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WILLIAM AND MARY BEGINS 219th YEAR

A Large Registration and Many Improvements

William and Mary, the time-honored alma mater of so many illustrious men, began its two hundred and nineteenth session on Thursday, September 21, under circumstances the most auspicious in its history. Until Saturday noon the total number of registrants was 175, an unusually large number so early in the session. Students, old and new, continue to arrive, and as we go to press there are many men about the campus who have not registered. Judging from past years it may be reasonably expected that fifty or more will enter the College before the close of the session.

Throughout the past summer many improvements have been made about the campus. Lecture rooms have been newly painted, worn out apparatus replaced by new, and the dormitories refurnished. Shortly after the opening of the session a committee from the Board of Visitors came here, and, after a thorough inspection formally accepted from the contractors the new lighting and heating plant, a modern structure, and complete in every detail.

All the signs are for such a year as William and Mary has never before known. The student makes the college rather than the college the student.

Let every man, old and new, contribute both his might and mite toward every college activity, and the 219th session of William and Mary will go down in its history as the standard of comparison.

The Formal Opening of the College.

On the evening of Monday, September 26th, William and Mary College saw its two-hundred and nineteenth session formally opened in the college chapel. At eight o'clock the Faculty in academic procession

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Scrubs O. Invincibles O

On Saturday while the varsity was engaged in vainly trying to stem the tide among the green, vine clad hills of Albemarle, the Scrubs with head and nose knee deep in sand plunged, replunged and plunged again for the glory of alma mater on Cary Field. It was a case of an invincible force striking an immovable substance, for grovel as they might, sneeze and cough out signals no matter how quickly, neither side could score. The nearest approaches to it were when Geddy narrowly missed a drop kick and again when English made a fifty yard run only to be called back for stepping outside. Rowe for the scrubs came very near getting through the line once but something happened and the Invincibles got the ball. Cogbill played a beautiful game for the Invincibles. Healy played well for scrubs. Line up:

Scrubs.	Invincibles.
Healy.....c.....	Mitchell
Wright, E. S.....r. g.....	Harrison
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Bane.....l. t.....	Cox
Turner.....l. e.....	Garth
Hall.....f. b.....	Cogbill
Rowe.....l. h.....	Thomas
Brooks.....r. h.....	English
Jackson.....q. b.....	Geddy
Referee—Mr. Bloxton. Umpire	
—Mr. Paul Wilson. Time of quarters 8 minutes.	

Magazine Soon to Appear

The William and Mary Literary Magazine will appear at an early day. Mr. Thomas, editor-in-chief, has made some very valuable alterations in the mechanical arrangement and contents of the Magazine, by eliminating everything not of a literary nature, transferring all College notes to THE FLAT HAT.

Annual Y. M. C. A. Reception

On the night of Tuesday, Sept. 26, the Y. M. C. A. tendered its annual reception to the new students and friends of this institution, and if the attendance and the evident good will be considered as indications, we predict a remarkable record for the Y. M. C. A. this year.

The reception was presided over by President H. W. Vaden aided by the Y. M. C. A. cabinet. Rev. Mr. Hoover, of the Baptist church, and the Rev. E. Ruffin Jones, of Bruton Parish church, delivered short and helpful talks, as did the President, Mr. Vaden, and Dr. Keeble. Dr. Wilson spoke on the Honor System, the pride of William and Mary, and Dr. Young in a brief talk brought forth the many-sidedness of college spirit.

Messrs. James and Deierhoi spoke in behalf of their literary societies, Philomathean and Phoenix respectively. During the course of the evening THE FLAT HAT was ably introduced by the editor-in-chief, William Kavanaugh Doty, and its aims and objects explained. Refreshments were served, and the pleasantest Y. M. C. A. reception ever held at William and Mary came to an end, having been materially brightened by the presence of the Institute teachers and students.

