
ourselves into one body, and shall be known
by the name of the Erodelphian Literary Society
No. 2. of Marshall Academy, and will be governed
by the following,

Constitution and By Laws

Section 1st of Officers

Article 1st. The officers of this society shall consist
of a President, Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer, Reviewer, and Marshall.

Art. 2nd. The above named officers shall be elected
every alternate meeting by ballot, and
the one receiving the highest number of
votes shall be declared elected.

Section 2nd of President

Art. 1st. It shall be the duty of the President to
call the house to order at the proper time,
preside at all meetings, preserve order,
appoint all committees not otherwise provided
for, give the casting vote in case of an equal
election, and execute all requirements
pertaining to his office.

Art. 2nd. At the expiration of his term of office
it shall be the duty of the President
to deliver a valedictory address.

Art. 3rd. He shall not take his seat until
one meeting after his election.

Art. 4th. It shall be the duty of the President together
with the Secretary to select two members

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Marshall Academy

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- Art. 4th.
N.A. It shall be the duty of the President together with the Secretary to select two members

³⁶ These two "N.A." notes are added in pencil, along with the one on the following page.

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from the original Class to debate a question, which they shall select from questions handed in by the essay Class; it hereby being made the duty of the members of said Class each to hand in a question.

Art. 5th. Before the regular debate it shall be the duty of the president to appoint a Committee of three to decide on the merits of the Argument, which decision shall be written on papers provided for them, in the words Aff. or Neg. and the names of the individuals of said Committee to be optional on said paper.

Sect 3rd of Vice President

Art. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Vice president in the absence of the president to discharge all the duties of the office of President.

Sect 4th of Secretary

Art. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to take charge of all the Books, papers &c. belonging to Society, preserve them carefully, and deliver them to his successor in office.

Art. 2nd. He shall truly and faithfully record all the proceedings of Society, which, after being adopted, he shall enter in to the Minute Book in a neat & grammatical style.

Art. 3rd. All minutes, Communications, reports, &c. &c. shall be read by the Secretary in open Society.

Art 4th He shall when authorized by Society notify members of any special meeting &c.

Art. 5th. He shall keep a faithful record of all moneys due Society in order to balance his Book with the Treasurers report.

Art. 6th. He shall act as correspondent for Society and shall perform such other duties pertaining

Constitution Continued

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to his office, as the President or Society may direct.

Section 5th of Treasurer

- Art. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all moneys belonging to society and collect all money due society.
- Art. 2nd. He shall when authorized by society purchase such articles as may be directed. He shall purchase nothing unless duly authorized, He shall take receipts for all moneys expended, which, in settlement with his successor shall appear the same as money.
- Art. 3rd. He shall faithfully and truly deliver to his successor in office all money, Books, papers &c. belonging to society.
- Art. 4th. He shall at the expiration of his term of office, present to society a written report stating the situation of the Treasury. Viz the money in hand, money due, initiation fees paid, initiation fees not paid, money expended, for what, which must correspond with the minutes on docket. and if found correct shall be received, and inserted on the minutes. if not said report shall be returned to treasurer who shall correct before society closes, unless otherwise directed by society.
- Art. 5th. He shall be held responsible for all money paid to him belonging to society and in case of loss &c. he shall well and truly pay to his successor an sum equal to the deficit, unless immorated by a majority of the members present.

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Constitution Continued

Section 6th of Reviewer.

Art. 1st. It shall be the duty of the Reviewer to take charge of all Essays read in society Carefully, and Strictly, Criticize them in the following manner. *Viz*, the grammatical construction, punctuation, penmanship, orthography, sentiment, and style which, report shall be received the following meeting, and delivered in the following manner. *Viz* Criticisms to be written in a legible hand on the back of Essays, and read in open society.

Art. 2nd. Before proceeding to read the ~~Essays~~ ^{Criticisms} he shall call upon the name of the author of the Essay. And if he or she be present he shall proceed with the reading of it but if the author be absent he shall not read his criticisms, but shall retain it until such time when the author is present.

Article 3rd. He shall keep all Essays as his own private documents, and shall not read his criticisms to any person, or persons out of society during the intermission of the same.

Art. 4th. He shall exercise no partiality toward any one but shall criticize with a view of improvement, and shall after reading his criticisms deliver the Essay to the author.

Art. 5th. He shall not be permitted to retain Essays to meetings except the author be absent, or in case of sickness, or inability to comply with any of the requirements.

Art. 6th. He shall criticize all performances verbally after which the President may call for criticisms from members.

Constitution Continued

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Marshall Academy January 19th 1857.

This meeting was called to order, by calling L. G. Wilson to the chair & J. B. Wellman Secretary. By motion it was agreed that the by-laws be read, J. G. Peck was appointed to read them. The election of officers was next in order. For president J. G. Peck vice president James Laidly; Secretary John B. Wellman Treasurer J. F. Stuart; Reviewer L. G. Wilson; Marshall John A. Ewing, J. B. Wellman, J. G. Peck and J. F. Stuart were appointed on a Committee to establish the petitions in the Minute book.

The declaiming class for the next meeting,

consist of: John Powell, John A. Ewing
Stratton Burgess,

Essay Class

J. F. Stuart

Thomas J. Ewing

William Holdreby

Original Orations

James Laidly

Debate

L. G. Wilson

J. B. Wellman

House adjourn

Jos. G. Peck, Pres

Jno. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall January 24th

Society convened agreeable to order, Roll called and minutes read and adapted, officers were installed, James Black was received as a member, The declamation class performed the performers were John Powell John Ewing and Stratton Burgess, The essay class performers were J. F. Stuart Thomas A. Ewing

Marshall Academy January 10th 1857.

This meeting was called to order, by calling L. G. Wilson to the chair & J. B. Wellman Secretary. By motion it was agreed that the by-laws be read. J. G. Peck was appointed to read them. The election of officers was next in order. For president J. G. Peck, vice president James Laidly; Secretary John B. Wellman; Treasurer J. F. Stuart, Reviewer L. G. Wilson; Marshall John A. Ewing, J. B. Wellman. J. G. Peck and J. F. Stuart were appointed on a committee to establish the petitions in the minute book.

The declaiming class for the next meeting,

Consist of: John Powell, John A. Ewing
 Strather Burgess
 Essay class
 J. F. Stuart
 Thomas J. Ewing
 William Holderby
 Original oration
 James Laidly
 Debate
 L. G. Wilson
 J. B. Wellman

House adjourned
 Jas. G. Peck, Pres
 Jno. B. Wellman, Sec.

Marshall hall January 24th

Society convened agreeable to order. Roll called and minutes read and adapted, officers were installed. James Black was received as a member. The declination class performed the performers were John Powell, John Ewing and Strather Burgess. The essay class. The performers were J. F. Stuart, Thomas A. Ewing

Continued

and Wm. P. Hodderby. The debating class performed. The performers were John B. Wellman Affir; Levi Wilson Neg. The sentimental debate decided on the affirmative. Mr Peck delivered an address to the society on the importance of perseverance. Mr. Thidley gave his exercise for nonperformance. The declamation class for the next meeting are

James Black

Thomas Caring

John Ewing

Essay Class

William Hodderby

James Laidley

John Powell

Stratton Bungey

Original Class

oration

Debate

J. G. Peck

L. Wilson, Affir

J. B. Wellman

J. F. Stuart, Neg

House adjourned

J. G. Peck, Pres

J. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Hall

Feb. 7th 1857

Society convened agreeably to order. roll called and minutes read and adopted. Mrs. Suter was received as a member. The declamation class performed. The performers J. Black Thomas Caring, & A. Ewing. The Essay Class performed. The performers were

and Wm P Holderby. The debating class performed. The performers were John B. Wellman, Affir; Levi Wilson Neg. The sentimental debate decided on the affirmative. Mr. Peck delivered an address to the society on the importance of perserverance. Mr. Laidly gave his excuse for nonperformance. The declimation class for the next meeting are

James Black
Thomas Ewing
John Ewing
 Essay class
William Holderby
James Laidly
John Powell
Strather Burgess
 Original Class
Oration Debate
J. G. Peck L. Wilson, Affir
J. B. Wellman J. F. Stuart, Neg
 House adjourned
 J. G. Peck, Pres
 J. B. Wellman, Sec.

Marshall Hall
Feb. 7th 1857

Society convened agreeably to order, roll called and minutes read and adopted. Mr. Suiter was received as a member. The declamation class performed. The performers J. Black, Thomas Ewing, J. A. Ewing. The Essay class performed. The performers were

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W. P. Holdery, James Laidley and J. Howell & Strouther Burges. The Original class performed. The performers were J. B. Wellman & J. G. Wilson. The Debaters were J. G. Wilson & J. H. Stewart.

The reviewers criticized upon the last meetings essays. W. Williams was received as a member. The election of officers next in order. For pres. J. H. Stewart. Vice Pres. J. Powell.

Sec. J. G. Wilson. Reviewer J. H. Laidley. Treas. W. Holdery. Marshall. J. B. Wellman.

Resolved that none but the speakers reviewers shall criticize on the speaker. This motion was established. Mr. Stuart made a motion to appoint 2 to edit a paper to be read in the the society this motion was agreed to. The declination class for the next meeting are

- J. B. Wellman
- J. G. Peck
- J. G. Wilson
- J. H. Stewart

Essay class

- Thomas Ewing
- James B. Black
- John Ewing

Original Orations

- James Laidley
- John Powell

Debate

- William Holdery
- J. Burges.

J. G. Peck, Pres
J. B. Wellman, Sec

Continued

W. P. Holderby, James Laidley and J. Howell & Strouther Burgess. The Original class performed. The performers were J. B. Wellman, G. Wilson. The debaters were L. G. Wilson & J. Stewart. The reviewer criticized upon the last meetings essays. W. Williams was received as a member. The election of officers next in order. For pres. J. H. Stewart, Vice pres. J. Powell, Sec. L. G. Wilson, Reviewer J. H. Laidley, Treas. W. P. Holderby, Marshall J. B. Wellman. Resolved that none but the ~~speakers~~ reviewer shall criticize on the speaker. This motion was established. Mr. Stuart made a motion to appoint 2 to edit a paper to be read in the the society this motion was agreed to. The declamation class for the next meeting are

J. B. Wellman

P. G. Peck

L. G. Wilson

P. F. Stuart

Essay class

Thomas Ewing

James R. Black

John Ewing

Original oration

James Laidly

John Powell

Debate

William Holderby

S. Burgess

J. G. Peck, Pres

J. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Academy Feb-21st 1857

Society commenced a quorum to order roll called and minutes read, and adopted, Officers installed. The declamation Class was called the performers were J. B. Wellman, G. L. Fitch, L. G. Wilson, & J. O. Stuart. All who performed and were criticised upon by the reviewer. The essay class was then called the performers were, W. Black. Subject, the Schottsgoy. Shot Ewing, non performed, Mr Foster absent. Messrs Black & Ewing performed

Original Class

James Laidley, John Howell, William Holdenby, and S. Burges. Question, are the works of nature more beautiful than the art of man,

Affirmative Neg

S. Burges } S. Laidley

J. W. Howell } W. S. Holdenby

Messrs. Burges, Laidley and Holdenby performed, Mr Howell did not. The Committee were Wellman, Reno and Ewing who decided in the affirmative

Discretionary business

Motion by Mr Fitch. That members entering the room after performances be admitted to give their performances. Mr Wellman performed. Motion by Mr Laidley. That the ex-President deliver his Valedictory which he did.

Marshall Academy Feb. 21st 1857

Society convened agreeable to order, roll called and minutes read, and adopted, officers installed. The declamation class was called the performers were J. B. Wellman, J. G. Peck, L. G. Wilson & J. L. Stuart. All who performed and were criticized upon by the reviewer. The essay class was then called the performers were, J. Black. Subject: The schoolday[?]. Thos Ewing, non performance, Mr. Sooter absent, Mess[?] Black & Ewing performed.

Original Class

James Laidley, John Howel, William Holderby, and S. Burges. Question, are the works of nature more beautiful than the art of Man.

Affirm

Neg

S. Burgess

J. Laidley

J. W. Powel

W. P. Holderby

Mess³⁷. Burges, Laidley and Holderby performed, Mr. Howel did not. The committee were Wellman, Renoe[?] and Ewing who decided in the affirmative.

Miscellaneous business

Motion by Mr. Peck that members entering the room after performances be admitted to give their performance. Mr. Wiliams performed. Motion by Mr. Laidley that the ex-President deliver his valedictory which he did.

³⁷ This appears to be a form of the title or address of Messrs, for more than one Mr.

