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Nothing could have better served to awaken in a young reader a sense of the picturesqueness and dramatic inwork. This means a big terest of politics, and Mr. Wilson has saving to you, as hand work said to the writer of this biography is expensive. This is only that no one circumstance did more to make public life the purpose of his exing today. If you want istence nor more to determine the others come in and let us first cast of his political ideas. The young man turned back to the first volume of the Gentleman's Magazine. Then, going to other sources, he took up in earnest the study of English political history. He became saturated with the spirit of the life and practices of the British parliament; the excitements of political life enchanted him.

The characteristic thing about Wilson's undergraduate days at Princeton was that his work was done in practical independence of the ordinary college routine of instruction, at which even in those days he was sometimes heard to rail. His mind had now settled definitely upon a public career. His purpose in Princeton was henceforth the clear and single one of preparing himself for public life. Always he was reading, thinking and writing about government. He was in no sense a "dig" and seemed to have no particular ambition in the college studies, but he devoted every energy to the furnishing and the training of his mind | Bible. as an authority on government, the history of government and leadership in public life. He began to practice the elective system ten years before Princeton did. His most intimate classmate, Robert Bridges, says of him that his college career was remarkable for the "confident selection"



Rev. Dr. Thomas Woodrow, Maternal Grandfather of Woodrow Wilson.

of his work and his "easy indifference" to all subjects not directly in Phone, Red 440 line with his purpose. His business in college apparently was to train his mind to do what he wanted it to do, and what he wanted it to do be knew. He bad already made himself proficient in stenography, finding it of great value in making digests of what he read and quotations which would otherwise have occupied him long.

Princeton was not then remarkable in the teaching of English. But the ness scarcely to be found to earlier men trained themselves in literary societies. The body of the students was divided into two "halls," so called secret societies, but really debating clubs feature. Once in awhile its writer -the American Whig society and the broke into rime-not always so tragi-Cilosophic society. Wilson belonged to cally sad as this: Whig Hall, an organization whose constitution had been written by James

Here the young man was in his glory. He entered eagerly into its traditions and became almost immediately one of its leading spirits. To reading and writing day and night upon his favorite themes he began to add practice in elecution. One of his classmates troubled with a weak throat. who was sent down to Potter's woods to practice exercises, often saw Wilson in another part of the woods declaiming from a volume of Burke. On vacations he was known to spend a good deal of time reading aloud and de claiming in his father's church at Wilmington. Another debating society or gauized by Wilson himself, called the Liberal Debating club, was fashioned

after the British parliament. Wilson does not appear as a great prize winner. However, he did score as second sophomore orator in the Whig Hall contest and was one of the literary men of the class, an oration on Cobden and an essay on Lord

Chatham being especially recorded. Connected with the two blg prizes of the college are two stories which throw light upon Wilson's character as a student. The English literary prize of \$125 his classmates thought that Wilon wisht easily win, but when he

learned that to compete meant to spend time studying Ben Jonson and two plays of Shakespeare he refused to go from the reading that interested him.

The other big prize, that of the Lynde debate, had been founded the year of Wilson's entrance to college. and be bad undoubtedly looked forward to winning it throughout his course. The Lynde was an extemporaneous discussion participated in by three representatives from each of the two halls. The halls' representatives were thus chosen, a subject was proposed by a committee, and candidates were required to argue on et. ther side, as was determined by lot. By universal consent Wilson was now the star debater of the Whig society. He was quite in a class by himself, and there was no doubt in anybody's mind that he would represent the hall and win the prize. The subject for the preliminary debate in Whig Hall was "Free Trade Versus Protection." Wilson put his hand into the hat and drew out a slip which required him to argue in favor of "protection." He tore up the slip and refused to debate. He was a convinced and passionate free trader, and nothing under heaven, he swore, would induce him to advance arguments in which be did not be

It will not be supposed that life was all work even for this rather serious minded youth.

