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## Quarterly To Give Full Student List

Information which it is believed, will elicit much interest throughout the country and be of great help in biographical studies, will be available when the William and Mary College Quarterly, July number, will begin the publication of a complete list of all students who registered at the College of William and Mary from 1827 to 1881. These names will be taken from the original matriculation books in the College Library. All important information in the matriculation books about each student will be published, covering the student's full name, parents' names, residence, age, courses pursued in college, church membership, and place of residence while in Williamsburg.

No complete list of students for this period has ever been published, the list printed in 1874, sometimes showing as many as twenty-five omissions in single years.

Another article of interest which will appear in the July number is a paper upon Spotswood's Expedition, 1716, written by W. W. Scott, with additional information contributed by Messrs. Charles E. Kemper and Fairfax Harrison.

It may never be possible to print a complete account of the students who matriculated before 1827, many of the records of those years having been lost.

## Prof. Swem Offers Library Training

Prof. Earl G. Swem, College Librarian, is conducting a discussion of library matters every Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the stack room of the library. This course is offered to all those in attendance at the summer school who may be interested.

The course should be of particular benefit to persons who expect to establish, manage or buy books for school libraries.

Prof. Swem has done a great deal to promote the establishment of school and town libraries in the smaller cities. He stands ready at all time to help by correspondence teachers and others who wish suggestions in this field.



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## Coleman Addresses Enthusiastic Crowd

George Preston Coleman, former State Highway Commissioner, now President of the Virginia Good Roads Association, addressed the students at chapel exercises Friday at noon on "The Need of Good Highways in Virginia."

Mr. Coleman made an exceedingly able and forceful presentation of the vital need of good highways, stressing especially their educational and civic values. "Teachers and students" he declared, "are, most of all, the groups in our body politic, dependent on good roads for the carrying out of their purposes and ideals."

Mr. Coleman further stressed his feeling as to the necessity for immediate road-building. While he cheerfully conceded that there may be other methods by which good roads may be quickly obtained, he expressed his conviction that the issuance of bonds by the state insured the most rapid and certain results. Many of Mr. Coleman's hearers indicated that they were enthusiastic boosters of "Good Roads for Virginia at Once."

## Alumni Asso. Plans Membership Drive

The Board of Managers of the Alumni Association, recently incorporated, met Monday afternoon, July 9, in the Alumni office in Brafferton Building. Channing M. Hall, president, presided. There were present in addition Wm. T. Hodges, Secretary-Treasurer, and Frank Armistead of Williamsburg, Wm. C. L. Taliaferro, Vice-President, of Hampton; Dr. Walter E. Vest, of Huntington, W. Va.; and Joseph C. Bristow, of Richmond, Va. J. E. Wilkins, of Newport News, the other member of the board, was not present.

By-laws, drawn up by a committee composed of Messrs. Hodges, Armistead and Hall, were presented and adopted. Membership was also taken out in the National Association of Alumni Secretaries.

A membership campaign was planned, and will be started as soon as necessary printing can be completed. Plans were also made for the establishment of a properly equipped and efficiently managed Alumni office.

The next meeting of the Board of Managers was set for some time in October.

## Prof. Pollard Heads Big Baptist Group

Dr. John Garland Pollard was elected President of the Organized Men's Bible Classes of the Baptist Churches of Virginia at the Annual Baptist Encampment at Virginia Beach last week. Dr. Pollard delivered the Fourth of July Address at the Baptist Auditorium before an audience of twenty-five hundred. Dr. Pollard addressed the Rotary Club of Norfolk last Tuesday.

## President Chandler On Education Bill

"The Towner-Sterling Bill and Its Effect on The Teacher" will be the subject of Dr. Chandler's address at the college chapel Monday, July 15.

The Towner-Sterling Bill, which will be re-introduced in the Sixty-eighth Congress, is considered by authorities to be the most important piece of legislation, from an educational point of view, that has been introduced since the War.

"The fight will be won or lost in the 433 Congressional Districts of the 48 states," declares Charl Williams, Field Secretary of the World Conference On Education." Therefore, it is exceedingly important that everybody in the teaching profession bestir themselves in support of this measure."

