

# The ALUMNI GAZETTE

## OF THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY IN VIRGINIA

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### PHI BETA KAPPA FRATERNITY HELD BRILLIANT CELEBRATION DEC. 5th

Frank R. Kent, Noted Political Writer, Spoke Interestingly on Politicians and Newspapers.  
158TH ANNIVERSARY  
One Alumnus, Three Honorary Members and Twelve Students Initiated by Mr. Hughes.

The 158th anniversary of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, founded at William and Mary on Dec. 5, 1776, was brilliantly celebrated here on Dec. 5th. The Apollo Room in Phi Beta Kappa Hall was filled with members of the Chapter as Mr. R. M. Hughes, '73, of Norfolk, Va., conducted the initiation of twelve students, one alumnus and three honorary members into this learned society. The time honored ritual of the Alpha Chapter, coeval with the Declaration of Independence, is still used at William and Mary and Mr. Hughes makes it most impressive.

Of the twelve students there were eight men and four women. Ten of the twelve are Virginia students.

Among the students initiated was Henry Moncure (Monk) Little, an outstanding athlete at William and Mary who has won a national reputation as a broad jumper.

The alumnus initiated was Wayne Carr Metcalf, a B.S. of 1913 and a M.A. of 1917. Mr. Metcalf was declared by Dr. Tyler to be the outstanding student of his class. He was also a star athlete while in college.

Frank R. Kent, Baltimore, Md., the noted political writer, Miss Sally R. Kinsolving, Baltimore, Md., and Miss Josephine Lyons Scott Pinckney of Charleston, S. C., were the honorary members initiated.

At the public celebration in the auditorium of Phi Beta Kappa Hall, Mr. Kent made a very interesting address on "Politicians and Newspapers."

Miss Pinckney charmed her audience with a poem entitled, "The Romance of Captain Swallow." Captain Swallow is a legendary character of Charleston of the 18th Century.

Jackson Davis, '02, president of the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, presided at the meeting.

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### ALUMNUS DEFENDS W.&M. AGAINST ASSERTIONS IN TIME MAGAZINE

D. Gardiner Tyler Jr., Cites List of Prominent Alumni to Offset Time Statement.

That William and Mary alumni are quick to defend the College against any unwarranted attacks is abundantly proved by the following letter from D. Gardiner Tyler, Jr., '20, to Time Magazine.

Nov. 27, 1934

Time, Incorporated,  
250 East 22nd Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.  
Gentlemen:

In the October 29, 1934, publication of TIME there appears an article under the caption Education entitled "Williamsburg," in which is stated in part:

"By 1918, when women students were first admitted, the college (William and Mary) of Jefferson and Marshall was little more than a third-rate normal school, with 131 students."

I was amazed that you characterized this great institution as a "third-rate normal school." Students of this institution, both past and present, resent this statement as a disparagement on their beloved Alma Mater, for, not only is this grossly unfair to the William and Mary Alumni of the period just preceding the presidency of the late Julian A. C. Chandler, but it is incorrect and misleading.

During the generation preceding the World War, William and Mary enjoyed an excellent standing under the leadership of that historian and scholar, Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, as president.

There is no better way to test the greatness of a college or university than by the achievements of its alumni. Just as the alumni of this great college, as you state, played a leading part in the building of a new nation, so are the alumni now in the affairs of the State. The record

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### ALUMNI!

Your attention is called to the editorial in this issue which is a frank statement of the present situation of the Alumni Association of William and Mary.

We trust that you will read and digest this statement thoroughly and act accordingly.

### FOOTBALL BANQUET DRAWS BIG CROWD

"Stumpy" Bryant, '35 Captain. Dowler Head Coach. Gooch, Director, 3 Years.

The annual football banquet at William and Mary was held in the College Dining Hall on the night of December 18th. The attendance was the largest in recent years. Nearly one hundred William and Mary athletes were present, besides forty athletes from eastern Virginia high schools. Richmond and Newport News newspapers were also represented.

Among the high schools whose representatives were guests of the College were Crewe, John Marshall, Newport News, Maury and South Norfolk.