Claps

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Declamation Claps

James Laidley, John Howel
William Holdaby, S. Burgess

Essay Claps

V. B. Wellman, W. G. Treck
J. H. Stuart, L. G. Wilson, W. H. Williams

Original Claps

J. Black, J. Ewing
V. Shuter, J. Ewing

Debate

The Farmer is more useful than
the Merchant

Affirmative

John Renne and J. Ewing

Negative

John Ewing and James Black

Motion by Mr Treck that ~~an~~ anonymous
literature be erected in the hall of Mar-
shall Academy for the use of Society
which was seconded and passed, also that
there should be no anonymous communication
of an ill character which passed, Excuses
were received from J. Howel and J. Ewing

J. H. Stuart Secy
L. G. Wilson, Secy

Classes

Declamation class

James Laidley, John Howel

William Holderby, S. Burges

Essay Class

J. B. Wellman, J. G. Peck

J. F. Stuart, Levi Wilson, Wm Williams

Original Class

J. Black, T. Ewing

J. Suter, Jno Ewing

Debate

The farmer is more useful than the merchant.

Affirmative

Jno Renoe and Thos. Ewing

Negative

Jno Ewing and James Black

Motion by Mr. Peck “that a box anonymous literature be eseched[?] in the hall at Marshall Academy for the use of Society which was seconded and passed. Also that there should be no anonymous communication of an ill character which passed. Excuses were received from J. Howel and J. Ewing.

J. H. Stuart, Pres
L. G. Wilson, Secy

Marshall Academy March 7th 1857

Society commenced according to order and was opened by prayer from Mr Brock. Roll called. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Declaration, Wm Holdersby & Sol Faraley performed. Messrs Crowl and Burgess were absent. Messrs Laidley and Holdersby were criticised upon by the reviewer. The giddy clap was called who were L. G. Wilson, D. B. Wellman, J. G. Brock and D. H. Stuart. Mr Brock delivered an original all the others performed a gaudy to order, ~~and~~ ~~or~~ ~~clap~~ ~~called~~.

Thos Cwling, D. Black, J. Cwling and D. Renou.

Thos Cwling, & J. Renou. Renou did not speak
Negative

Amo Cwling, Sol Black,

The committee were Wellman, Brock & Holdersby who decided in the affirmative. The reviewers criticisms being in order were given. Election of officers being next in order ~~then~~ following were elected. J. Laidley, Pres. J. H. Stuart, Sec. J. G. Brock, Treas. D. Black reviewer Thos Cwling-Marshall. The paper edited by Stuart & Wellman was read in open Society by them, Sol Laidley moved that the paper be first read by the teachers at the academy next by the trustees of the same, which was 2^d & passed. Mr Brock moved that Mr Laidley's motion be reconsidered, which was 2^d & passed. Mr Laidley's motion was reconsidered. Mr Laidley moved that the teachers read the paper then the trustees then the paper shall be returned to the Editors, who can dispose of it as they see proper which was 3^d & passed yeas 6 nays 1. others not voting.

Marshall Academy March 7th 1857

Society convened according to order and was opened by prayer from Mr. Peck. Roll called. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Declation³⁸, Wm Holderby & Jas Laidley performers. Mess Howel and Burges were absent. Mesrs Laidley and Holderby were criticized upon by the reviewer. The essay class was called who were L. G. Wilson, J. B. Wellman, J. G. Peck and J. F. Stuart. Mr. Peck delivered an original All the others performed agreeably to order. Debating class called

Thos Ewing, J. Black, J. Ewing and J. Renoe,

Aff

Thos Ewing & J. Renoe. Renoe did not speak.

Negative

Jno Ewing, Jas Black

The committee were Wellman, Peck & Holderby who decided in the affirmative. The reviewers criticisms being in order were given. Election of officers being next in order the following were elected. J. Laidley, Pres, J. H. Stuart Sect, J. G. Peck Treas, J. Black reviewer, Thos Ewing, Marshall. The paper edited by Stuart & Wellman was read in open Society by them, Jas Laidley moved that the paper be first read by the teachers at the academy next by the trustees of the same, which was 2d & passed. Mr. Peck moved that M. Laidley's motion be reconsidered, which was 2'd and passed. Mr. Laidley moved "that the teachers read the paper then the trustees then the paper shall be returned to the editors, who can dispose of it as they see proper which was 2'd and passed yeas 6 nays 1. Others not voting.

³⁸ This was probably meant to be the word Declamation.

Classes

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Essay Class

A. Laidley, Mrs. Holcomb & S. Burgess

Declamation Class

A. Black, Thos Ewing, Mrs Ewing, & A. Rance

Original Class

L. G. Wilson & S. H. Stuart

Debate

C. G. Beck & S. B. Wellman

Question

Ignorance is worse than laziness

Aff-

C. G. Beck

Neq-

S. B. Wellman

Society adjourned

S. H. Stuart Pres

L. G. Wilson Secy

February 26th 1857

Special Meeting

Society convened by a call of the members, Mr Beck moved that "the paper published by the Society be entitled the Sprout," which passed, motion by S Ewing that the Society procure paper to be used in writing the sprout, motion by Mr Beck that all contributions coming in for the sprout be handed in by the 8 of March /57

S. H. Stuart Pres
L. G. Wilson Secy

Classes

Essay class

J. laidley, Wm Holderby & S. Burgess

Declamation Class

J. Black, Thos Ewing, Jno Ewing & J. Ranoe

Original Class

L. G. Wilson & J. F. Stuart

Debate

J. G. Peck & J. B. Wellman

Question

Ignorance is worse than laziness

Aff

J. G. Peck

Neg

J. B. Wellman

Society adjourned.

J. F. Stuart, Pres

L. G. Wilson, Secry

February 26th 1857

Special meeting

Society convened by a call of the members. Mr. Peck moved that “the paper published by the Society be entitled the Sprout.” Which passed. Motion by J. Ewing that the society provide paper to be used writing the Sprout. Motion by Mr. Peck that all contributions coming in for the Sprout be handed in by the 3 of March /57.

J. F. Stuart, Pres

L. G. Wilson, Secty

Episcopal Hall March 21 1857

At the proper time Society was called to order, and opened with prayer.

The roll being called the following were absent; Tho. Ewing, J. Ewing, J. Rhode, J. Laidley, J. W. Powell, S. Burgess, J. Suits. Installation of officers in order, the following were installed, Wellman, Peck, Black and Stewart; Laidley and Ewing jr being absent. The ex-president delivered his official address.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Declamation class was called, Black performed and was remarked upon by the members, the remainder of the class was absent. Also essay class called, Holdery performed, others absent, Original class being in order Wilson performed. Wilson was appointed Marshall pro tempore.

Debate in order Question Is ignorance worse than Laziness
Aff. Peck. Deny, Wellman.

Committee, Wilson, Black and Holdery. The question was ably discussed and decided in favor of Negative.

The reviewing of essays being in order the essays were handed to Society by Peck as herald of the reviewer who was absent. Miscellaneous business in order; the second number of the Sprout was read by the editors, Peck and Wellman. Performances for next meeting. Sec. Wilson, Stewart, Peck and Wellman, Essay Black Ewing, Dr. St. Pr. Original Laidley Holdery et Beppes. Res. Is the drunkard to be pitied more than his family. Aff. Laidley Deny Holdery. Adjournd. Pres Wellman Sec Stewart.

Erodelphian Hall³⁹ March 21 1857

At the proper time Society was called to order, and opened with prayer. The roll being called the following were absent; Tho. Ewing, J. Ewing, J. Renoe, J. Laidley, J. W. Powell, S. Burgess, J. Suiter. Installation of officers in order. The following were installed. Wellman, Peck, Black and Stewart; Laidley and Ewing Jr. being absent. The ex-president delivered his official address.

Agreeably to the order of the day the Declamation class was called. Black performed and was remarked upon by the members, the remainder of the class was absent. Also essay class called. Holderby performed others absent. Original class being in order Wilson performed. Wilson was appointed Marshall pro tempore.

Debate in order. Question Is ignorance worse than laziness. Aff. Peck Deny, Wellman. Committee. Wilson, Black and Holderby. The question was ably discussed and decided in favor of Negative.

The reviewing of essays being in order the essays were handed to Society by Peck as herald of the reviewer who was absent. Miscellaneous business in order: the second number of the Sprout was read by the editors, Peck and Wellman. Performances for next meeting Dec. Wilson, Steuart, Peck and Wellman. Essay Black Ewing Sr, et. Jr. Original Laidley, Holderby et Burgess. Qes. Is the drunkard to be pittied more than his family. Aff. Laidley, Neg. Holderby. Adjourned. Pres Wellman, Sec. Stewart.

³⁹ It is believed that during this period, the society obtained its own permanent meeting room, probably on the upper floor of the main Marshall building.

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April 18, 1857

Prodelphian Hall
Society convened at the proper
time. Roll called. members all absent
but Wellman Stewart Black & Gwing jr.
Minutes of last meeting read and
adopted. Motioned by Gwing jr that
the regular literary performances be post-
poned till next meeting. which carries.
In accordance with order of exercises.
J. Hampton was received by a unanimous
vote. Election of officers in order, the
following was the result, for prez. Stewart
for vice prez. Wellman, for sec. Wellman,
for pres. Hampton. Reviewer, Hampton
Marshall Black. Miscellaneous
business in order. By motion it
was agreed that Hampton should be
associate editor of the Sprout in
future. Adjourned with the same
classes to perform that are found
minutes of last meeting.
Sec. Stewart. Pres. Wellman

Erodelphian Hall April 18th, 1857

Society convened at the proper time. Roll Called, members all absent but Wellman, Stewart, Black & Ewing Jr. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Motioned by Ewing jr that the regular literary performances be postponed till next meeting, which carried. In accordance with order of exercises, J. Hampton⁴⁰ was received by a unanimous vote. Election of officers in order, the following was the result, for pres. Stewart for vice-pres. Wellman, for sec. Wellman, for treas. Hampton, Reviewer, Hampton, Marshall Black. Miscellaneous business in order. By motion it was agreed that Hampton should be associate editor of the Sprout in future. Adjourned with the same classes to perform that are found minutes of last meeting.

Sec. Stewart, Pres. Wellman

⁴⁰ This was John Hampton, son of Rev. William Hampton and brother to William Oliver Hampton, another student. (See footnote 28)

Marshall Academy, May 2nd 1857.

Agreeable to order the society commenced roll called and minutes read, Members all absent but Hampton, Wilson, Black, Ewing jr and Stuart Installation of officers in order, the officers elect were installed, The valedictory address of Pres. Wellman was postponed till the next meeting. The Declamation class was next in order, Wilson and Stuart performed. The essay class was next in order, the performers were James Black and Thomas Ewing. The Original class were all absent, and the Debating class was also absent. By motion John Hunter was received into the society, also Julius McCallugh was elected member, providing he desires to come in. Miscellaneous business next in order. The editors read the 3rd No. of the "Spartan".

The Declaimers next week are:

John Hunter
J. McCallugh.

Essay class

J. B. Wellman
J. S. Hampton
L. G. Wilson
J. F. Stuart

Debating class

Aff. J. E. Ewing jr.

Opp. J. R. Black.

Is the drunkard to be pitied
more than his family.

J. F. Stuart, Pres.
J. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall Academy, May 2nd 1857.

Agreeable to order the society convened roll called and minutes read, members all absent but Hampton, Wilson, Black, Ewing jr and Stuart. Installation of officers in order, the officers elect were installed. The valedictory address of Pres. Wellman was postponed till the next meeting. The Declamation class was next in order, Wilson and Stuart performed. The essay class was next in order, the performers were James Black and Thomnas Ewing. The original class were all absent, and the Debating class was also absent. By motion John Hunter was received into the society, also Julias Mcullugh was elected member, providing he desires to come in. Miscellaneous business next in order. The editors read the 3rd No of the "Sprout."

The Declaimers next week are:

John Hunter

J. Mcullugh

Essay Class

J. B. Wellman

J. N. Hampton

J. G. Wilson

P. F. Stuart

Is the drunkard to be pitied
more than his family.

Debating class

Aff. T. E. Ewing Jr

Neg. J. R. Black

J. F. Stuart, Pres

J. B. Wellman, Sec

Marshall College Jan 11th A.D. 1861. 31

Pursuant to notice the Students of Marshall College met in Marshall Hall, for the purpose of organizing a Literary Society. On motion Prof. D. W. Thrush was called to the chair, and G. S. Laidley elected as Secretary. The President then stated the object of the meeting, when on motion of J. A. Johnston a Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution and by-laws for the government of the Society. The Committee having been appointed by the Chair consisted of J. A. Johnston, G. S. Laidley, and J. F. Stewart, who after a short delay reported the following Constitution, which was read Article by Article and adopted. On motion it was agreed that the officers of this meeting serve until ~~in~~ the officers elected under the Constitution be installed. The following persons were then nominated for the respective offices to be voted for at the next meeting, Pres. D. W. Thrush, Vice Pres. J. A. Johnston, Sec. Sec. G. S. Laidley, Cor. Sec. S. E. Buffington, Treas. J. A. Stewart, There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned to meet in one week from this night

G. S. Laidley Sec. D. W. Thrush (Pres)
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Marshall College⁴¹ Jan. 11th A.D. 1861

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D. W. Thrush, Pres.

G. S. Laidley, Sec.

Marshall College
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⁴¹ This is the first mention of Marshall College in the record book. Marshall Academy achieved college status in 1858.

