

TUCKER MEMORIAL HALL.

Plans of a Lexington Architect Selected by the Committee.

Special to The Post.

Lexington, Va., Aug. 26.—The committee appointed by the Board of Trustees of the Washington and Lee University for the proposed memorial hall to be erected in honor of the memory of the late Hon. John Randolph Tucker on the university grounds in the rear of the President's house, which overlooks a commanding eminence, have selected the plans of Mr. W. G. McDowell, a local architect.

The plans provide for a massive two-story native blue limestone structure, with trimmings of Kentucky bluestone. The second story is to have two rooms for the use of the law professors and a large room for the law library, with a reading room. On the first floor will be two recitation rooms and two additional rooms for the use of the law professors, with a lobby for the use of the students. The main entrance, which is from a magnificent stone porch, leads directly into the memorial hall proper, which is twenty-five feet square, with a gallery in the second story, in which will be placed paintings. In the memorial hall will be placed the bust of Hon. J. R. Tucker, which is now being prepared by E. P. Valentine, the Virginia sculptor. Alongside the bust will be placed a tablet, which will detail the principal events in the life of Mr. Tucker. The ceiling overhead will be of memorial stained glass of beautiful design. The building, which will cost from \$25,000 to \$30,000, will be let to contract. The details are perfected.

Miss Mamie Day, a niece of Mrs. William H. Netz, who resides at East Lexington, was badly burned by the oil in a lamp taking afire from the wick. The young lady threw the lamp from her, but the ignited oil spread, setting her dress afire. She ran to the end of the porch, jumped into a large water barrel there, and extinguished the flames.

The recent report of the County School Superintendent showed that there were 5,110 pupils on the rolls of the public schools in this county last session, and of that number 4,020 were white and 1,090 were colored. There were 117 white and 26 colored teachers engaged in teaching.

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Lexington, Va., Jan. 31.—Mr. Frank P. Howard, of New Orleans, who is an alumnus of the Washington and Lee University, has sent his check for \$500 as his contribution to the Tucker memorial hall fund. Rev. J. A. Quarles, D. D., of the Washington and Lee University, has formed a class in psychology at the request of the young ladies of the town. The course is supplemented by lectures given at the residence of Prof. Quarles.

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THE TUCKER MEMORIAL HALL.

Subscriptions to the Amount of \$8,000 Already Received.

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Staunton, Va., July 21.—The committee which has in charge the erection of the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Building, which is to be placed upon the grounds of the Washington and Lee University, at Lexington, have already secured \$8,000 of the \$50,000 which will be necessary to complete the work. The structure is to be the home of the law school, over which Mr. Tucker presided with such distinction for so many years, and in which, at the time of his death, he was professor of equity, and of commercial, constitutional, and international law. It will be of handsome design, and it is expected that work will be soon commenced if the subscriptions continue to be received in such generous measure as has already been the case. The committee in charge of the memorial building consists of Hon. William L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee University, chairman, Lexington, Va.; John L. Campbell, Lexington, Va.; Thomas D. Ranson, Staunton, Va.; George A. Robinson, Louisville, Ky.; Gov. W. A. McCorkle, Charleston, W. Va.; Dr. Thomas Nelson Page, Washington, D. C.; Judge Seth Shepard, Washington, D. C.; E. B. Kruttschnitt, New Orleans, La.; William L. Prather, Waco, Tex.; Hon. Thomas C. McRae, M. C., Prescott, Ark.; Gov. Lon Stevens, Jefferson City, Mo.; Charles A. Deshon, New York, N. Y.; John Glenn, Baltimore, Md., and Hon. H. St. George Tucker, Staunton, Va.

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FOR TUCKER MEMORIAL HALL.

Hon. W. C. Whitney Sends President Wilson a Check for \$1,000.

Special to The Post.

Lexington, Va., Sept. 23.—At a mass-meeting of the students of Washington and Lee University, held this afternoon, Mr. Leroy Carr Barrett, of Missouri, was elected President of the final ball to be held at commencement next June. This position is considered a great honor among the students, and is always hotly contested. Ex-Secretary William C. Whitney has sent his check for \$1,000 to President William L. Wilson, of Washington and Lee University, for the Tucker Memorial Hall. The cadets of the Virginia Military Institute will go to Nashville on October 15 to attend the exposition. The battalion will go on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway by way of Louisville, Ky.