Rector of the College Here

Hon. Robert M. Hughes, Rector of the Board of Visitors, and Mrs. Hughes, came up from Norfolk last week for several days. Mrs. Hughes has been visiting her sisters, Misses Cora and Estelle Smith, on Palace Green, and Mr. Hughes came up Friday for the week-end. The chief object of his visit was to make arrangements for the selection of a Professor of Romanic Languages for the College.

FOOTBALL TEAM AT REGULAR PRACTICE

New Coach Employing Best Methods

Football practice has been going on now for a week and the fellows ought to have gotten a line on the team by this time. One thing is evident, that green bunch that went out on Cary Field is being gotten into shape by Dr. Young about as fast as possible and while there is nothing very heavy about the team, they will, with grit and headwork render an account of themselves that William and Mary will be proud of.

This year a new factor has arisen which has caused quite a good deal of loss to the team. This factor is the ruling of men in the "prep" classes. Heretofore they have been allowed to play and the men recruited from these lower ranks were the best on the team and this has been so, for years back. This year however they have been eliminated and as a consequence, many a hefty prospect roams over the campus, the cynosure of envious eyes. This renders it necessary for all college men to get behind the team and push it to their greatest ability. Of last year's lettered men, only Lee, Spencer and Thomas are back, and while their number is few, yet it is a good nucleus to build around. Of last year's subs. Tilley, Brinkley, Deel and Parker are back and are "looking up" like veterans. Goodwin, who made his letter at end year before last, will be out in time for the Georgetown game. The new men who are showing up are Turner, Neblett, Mayer, Lloyd, Blitzer, Peachy, Stanley, Healey, Taylor, Nourse, Jones, Hubbard, Dix, Sommers, Bane, Games, Brooks and Cogbill.

OUR ADVERTISERS

The attention of our readers is called to the advertisements carried in THE FLAT HAT. Firms herein represented are thoroughly reliable.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE—1911

September 30th, University of Virginia at Charlottesville.
October 7th, Georgetown University at Washington, D. C.
October 14th, University College of Medicine at Williamsburg.
October 21st, Fredericksburg College at Williamsburg.
October 28th, Medical College of Virginia at Williamsburg.
Nov. 4th, Randolph-Macon (championship) at Newport News.
Nov. 11th, Richmond College (championship) at Williamsburg.
Nov. 18th, Hampden-Sidney (championship) at Hampden Sidney

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IN WHICH WE MAKE OUR BOW

I.

According to the ancient custom upon first appearance, THE FLAT HAT would make its politest bow, and doff itself demurely to the critical inspection of a not always too gracious public; hoping thus, it not to ingratiate itself for all time within the hearts of the mighty, to at least assuage some of that aloofness which oftentimes extends to newcomers the icy hand of indifference. Also would it, or rather, We offer its *raison d'être*, explain its wherefore, and outline its *whitherwards*, just in the way of all introductions, being orthodox and conservative as we are, and loving traditions.

THE FLAT HAT, the first newspaper ever printed at the College of William and Mary, will be published on every Tuesday of the College year from October the first until June, excepting holidays and examinations. It has as its primary and fundamental design the 'dissemination of useful information,' and all other news relating to the College and its interests. Not to be hide-bound, however, we shall open our columns to those who would offer suggestions and express opinions, and, if need be, even to protests. But withal news is our chief craving, our one hope and destiny, with the College of William and Mary as its inspiration and centrifugal force, —her conservation and exploitation to be our one and only end in view. We shall remain neutral in politics, religion and domestic disturbances. We shall not concern ourselves with morality, religion or ethics, nor, in fact, with any other of the lordly sciences except in the broadest sense. We shall not discourage vice, nor extol innocence; we shall not go arm in arm with the depths, nor be

in tune with the Infinite; we shall not proclaim the brilliant anathemas of Ingersoll, nor yet recite the Decalogue from places on high; but rather shall we take the middle course, have Evolution as our preceptress, and Revolution as our invisible inquisitor. There will be no reservation made for knockers, bromides, or sychophants—no place left for narrow-mindedness, bigotry or conceit. We shall not cater to the interests of any one sect, society, organization or association. The venerable glories of the Alma Mater of Washington, Jefferson, Marshall, Monroe and Tyler will be our guides and guardians, and her every tradition, whether militant, couchant or dormant, will be treated by us with the utmost reverence.