⁴² D. W. Thrush was not only a teacher at Marshall, but also served as President until the start of the Civil War in April, 1861.

⁴³ This appears to have been George S. Laidley, age 19 in 1860, son of John Laidley and Mary J. (Hite) Laidley. (1860 census of Cabell County.) There was more than one George Laidley in Cabell County, and Wallace (in "Cabell Annals") states he was of another Laidley family.

Marshall College Jan 15th 1861

Preamble

Whereas we believe that many advantages result from literary associations, and that bringing mind in contact with mind is one of the most effectual means of intellectual discipline. Therefore be it resolved that we the students of Marshall College do mutually agree to associate ourselves, into a literary body to be governed and regulated by the following Constitution and By-Laws

Constitution

Section 1st

Art 1st This Society shall be called The Diognothian Literary Society of Marshall College,

Art 2^d The officers of this Society shall consist of one President, one Vice President one Rec Secretary, one Cor Secretary, one Treasurer one Librarian and Sexton,

Art 3^d Each of the above officers shall be elected monthly, by Ballot. They shall be nominated one week previous to election and not more than three candidates shall be named for each office and the person having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Any person duly elected any office and refusing to serve without a good excuse shall be subject to a fine of Twenty five cents

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Constitution

Section 1st

- Art 1st This Society shall be called the Diagonthean Literary Society of Marshall College.
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- Art 3rd Each of the above officers shall be elected monthly, by ballot. They shall be nominated one week previous to election and not more than three candidates shall be named for each office and the person having the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. Any person duly elected any office and refusing to serve without a good excuse shall be subject to a fine of twenty five cents.

⁴⁴ A Sexton is generally defined as: an official of a church charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents. The word "Sexton" and "sacristan" both derive from the Medieval Latin word *sacristanus* meaning "custodian of sacred objects".

Constitution

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Section 2^d

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to conduct the same in an orderly and parliamentary manner, He shall levy all fines, Appoint and discharge all committees, He shall have power to call special meetings, shall declare the result of elections and in case of tie votes shall immediately order a new election between the two highest candidates, In any other votes except in the election of officers he shall have the casting vote when a tie shall occur

Constitution

Section 3^d

Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President, He shall have penary power to conduct the business and discharge all the duties of the Pres, But shall exercise no authority in an official capacity except when acting as president

Section 4th

Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Rec. Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of the Minutes of Society, in a book, to be kept for the purpose

Art 2^d He shall take charge of all books & papers, which relate to the business, of Society shall take charge of all papers from the hands of the critics and deliver, and deliver them to the Authors at their request.

Constitution

Section 2nd

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings, to conduct the same in an orderly and parliamentary manner. He shall levy all fines, appoint and discharge all committees. He shall have power to call special meetings, shall declare the result of elections and in case of tie votes shall immediately order a new election between the two highest candidates. In any other votes accept in the election of officers he shall have the casting vote when a tie shall occur.

Constitution

Section 3rd

Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside in the absence of the President. He shall have penalty power to conduct the business and dischall[?] all the duties of the Pres, but shall exercise no authority in an official capacity except when acting as president.

Section 4th

Art 1st It shall be the duty of the Rec. Secretary to keep a true and faithful record of the minutes of Society, in a book, to be kept for the purpose.

Art 2nd He shall take charge of all books & papers, which relate to the business of Society; shall take charge of all essays from the hands of the critics and deliver, and deliver them to the authors at their request.

Constitution

Art 3^a It shall be the duty of The Sec Sec to notice all members of any special meeting of Society when ordered by the President, by tacking a written notice upon the door of the Hall,

Section 5th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds belonging to Society; collect all fees, fines and moneys, whatever, due Society

Art 2^a He shall solicit the payment of all money due and shall report the names of such members as shall refuse to pay,

Art 3^a He shall report Monthly in Society the amount of funds in his hands the amounts due, the names of members refusing to pay, and shall have no power to incur any expenditures except by order of Society through the President.

Art 4^a He shall on retiring from office deliver fully and faithfully all moneys receipts, negotiable papers to his successor in office

Section 6th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of The Librarian to take charge of the Library belonging to Society so that all books are properly numbered and entered in a book for the purpose

Constitution

Art 3rd It shall be the duty of the Rec Sec to notice all members of any special meeting of Society; when ordered by the President, by tacking a written notice upon the door of the Hall.

Section 5th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds belonging to Society; collect all fees, fines and moneys, whatever, due society.

Art 2nd He shall solicit the payment of all money due and shall report the names of such members as shall refuse to pay.

Art 3rd He shall report monthly in Society the amount of funds in his hands, the amount due, the names of members refusing to pay, and shall have no power to incur any expenditures except by order of Society through the President.

Art 4th He shall on retiring from office deliver fully and faithfully all moneys, receipts, negociable papers & c to his successor in office.

Section 6th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Librarian to take charge of the Library belonging to society, see that all books are properly numbered and entered in a book for the purpose.

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Art 2 We shall whenever any book is taken from the Library, record the No. together with the date and the name of the person receiving the same, We shall see that no book remain out more than one week unless the same be recorded as taken out for a second week and in the same manner from week to week. We shall see that all books are returned in good condition

Art 3 If any book be defaced he shall present the same to Society, where a suitable penalty may be inflicted, Should any book be defaced longer than one week without renewing, The Librarian shall report the same to Society where a fine may be inflicted

Art 4 We shall not permit any person to receive a book or books from the Library who is not upon the list of active or Honorary members of Society

Section 7th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Cor. Secretary to conduct all correspondence relative to the business of Society, and shall report the same to Society when called upon, in open Society

Constitution

Art 2 He shall whenever any book is taken from the Library, record the No. together with the date and the name of the person receiving the same. He shall see that no book remain out more than one week unless the same be recorded as taken-out for a second week and in the same manner from week to week. He shall see that all books are returned in good condition.

Art 3 If any book be defaced he shall present the same to Society, where a suitable penalty may be inflicted. Should any book be detained longer than one week whith[?] renewing, the Librarian shall report the same to society where a fine may be inflicted.

Art 4 He shall not permit any person to receive a book or books from the Library who is not upon the list of active or honorary members of Society.

Section 7th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Cor. Secretary to conduct all correspondence relative to the business of Society, and shall report the same to ~~Society~~ Society when called upon, in open Society.

Constitution

Section 8

Art 1. It shall be the duty of The Marshal
to see that the room be in a comfortable
condition at the time of meeting.

Art 2 He shall guard the door and see
that all visitors be comfortably seated.

Art 3^d He shall apply to the President
whenever he desires an order upon the
Treasurer for necessary expenditures.

Section 9th

Art 1 It shall be the duty of each member
to answer to his name when the roll is
called, and on failure of so doing shall be
subject to a fine of one dime unless a
reasonable excuse can be rendered.

Art 2 It shall be the duty of each member
to perform in his respective class when
called upon, and failing to do so is
subject to a fine of one dime, unless a
good excuse is rendered.

Art 3 It shall be the duty of each member
respectfully to obey The Constitution and
By Laws, and to exert himself to promote
the general interests of Society.

Art 4th Each member on being initiated shall
pay the sum of Twenty five Cents as a fee, and
shall enroll his name among the list of new
members, which shall be deemed equivalent
to signing this Constitution.

Constitution

Section 8

Art 1 It shall be the duty of the Marshal to see that the room be in a comfortable condition at the time of meeting.

Art 2 He shall guard the door and see that all visitors be comfortably seated & c

Art 3rd He shall apply to the President whenever he desires an order upon the treasurer for necessary expenditures.

Section 9th

Art It shall be the duty of each member to answer to his name when the roll is called, and on failure of so doing shall be subject to a fine of one dime unless a reasonable excuse can be rendered.

Art 2 It shall be the duty of each member to perform in his respective class when called upon and failing to do so is subject to a fine of one dime, unless a good excuse is rendered.

Art 3 It shall be the duty of each member respectfully to obey the Constitution and By-Laws, and to exert himself to promote the general interests of Society.

Art 4th Each member on being initiated shall pay the sum of twenty five cents as a fee, and shall enroll his name among the list of active members which shall be deemed equivalent of signing this constitution.

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Art 5th Each member upon enrolling his name shall be required to answer the following questions Do you promise faithfully to obey the Constitution & By-Laws of this Society, and to perform all the duties and requirements of the same, that you will will be obedient and respectful to its officers and mutually cooperate with them in the discharge of their various duties

Art 6 Each member shall answer to his name at all roll-calls, and punctually meet all the performances made obligatory by Society and on failure of any of these requirements shall be subject to fine, of not less than five cents nor more than Twenty five at the option of the President,

Art 7th Any member who shall be Constitutionally elected to any office in this Society and shall not decline before his election shall be subject to a fine of Ten Cents

Art 8th Person shall be eligible to the office of President who shall not have attained the age of Sixteen Years,

Art 9th Any member of this Society who shall refuse to pay his fine for one month and shall not be exonerated by a two third vote of all members present, shall have his name stricken from the roll, and be dismissed from Society "

Constitution

Art 5th Each member upon enrolling his name shall be required to answer the following questions. Do you promise faithfully to obey the Constitution & By-Laws of this Society, and to perform all the duties and requirements of the same & that you will ---[?] be obedient and respectful to its officers and mutually cooperate with them in the discharge of their various duties

Art 6 Each member shall answer to his name at all roll-callings, and punctually meet all the performances made obligatory by Society and on failure of any of these requirements shall be subject to fine of not less than five cents nor more than twenty five at the option of the President.

Art 7th Any member who shall be constitutionally elected to any office in this Society and shall not decline before his election shall be subject to a fine of ten cents.

Art 8th No person shall be eligible to the office of President who shall not have attained the age of sixteen years.

Art 9th Any member of this Society who shall refuse to pay his fine for one month and shall not be exonerated by a two third vote of all members present, shall have his name stricken from the roll, and be dismissed from Society.

Constitution

Art 10th No person shall become a member of this society who is not a member of Marshall College, and this shall embrace all who are at present or may have been within five years

Art 11th No student shall be a member of this society who shall have been expelled from this institution.

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Constitution

Art 10th No person shall become a member of this society who is not a member of Marshall College, and this shall embrace all who are at present or may have been within two years.

Art 11th No student shall be a member of this society who shall have been expelled from this institution.

Constitution

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Marshall College Jan 18th 1861

The Society was called to order by the President. The roll being called; the exercises of the evening were opened with prayer by Prof D W Thrusk. The Minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted. The officers elected under the Constitution were then installed, Pres. D W Thrusk, Vice Pres J A Johnston Recording Sec E V Suidley, Treas J A Stewart Cor Sec S E Buffington, Marshal. E S Wadderty. On Motion the Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Sec. before Society.

On Motion W V Suidley, John Willard, John Thomson, A S Ricketts & C W Berks were proposed as active members. The Orators of the evening were then called upon who performed their duty in a satisfactory manner.

John W Johnston }
Joseph J Stewart } Orators
E S Ricketts

Essays being next in order, the following gentlemen read before Society in a creditable manner

W. H. Kyle }
B. B. Burks } Orators
E. S. Suidley

The following question was then discussed, viz. Is intemperance a greater evil than war which was decided in the negative.

E A Johnston }
W H Stewart }
S E Buffington } Orators
neg
J F Stewart }
N B Johnston }
Thos Harden

There being no further business on Motion Society adjourned

E. S. Suidley } Sec.

D W Thrusk } Pres

Marshall College Jan 18th A D 1861

The Society was called to order by the President. The roll being called; the exercises of the evening were opened authorized[?] by prof D. W Thrush. The minutes of the last meeting were then read and adopted. The officers elected under the Constitution were then installed, Pres. D. W. Thrush, Vice Pres D. H Johnston, Recording Sec G. S Laidley, Treas J. A. Stewart, Cor Sec S. E. Buffington, Marshal E. S. Holderby. On motion the Constitution and By-Laws were read by the Sec. before Society.

On motion W. S. Laidley, John Pollard, John Herndon, A. G. Ricketts & C. W Burks were proposed as active members. The orators of the evening were then called upon who performed their duty in a satisfactory manner

John W. Johnston	
Joseph S. Stewart	Orators
L. G. Ricketts	

Essayists being next in order. The following gentlemen read before Society in a creditable manner

W. H. Kyle	
B. B. Burks ⁴⁵	Essayists
G. S. Laidley ⁴⁶	

The following question was then discussed, viz:

Is intemperance a greater evil than war. Which was decided in the negative.

Aff	
D. G. Johnston	
W. H. Stewart	
S. E. Buffington	
Neg	Debaters
J. F. Stuart	
N. B. Johnston	
Thos Harden	

There bei9ng no further business on motion Society adjourned

G. S. Laidley, Sec.

D. W. Thrush, Pres

⁴⁵ This was probably Bluford B. Burks, age 16 in 1860, son of Luther Burks. Lewis H. Burks, Bluford's older brother and brother Charles also attended Marshall during this period. (1860 Cabell Census) B. B. was a Corp. in Co. D, 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA during the Civil War.