DEDICATED MEMORIAL HALL

Climax of Washington and Lee Commencement Exercises.

Special Services Attended by a Large Number of the Old Students—Memorial Ode Was Read by a Nephew of John Randolph Tucker.

Special to The Post.

Lexington, Va., June 19.—The climax of the Washington and Lee commencement was reached this morning, when the dedicatory exercises of the John Randolph Tucker Memorial Building took place. For the past two days the old students of the college have been coming in to participate in the exercises.

The services began promptly at 11 o'clock, in the presence of a vast gathering. The exercises were opened with prayer, followed by music. The presentation of the building to the board of trustees was made by Hon. William L. Wilson, president of the university, in a brief, but eloquent address; and in turn was accepted on behalf of the board of trustees by Rev. G. B. Strickler, D. D., rector of the university.

The Rev. Dr. James A. Quarles, of the university, was then introduced as the orator of the occasion, in the absence, through illness, of Hon. John G. Carlisle, of New York. Dr. Quarles delivered a brilliant eulogy of John Randolph Tucker, in whose honor the memorial stands. He spoke under four heads, calling them "The Four Monuments to Mr. Tucker"—his life and character; his pupils; his great book, "Tucker on the Constitution," and this building. Upon the conclusion of Dr. Quarles, the Rev. Dr. Beverley D. Tucker, of Norfolk, a nephew of Mr. Tucker, recited a memorial ode.

The memorial hall is a beautiful piece of architecture and as useful as it is imposing. It was erected by the alumni, who sent contributions from all over the country. A touching gift came from Mrs. James A. Garfield.

The hall is of native gray Rockbridge limestone, with the ends of the structure rounded off in the graceful curves combining the rectilinear with the curvilinear and lending a pleasing appearance to the eye. The front is set off by a porch of Bedford stone, with steps of limestone; on either side are two massive pillars supporting a stone balcony above, with a stone balustrade, while across the front the name "John Randolph Tucker" stands out in raised letters. Above the beautiful tiled vestibule rises a massive rectangular tower. The roof is of slate.

On the first floor are two fine semi-circular lecture-rooms, also cloak-rooms, fitted up in the most perfect manner. In the rear are the professors' private study rooms. On the second floor is the university law library, a feature of which is a superb bronze bust of John Randolph Tucker.

The appointments of the entire building are costly and elegant. The structure is heated by improved methods and electrically lighted. It cost over \$25,000.

The day's exercises closed with the annual address before the alumni association in the evening in the University chapel by Hon. John W. Davis, of Clarksburg, W. Va., who is a graduate of the university class of 1892, and who had for his subject "The Higher Education." In speaking of Mr. Tucker as a teacher, Mr. Davis said that believing the duty of the lawyers as well as the judges to be the maintenance of truth and right and the suppression of falsehood and wrong, Mr. Tucker taught this as the primal lesson. He believed it to "be the lawyers' duty to study well the Federal Constitution, and to keep constant watch and ward over its inviolable sanctity."

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Davis' speech the members of the two rival crews, Albert Sidney and Harry Lee, marched up either aisle to the stage, where the Pinkney prize cup was handed to the Albert Sidney crew.

\$85,000 Fire Razes W. & L. Law College

Tucker Hall and Library Therein Destroyed by Flames.

Conflagration Occurs Soon After Quelling of Lumber Blaze.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 16 (AP).—Fire swept through Tucker Hall, law school building at Washington and Lee University here, early this morning and destroyed the building and the law library it housed. College authorities set the loss at \$85,000.

The Tucker Hall blaze was discovered a half-hour after firemen and townspeople had subdued a stubborn lumber-yard fire. Officials of the fire department said that sparks from the burning yard might have fired Tucker Hall. Three students and a Lexington resident were injured in the Tucker Hall fire.

After the blazes were out Commonwealth's Attorney William W. Ackerly said an investigation would be started.

To Examine Arson Suspect.

Officers also announced that Robert L. Simpson, 35, who has been in jail since last Thursday under arrest on an arson charge, would be taken to the State Hospital at Marion for observation on Tuesday. Simpson, a member of the volunteer fire department, is charged with attempting to burn a dwelling house owned by Susan and Elizabeth Miller. The building, across the street from the fire house, was burned last Wednesday.