II.

Some may wonder why we are THE FLAT HAT any more than the Cocked Hat, the Mashed Darby, or the Quashed Cap. This we are glad to explain, for it is an interesting story. Away back beyond the times memorial, before the United States was born, while William and Mary was figuratively in her teens, and before the honourable society of Phi Beta Kappa was even dreamed of—in the year Seventeen Hundred and Fifty to be exact, there was founded at the Collège the Flat Hat Club, spoken of in every-day language as F. H. C. Very little is known of its career, and that little has only been discovered within the last year, but it is thought by some (and reasonably so) that this Club was the precursor and prototype of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity which was established here in Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-five; but no connecting link between the two has been discovered. Considerable is known nevertheless of this ancient order. There is extant a partial list of the members of the Flat Hat Club, together with its constitution in cipher and Latin; a list of a hundred or so books for present and future acquisition prepared by one of the members a Mr. Gevatkin; some contemporary correspondence relative to the nature and aim of the society; and a photograph of the medal, obverse and reverse. All of this is in the possession of George Preston Coleman, Esquire, of Williamsburg, a great grandson of St. George Tucker who was a member of the Flat Hat Club, and the seeming custodian of its effects which were found among his private papers. It is through the generosity of Mr. Coleman that we are able to publish these facts, which must be of extreme interest to all of those in any way connected with the College of William and Mary. Among the members are the names of the Reverend Mr. Gevatkin, St. George Tucker, Thomas Jefferson, George Wythe, Robert

Baylor, Jr., and Edmund Randolph.

In a letter from Mr. Jefferson to Mr. John W. Taylor, of Union College, New York, in Eighteen Hundred and Twenty-one with regard to the founding of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at that institution, Mr. Jefferson stated that he knew nothing of Phi Beta Kappa except by reputation, that its objects and organization were unknown to him, and that he, while at William and Mary, was a member of the F. H. C. a society composed of the alumni of the College, which was before the day of the former society. At another time Mr. Jefferson said that the Flat Hat Club was not for any useful purpose; so that it justly may be inferred to have been purely social in its temper. However, upon looking through the list of works prepared by Mr. Gevatkin, containing under the various heads of Philosophy, History, Mathematics, Science and Miscellaneous, a vast collection of technical books by such authors as Locke, Newton, Priestly, Franklin, Halley, Hume, Macaulay and Walpole, it would seem that the pleasures of these young gentlemen were pretty substantial, even if for no useful purpose, if the subjects for their light reading can be supposed to suggest anything.

The badge of the Club was circular in form with a projection for the ring, to be used doubtless on a watch fob or chain. Engraved on one side was an elaborate coat-of-arms; on the other were the letters F. H. C. in a large monogram, and beneath was the date and motto near the exergue—

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Thus we derive our being, and inherit a very honourable name and motto.

It was not possible to procure information of sufficient accuracy of the recent elections of the Athletic Association to publish in this number. It will appear next week.

'Doc' on Virginia Game

Sunday morning just after the pink sheet of the Times-Dispatch, had, 'its tale of sorrow told,' a FLAT HAT representative struck 'Doc' Marrow who is helping Coach Young with the line men, for his opinion of the game with Virginia.

'Doc' was not in the dumps by any means. He is confident that the very green material which makes up the 'varsity' at present will be whipped into good shape before the championship series. He warmly commends Coach Young's methods and says that if the stuff is there as he emphatically believes it to be, Coach Young will bring it out.

'We expected a big score. Why, we've had only a weeks practice; Virginia has been at it three weeks. We haven't had a game. Virginia has played Hampden-Sidney. We have only two old men back, Virginia has five.' 'Then too our fellows have had time to learn only one plan of defense and with the overwhelming weight of Virginia we should have expected just about what we got. Some of our men never had a uniform on before last week and Virginia has the best high school men in the country to pick from.' Our fellows showed that they had fight in them when they held Virginia to two touch downs in the last half. It must have been a good come back.' 'But, I say' added 'Doc' in closing, 'that scorekeeper must have been a rapid calculator.'