⁴⁶ This is George S. Laidley, age 19 in 1860, son of John Laidley one of the Marshall trustees and Mary Hite Laidley (1860 Cabell Census)

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Minutes Disruptive Society

Jan 24th 1861

Society met and was called to order by the President. After the calling of the roll, the proceedings were opened by prayer, Prof J W Thrush.

The minutes of the last meeting were then adopted. Committee on essays reported and were discharged. Committee appointed to procure a Minute book reported success, and were discharged, the committee consisted of J. A. Johnston W S Laidley and J H Stewart.

On motion the names of J W Thrush, J D Smith and W O Wright were proposed as active members of Society. The names of John Laidley, M B Jenkins, Geo Letcher, Rev Mr McMillen, Rev John Johnson, Hon J C Breckinridge, Hon S W Summers, Hon Abraham Lincoln, Hon W Hamlin were then proposed as Honorary Members.

The Chair then nominated W S Laidley John Pollard and John Thornton committee on essays, Readers J A Johnston Thomas Warden J H Stewart, Orators W H Stewart, James A Stewart, Henry Warden.

The following question was then discussed, Is Art more pleasing to the eye than Nature, which being discussed at some length, was decided in the Neg. Delators, W S Laidley, B B Burke, W W Kyle Aff. John Thornton, B W Burke and B B Burke Neg. There being no further business, on motion adjourned.

J W Thrush & Pres

G S Laidley } Sec
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Minutes, Diabothian Society
Jan. 24th 1861

Society met and was called to order by the President. After the calling of the roll, the proceedings were opened by prayer, Prof. D. W. Thrush.

The minutes of the last meeting were then adopted. Committee on essays reported and were discharged. Committee appointed to procure a minute book reported success, and were discharged the committee consisted of D. A. Johnston, W. S. Laidley and J. F. Stewart. On motion the names of T W Flowers⁴⁷ D I Smith⁴⁸ and W. O Wright⁴⁹ were proposed as active members of Society. The names of John Laidley, M. R. Jenkins, Gov. Letcher, Rev Mr McMillen, Rev John Johnson, Hon J. C. Breckinridge, Hon G. W. Summers, Hon Abraham Lincoln, Hon H. Hamlin were then proposed as honorary members.

The chair then nominated W. S. Laidley John Pollard and John Thornton committee on essays. Readers J A. Johnston, Thomas Harden, J. F. Stewart. Orators H N[?] Stewart, James H Stewart, henry harden.

The following question was then discussed, Is art more pleasing to the eye than Nature. Which being discussed at some length, was decided in the Neg. Declarers, W. S.

Laidley, B. B. Burks, W. H. Kyle, Aff.

John Thornton, C. W. Burks⁵⁰ and B. B. Burks, Neg.

There being no further business on motion adjourned.

D. W. Thrush, Pres.

G. S. Laidley, Sec.

⁴⁷ This is most likely Thaddeus W. Flowers, age 19 in 1860, son of Alfred Flowers and Sarah. (1860 Census Cabell County.) When the Civil War started, Thaddeus joined Co. E (the Border Rangers) of the 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA, along with several other Marshall students. He was captured in 1862 and was a POW at Camp Chase, Columbus, Ohio.(Dickinson, *8th Virginia Cavalry*.)

⁴⁸ This is probably Dudley Irwin Smith, age 18 in 1860, son of Dudley D. Smith, a Cabell County merchant (1860 Cabell County.) D. I. was sheriff of Cabell County in the 1870's, at the same time that L. C. "Cooney" Ricketts was prosecuting attorney.

⁴⁹ The only W. Wright in either 1860 Census of Cabell or Wayne Counties was William O., 23 years old in 1860, son of Edward Wright, a Cabell County farmer.

⁵⁰ This is Charles W. Burks, age 18 in 1860, son of Luther Burks, and brother to Bluford (B.B.) (1860 Cabell County census)

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Feb 1st 1861

Society met and was called to order by the President. Calling of roll. Prayer by Prof Thrush. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. On motion a tax of five cents was laid on each member for necessary expenditure. The chair then announced the election of officers for the next night. Whereupon, the following persons were nominated as candidates for the several offices to be voted for at the said election. Pres. D. W. Thrush

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| Vice | { | W. S. Laidley
John Pollard
Thomas Warden |
| Per. Sec | { | B. S. Laidley
A. S. Ricketts
C. W. Barks |
| Cor. Sec | { | B. B. Barks
J. A. Johnston
E. S. Holdich |
| Treas | { | John Thurston
W. W. Stewart
J. A. Stewart |
| Marshall | { | J. S. Ricketts
J. F. Stewart
W. W. Hyle |

On motion J. W. Hous, J. J. Smith, W. O. Wright were elected active members, and John Laidley Esq. Cor. Sec. Rev. Mr. McKellen, Rev. Mr. Johnston, Wm. Mr. Jenkins were elected as honorary members. Readers, W. S. Laidley, J. E. Buffington and John Thurston. Orators J. S. Ricketts, C. W. Barks, Joseph Stewart. Debaters, J. A. Johnston, J. F. Stewart, B. S. Laidley, A. S. Ricketts J. J. Warden W. W. Stewart. Keepers Johnston Laidley Ricketts off and J. F. Stewart. J. J. Warden and W. W. Stewart Neg.

Question, Is Printing more useful than Vandalism. Decided in Affirmative. On motion adjourned.

G. S. Laidley Sec

D. W. Thrush Pres

Minutes of Diagnothian Society
Feb 1st 1861

Society met and was called to order by the President. Calling of roll, prayer by Prof Thrush. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted. On motion a tax of five cents was levied on each member for necessary expenditures. The chair then announced the election of officers on the next night. Whereupon, the following persons were nominated as candidates of the several offices to be voted for at the said election.

Pres. D. W. Thrush

Vice W. S. Laidley
John Pollard
Thomas Hardin

Rec. Sec G. S. Laidley
A. G. Ricketts
C. W. Burks

Cor. Sec B. B. Burks
D. A. Johnston
E. S. Holderby

Treas John Thornton
W. H. Stuart
J. A. Stuart

Marshall L. C. Ricketts
J. T. Stuart
W. H. Kyle

On motion T. W. Flowers, D. I. Smith & W. O. Wright were elected active members, and John Laidley Esq, Gov. Letcher, Rev. Mr. McMillen, Rev. Mr. Johnston, Hon Mr. Jenkins⁵¹ were elected as honorary members. Readers, W. S. Laidley, S. E. Buffington, and John Thornton, Orators L. C. Ricketts, C. W. Burks, Joseph Stuart. Debaters, D. A. Johnston, J. T, Stuart, G. S. Laidley, A. G. Ricketts, T. Harden, J. T. Stuart, ----[?] Johnston Laidly Ricketts Aff. And Y T.[?] Stuart, T Hardin and W W Stuart Neg. Question: Is printing more useful than narration. Decided in affirm. On motion adjourned.

G. S. Laidley, Sec.

D.W. Thrush, Pres.

⁵¹ This was Albert Gallatin Jenkins, who had attended Marshall Academy earlier, and at this time was the representative to the US Congress of the district containing Cabell County. At the start of the Civil War he commanded the Border Rangers, a company of the 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA, in which several of these students served.

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Feb 9th 1861

Regular meeting of Society. The President in the chair
Roll called, Paper by Prof. Thurst, Minutes of
last meeting read and adopted. Committee on Obituaries
reported. Report received, Committee on Revision of Minutes
asked to be continued, agreed, On motion Henry Starnes
was elected an active member, On motion the Hon
Mr. Moore was nominated as an Hon Member. Con-
on Essays D A Johnston, J J Warden, J C Picketts,
C W Burks excused from class. Essays B B Burks
W S Gardley, J F Stewart, Orators John W Johnston
Henry Warden John Thomson. Debate was then
entered into, by the following persons. Aff D A
Johnston & S Gardley, A S Picketts, Neg:
J F Stewart, W W Stewart J A Stewart, after
which the Election of officers was entered into which
resulted in the election of the following persons

Pres. D W Thurst
Vice: W S Gardley
Rec Sec A S Picketts
Treas John Thomson
Cor Sec D A Johnston
Marshall J F Stewart.

No further business On motion Society adj

D. W. Thurst } Pres

W S Gardley } Sec

Minutes of Diagnothian Society

Feb 9th 1861

Regular meeting of Society. The President in the chair roll called, prayer by Prof Thrush. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted. Committee on criticisms reported, report received. Committee on revision of minutes asked to be continued, agreed, on motion Henry Stannard was elected an active member. On motion the Hon. Mr. Moore was nominated as an Hon. member. Com. On essays D A Johnston, T J Hardin, L. C Ricketts, C. W Burks excused from class. Essayists B B Burks, W S Laidley, J F Stuart. Orators John W Johnston, Henry Hardin John Thornton. Debate was then entered into, by the following persons Aff D A Johnston G S Laidley, A G Ricketts. Neg., J F. Steuart, W W Stewart J A Stewart. After which the election of officers was entered into which resulted in the election of the following persons

Pres D W Thrush
Vice W S Laidley
Rec Sec A G Ricketts
Treas John Thornton
Cor Sec D A Johnston
Marshall J F Stuart

No further business. On motion Society adj.

D. W. Thrush, Pres

G S Laidley, Sec

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Feb 15th 1861

Society met and called to order by the Pres. Roll called
Prize, Prof. Shush, Minutes of the last meeting read and
adopted, Committee on essays being called upon reported
and were discharged. The installation of officers was
then entered into, Hon G. I. Moore was then elected
our honorary member of this Society, Committee on
essays then appointed, which consisted of the following
persons J. W. Flowers D. A. Johnston L. C. Ricketts,
Essayists of the evening J. J. Warden B. B. Burks, J. F.
Stewart, Orators W. H. Kyle, L. C. Ricketts.

The debate was then entered into, In the following
question, Were our forefathers justifiable in expelling the
Aborigines, The question being ally discussed was
decided in the Neg, Affirm Debaters, John
Thomson, C. W. Burks, ~~B. B. Burks~~, W. S. Landley
John Pollard James A. Stewart, The chair
then appointed the following clep for next evening
Essayists W. S. Landley, C. W. Burks, L. C. Ricketts.

Orators John Pollard John Thomson, S. E. Buffington
Debaters, aff, S. S. Landley J. W. Flowers L. C. Ricketts &
W. H. Kyle, Neg, D. A. Johnston D. I. Smith J. J. Warden
B. B. Burks, Question for discussion is Fire more
useful than water, No further business or
motion adjourned

J. W. Shush } Pres

S. S. Landley } Sec

Minutes of Diagnothian Society

Feb 15th 1861

Society met and called to order by the Pres. Roll called. Prayer, Prof Thrush. Minutes of the last meeting read and adopted, Committee on essays being called upon reported and were discharged. The installation of officers was then entered into. Hon. G. T Moore was then elected an honorary member of this Society. Committee on essays then appointed, which consisted of the following persons T W Flowers D A Johnston L. C. Ricketts. Essayists of the evening T. J Hardin B B Buirks, J. F. Stuart. Orators W W Kyle, L C Ricketts. The debate was then entered into, in the following question, Were our forefathers justifiable in expelling the aborigines. The question being ably discussed was decided in the Neg. Affirm debaters, John Thornton, D W Burks, ~~B B Burks~~ S E Buffington, Aff. W. S. Laidley John Pollard James H Steuart. The chair then appointed the following class for next evening. Essayists W S Laidley, C W burks, A G Ricketts. Orators John Pollard, John Thornton, S E Buffington. Debaters Aff. G S Laidley T W Flowers L. C. Ricketts & W W Kyle. Neg D A Johnston D I Smith T F Harden B B Burks. Question for discussion is fire more useful than water. No further business on motion adjourned.

D. W. Thrush, Pres

G S Laidley, Sec

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Feb. 22nd 1861.

The Society met, and was called to order by the Pres, and was opened by prayer. The minutes were read and adopted. - Members absent, D. S. Smith and W. W. Flowers - The committee to revise the minutes reported and were discharged.

On motion of W. S. Laidley, the Constitution was read and adopted. - A. G. Ricketts, J. C. Pollard & G. W. Hardin were excused for non-performance. G. S. Laidley, H. C. Johnson & E. S. Woodbury were appointed critics on essays and orations. - The performers were

Essayist	Orator
W. C. Hardin.	W. W. Stewart.
G. S. Laidley.	H. C. Johnson
Jos. Stewart.	J. W. Ward
	Henry Morrid

Judges of debate - A. G. Ricketts, J. A. Stewart, W. W. Kyle, D. S. Smith & W. Flowers. Question for debate "Is fire more useful than water" - The performers were:

Affirmation	Negation
G. S. Laidley	H. C. Johnson
J. W. Flowers	D. S. Smith
L. C. Ricketts	G. W. Hardin.
W. W. Kyle	B. W. Burks

Decided in favor of the negation.

John C. Pollard and B. W. Burks were exonerated from fine. E. S. Woodbury was fined 5 ct for absence. G. S. Laidley was nominated and elected for Librarian.