The speakers at the banquet were President John Stewart Bryan, Ashton Dovell, Judge H. Lester Hooker, Tommy Dowler and Bill Scott.

J. E. Capps, chairman of the Athletic Committee was toastmaster.

Prior to the banquet the 3-3-3 Athletic Committee had one of the longest sessions in its history.

Its decisions were announced at the banquet by Chairman Capps as follows:

Melville "Stumpy" Bryant, brilliant  
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### HON. NEWTON D. BAKER CONVOCAION SPEAKER

#### 8TH CUTLER LECTURE

The seventh annual James Goad Cutler lecture on the Constitution of the United States was delivered in Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall on December 10th by Newton D. Baker.

Mr. Baker spoke on "Making and Keeping the Constitution" before the entire student body, faculty and a number of distinguished visitors including Gov. Peery, members of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ex-governor Pollard, noted constitutional lawyers of Virginia, several members of the General Assembly and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

In introducing Mr. Baker, President John Stewart Bryan of William and Mary referred to him as his early boyhood friend at the Episcopal High School. Mr. Bryan said that Mr. Baker was the smallest boy at school while he was the tallest and thinnest. He recalled further that their spending allowance at the school was twenty five cents a week and that later on as Secretary of War under Wilson, Baker spent over twenty five billion dollars and spent it without any suspicion whatever of graft.

Mr. Baker's address was broadcast over the NBC network. In the afternoon he spoke to the students again on problems in the Orient.

The Cutler lectures at William and Mary were established in 1926 by the late James Goad Cutler of Rochester, New York.

Former Cutler lecturers here are: James M. Beck, George W. Wickersham, John Holladay Latane, Guy Despard Goff, William E. Dodd and Patrick J. Hurley.

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### PRESIDENT BRYAN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY BROUGHT GREAT CHEER TO CAMPUS

HENRY BILLUPS TELLS  
STORY AS JANITOR HERE  
FOR FORTY-FOUR YEARS

Came Here With Dr. Tyler in 1888 and Now Serving Third President.

In one of the old Colonial Echoes there is a line about Henry Billups, "Men may go and men may come but I go on forever." To look at him today with the knowledge that he has been at William and Mary since 1888 this boast seems truer than ever. Henry has done nearly everything here except to teach and in fact he has been accused of having conducted a very popular class here at one time in his career; but more of that later.

When asked how old he was Henry grinned and chuckled, squirmed around in his chair and was chary enough with information on this subject but he was very ready with the intelligence that he was 18 years old when he came here in 1888 when the College opened under the administration of Dr. Tyler and his birthday is the 6th of May.

Henry says that when he came here he was too young to be a janitor so he had to serve two years in the Dining Hall as a waiter at \$6 per month and his "eats." When asked how much he ate he admitted that the cost of his food added considerably to his total cost to the College.

He graduated from the Dining Hall in 1890 when he alleges that Dr. Tyler sent for him and said, "Henry, you are too good a boy to stay over there with that crowd of waiters and I am going to make a janitor of you." And a janitor he has been ever since.

It is believed that Henry Billups is the champion bell ringer of America. He has rung the bell in the Wren Building now for 44 years. A conservative estimate is that he has rung it for a total of 120,000 times, including the regular and summer sessions. He says that every time he rings this bell the clapper hits the bell 24 times. Thus nearly 3,000,000  
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Yule Log Brought in by Freshmen Is Lighted in Fireplace In Great Hall.

OVER 1,000 AT DINNER

Students and Faculty Dance Until Midnight at Greatest Xmas Party Since Colonial Days.

The Xmas spirit of Merrie England descended upon the campus of William and Mary on the night of Dec. 20th and thanks to the generosity of President John Stewart Bryan, the students, faculty and their families had the time of their lives.

For more than a week before this old fashioned Xmas Party the campus was agog with excitement over it. To carry out to the fullest this revival of ancient Xmas customs at William and Mary and to let the students feel that this would be a real Xmas, the large boxwoods in front of the Wren Building, the President's house and the Brafferton were brilliantly lighted at night. In addition to this illumination a small cross of white electric bulbs was hung over the door of the Wren Building and suspended from the balcony above a large star of electric bulbs threw its rays over the campus.