In the opinion of Mr. Williams, the influence on the public of the teachers of this country is inestimable. With the teachers solidly and actively supporting the bill, there is every possibility of its passage through Congress, according to the belief of the proponents of the measure.

## "Virginians" Furnish July German Music

The annual William and Mary summer school German will be held tonight in Jefferson Hall Gymnasium, dancing to last from nine until one. Music will be furnished by "The Virginians" of Newport News. Invitations have been sent out to friends and alumni of the college and a large crowd of visitors is expected.

J. S. Jenkins and J. O. Faison are the committee in charge of the dance.

It is the purpose of the committee and the college authorities to make the July German an annual affair, a regular part of the entertainment program of the summer session. It is planned to make it a "homecoming" event for summer session alumni.

The program committee has announced that the regular Friday night entertainment will be held as usual, but will be terminated early in order to allow all to be on time for the dance.

## Dr. Geiger at Beach

Dr. Joseph Roy Geiger, professor of philosophy and psychology, is spending the week at the Baptist Summer Encampment, Virginia Beach, where he is giving special instruction to select groups of Sunday School teachers.

## Social Hour Tonight

Social Hour will be held tonight at the usual hour, followed by the German in Jefferson Hall from 9 to 1 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the "Virginians," of Newport News. Singing and refreshments will as usual, feature the Social Hour.

## Two Striking Plays On Early Program

Yeats' "Land of Heart's Desire" and Susan Glaspell's "Suppressed Desires," under the direction of Dr. W. A. Montgomery and of Professors Edward Gwathmey and I. H. White, respectively, will be given from the Harding platform on the night of Friday, July 20th. Both are one-act plays, and their presentation will require approximately one hour each.

"Land of Heart's Desire," by Yeats, the celebrated Irish playwright and the leader in the Irish Theatre movement, is a poetic drama of great beauty and picturesqueness. The parts in this play are being taken by Ashur Baker, Harriett Garrett, E. Welford Brauer, Janet Coleman, Mary Roberts and Geo. W. Reilly, as announced in last week's "Straw Hat."

The cast in "Suppressed Desires" is as follows:

Stephen Brewster—J. G. Pollard, Jr.

Henrietta Brewster (his wife)—Mabel Glenn.

Mabel (his sister) — Rosalind Marks.

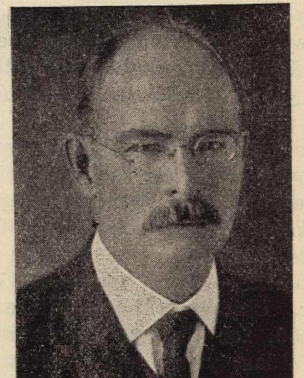
This play was chosen in preference to Barrie's "Twelve Pound Look" because of its greater adaptability and because it has more action and broader humor. It is a farce on the psychoanalysis craze which so lately approached the limits of a popular fad through dissemination of the doctrines of Freud, Jung, and Brill by their disciples.

## Prof. Wright's Visit

Professor A. D. Wright, of the class of 1904, now a member of the Dartmouth faculty, spent Sunday in Williamsburg as the guest of Professor Wm. T. Hodges. Professor Wright is a visiting professor at Cornell this summer.

## "Susan" Postponed

"In the Absence of Susan" the play which was scheduled to be given tonight at the High School Auditorium has been postponed until some time next week. The definite date will be announced later.



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## JOURNALISTIC TRAINING

Through the generosity of the newspaper publishers of the South, a school of journalism at Washington and Lee University is soon to become a reality. General Lee conceived the idea of such a department in 1869. Upon his death, the venture lapsed. Now it is being given renewal under the inspiration of Dr. Henry Louis Smith. Because the school will serve to body forth General Lee's vision, it will appropriately bear the great soldier's name.

William and Mary College is already giving courses in journalism. Recognizing the need for training in this field, Dr. Chandler arranged last summer for competent instruction in the technique of newspapermaking. The enterprise has been highly successful, its influence being felt directly and indirectly in all the literary activities of the college. For over a year, William and Mary has been the only institution in the state providing opportunities for journalistic training.