On motion of ~~the~~ Society adjourned

D. W. Thresh Pres.
A. G. Ricketts Rec. Sec.

Feb 22nd 1861

The society met, and was called to order by the Pres, and was opened by prayer. The minutes were read and adopted. Members absent, D. I. Smith and T. W. Flowers. The committee to revise the minutes reported and were discharged.

On motion of W. S. Laidley, the constitution was read and adopted. A. G. Ricketts, J. C. Pollard & C. W. Hardin were excused for non-performance. G. S. Laidley, D. A. Johnson & E. S. Holderby were appointed critics on essays and orations. The performers were:

Essayist
W. C. Hardin
T. J. Hardin⁵²
Jos. Stewart

Orators
W. W. Stewart
J. W. Johnson
J. Wm Ward⁵³
Henry Morris⁵⁴

Judges of debate- A. G. Ricketts, J. A. Stewart, N. H. Kyle D. I. Smith & T. W. Flowers.

Question for debate "Is fire more useful than water" The performers were:

Affirmative
G. S. Laidley
T. W. Flowers
L. C. Ricketts
W. W. Kyle

Negative
D. A. Johnston
D. I. Smith
T. J. Hardin
B. B. Burks

Decided in favor of the negative.

John C. Pollard and C. W. Burks were exonerated from fines. E. S. Holderby was fined 5 cts for absence. G. S. Laidley was nominated and elected for Librarian.

On motion of ~~Jas A Stuart~~ Society adjourned

D. W. Thursh, Pres
A. G. Ricketts Rec. Sec.

⁵² This was most likely Thomas J. Harden, age 19 in 1860, son of John Harden, a riverboat pilot. (1860 Census Cabell County.) He was a Pvt. in Co D, 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA during Civil War.

⁵³ This may have been the William Ward that was the 12 year old son of the widow Adaline Ward in the 1860 census of Cabell County.

⁵⁴ This was the Henry Morris who was age 16 in 1860, the son of Eaton Morris, a Cabell County farmer. (1860 census of Cabell County.) He was a Pvt. in Co D, 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA during Civil War.

March 1. 1861.

The Society met and was opened by prayer by
the President. Minutes were read adopted.

W. S. Smith, J. W. Flowers, & W. Burks were appointed critics.

The Orators and Essayist performed.

Question for debate: "Does Poetry afford more pleasure
than History - The performers were:

Affirmative

W. S. Laidley

J. C. Pollard

W. H. Stewart

S. E. Buffington

Negative

J. C. Thornton

E. S. Holdaway

W. M. Burks

L. C. Bickette

The question was decided in favor of Poetry by 3 to 2

Society Adjourned

W. A. Thrush Pres

A. G. Bickette, Sec B

March 1, 1861

The society met and was opened by prayer by the President. Minutes were read adopted. D. I. Smith, T. W. Flowers, C. N. Burks were appointed critics. The orators and essayist performed. Question for debate: "Does poetry afford more pleasure than history
The performers were:

Affirmative
N. S. Laidley
J. C. Pollard
W. W. Stewart
S. E. Buffington

Negative
J. C. Thornton
E. S. Holderby
C. N. Burks
L. C. Ricketts

The question was decided in favor of Neg. by 3 to 2

Society adjourned

D. W. Thrush, Pres.
A. G. Ricketts, Rec S

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March 15th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with prayer by Prof. R. W. Thrush. Minutes read and adopted.

The installation of officers was then duly attended to and S. C. Thornton was formally conducted to the chair. The treasurer's report was received and the funds handed to S. C. Pollard.

A committee of critics was appointed consisting of H. A. Johnson, J. S. Laidly & A. G. Richetto.

B. B. Burks was exonerated from fine for non-performance. The performers went through with their exercises in a satisfactory manner, the debate was discussed to some extent and decided in the negative by S. C. The Resolution for an adjournment of Society for two weeks was lost, but adjourned to meet the following Friday

Pres. S. C. Thornton }
R. Sec. C. W. Burks }

"Diagnosticon, Hall"
March 22nd 1861.

The Society was called to order by the U. C. - E. S. Holdenby. Roll called and the absent members were: L. C. Richetto, S. C. Pollard, H. H. Stewart, S. C. Thornton, F. W. Lewis, H. S. Smith, G. S. Laidly, W. Kyle, H. A. Johnson, J. Johnson, E. Johnson,

W. Ewing, W. Ward, J. A. Stewart, H. W. Johnson, H. W. Thrush.

The minutes of last meeting could not be found and were ordered to be read by next meeting.

The orators were L. E. Hardin - The Essayist was E. S. Holdenby & H. S. Steward - All further business was ordered to be continued until next night. All absentees have fined 5cts by order of U. C. On motion of W. S. Laidly the Society adjourned -

E. S. Holdenby - Vice Pres.
C. W. Burks - R. Sec.

March 15th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with prayer by Prof D. W. Thrush. Minutes read and adopted. The installation of officers was then duly attended to and J. C. Thornton was formally conducted to the chair. The treasurers report was received and the funds handed to J. C. Pollard.

A committee of critics was appointed consisting of D.A. Johnson, G. S. Laidley & A. G. Ricketts.

B. B. Burks was exonerated from fine for non-performance. The performers went through with their exercises in a satisfactory manner, the debate was discussed to some extent and decided in the negative by 2 to 1. The Resolution for an adjournment of Society for two weeks was lost, but adjourned to meet the following Friday.

Pres. J. C. Thornton
R.Sec. C. N. Burks

"Diagnothian Hall"
March 22nd, 1861.

The Society was called to order by the V. C. "E. S. Holderby." Roll called and the absent members were, L. C. Ricketts, J. C. Pollard, W. W. Stuart, J. C. Thornton, T. W. Flowers, D. I. Smith, G. S. Laidley, N. Kyle, D. A. Johnson, J. Johnson, L. Johnson, W. Ewing, W. Ward, J. A. Stewart, N. W. Johnson, D. W. Thrush. The minutes of last meeting could not be found and were ordered to be read by next meeting.

The orators were C. E. Hardin, The essayist were E. S. Holderby & H. Stanard. All further business was ordered to be continued until next night. All absentees are fined 5 cts by order of V. C. On motion of W. S. Laidley the society adjourned.

E. S. Holderby, Vice Pres
C. N. Burks, Rec. Sec.

March 29th 1861.

Society was called to order; Minutes read and adopted. Roll called and members about were S. E. Buffington, J. C. Stewart, W. Kyle, L. C. Ricketts, John W. Johnson, Jas. Ward, W. Ewing, A. G. Ricketts, H. I. Smith & W. Hennes. - Members joined, W. Kyle, H. A. Johnson, C. W. Burks, J. W. Thornburg, & Julius W. M. Cullough were nominated for Acting Members.

The Minutes of March the 15th were read and adopted. The report of the treasurer was read. Committee on Criticism reported on discharge Critics for the evening W. S. Laidly, C. W. Burks and J. I. Hardin - The performers were

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| Orators | Essayist |
| H. J. Stewart | A. G. Ricketts |
| C. W. Francis | E. S. Holdersby |
| L. C. Ricketts | W. E. Ewing |
| John W. Johnson | H. Standley, J. I. Pollard. |

Question for debate: "Is female Association advisable to students?"

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| Affirmatives | Negatives |
| W. S. Laidly | H. A. Johnson |
| C. W. Burks | C. W. Burks |
| L. A. Stewart | S. E. Buffington |
| J. C. Stewart | C. W. Hardin |

Judges - John Pollard, W. S. Laidly & J. I. Hardin
Decided in favor of 'Aeg' by 2 to 1.

The nomination of Officers was attended to. Ordered that the following evening be public. On motion of C. W. Burks the hour adjourned.

J. B. Thornton Treas
C. W. Burks Sec

March 29th 1861.

Society was called to order; minutes read and adopted. Roll called and members absent were S. E. Buffington, J. A. Stewart, N. Kyle, L. C. Ricketts, John N. Johnson, Jas. Ward, N. Ewing, A. G. Ricketts, D. I. Smith & T. N. Harris[?]. Members fined. N. Kyle & D. A. Johnson, L. H. Burks, T. W. Thornburg & Julius W. McCullough⁵⁵ were nominated for active members. The minutes of March the 15th were read and adopted. The report of the treasurer was read. Committee on criticism reported & then discharged. Critics for the evening N. S. Laidley, C. W. Burks and T. J. Hardin. The performers were:

Orators	Essayist
H. H. Stewart	A. G. Ricketts
C.H. Hardin	E. S. Holderby
L. G. Ricketts	W. S. Ewing
John [?] Johnston	H Stanard, & J. Pollard

Question for debate: "Is female association advisable to student."

Affirmative	Negative
N. S. laidley	D. A. Johnson
B. B. Burks	C. M. Burks
J. A. Stuart	S. E. Buffington
Jos Stuart	C. H. Hardin
Judges- John Pollard, G. S. Laidley & T. J. Hardin	

Decided in favor of Neg by 2 to 1. The nomination of officers was attended to. Ordered that the following evening[?] by public. On motion of C. N. Burks the house adjourned.

J. C. Thornton, Pres
C. N. Burks, Sec.⁵⁶

⁵⁵ This appears to have been Julius W. McCullough, 16 year old son of Patrick and Rachel McCullough in the 1860 Cabell County Census.

⁵⁶ This was Charles N. Burks, brother to B.B (Bluford) Burks. See footnote 45.

April 5th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with prayer by W. W. Thrusch. Roll called, Minutes read and adopted. On Motion of W. W. Stewart the time of meeting be changed from 6^{1/2} to 8 P. M.

On Motion of W. W. Thrusch a committee was appointed consisting of W. W. Thrusch, W. A. Johnson & G. S. Laidley to regulate a by-law concerning the time of meeting.

W. W. Thrusch, W. Ward, John & L. Johnson were excused for absence. Members fined were, S. E. Buffington, J. J. Harkin & B. Banks.

J. A. Banks, John Thornbury & Julius W. McCullough were elected as Active Members. W. S. Laidley, J. C. Pollard & W. W. Stewart were appointed critics for the evening.

Thos. J. Waidin and B. B. Banks were fined five cents for non-performance.

The election of Officers resulted as follows, viz:

For President	— — —	W. W. Thrusch
" Vice President	— —	E. S. Woodrby
" Recording Sec.	— —	W. W. Stewart
" Corresponding Sec.	— —	W. G. Ricketts
" Treasurer	— —	Jas A. Stewart
" Librarian	— —	L. Stewart
" Marshall	— —	T. J. Waidin

The performers were:

Orators
G. S. Laidley
Jas. Stewart
G. W. Waidin
S. E. Buffington

Essayist
W. S. Laidley
W. A. Johnson
H. N. Ryle
L. C. Ricketts

April 5th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with prayer by D. W. Thrush. Roll called, minutes read and adopted. On motion of H. H. Stuart the time of meeting is changed from 6 ½ to 3 p.m. On motion of D. W. Thrush a committee was appointed consisting of D. W. Thrush, D. A. Johnson & G. S. Laidley to regulate a by-law concerning the time of meeting.

D. W. Thrush, N. Ward, John & L. Johnson were excused for absence. Members fined were S. E. Buffington, T. J. Hardin, & B. B. Burks.

L. A. Burks⁵⁷, John Thornburg⁵⁸ & Julius W. McCullough were elected as active members.

W. S. Laidley, J. C. Pollard & W. W. Stuart were appointed critics for the evening. Thos. Hardin and B. B. Burks were fined five cents for non-performance.

The election of officers resulted as follows, viz:

For President	---	D. W. Thrush
“ Vice President	---	E. S. Holderby
“ Recording Sec.	---	H. H. Stuart
“ Corres. Sec.	---	A. G. Ricketts
“ Treasurer	---	Jas. A. Stewart
“ Librarian	---	Jo. Stuart
“ Marshall	---	T. J. Hardin

The performers were:

Orators	Essayist
G. S. Laidley	W. S. Laidley
Jas. Stuart	D. A. Johnson
C. N. Hardin	N. H. Kyle
S. E. Buffington	L. C. Ricketts

⁵⁷ This is Lewis H. Burks, brother to Bluford and Charles, son of Luther Burks, and one of the children missing from the 1860 census of Cabell County.

⁵⁸ There were several John Thornburgs in Cabell County in 1860, but this is most likely the John Thornburg, 16 year old son of Thomas Thornburg, the Barboursville merchant in the 1860 census of Cabell County. John was a soldier in Co. E, (Border Rangers) 8th Virginia Cavalry, CSA during Civil War.

Minutes Continued - April 5th 1861
Debaters

Affirmative.

- G. W. Burks
- Jas. A. Stewart
- J. W. Johnson
- A. G. Ricketts

Negative

- J. D. Hardin
- W. W. Stewart
- E. S. Holdaway
- B. B. Burks

Question.

Does Washington deserve more praise than Columbus

Judges.