But the most effective of all this Xmas cheer were lighted candles shining from each of the twenty-four windows in the front of the Wren Building. The effect of all this illumination was brilliant and most expressive of a real Xmas spirit.

The party itself started at 5 p.m. when the freshmen, assuming the role of ancient serfs, brought in the Yule log from the College forests. More than a thousand students and members of the faculty had gathered at the entrance to the Great Hall to see the log brought in. It was placed in the huge fireplace in the Great Hall and lighted according to ancient ritual by the honorary organizations, O.D.K. and Mortarboard.

The great doors of the Hall swung open and the crowd surged through to be greeted by President Bryan dressed in the ancient costume of a lord of the manor, attended by ladies  
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### College and Campus News; William & Mary to Get \$50,000

A copy of the second edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," has been presented to the Library by Dr. Homer B. Vanderblue of New York. The volume is valued highly by collectors of rare books.

The first course in political economy in America was established at William and Mary in 1788. Copies of the fourth edition of Smith's book, used as a textbook here during that period, are preserved in the Library.

The faculty of William and Mary has formed a Faculty Club with the following officers: Dr. S. D. Southworth president; Prof. G. G. Clark, secretary and Dr. W. G. Guy, treasurer.

President John Stewart Bryan entertained the William and Mary Band at a Buffet Luncheon in his Richmond home before the game on Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. Carlos Campbell, Chief of the Division of Economics and Statistics

of the National Cannery Association, lectured to classes in Economics and Business Administration here the latter part of November.

The William and Mary Players presented "The Romantic Age" in Phi Beta Kappa Hall on Dec. 14th.

The first volume of the Virginia Historical Index, compiled by Dr. Earl G. Swem, Librarian of William and Mary, has been placed in the Library here. Mr. Swem has been engaged in this work for sometime, having been on a leave of absence from the College for the past two years. The work is a most complete and valuable one, every subject bearing upon Virginia life, antiquities and history being indexed. The second and final volume will appear soon.

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### Old W. & M. Faculty Minutes; First Superintendent of Buildings 1772

July 31st, 1771

At a Meeting of the President & Masters of Wm. & Mary College.

Present:

The Revd. Mr. John Camm, President, Mr. Jones, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Henley, & Mr. Gwatkin.  
Resol: That Phoebe Dwit, the present Nurse of the College, be allow'd (in Consideration of her Services) an additional Sum of forty Shillings Pr. Ann.

Resol: That the Housekeeper be allow'd the Sum of Forty Shillings for the Damage she lately sustain'd.

Resol: That the Sum of Fifty Shillings be allow'd the Housekeeper towards paying the Doctor's Bill for Attendance on her in her Lameness, occasion'd by her Services in the College.

Resl: That the Sum of Ten Pounds be allow'd to John Tazewell, Esqr., as Counsel for the College.

November 13th, 1771

Resol: That an Addition of 10 Pounds Sterling Pr. Ann: be made to

the Assistant-Usher's Salary.

Resol: That Messrs Todd & Maddison be appointed to the Studentships vacant by the Resignation of Messrs Randolph & Leigh.

Sept. 12th, 1771

Mr. Miller this day laid before the Society an Act. of his proceedings with several Collectors of the Duty on Tobo. exported from Maryland, and upon examining the Accounts laid before us it appears that he has on that fund receiv'd the Sum of Six hundred and eighty-five Pounds six Shillings and ten pence half penny; also the Sum of Forty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & eleven pence half Penny for the Revd. Mr. Read's protested Bill of Exchange.

Resol: That the Sum of Seventeen Pounds thirteen Shillings be allow'd Mr. Miller for his Expences while on the above Business.

Resol: That the farther Sum of Forty Pounds be paid to the said Miller for his Trouble in settling with  
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## TO WILLIAM AND MARY ALUMNI AND ALUMNAE

At the beginning of this new year we wish to take the opportunity to present to you a frank statement of the present status of alumni work at William and Mary.