For a time the Tucker Hall blaze seemed in danger of getting out of control, and fire department officers feared the entire group of college buildings might be endangered. The flames spread rapidly and only a few law books were saved by professors and students who aided firemen.

Three Students Injured.

Of the three injured students only Thomas P. Waring, a freshman, of Savannah, Ga., was seriously hurt. He suffered a severed tendon in his foot as he carried fire extinguishers to the roof of nearby Washington College to combat flying embers. He was taken to a hospital but will be released on Tuesday. None of a group of V. M. I. Cadets who also aided firemen, was injured.

Graham Painter, of Charleston, W. Va., and William H. Byrns, Cambridge, Md., both students, were less seriously hurt. William Bufdette, of Lexington, was injured when he fell on a shattered window.

Marshall's Portrait Lost.

Paul M. Penick, treasurer of the university, said that the building was insured for \$20,000 and the law library it housed, for \$10,000. The most severe loss was a portrait of Chief Justice John Marshall, which with a bust of John Randolph Tucker and other valued objects, was in place when the building burned.

Dean W. H. Moreland, of the law school, said all the destroyed volumes could be replaced.

The lumber yard fire, officials of the company operating it said, caused loss estimated at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

W. & L. Pushes Plan to Rebuild Its Law School

Students Start Christmas Holiday; Probe Blaze That Wrecked Hall.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 17 (AP). Christmas holidays started for Washington and Lee University law students today as they gathered to hear Dean W. M. Moreland, tell what steps would be taken to replace burned Tucker Hall.

The university's law department building was destroyed early Sunday morning by a fire of unknown origin.

Work in other departments of the university will go on until the regular Christmas vacation period starts on Wednesday. The law students were told by Dean Moreland, of the law school; Dean Robert H. Tucker, of the university, and Paul M. Penick, Washington and Lee treasurer, that when they return from their homes, classrooms, reading rooms and a full working law library will be available to them.

Administrative officials said that the university would proceed at once with plans for the erection of a new building.

William Burdette, Lexington resident and former W. & L. student, reported injured in the fire, was much improved today. He suffered only minor cuts. Thomas P. Waring, jr., Savannah, Ga., resident and W. & L. freshman, will be discharged from a hospital here tomorrow. He received a severed tendon in one foot during the blaze.

An official investigation into the cause of the \$85,000 university fire and a lumber yard blaze which occurred the same morning, was under way today.

W. & L. to Get New Building

Trustee Board Authorizes Library Room; Delays Tucker Hall Vote.

Lexington, Dec. 21 (AP).—"Necessary expenditures" to provide a library and classroom space for the Washington and Lee law school after the Christmas holidays were authorized by the executive committee of the board of trustees here today.

The committee took no actual steps toward construction of a building to replace Tucker Hall, destroyed by fire last Sunday morning, but called a full meeting of the board for the first week in January for this purpose.

University officials said they were assured a new law building would be placed on the site of the burned structure, but details as to architectural design and arrangement will be left for decision by the board of trustees. Only gray stone walls remain of Tucker Hall, destruction of which represented an \$85,000 loss.

Today's meeting of the executive committee was held at the home of President Francis P. Gaines, who is recovering from a severe illness, but still is confined to his home.

W.-L. Trustees Indorse New Legal Building

Committees Are Named on Plans for Replacing Tucker Hall.

Lexington, Va., Dec. 29 (AP).—The board of trustees of Washington and Lee University meeting here has authorized the construction of a new law building to replace Tucker Hall, destroyed recently by fire.

The new building, the board directed, will harmonize architecturally with other campus buildings, and will accommodate 150 students.

Two committees were named by the board to work out details of the building plans and to report back to the full board at a later meeting, probably in January.

The committees named were:

Finance—Herbert Fitzpatrick, Cleveland, Ohio, chairman; John W. Davis, Newton D. Baker, Gov. George C. Peery, W. M. Martin, St. Louis; Dr. Bolling Lee, New York; Fowler McCormick, Chicago, and Walter MacDonald, alumni representative.

Building committee—James L. Caskie, Lynchburg; John Randolph Tucker, Richmond, alumni representative; W. H. Morland, representing the law school; Frank A. Gilliam, dean of students; Dr. R. W. Dickey, professor.

George W. St. Clair, rector of the board, and Dr. Francis Pendleton Gaines, are ex-officio members of both committees.