G. L. Laidley, S. C. Buffington, W. C. Kyle.
On motion of Jas. A. Stewart the House
Adjourned.

J. C. Thornton Pres.
W. Burks Sec.

Minutes Continued, April 5th 1861

Debaters

Affirmative

C. N. Burks
Jas A. Stewart
T. W. Johnson
A. G. Ricketts

Negative

T. S. Hardin
H. H. Stewart
G. S. Holderby
B. B. Burks

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Judges

B. S. Laidley, S. E. Buffington, N. H. Kyle.
On motion of Jas A. Stewart the house adjourned.

J. C. Thornton, Pres
C. N. Burks, Sec.

April 12th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with
 by Pres. Prof. H. W. Thrush. Roll called -
 Members absent were, D. A. Johnson A. G.
 Ricketts, W. B. Kyle, A. B. Johnson, D. J. Smith,
 J. W. Hymus, L. C. Ricketts, W. Ward, John Johnson
 S. Johnson. Minutes read and
 adopted. The committee appointed
 to inform members of their election
 reported and were discharged.

The committee appointed to draft resolu-
 tion concerning the time of meeting, report
 and the resolutions were adopted.

Installation of Officers. The President was
 duly conducted to the chair and the remain-
 ing officers were respectively installed.

On motion of H. W. Thrush, a vote of thanks
 be tendered to the retiring President.

On motion of D. W. Thrush, that members
 being absent on account of the time being
 changed, be exonerated from fine.

The appointed critics reported and dis-
 charged.

The following members were appointed
 to revise & record the minutes up to the
 present: ~~was~~ W. S. Laidley, D. A. Johnson,

C. W. Burks, A. G. Ricketts, H. A. Stewart,
Ordered that the performance be
 continued till next term.

On motion of J. A. Stewart, society adjourn

H. W. Thrush Pres.
 H. A. Stewart Sec.

April 12th 1861.

Society was called to order and opened with by Pres. Prof. D. W. Thrush. Roll called. Members absent were, D. A. Johnson, A. G. Ricketts, N. H. Kyle, N. B. Johnson, D. I. Smith, T. W. Flowers, L. C. Ricketts, W. Ward, John Johnston, S. Johnson. Minutes read and adopted. The committee appointed to inform members of their election reported and were discharged. The committee appointed to draft resolution concerning the time of meeting, reported and the resolutions were adopted. Installation of officers. The President was duly conducted to the chair and the remaining officers were respectively installed. On motion of D. W. Thrush, a vote of thanks be tendered to the retiring President. On motion of D. W. Thrush, that members being absent on account of the time being changed; be exonerated from fine. The appointed critics reported and discharged. The following members were appointed to revise & record the minutes up to the present, W. S. Laidley, D. A. Johnson, C. N. Burks, A. G. Ricketts, W. H. Stewart.

Ordered that the performance be continued till next even[ing.]

On motion of T. A. Stewart, society adjourned.

D. W. Thrush, Pres
W. H. Stewart, Sec.

April 19th 1861.

The Society was called to order.

Roll called: members absent were:
D. I. Smith. S. W. Flowers. A. B. Johnson.

Minutes read and adopted.

W. W. Walton. W. W. Hoall. W. W. Hoam. W. Stewart
G. S. Summers, Fred. Johnson & Geo. Ricketts
were nominated as active members.

Critics on orations: D. A. Johnson. W. W. Stewart
& J. Hurdin. — The Essayist were

D. A. Johnston & W. W. Kyle

Orators — G. S. Laidley for Stewart, G. W. Hurdin
S. E. Buffington. The debate being ably

discussed was decided in the Affirmative
by 3 to 1. Question for following day

Is there more happiness in the Savage than
in the civilized state.

Debaters are:

Affirmative

D. A. Johnson

S. W. Flowers

Geo S. Stewart

L. C. Ricketts

Negative

G. S. Laidley

D. I. Smith

W. C. Hurdin

W. Kyle

Judges

A. G. Ricketts. W. W. Stewart & John W. Johnson.

Essayist

G. S. Buffington

W. W. Stewart

A. G. Ricketts

Julius W. McCullough

A. B. Johnson.

Orators

J. J. Hurdin

Samuel Johnson

John W. Johnson

G. S. Laidley

Reviser: W. W. Hoam

On motion of Jas A. Stevens Society Adj.

W. W. Hoam Pres

W. W. Stewart. Sec.

April 19th 1861.

The Society was called to order.

Roll called: members absent were: D. I. Smith, T. W. Flowers, A. B. Johnson.

Minutes read and adopted.

W. W. Walton, C. W. Hall, Hon. W. Stewart, G. L. Summers, Fred Johnson⁵⁹ & Geo. Ricketts⁶⁰ were nominated as active members.

Critics on orations: D. A. Johnson, W. W. Stewart & T. J. Hardin. The essayist were D. A. Johnson & N. H. Kyle.

Orators: G. S. Laidley, Jos Stewart, C. E. Hardin⁶¹, S. E. Buffington. The debate being ably discussed was decided in the affirmative by 3 to 1. Question for following eve:

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Debaters are:

Affirmate
D. A. Johnson
T. W. Flowers
Jos S. Stewart
L. C. Ricketts

Negative
G. S. Laidley
D. I. Smith
W. C. Hardin
N. Kyle

Judges

A. G. Ricketts, W. W. Stewart & John W. Johnson

Essayist
E. S. Buffington
W. W. Stewart
A. G. Ricketts
Julius W. McfCullough
N. B. Johnson.

Orators
T. J. Hardin
Lemuel[?] Johnson
John W. Johnson
C. E. Hardin

Reviewer: D. W. Thrush

On motion of Jas. A. Stewart Society adjr.

D. W. Thrush Pres
W. W. Stewart, Sec.

⁵⁹ This was most likely Frederick Johnson, 11 year old son of William L. Johnson and wife Sarah, in the 1860 census of Cabell County.

⁶⁰ This was George Henry Ricketts, brother to Albert G. "Gallie" and Lucien C. "Cooney" Ricketts, and son of Dr. Girard C. Ricketts, who deceased in March of 1859. George was 12 years old in the 1860 census of Cabell County.

⁶¹ This was Creed Harden, 13 years old in 1860, and brother to Thomas J., sons of John Harden the riverboat pilot in the 1860 census of Cabell County.

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The Editor.

⁶² This word was enclosed with parenthesis in soft pencil.

⁶³ It is unknown if this was a tongue-in-cheek comment for a free publication, or if there truly was a subscription fee.

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Man's Conscience

It is said by some, and indeed I believe, that all persons acknowledge that when a man does some things he ought not to do that he feels mean about it. Now why should he feel mean? Is man totally depraved? Has he no moral excellencies of his own nature? Is he entirely beyond the reach of all things that pertain to a better life? We think not. No man exists but what has in him a longing after some thing better. The Savage hopes to be at rest in the happy hunting ground. Some of the people of ancient times had beautiful temples erected to their several gods, and besides all these they had one to their unknown God. Why was this? Because the little monitor within was not satisfied. It wanted something better. And so it is man's ^{own} error reaching after something higher, unless his conscience has been smothered, and it has ceased to warn him when he does any thing mean.

Men may so misuse and abuse ~~the~~^{his} conscience that it finally ceases to warn them, not exactly cease, but they cease to heed its counsel. They may, by doing the same thing repeatedly, lose all respect for the warning of the little monitor. Let me warn you my friends to be careful how you deal with a man who does not obey the warning of his better nature. That man is ripe for any kind of low degrading, detesting, infamous conduct. Guard your name, your property, your life is in danger when you are associated with such a man. By cultivation and strict

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Lambaster.

"Difficulties."

Every human being dreads difficulties. Man will shun them whenever it is possible for him to do so. This is right. For there is no other terrestrial power that can make a man stoop so low or feel as great pain as difficulties—sometimes, indeed, he feels like calling upon God to relieve him of his load. But real difficulties are fewer than the most of us suppose. Some of us magnify our difficulties to a very great degree. We let little trials make us dependent and discouraged. If we would closely examine all our difficulties we would find that we could bear them much easier than we do; and that they are not near so grave as they seem to be. When I hear people fretting over their little difficulties of life, I think of the fable of the old man and Death. The old man was trudging along with a very heavy load upon his back and becoming tired and discouraged with his lot, he threw down his load and exclaimed "O death relieve me of my load." About this time the distinguished personage of death put in his appearance. The old man immediately seized his load and said he must be off. When interrogated by death he was heard to exclaim "Can't you take a joke?" And the old man moved on. An so it is with all of us, we magnify our trials until they seem much greater than they are.

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Geo.

3) Every man is the architect of his own fortune. For a proof of this fact we have but to turn to the annals of history. The world's history is full of examples to prove how much truth there is in this assertion. There is not a name recorded worthy of note that has not been placed there by the personal efforts of some one. Of the great works that have been accomplished, we have many, but history does not record one that has ever been accomplished without the untiring efforts of some architect. We see no example to prove this; first to deed done, and act completed a work finished worthy of praise and you will find an untiring architect whose life has been spent in casting for himself a fortune. He may have laid the foundation in poverty and seclusion, but by his untiring efforts its dome has been raised until it stands an enduring monument for its builder. Some suppose that destiny is the only artificer, and that he rears fortune for his favorites and none others, that he predestines certain ones to do certain works, and hath put the material in their hands, and they had nothing to do but mould it in the proper form. We have simply to follow out the great persons who have

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Nihilum.

Humorous.

Weather sign.

If the pear trees blossom before the 20th of 'Mch. and you notice the cows and sheep rubbing against the meeting house door; If the top rail of the fence casts two separate shadows it argues well for the coming wheat crop. If the clouds all move one way in November red headed girls are conspicuous; the new year will be prolific of thunder

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tree grows the most branches on the west side;
your wife wants a new pair of shoes; saw legs
show an inclination to roll up hill, the potatoes
not is sure to follow, If there are warm winds
in February followed by rain & cattle refuse
to lick salt; Catnip tea has a bitter taste,
July will be a cold month; That all,
N.B. We are not responsible for failures.
Levi Starbuck.

Petition

From Mr Levi Starbuck,

Our Boys in rhyme.

The president the foremost man you see,
Keeper of course his name must be,
The next with equal talents endowed,
Stand Harold in our ready crowd,
Then on we come with cautious pace,
Till Harper starts us in the face
The paper with monstrous measures tread
The trick Gillespie at its head
Then comes in equal measures slow
The ready Ments, to make the business go
Ostent Poshing from his lair doth start
Altho rhymes with equal force
To march us on the goodly courses
But Hubbard hears our pitious cries
And to the rescue now he flies
But Jenkins come in ready rhyme,
To join our glorious pantomime
So now the last in rhyme we see
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Stand Harrold in our ready crowd
Then on we come with cautious pace,
Till Harper stares us in the face
The paper with monstrous measures tread
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Then comes in equal measures slow
The ready Mentz to make the business go
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To march us on the goodly course,
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And to the rescue now he flies.
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To join our glorious pantomime
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Marshall College Literary Society.

There is an old proverb which says, that small beginnings make large endings, or bad beginnings, make good endings. We think that it would take both of these proverbs to suit the case of the M. C. L. S. In the first proverb, we get the small beginning, and from the second we get the successful ending. We could not say that in point of number, that the ending of this society would puzzle the mind of our average mathematician. Yet if ^{we} here to apply the word large to success, we might make our proverb say, for the success which has attended this society, has exceed the expectations of its most enthusiastic friends. In taking the good ending from the second proverb, ^{and the small beginning from the first} we have one, that would be applicable to our society, that is a small beginning makes a good ending. The beginning of this society was certainly small, almost small enough to discourage the enthusiast who only wanted there in a society. Yet its founders looked forward to a brighter day and felt that by persistent ^{their efforts} it would not but be crowned with success, and from all appearances it seems that their greatest expectations are to be realized. The successful ending which our valiant officers will attend ^{the ending of} this Society is something that no one of its humble friends had thought of. From a few members to commence with it has increased until just a number of names have been appended to the constitution, but it is not in this respect that it has been most successful, but in the advancement ^{in every affair} which the various members have made under the influence of the

Editorial Continued

If in future ~~th~~ time the Gazette should be resurrected, may its success be as great as it has been in the past. May the next corps of laborers be as faithful as those who in its infancy fought for its success. May its tenor be the same, that has through its past history characterized it. And may the principals which it advocates be as fearlessly defended as the principals were for which it lived in the past. Readers farewell may the blessings of life attend you in all your efforts. You have found out ere this that life is a reality, and though success may seem impossible, yet by toil and labor it can be secured. ---0---

Marshall College Literary Society

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society. There is not one of the members who have taken part in the exercises, but what will appear, that he has been greatly benefited by being a member of the society. The good feeling which exist and have existed from the beginning is quite an argument in favor of its necessity, for it is very seldom that a society of this kind can last as long as this one has, without ill feeling at some time or other arising between its members. The success of this society has in no way passed to the members themselves, but mostly to the efficient officers with which it has been blessed, particularly the president & directors. And the society has certainly appreciated their worth for they have been elected for the third term as honor that went as of right to try for. Although the other officers have not held their seats as long as the president. It was not because they were not appreciated, but simply from circumstances. It will not be a great while now until the members of this society shall not wishers to meet no more on this earth, but if circumstances should throw them together in the great happy of life, may the same kindly feeling which has existed here be exercised whenever they may meet.