We want to remind you that the Alumni Association of the College was organized in 1842 with Thomas R. Dew, then president of the College, as its first president. The first annual meeting of the Association was held on July 4th of that year in the old College chapel. Judge Tucker, professor of law here at that time, was the orator of the occasion. He made an eloquent plea to the alumni to support William and Mary.

At this time, nearly one hundred years later, it is necessary to make this plea again, the only difference being that Judge Tucker was talking to a few hundred alumni and we are addressing this message to over seven thousand.

The loyalty of William and Mary alumni has never been questioned by anyone. Deep in their hearts is an abiding love for the College. But if this loyalty should be expressed in some concrete form the College would be enriched a thousandfold.

We believe the most effective way to put loyalty to William and Mary into concrete form is to become a member of the Alumni Association. If the alumni as a whole or if even 2,000 out of our entire group of over 7,000 would support it the benefits to William and Mary would be tremendous. Such an organization of the alumni would be a notice to the whole world that the sons and daughters of this College are back of her with all their heart.

For the past four years the Alumni Association has attempted to carry on organized alumni work at William and Mary by employing an Executive Secretary and by keeping open an Alumni Office, which is a clearing house of information for the alumni and where adequate records of the alumni should be kept.

This work, so important to the College and also of value to the alumni, has been badly handicapped by lack of funds. In fact only a skeleton of real alumni work at William and Mary has been done during the past four years.

Alumni work here should be financed out of alumni dues. Available funds have not exceeded \$8000 for the past two fiscal years and the College has donated nearly one half of this amount.

In other words membership in the Alumni Association has never exceeded 500. This means that about 7 per cent of our alumni are supporting alumni work here.

The chief effort to increase the membership to 2000 or more has been made through the Alumni Gazette which has been issued regularly since September 1933. Including this issue, 47,000 copies have been mailed to our alumni. The result of the campaign was 222 new members for the Association.

This issue of the Gazette is going to every living alumnus of the College. On account of the present financial condition of the Alumni Association it will be sometime before we can appeal to you again for your support through membership in the Association.

We trust, therefore, that as this new year starts you will turn your thoughts to William and Mary and that your pride in her glorious history and your hopes for her future will determine you not to let another day pass without enrolling as a member of her Guard of Honor, the Alumni Association.

## ARTHUR W. JOHNSON, '21 WRITES ON A. W. DOW

The Ipswich (Mass.) Historical Society recently published the biography of Arthur Wesley Dow, Historian, Artist and Teacher, by Arthur Warren Johnson, a distinguished alumnus of William and Mary.

Mr. Johnson entered William and Mary in 1917 and was for that year the only student here from Massachusetts. He graduated with an A.B. degree in 1921 and entered the University of Virginia where he took his M.A. degree. He then entered Harvard for further study.

In June 1925 Mr. Johnson was appointed a member of the Harvard-Athos expedition. He was with Professor Kirsopp Lake in the near East until October of that year. He spent the session of 1925-1926 in the Greek College of Constantinople investigating the manuscripts in the library there. In June 1926 he joined the Harvard-Michigan-Patmos expedition. In January 1927 he sailed for Egypt as a member of the Harvard-Sinai expedition. It was during this expedition that Mr. Johnson discovered two Proto-Semitic inscriptions in a mine shaft of about three thousand years B.C.

## STUDENT LETTERS

(Cont. from Nov. Issue)

We present herewith the last of the series of letters written to David Watson in Louisa County by his brother Joseph and other students at William and Mary one hundred and thirty-four years ago. The major portion of these letters were printed in the November issue of the Alumni Gazette.

Chapman Johnson to Watson  
May 18, 1800

"The unfortunate disturbance, which took place last winter between the students and professors of this College, if not fairly and circumstantially represented, might induce people less acquainted, than yourselves with the professors to draw unfavorable and unjust conclusions. That you may do justice to both parties, I will give you a relation of facts. You "augured ill of their effect": I apprehended serious consequences at the beginning, but the storm spent its rage against the rocks.