A Confusion of Terms

One of the most popular young ladies in Williamsburg told one of the Editors of THE FLAT HAT the other day that she would learn to ride if she had a habit. The sympathetic young student, who has a passion for obliterating difficulties, immediately suggested: 'Learn to ride and you can acquire the habit.'

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The New Coach

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The man we all know by this time and we know that he fills the bill all right, all right, all right. His name and title is W. J. Young, M. D., and he hails from the University of Pennsylvania. We know him, like him and admire him for that determined, systematic, business-like way he is going about the making, manufacturing, or creating (it is hard to say which) a football team for old William and Mary.

For three years he played, end, half back, full back and quarter on Springfield Training School against Yale, Harvard, Amherst, Tufts, Wesleyan, and other such institutions. He was a member of the team that held Yale to the score of 6-0. For the past three years he has been a brilliant member of Pennsylvania's back field and played against the greatest teams of this country.

His exploits on the team of

"Penn" are too numerous to mention. It may be mentioned incidentally that Dr. Young's picture is to be seen on the outside cover of the new rule book, coming around end in the Penn-Indian game. The score in this contest was Penn. 29, Indians 6.

Handbook Creditable

The College Directory and Handbook which was issued at the beginning of the session is one of the most creditable ever gotten out by the Y. M. C. A. This year it was in charge of Mr. H. W. Vaden, who financed it well, and procured for it an excellent form. It was printed by The Virginia Gazette, of Williamsburg, which publishes this paper, and which we hope in time will receive all of the College publications.

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marched to the platform in the presence of the student-body. The evening's program was opened with a short prayer by Rev. Mr. Hoover, of the Baptist church, after which Dr. Montgomery of the Latin department, introduced the first speaker, President Tyler. Dr. Tyler spoke of the progress made in college during the past year and dwelt especially upon the work of the institution. He likened the training of young men to the cultivation of a crop, pointing out that a college education insured a splendid harvest. Dr. Hall the next speaker took for his theme "Did you Come to College or Were you Sent." After discussing the difference he produced some very interesting statistics, showing the chances one has of becoming a great man who has only had a grammar school education, a high school education, a college education, and finally a university education. So entertainingly and so earnestly did he speak that at the end of his address he was rewarded by a great burst of applause. The last speaker was our Physician, Physical Director and Coach, Dr. Young, of the University of Pennsylvania. His remarks were directed mainly along athletic lines, showing the necessity of a strong body as an abode for a vigorous mind. After the singing of the college hymn, Alma Mater, the academic procession retired.

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Dr. Ritchie Returns

The Faculty and students of the College are felicitating themselves upon the return of Dr. J. W. Ritchie as Professor of Biology. He had been granted a leave of absence by the College for the year to be at the University of Chicago, but found that the climate there was too rigorous to be suited to his health, and consequently postponed his leave of absence until some time in the future, when he will again pursue his specialization at some other institution. He would have been greatly missed at the College. No one contributes more to its prestige than he, being, as he is, a very successful professor of biology and author of several scientific works of great value and reputation.

Dr. Ritchie has the distinction of being the first paid subscriber to THE FLAT HAT. It is hoped that no one will be able to claim the equally unique distinction of being the last.

Weighed and Found Wanting

Two sprightly young gentlemen from the bustling west in general, and blooming Missouri in particular, arrived at the College last week and requested, as all men from that clime, that they be "shown." They were shown over the ancient capital, but when they weighed it they found it wanting,—not enough like Kansas City, and no subways, airships and cafes, which, to individuals of such twentieth century proclivities, are as necessary as water and air to such out-of-date people as we of the east. However the College of William and Mary was flattered by their expressions of hearty admiration for its beauty and efficiency.

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