Domestic Department

How to make cakes

One cup full of flour. Two eggs, one teaspoon full of soda, one of salt, half pint of buttermilk, it wants to be about two weeks old, one gill unfermented wine, half tea cup full of sugar, half lb of fresh butter, two made red pepper and a common eyed Irish potato, sliced very thin, put a small quantity of lemon juice, and five drops of horse grease and ten lbs of cotton. Stir well for five minutes, put in a vessel and parboil then take out and put in a pan and bake slowly, so as not to ignite the cotton, until done then put on a plate and set in a window to cool, or that is easy of access, for a paper a paper and they are ready for use. The above receipt makes a healthy and nutritious food, but is not adapted to catching cold or running to the over anxiety of the cook and others. Of flour!

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One cup full of flour. Two eggs. One teaspoon full of soda, same of salt, half pint of buttermilk, it wants to be about two weeks old, one gill unfermented wine,⁶⁶ half teacupful of sugar, half pound of fresh butter, two pods red pepper, 4[?] common sized irish potato, sliced very thin. Put a small quantity of lemmon slice, and five drops of goose grease, and ten pounds of cotton[?]. Stir well for five minutes, put in a vessel and parboil them take out and put in a pan and bake slowly, so as not to ignite the cotton, until done then put on a plate and set in a window to cool, one that ease of access from a portico is preferred and they are ready for use. The above receipt makes a healthful and nutritious food, but is not addapted to catching Correllee⁶⁷ owing to the over anxiety of the cook and others. Ty[?] flowers.

⁶⁶ The gill is a unit of measurement for volume equal to a quarter of a pint.

⁶⁷ The Marshall College catalogs show that there were two students named Cora L. going to Marshall during this period: Cora L. Mathews and Cora L. Trice.

Casualties

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The telephone of which we have heard so much in our papers ceased to work a few days since. It is on account of the filching of a wireman's wire that stood near its base. It is by the persistent efforts of the paperman assisted by the celebrated grammarians Gillegree & Wells the wireman was recovered and the instrument put in working order, by one

W. S. Conello but a very valuable lamp chimney, a few days since, by dropping upon the floor. It is a complete wreck & is an

Quite a little excitement was created at the Literary Society, the other evening, by an accident lamp. Some of the ladies seemed to be quite excited over the matter. We heard of one that started for the third story for such

Personals

The sickly gentleman has our sympathies, although he ought to be thankful that he was not more than fifteen minutes behind.

We understand that the executor of the Will from the receipt of his sheepskin, is to leave this life of single blessedness for one of double weddedness. George get your gripack ready for the tour, and an extra pint of musellage for your horse and one dozen bottles of Dr. Brown's Radical Pentecostal mercurial cordon. You'll need it.

The embarrassing to give information, when we don't know ^{how} more so when, no one will listen. The next time you try to blow ^{your} horn ^{down} secure attention. If, ^{you} the girls want to talk to you and you are so anxious to follow out the rules, don't bother the rest of suffering humanity, with your melodious noise.

Stimulating on the part is fashionable. Let the gentleman from Marshall College should not try to add anything to long established customs when he happens to wander around the Fourth Avenue. Be a little more into next time, or you'll be caught

Casualties

The telephone of which we have heard so much in our paper, ceased to work a few days since. ~~But~~ by an account of the foliage of a sycamore tree that stands near its course[?]. Tgt[?] by the persistent efforts of the persons assisted by the celebrated gymnasts Gillespie & Snells the obstacles were removed and the inshrinment[?] put in working order. by one.

H. S. T. Conello lost a very valuable lamp chimney, a few days since, by dropping upon the floor. It is a complete wreck loss ten cents.

Quite a little excitement was enacted[?] at the Literary society, the other evening, by an unruly lamp. Some of the ladies seemed to be quite excited over the matter. We heard of one that started for the third story, for safety.

Personals.

The ---keyed[?] gentleman has our sympathies, although he ought to be thankful that he was not more than fifteen minutes behind.

We understand that the exeditor of the Gazette upon the reception of his sheepskin, is to leave this life of single blessedness for one of double cussedness.[?] George get your gripsack ready for the tour. ~~and~~ an extra pint of mucilage for your hair, and one dozen bottles of Dr. Booms sciatical penteurial nervies cordial, you'll need it.

Its embarrassing to give information, when we don't know how, but more so when, no one will listen. The next time you blow to secure attention. If you think the girls wont talk to you, and you are so anxious to follow out the rules, do so don't bother the rest of suffering humanity, with your melodious voice.

Swinging on the gate is fashionable; but the gentleman from Marshall College should not try to add anything to long established customs when he happens to wander around on Fourth Avenue. Be a little more cute next time, or you'll be caught.

If the professor wont allow ajid to talk to him during the week he is shown enough to know that you would not come all the way from home to play a game of croquet on Saturday to play a game of croquet. That wont do and when you get a chance put the time in better

The society has lost in Mr. Border a firm friend and splendid debater and a great admirer of Putric Henry. May he have a successful journey is the wish of the Society. Through respect for this gentleman the society has made it a final offence for any of its members to use the name of Putric Henry in any manner as this gentleman had to copy writ on the ~~name~~ ^{Mr. Border}

We announce with sorrow the departure of Mr. S. P. Perkins from our society and school. In the departure of Mr. Perkins the society has lost a faithful member and the school one of its best students. In his bereavement Mr. Perkins has the sympathy of the society and ^{his} fellow students

Seniors of Marshall College are enquiring for check fishing that they have not enough to face the music in commencement. Our opinion is that if they exercise half as much as they have shown around here for the last eight months they will have sufficient to do the work splendidly

Quite a little excitement was created on the croquet ground a few weeks ago, which resulted in the breaking of a cable of hands off of as many mallet handles. Handle them easy boys they are public property. Let us have peace!

We can recommend the ladies of Marshall College for good cake making, if springiness and lightness is all that is required yet we would advise the fishermen to seek elsewhere for bait unless they work better on fish than they do on the average student - In flowers.

Subscribed for The Croquet

If the professor wont allow you to talk to her during the week she is sharp enough to know that you would not come all the way from Powels Hall on Saturday to play a game of croquet. PS, that wont do, and when you get a chance put the time in better

The society has lost in Mr. Corder, a firm friend and splendid debater and a great admirer of Patric Henry. May he have a successful journey is the wish of the society. Through respect for this gentleman the society has made it a finable offence for any of its members to use the name of Patric Henry in any manner, as this gentleman Mr. Corder had to copy writ on the name.

We announce with sorrow the departure of Mr. D. J. Jenkins from our society and school.⁶⁸ In the departure of Mr. Jenkins the society has lost a faithful member, and the school one of its best students. In his bereavement Mr. Jenkins has the warmest sympathies of the society, and his fellow students.

Seniors of Marshall College are enquiring for cheeks[?], fearing that they have not enough to face the music on commencement night. Our opinion is that if they exercise half as much, as they have shown around here for the last eight months they will have sufficient to do the work splendidly.

Quite a little excitement was created on the croquet ground a few weeks ago, which resulted in the breaking of a couple of heads, off of so many mallet handles. Handle them easy boys they are public property. Let us have peace!

We can recommend the ladies of Marshall College for good cake makers, if springiness and lightness is all that is required, yet we would advise the fisherman to seek elsewhere for bait unless they work better on fish than they do on the average student. Ty Flowers. Subscribe for the Gazette.

⁶⁸ Dudley Jefferson Jenkins was the son of Thomas J. Jenkins, a brother to Albert Gallatin Jenkins, another Marshall Academy student. Dudley Jefferson was born in 1861 and was 18 years old at this time. He is listed as a junior in the class of 1879. His bereavement was for the death of his sister, Laura, who died May 11, 1879 and is buried in Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington.

Scientific.

We are happy to announce to our readers that the doubt ^{which} ~~relating~~ to the moon which was in our last issue relating to the moon of the system which the senior editor so graphically described in our paper has been settled. The doubt was owing to a sudden revolution that had taken place in the system just before we went to press. It was supposed for some time that the planet border would act as a satellite for our grand luminary. Then Harper appeared above the horizon, but he very quickly exterminated when first to those said that the planet Gillespie was the satellite that the astronomers decided should follow the sun in his mighty orbit. This planet is a luminous body, and can be seen to best advantage on Friday evenings about half past seven or eight o'clock immediately south of the sun. Keener, from which planet he often receives light scintillations of light.

Although we object to the female, as a professional personage we do not object to her trying her hand in the scientific world occasionally, ~~provided~~ she has sufficient continuity to give an experiment more than one trial. The last experiment that we take note of is one made by one of the tender sex. It is to administer justice to the paper by blowing up. She proposed to do this by concealing in some dough made in the form of a biscuit, a quantity of gun cotton, sufficient to blow the head of of an average sized elephant and placing where it is supposed that some one who is in the habit of foraging when full or not at home will find it. The theory is that the percussion of the teeth will ~~blow~~ off the cotton. This experiment failed the other day for want of a victim. It is supposed that the inventor and others concerned were to unions.

Amusements

Benjamin married ~~her~~ ~~she~~ was benighted and he was animated.
Don't show my folks ~~not~~ a young man to a young lady, them to a dox. Don't be afraid ~~of~~ the apple. I am just as much afraid of them as you are.

Scientific.

We are happy to announce to our readers that the doubt⁶⁹ [several words scratched out] which was expressed in our last issue relating to the moon of the system which the senior editor so graphically described in our paper, has been settled. The doubt was owing to a sudden revolution that had taken place in the system just before we went to press. It was supposed for some time that the planet Corder⁷⁰ would set as a satellite for our grand luminary. Then Harper⁷¹ appeared above the horizon, but he very quickly eliminated[?] when five to three said that the planet Gillespie⁷² was the satellite[?] that the astronomers decided should follow the sun in his mighty orbit. This planet is a luminous body, and can be seen to best advantage on Friday evenings about half past seven or eight o'clock, immediately south of the sun Keever⁷³, from which planet he often receives bright scintillations of light.

Although we object to the female, as a professional personage we do not object to her trying her hand in the scientific field occasionally provided she has sufficient continuity to give an experiment more than one trial. The last experiment that we take note of is one made by one of the tender sex. It is to administer justice to the pilferer by blowing up. She prepared to do this by concealing in some dough made in the form of a biscuit, a quantity of gun cotton, sufficient to blow the head of of an average sized elephant and placing where it is supposed that some one who is in the habit of browsing where folk are not at home will find it. The theory is that the percussion of the teeth will off the cotton. This experiment failed the other day for want of a victim. It is supposed that the inventor and others concerned were to anxious.

Animatics[?]

Benjamin married sin ~~he was~~ she was benefited and he was animated.
 "Don't show my letters" wrote a young man to a young lady, whom he adored. Don't be afraid was the reply. I am just as much afraid of them as you are.

⁶⁹ Following were the words: "relating to the moon" which were scratched out.

⁷⁰ This was probably Edward Corder, student from Roane County, junior class of 1879. (Marshall catalog for 1879.)

⁷¹ This was probably Thomas S. Harper, student from Mason County, class of 1879. (Marshall catalog for 1880)

⁷² This was probably George I. Gillespie, student from Kanawha County, class of 1879. (Marshall catalog for 1880.)

⁷³ This was probably L. Francis Keever, student from Wood County, class of 1879. (MC catalog for 1880.)

A coroner lent wants to know the definition of Dealer and whether it means any person who sells goods, or not. The dealer is the one who shuffles the cards turns back and plays it alone.

His wife caught him with his arm around the nice girl's neck, but his courage even in this trying situation, did not forsake him. I ^{have} suspected some one of stealing the whiskey on the reserves, ^{for some} time and you know that I ^{do} ^{not} ^{would} have told if she was the guilty person.

The girls do not like to go unmarried. The gray fellows will see that they have arms about them.

A German lately married says. It was just as easy as a needle could walk out with a camel's eye, as to get the beer with a roman.

A letter of which the following is a siml. as near as the spelling would allow was picked up lately, not a thousand miles from here. Dear Henry, our crowd in Death since this evening there is no one at home but me and the old woman, and she's got the roomation so bad, that she can't bear herself sleep. Be sure and bring some of that candy with you out, come here going to have some infants for supper. your own Webster

P-fes. or do you advocate the use of the rods asked a fond mother whose children were making life in a war's hole. mendicant. And yet in some cases said he. but in emergencies & in favor of rods.

A correspondent wants to know the definition of "dealer" and whether it means any person who sells goods. No it doesn't. The dealer is the one who shuffles the cards turns pack[?] and plays it alone.

His wife caught him with his arm around the hired girls neck, but his courage even in this trying certainty[?], did not forsake him. I have suspected someone of stealing the whisky on he preserves Jane for some time and you know that I herewith[?] would have told, if she was the guilty person.

The girls do not like to go unarmed. The young fellows will see, that they have arms about them.

A German lately married says, It was youst so easy as a needle could velk out mit a camels eye, as to get the last word mit a woman.