But to the narrative—A student by the name of Smith, who by the by, is a very small man, had been repeatedly insulted, by the old postmaster, Davis. Smith conceiving, that he had no other method of revenge, determined (after he had taken a few glasses of wine) to repay Davis in his own coin. He accordingly, went to the Post Office, at night, whilst Davis was delivering the papers and indulged himself, in the most unrestrained and immoderate abuse of D. During the abuse and unknown to S., Bracken was in the P. Office, and consequently, witness of S.'s conduct. Davis complained, in the morning, to the President; and Smith was summoned before the Society. Bracken gave in testimony, that S. made use of the most profane and obscene language, he ever heard. S. pleaded guilty, but justifiable on the ground of a previous insult, and desired the professors to proceed. When they discovered that he was resolved to justify his conduct, they did proceed to vote an expulsion. Mr. Tucker was not otherwise active, I believe, than in examining the witnesses, and declaring his opinion. The students then were very much agitated and did not hesitate to censure the conduct of the professors, and particularly of Mr. Tucker. Some of them declared, that if the sentence were not revoked they would publish the injustice of the expulsion, and indeed, others went so far as to declare, that they would break the judge's windows, if the expulsion were continued. A meeting of the students, was, however, held to decide on some mode of proceeding in order to obtain a repeal of the decree. To this end a committee of five was appointed to address the professors. An address was drawn up containing a statement of the evils which would result to the object of their disapprobation, a declaration of the injustice of the sentence, and praying a repeal thereof. This was sent first to the Bishop, together with depositions, to prove his previous insult, and accompanied by a letter from Smith acknowledging, that although he had just cause of resentment against Davis, he had chosen an improper time of expressing this resentment. After reading these papers, the Bishop sent for me, and declared that he was desirous, if possible, to revoke the sentence; but that he thought the address of the students calculated rather to confirm, than to produce a rescindment of, the decree. He expressed a good deal of concern for Smith, and said that he was of opinion, that if a proper address was sent in by the students stating the general good conduct of S. (which they might have done) and, S. would acknowledge the impropriety of his conduct and promise future good behaviour, the sentence might yet be repealed. Another meeting was called, and another address proposed, and rejected. The former was then sent to the other professors. Mr. Tucker had the same opinion of it with the Bishop. They both declared that they would vote for its being thrown under the table if it

came before the Society. The professors had a second and a third meeting on the occasion, and at length determined to let the business drop and S. remain a student.'

William Brockenbrough writing to Watson from William and Mary, Jan. 14, 1798:

"I have had luck here, Watson; would you think that I have been engaged in a nocturnal frolic? Yes, I have. Last month after supping on a plenty of egg-nog in Minor's Room, what must we not but turn out, and march up and down Town with the Fiddle, and at length by the drunkenness of — be induced to brick-bat old Hornsby's House. The Council of the Town met twice, and the Blue Room Council met six times on the occasion and at length it was amicably settled by the Intercession of Prentis, Barraud, etc.—Terrible Doings and we have all lost our characters by it. Minor will give you the particulars."

W. BARTON ROGERS  
VISITS W. & M., 1859

William Barton Rogers, who attended William and Mary around 1820 and later taught here, visited Williamsburg in 1859 shortly after the Wren Building had been burned for the second time. He described his feelings at seeing the old building and the campus in a letter written after his return to Boston which we quote herewith. At the time he was president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology which he founded.

The science building at William and Mary is named for this distinguished alumnus.

"To my great delight I found all along the road proofs of prosperous and improved agriculture. The old "Bunt-ornery," as the negroes used to call the ruinous, charred inn, is now replaced by a hamlet (Toano), of neat white houses, and on all sides I saw evidences of neatness and thrift. But sad was the sight when about sundown I came in view of the college, as I approached by the road leading past the president's house. Many of the old trees on the roadside greeted me as familiar friends, but I missed the sharp, and many windowed roof of the college, and I found, as I drew near, that although the solid walls had for the most part, defied the assault of fire, the whole interior of the wings, as well as main structure, had been turned to ashes.