In undertaking this departure, William and Mary has led the Virginia colleges in rendering a democratic service, the significance of which grows increasingly clear. In a country like ours, an enlightened public opinion is at once the test and the goal of our system of government. The relation between newspapers and public opinion is an interwoven fabric. If newspapers are of a high order, the public mind is bound to feel an incalculable lift and drive. But newspapers can not be of a high order without newspaper workers of high standards. It is such workers that the school of journalism seeks to develop.

## SUMMERING IN ACADEME

On Monday Columbia threw open her portals to a rush of students which the press will doubtless chronicle as again breaking all records. For months certain university officers have been charged with insuring shelter for 14,000 summer matriculants—there were 12,567 last year. These figures would have been incredible a short time ago for the entire yearly enrollment in any American university.

Columbia, however, takes only her share of a harvest that yearly grows more imposing. From the heights of Berkeley this summer 10,000 students will look down on San Francisco Bay—there were 8,297 last year. Chicago will entertain another 10,000, for Chicago University had 6,474 last year, and Northwestern fills up the list. The lakes at Madison will see more than 5,000. Although Southern students constitute one of the largest sectional quotas at

Chicago and Columbia, even the Southern universities have remarkable registrations. The University of Virginia last year counted 2,977 summer students and Texas 2,487.

In the large classes at Charlottesville and Austin is the final answer to the strange belief a generation ago that summer was too hot for application to books and lectures. That belief never had a foothold at West Point or Annapolis, but it was cherished elsewhere.

The addition in vitality which the summer schools have made to academic life is one of their happiest features. The interchange of scholars among universities, which makes such slow progress at other seasons, has become a brisk practice. July finds dozens of New England and New York professors teaching on the Pacific Coast and dozens of Middle Western professors scattered from Harvard to North Carolina. Much as they gain in pocketbook, they gain more in new contacts. American students, who for good reasons never imitated the German practice of wandering from Bonn to Gottingen to Munich, do evince a willingness to seek pastures new in summer. Hearers of all ages face the instructor, and he is made to realize that some of them have an experience of life surpassing his own. The *al fresco* atmosphere puts new vitality into the curriculum, and credit is allowed for pursuits that would be frowned upon in winter. Even "student life," freed from the stereotyped athletic and other "activities," expands in unwonted and more mature directions. Like extension teaching, the summer schools have given the universities a more democratic breadth.—New York Evening Post.

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Ever had a band organized in your town?

Ever lived next door to a barking dog?

Ever been to church in July?

Ever sleep with one who snores?

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**Miss McEachern To Leave Early**

Announcements have been made that Lee M. Halley, representative of the State Board of Education, will show some public health films in chapel Wednesday night, July 18, and that Miss Pauline Williamson, State rural supervisor in charge of health work, will be at the College during the week beginning July 3 in the interest of the extension of her field.

Because of ill health, Miss Edna McEachern, supervisor of music, will be forced to leave her work before the completion of the first summer school term. Miss McEachern's condition is such that she will go to Johns Hopkins for examination and cure. She has cancelled an engagement for later in the summer to train a great children's chorus in one of the large New York churches. Miss McEachern will continue her stay until after the student concert, which is to be given at the College on the evening of July 21.

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**Heard and Seen**

Misses Nellie Midgette and Dorothy Lowder, and Messrs. Earling Harris and Woodfin Patrick, of Newport News, attended the college dance last Saturday night.

Miss Virginia Parker returned Tuesday to her home in Newport News, after spending several days with Miss May Parker on the campus.

J. C. Phillips spent last week-end at Buckroe Beach.

Miss Florence Holston spent last week-end at her home in Hampton.

Mrs. K. J. Hoke was the hostess at a delightful picnic and swimming party at Jamestown Island Monday afternoon and evening. Miss Dorothy Kimmell, of Washington, who is visiting Miss Susie Pollard, was the guest of honor. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hoke. Misses Pinkie Morecock, Mildred Morecock, Elizabeth Morecock, Dorothy Kimmell, Susie Pollard and Cynthia Coleman, and Messrs. J. C. Phillips, E. C. Johnson, Bland Hoke, William Hoskins, H. G. Wilkins, J. S. Jenkins, Jr.