A letter of which the following is a simile, as near as the spelling would allow, was picked up lately, not a thousand miles from here. Dear Georg cum round on Fourth hence this evenin there is no one at home but me and the old woman, and she's got the roomatism so bad, that she can't hear herself sneeze. Be sure and bring some of that candy with sent out, cose were goin to have fried ----[?] for supper. Your own sweetness.

Professor do you advocate the use of rods asked a fond mother whose children were making life in a ----[?] hotel unendurable. Well yes in some cases said he, but in emergencies I prefer a revolver.

Last. Stayed at Station

Lost a dish of ice cream and ^{implements} ~~in~~ last Saturday afternoon. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to Room 1. Marshall College. Huntington, W. Va.

Strayed a mallet head from the handle which George had in it. It is supposed that it eloped as it was seen passing through a window from plot side the other evening ~~but~~ has not been heard of since.

Wanted

any member of the Society to sign the constitution, and pay the little initiation fee.

Wanted

The correspondents of the Gazette to be a little more prompt in handing in their productions.

Wanted

A wife by Dr. F. Smith, Cornell Hall Huntington W. Va. Good looks will not be discarded. Money is no object although a woman with money would not be rejected on account of it. For further particulars address Gazette.

Advertisement

Discovery free by which a mustache can be freed ~~the~~ the smoothest face in 21 days. \$1.00 for a case in which it will fail send address to Dr. J. Williams room 20 N. C. We are here a denier of the upper lip, to all proof of the beneficial results of this preparation

Lost, Strayed or Stolen

Lost a dish of ice cream and complement of cake[?]on last Saturday afternoon. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning same to Room 1, Marshall College, Huntington, W.Va.

Strayed, a mallet head from the handle which George had in its handle[?]. It is supposed that it eloped as it was seen passing through a winder pain that died the other evening, but has not been heard of since.

Wanted

Every member of the society to sign the constitution, and pay the little initiation fee.

Wanted

The correspondents of the Gazette to be a little more prompt in handing in their productions.

Wanted

A wife by J. A. Mentz, Powells Hall, Hunting W.Va.
Good locks will not be discarded. Money is no object although a woman with money would not be rejected on account of it. For further particulars, address Gazette.

Advertisement

Discovery free by which a mustache can be forced on the smoothest[?] face in 21 days. \$10.00 for a case in which it will fail send address to, Dr. G. I. Gillespie, room 20 M.C. His own heavy adorning of the upper lip, is all proof of the beneficial results of the preparation.

Special Correspondent

Hints from the telephonic penator East end Sterns

Misses Gillespie and Sultz are about to commence their contract. Which is the rehearsing of the east wing of Marshall college. What the boys have been industriously trying to throw out of the window. ^{the window} All students are cordially invited to attend repairs and lend a helping hand if necessary.

We are very sorry to hear that the flower excursion affected the health of our worthy president. But as he has taken a small decoction of Red paper tea, we hope its effects will be such as will prepare him for commencement.

We are puffed to know why Mr. is that our faithful ^{friend} Mr. Mento lingers around the college after school is out & evening. If he don't mind the faculty of M.C. will interview him you can't see her after school.

Mr. Border has left us, but has left his name in living letters upon every tree, that is within one mile of the college.

Further, get out his meals actuals by being an excursion. Try boys and see if you cannot reach the college in time for breakfast, if nothing more, had sign.

Walker Timberlake is about to depart from hence for the city of Washington. He received an appointment from the West Virginia Legislature to transact business for that body. Which is at present unknown to our reporter.

Mr. J. W. Ramsay of East end Marshall C. is anxious to know if any one has made a noise.

We understand that if a certain young gent don't mind his spirits his father will say no! all ye that are demoralized. Mento twiley that was to have disappeared like the morning dew disappeared at the picnic grounds, to our knowledge.

We understand that Mr. C. B. H. intends to follow Mr. B. S. H.'s example after the reception of the shepherd's bunch go to bed if you don't forget us for we wait we wait

Special Correspondent

Hints from the telephone operator

East End Items

Mesrs Gillespie and Sults are about commencing their contract. Which is the repairing[?] of the last ring of Marshall College, that the boys have been industriously trying to throw out of the window this winter and spring. All students are cordially invited to attend repairs and lend a helping hand if necessary.

We are very sorry to hear that the flower excursion effected the health of our worthy president. But as he has taken a small decoction[?] of red pepper tea we hope its effects will be such as will prepare him for commencement.

We are puzzled to know why it is that our faithful brother Mr. Ments lingers around the college after school is out of evenings, if he don't mind the faculty at M.C. Will interview him you cant see her after school.

Mr. Corder has left us, but has left his name in living letters, upon every tree, that is within one mile of the college. Another gent lost his meals victuals by being on an excursion. Try boys and see if you cannot reach the college in time for breakfast if nothing more, lad sign.

Walker Timberlake⁷⁴ is about to depart from hence for the city of Washington. He received an appointment from the West Virginia Legislature to transact business for that body, which is at present unknown to our reporter.

Mr. Jas C. Ramsey⁷⁵ of East End Marshall C. is anxious to know if any one has made a noise.

We understand that if a certain young gent don't mind his pints his father will say ho! All ye that are demoralized. Ments turkey that was to have disappeared like the morning didn't disappear at the picnic grounds, to our knowledge.

We understand that Mr. C. B. H.⁷⁶ intends to follow Mr. G. I. G's⁷⁷ example after the reception of the sheepskin. Much joy to both[?] of you. Don't forget us for we want an invite.

⁷⁴ There is no student or faculty member with this name in either the 1879 or 1880 Marshall catalog.

⁷⁵ This was James C. Ramsey, student from Nicholas County, middle class of 1879. (MC catalog)

⁷⁶ This was most likely Charles B. Harrold, student in senior class from Mason County.

⁷⁷ This was George I. Gillespie, frequently mentioned student in senior class from Kanawha County.

Supplement.

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Contentment.

There are, indeed, are contented in this world. How worthless the possession of this world's goods, lands, houses, everything, he could want, unless we are contented. Surely the gods that used to shape this earth with man, do with their friends, lest they, ere they departed, do their parting gift: yet, many refuse to accept of this priceless companionship, that diffuses such sweet peace equally among the rich, the poor, the high, the low, if they will but accept her companionship. A man poor in this world's ^{goods}, may be rich in contentment. While a man, rich in this world's wealth, may be poor, and miserable, because he is not contented. What more pitiable sight can any one behold than a poor wretch of a man complaining all the time about the way he gets along in life, depending in the ears of every one his little troubles, marring their pleasure, and destroying the peace of his own mind! But we should be thankful, that all men are not of this sort. We may find a poor cast of man or woman, one that is unknown in the circles of fashion, and obscure as regards the world, but they may diffuse happiness among their friends and those with whom they come in contact. Just as the glorious sun diffuses heat and light, upon the just, and unjust. They may be contented, and if they are they are also happy. When they cannot do otherwise than make those about them happy. If we would make others happy, we must be happy ourselves. We may be so if we are at peace, with our fellow men, and have made our peace with God. Contentment, it is a more precious jewel than those in the deadness of the eastern monarch, will set our hearts on as its sufficient reward. Dear reader let each of us strive to rise this priceless pearl and not run away or now to short lives, by making ourselves miserable.

"Lamberton"

Supplement.
Contentment.

Few men, indeed, are contented in this world. How worthless the possession of this worlds goods, lands, houses, everything we could want, unless we are contented. Surely the gods that used to share this earth with man, as with their friends, left this, ere they departed, as their parting gift. Yet, many refuse to accept this priceless companion, that diffuses such perfect[?] peace equally among the rich, the poor, the high, the low, if they will but accept her companionship. A man poor in this world's goods, may be rich in contentment. While a man, rich in this worlds wealth, may be poor and miserable, because he is not contented. What more pitiable sight, can any one behold than a poor wretch of a man complaining all the time about the way he gets along in life. Sounding in the ears of every one his little troubles marring their pleasure, and destroying the peace of his own mind! But we should be thankful, that all men are not of this class. We may find a poor cast of man or woman, one that is unknown in the circles of fashion, and observe as regards the nobles[?] but they may diffuse happiness among their friends and those with whom they come in contact, just as the glorious sun diffuses heat and light, upon the just, and unjust. They may be contented, and if they are they are also happy. Then they cannot do otherwise than make those about them happy. If we would make others happy, we must be happy ourselves. We may be so if we are at peace, with our fellow man, and have made our peace with God. Contentment: it is a more precious jewel than those in the diadem of the eastern monarch, and our own hearts can be its sufficient guard. Dear reader let each ~~o~~-strive to possess this priceless jewel, and not rear away or move to short lives by making ourselves miserable.

“Lambaster”

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Appendix A

Marshall Academy Student List for 1855-1857

(Names in parentheses are ones we have identified to be the person from the 1850 Census of Cabell or Wayne County, Virginia, now West Virginia)

Males:

Adams, Alvin	Ong, E. (Ernest M.)
Adams, S.	Ong, Jno. (John W.)
Beyers, W. R.	Peck, James G.
Black, James	Powell, John
Buffington, E. (Edward Stanard)	Renoe, Jno.
Burgess, Strather (Strother?)	Reynold(s), John
Burks, J. L. (Jesse)	Ricketts, A. (Albert Gallatin)
Burks, Lewis	Ricketts, L. (Lucien "Cooney")
Douthit, Jno. (John)	Russel, Jno. (John)
Douthit, Wm. (William)	Scott, Harvey
Ewing, Thomas J.	Stuart, J. F. (Joseph?)
Ewing, Jno. (John A.)	Summers, James
Hampton, J. (John D.)	Swans, S. (Shelby Swan)
Hampton, W.(William Olliver)	Wallace, P.
Harden, Henry	Wellman, John. B. (Jno.)
Hiltbruner, S. (Stephen)	Williams, W.
Holderby, William P.	Wilson, Levi G.
Howell, John	Wolcott, Augustus
Hunter, John	Wolcott, B. A. "Gus"
Johnson, B.	(Total=48)
Johnson, M. J.	
Keenan, Newton (Samuel N.?)	<u>Females:</u>
Kimball, Asa	Buffington, E. (Eugenia)
Kyle, Thos. W. (Thomas)	Buffington, W. (Willie Ann)
Kyle, W.	Hotchkiss, Mary
Laidly, J. (James Laidley)	Kyle, E. (Eliza)
Laidley, W. S. (Sidney)	Laidley, Miss N.
McCullough, L.	Laidly, Helen (Laidley)
Moore, F. R. (Fredrick)	Wallace, Melia (Amelia)
	(Total=7)

Appendix B

Marshall College Student List for Jan. to April, 1861

(Names in parentheses are ones we have identified to be the person from the 1860 Census of Cabell or Wayne County, Virginia, now West Virginia)

Buffington, S. E. (Edward Stanard)*	McCullough, J. W. (Julius)
Burks, B. B. (Bluford)	Morris, Henry
Burks, C. W. (Charles)	Pollard, John
Burks, L. A. (Lewis)*	Ricketts, A. G. (Albert Gallatin)*
Ewing, W.	Ricketts, G. (George)
Flowers, T. W. (Thaddeus)	Ricketts, L. C. (Lucien Cincinnatus)*
Hall, C. W.	Stannard, Henry
Harden, C. E. (Creed)	Stewart, James A.
Harden, Thos. J.	Stewart, T. A.
Hardin, W. C.	Stewart, W. H.
Herndon, John	Stuart, J. A. (Joseph)*
Holderby, E. S. (Robert S.)	Stuart, W. W.
Johnson, Fred	Summers, G. L.
Johnson, Lemuel	Thornburg, John
Johnston, D. A.	Thornburg, T. W.
Johnston, John W.	Thornton, John
Kyle, N. H.	Ward, J. Wm.
Laidley, G. S. (George)	(Total= 36)
Laidley, W. S. (Sidney)*	

*Also appears on the 1855-1857 list.

Appendix C

Partial List of Marshall Academy and Marshall College students* Who fought in the Civil War 1861-1865

Buffington, Edward Stanard
Burks, Bluford B.
Burks, Lewis
Flowers, Thaddeus W.
Hardin, Thos. J.
Holderby, Robert S.
Jenkins, Albert Gallatin
Morris, Henry
Ricketts, Albert Gallatin "Gallie"
Ricketts, Lucien C. "Cooney"
Stuart, Joseph
Thornburg, John
Wolcott, Byron A. "Gus"

(* All these have been identified as being members of the Confederate cavalry. Not all appeared in the ledger book.)

Appendix D

Erodelphian and Diagnothian Literary Societies

Debate topics 1855-1861

(Extracted from the minutes)

- Are the works of nature more beautiful than the art of man.
- Is ignorance worse than laziness.
- Is the drunkard to be pitied more than his family.
- Is intemperance a greater evil than war.
- Is art more pleasing to the eye than nature.
- Is printing more useful than narration.
- Is fire more useful than water.
- Does poetry afford more pleasure than history.
- Is female association advisable to student.
- Does Washington deserve more praise than Columbus.
- Is there more happiness in the savage than in the civilized state.

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