Princeton was famous for the pranks of its students. On one occasion they had taken a donkey to the cupola of itself disgraced unless it had made way with the clapper of the college bell. The '78 class were the mortarboard; the '79's did not. Wilson ridiculed '78's headgear.

Wilson lived first at the house of Mrs. Wright. One of his classmates, Bob McCarter, who also lived at Mrs. Wright's, tells of a certain evening when the two were engaged in Wilson's study in a quiet game of enchre, a forbidden pastime in those days On the table, as it happened, lay a Bible. A knock was heard at the door. McCarter swiftly swept the cards out of sight under the table and went to the door. Before he opened it he turned his head for a moment, the thought flashing over him that the conscientious Wilson might have put the cards back in plain view on the table. But what he saw was-Wilson reading the

At this time it is recorded that he weighed 156 pounds and stood five feet

While without particular inclination or ability in athletics and while back in '75-9 athletics did not play the part in college life that it now plays, Woodrow Wilson was a leader in the encouragement of sports and in '78-9 was president of the athletic committee. at another time of the baseball associa-

His classmates and schoolmates concur in describing the college lad as a fellow- of dignity, yet perfectly demo. United States. cratic. The picture is that of a youth of unusual mental and moral maturity Advertisement-Feb 6-13 er, yet always full of life and interested in everything that was going on. He was popular-of that there can be no doubt. The young man had a certain charm of manner and sweetness of soul that forbade anybody's dislikfelt to be "a little above the crowd." He never belonged to a clique. He was a normal college boy, not a prig nor a 'dig" nor a "grind," but a healthy, hearty, all around chap, interested in everything that was going on, mingling with everybody, though cherishing some particular friendships that have endured.

The years passed. Recitations were attended, examinations duly passed. The library yielded up its secrets to the the cities of the state. mind; life in the little commonwealth of young men matured the character; intercourse with kindred spirits awakened generous enthusiasms. In '77 Tom Wilson went on the board of editors of the Princetonian, the college newspaper, then a biweekly. In '78 he became its managing editor. Un- cago, cutting out Kansas City about as before-not overwhelmingly interesting to the outsider, though bere and there is discernible a little bright-

A department headed "Here and There" was the Princetonian's best

"I will work out a rime If I only have time, Said the man of "Here and There," So he tried for awhile.

Of his beautiful golden haur. During his senior year Wilson threw into the form of a closely reasoned essay the chief results of his thinking on the subject of the American contrasted with the British system of government. This article he sent to what was regarded as the most serious magazine then published in America. and it was immediately accepted for publication. The author was twentytwo years old and an undergraduate.

In the files of the International Review, issue of August, 1879, may be found an article entitled "Cabinet Goverument In the United States," signed by Thomas W. Witson. It was an impeachment of government by "a legis- force.-Blotton, Iowa, News. lature which is practically irresponsible" and a plea for a reformed method under which congress should be again made responsible and swiftly of the whole country-in open and Advt-Peb 6-27

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With this achievement of breaking into a high class magazine Woodrow Wilson closed his undergraduate days at Princeton. During his senior year he had concluded that the best path Nassau hall. Every class considered to a public career lay through the law. In the autumn, therefore, he matriculated in the law department of the University of Virginia, that seat of liberal learning organized by Thomas Jeffer-

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Dr. King's New Discovery and give responsive in some such way as is the it to the little ones when ailing and British parliament. The author's suffering with colds, coughs, throat quarre! is with the practice of doing all the important work of congress in secret committees. Secrees, he says secret committees. Secrecy, he says. "Dr. King's new Discovery changed is the atmosphere in which all corruption and evil flourish. "Congress should legislate as if in the presence legislate is legislate as if in the presence legislate is legislate in the presence legislate in the presence legislate is legislated in the presence legislate in the presence legislate is legislated in the presence legislated in the presence

went to Scottsbluff on Monday

As will be noted in this issue by those who can read Spanish, the Spanish War Veterans will meet at their hall in regular meeting Thursday evening.

liance Monday noon. companied by his son Eugene who went to Omaha the last of the week to meet him.

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