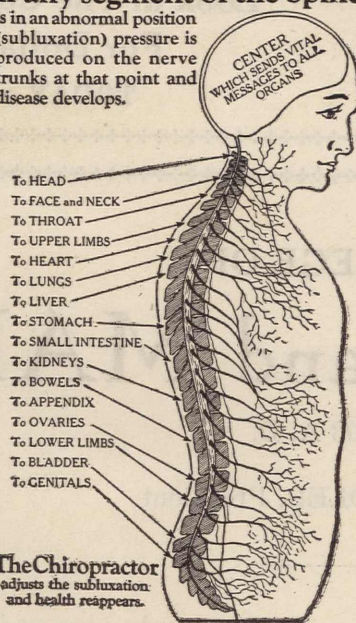
John Todd and T. J. Young, jr., visited friends on the campus last week-end.

Miss Bettie Woodward, who has been spending a few days with friends on the campus, left Monday for her home in Saluda.

Miss Lucile Jackson is taking work in physical education at Harvard University. Miss Jackson is sharing an apartment with Misses Thelma Brown, Martha Barksdale, and Mrs. Brown. She plans to go in September to Shorter College, Rome, Ga., where she will be an instructor in physical education.

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### Director Prepares For Second Term

Dr. George W. White, professor of Chemistry at Clark University, will join the Summer School faculty for the second term, which begins July 30, according to announcement from the office of Dr. K. J. Hoke, Director of the Summer School.

A list of the courses to be offered during the second term is being posted and circulated, the purpose of the authorities being to make the program as flexible as possible to meet the needs of individual students.

The first term examinations will be held July 26-27, with registration for the second term on July 28. The convocation exercises, serving as the commencement of the Summer School, will be held on the night of September 4, with the conferring of degrees and appropriate ceremonies.

### "Mind in the Making"

Knoxville is officially the seat of higher learning in Tennessee. There is situated the University of Tennessee. Its President is Harcourt A. Morgan. Its trouble is—or at least began with—evolution.

Professor James W. Sprowls was until lately a member of the faculty. During the Spring, however, he taught evolution and assigned James Harvey Robinson's *The Mind in the Making* as "outside" reading. Thereupon he departed by request of the University administration. The students took offense at this and discontent was open among them.

Dean Maurice Mulvania suggested to President Morgan that the students be given a measure of self-government. President Morgan asked Dr. Mulvania to canvass the faculty for suggestions for a "University Constitution." When the suggestions were made public, they kindled President Morgan's anger. Meanwhile, four professors asked the American Association of University Professors to investigate Professor Sprowls' dismissal. Then the University administration took a hand and catechized professors as to their opinions and activities in the Sprowls case. Six other dismissals followed, including those of the Dean of the Law School, Dean of the Pre-Medical

Faculty, head of the Department of Psychology and head of the Department of Ancient Languages.

When this transpired, the Alumni took action. Through their activities a meeting of the Board of Trustees was called for July 17 to consider the dismissals. What is more, the Alumni secured from Governor Peay of Tennessee a promise that if the trustees do not do justice to the dismissed professors, an impartial inquiry will be made.

### The Earth Grows Older

Lord Rayleigh, distinguished English physicist, son of a former Chancellor of Cambridge University, published a new estimate of the antiquity of the earth, of between two and three billion years, based on a study of the rate of decomposition of radioactive elements. This is vastly greater than any previous estimate, modern geologists having ranged between 100,000,000 and 1,600,000,000 years in their conjectures. All these estimates rest upon very slender assumptions, but that the age of the earth is to be reckoned in hundreds of millions of years is a scientific certainty. Lord Rayleigh's estimate, if sustained, also revises the probable antiquity of man and the lower animals, indicating that the earth's crust has been capable of supporting life at least 20 times as long as was thought possible before.

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