I drove past, with a tearful eye, noting that the mossy coat of old Botetourt was unscathed, and the dial kept its place, that the president's house and our home, the Brafferton, had not been injured, and that one of those noble live-oaks at the gate was dead. I drove slowly down the quiet level street, at almost every step recognizing familiar objects, and dwelling in dreamy sweet sadness on the past. As I drove by the old church, whose steeple has never yet been painted, the organ was sounding the closing service, and soon after, I reached Mrs. Vest's, at the lower extremity of the street on the right hand. She and her husband came to bid me the warmest and kindest of Virginia welcomes.

The Visitors, including John Tyler, Governor Wise, William Harrison, of Brandon; Taylor, of Rappahannock; Tazewell Taylor, etc., asked me to confer with them in regard to rebuilding the college. This has been definitely resolved on, and will be commenced on forthwith. The old foundations and the front wall will be retained, but, of course, a more convenient interior has been planned. The insurance money, with what has been and will be collected from friends, will, I believe, put the college in better condition than before. I obtained in Williamsburg some lithograph views of the college and surroundings taken by Millington's son some years ago, one of which I reserve for you. Though a poor specimen of art, it will be precious as reminding us of the home of our dear father, and the spot where we first caught the inspiration of science."

## ALUMNI PERSONALS

Henri Amiel, who took his A.B. degree here in 1930, is now teaching French at the University of Illinois, and is also working on his doctor's degree.

Boyd G. Carter, '30, a brother of J. D. Carter, '23, a member of the William and Mary faculty, is also at the University of Illinois. He took his M.A. at Illinois last June and is now working on his doctor's degree.

Robert S. Bright, '91, of Williamsburg and Philadelphia, was married Dec. 1st to Mrs. Mary McCaw Hawes of Richmond, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright will spend several months in Europe and upon their return will be at home at The Villa near Frederick, Md.

Chas. L. Eason, '31, and Miss Mary L. Trimyer were married in Norfolk, Va., on Dec. 1st.

L. H. Warren, '22, Lubricants Department Sales Manager for the Shell Oil Company at Honolulu wrote us on October 17th that he had just received the etching of the Wren Building, Alumni Catalogue and several back copies of the Alumni Gazette mailed him from the Alumni Office when his alumni dues were received here on July 30th.

Mr. Warren, who will leave Honolulu for a visit to Virginia next April, is one of four brothers all of whom attended William and Mary. His brothers are Lloyd, '19, who died December 5th, William, '29, and Percy, '30.

Truman C. Welling, '30, a member of the Alumni Association visited William and Mary on November 15th. He travels for the Dupont Company out of Charlotte, N. C., and was greatly disappointed that he could not stay over for Homecoming Day.

Dr. John B. Todd, '25, was recently elected president of the Peninsula Dental Society. John was a powerful center at William and Mary and was captain of the football team for two years in succession, '23 and '24. He is also president of the William and Mary Alumni Club of Newport News.

Harry P. Mapp, '27, of Wardtown, Va., was married on Thanksgiving Day to Miss Edith Spottwood Asher, West Point, Va.

The following alumni of William and Mary passed the recent State Bar examination:

Calvin Berry, '32, Danville, Virginia; Benjamin P. Burrow, '30, Disputanta, Virginia; S. W. Coleman, Jr., '32, Gate City, Virginia; Solomon R. Fox, '29, Norfolk, Virginia; William V. Rennie, '32, Petersburg, Virginia; Daniel T. Sergeant, '29, Norfolk, Virginia; Paul E. Webb, '32, Hampton, Virginia.

D. D. Sizer, '09, and Mrs. O. J. O'Brien (formerly Miss Ocie Jones, '24) have been appointed to represent the Virginia Emergency Relief Administration in district number 6, with headquarters at Lynchburg, Virginia.

Rev. Frederick A. Sapp, '23, has been transferred from the Episcopal Church at Hilton Village to Chatham, Va., and the Rev. Williard M. Enst-wile, '30, now at Chatham, will go to Hilton Village.

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