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## J. F. HALL ADDRESSES ALUMNI THANKSGIVING

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

It is not unfitting that I should be invited to extend a welcome to former students of William and Mary. When she was a mere babe of scarce two hundred years, I was born within punting distance of her gates. Except for a brief time, I lived, until well towards majority, in the shadow of her main structure,—now out in society as the "Sir Christopher Wren Building."

My close contacts with William and Mary instilled in me an affection for her which lasts as one of my strongest emotions. In spite of the passing of the years, of later associations with other schools and universities, and of the separation by difference in labors, my first love is my greatest, and the college of boyhood arouses memories and emotions which no amount of brick, stone and mortar could replace.

Living in the shadow of the old college in boyhood days was not an un-mixed blessing, and all memories are not pleasant. With time for reflection, I could recall many incidents of the college of more than a quarter of a century ago, some of which would bring smiles to the lips, and some tears to the eyes, of her children.

In those days, in the large family of a professor, a turkey was a real event,—annual, at the most. Imagine, if you can, the heartaches, early in the century, to four small children, when marauding students heard the boast of the family gobbler and silently took him away. Thanksgiving dinner for those children was a tough old rabbit.

In recent years, I have had the pleasure and privilege of serving as counsel in many matters for one of the students who ate my share of that turkey. He is now a prominent and successful business man, an honored citizen, a loyal alumnus, and a fine sport. He has merely grinned and paid promptly, when told that parts of fees charged him were on account of that turkey-dinner. Occasionally, he has meekly thought that he did not eat a flock.

I have sometimes thought that the success of V. P. I., of Blacksburg, over our teams on the gridiron is nature's compensation to Gobblers for the decimation of their ranks by the students of William and Mary. I trust that the debt is now fully paid, and that next year the Indians will triumph.

As this is the eve of a national holiday dedicated to a noble bird, it is in order to recall one of the stories of the famous flock which President Tyler tried so hard but so vainly to raise. I shall not refer to the artful but dishonest means devised by the boys to mislead our beloved President into dismissing his class on a balmy afternoon, to drive his flock to shelter from the storm which was not approaching. In this day of sophistication some might doubt the story.

In those days, the football field was just back of the old Science Hall, now demolished. For most of the year it served as a pasture for the faithful and venerable college horse, Frank, a hero of many decades. The site of the present gymnasium and stadium was a part of the orchard of Captain Bright, a kindly and heroic old veteran who lived in the stately house on the hill. He was noted for the increasing numbers of Yankees he killed from year to year, and for his sweetness and affection to children—except when they invaded his orchard.

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## WILLIAM D. BLOXHAM TWICE GOV. OF FLORIDA

Three names are notably connected with the history of Florida; President Monroe, who bought the state from Spain; Andrew Jackson, who subdued its hostile Indian tribes, and William Dunnington Bloxham, who helped to wrest the state from Republican misrule after the War Between the States and was twice governor of the state.

Governor Bloxham is without question the greatest son of Florida.

His grandfather came to Virginia from England during the latter part of the 18th century and served his new country in the war of 1812. His father moved from Alexandria, Va. to Leon County, Florida in 1825 and here the future Governor was born on July 9, 1835, within sight of the hills of the capitol city.

He entered William and Mary and took his law degree here on July 4, 1855. Some of his classmates at William and Mary were: Col. William Lamb, Hill Carter, Bishop Alfred M. Randolph, Robert A. Bright, W. Talbot Walke, Col. Alexander D. Payne, Capt. Wm. H. Graves who lived until 1931, and many others who were leaders in their times.

While at William and Mary, Governor Bloxham lived in the home of Mrs. Maupin on the Duke of Gloucester Street, whom he referred to in after life as a most estimable Christian lady and friend.

At the graduation exercises here in 1855 he was on the program as one of the orators, his subject being, "The Failure of Free Government in Europe."

He traveled in Europe after his graduation and then returned to his father's plantation which adjoined that of Princess Murat, a daughter of Col. Bird Willis and Mary Lewis of Virginia, who had married Achille Murat, a son of Joachim Murat, a marshal of Napoleon and King of Naples.

In 1856, Governor Bloxham, married Miss Mary C. Davis of Lynchburg, Va., and took her to live in an attractive home on the Bloxham plantation four miles from Tallahassee. Little remains of the house today, but the site is marked with stately oaks and large banana shrubs. There were two children by this marriage, William D. Bloxham, Jr., and a daughter, Martha, both of whom died young.

For several years Governor Bloxham gave his entire time and interest to the management of his plantation and to kindly intercourse with his neighbors. He took a deep interest also in the public questions of the day.

A serious controversy between Georgia and Florida over a boundary line was amicably settled by his tact and diplomacy in 1859 and this service gave him a prominence in state affairs that lasted throughout his life time.

He entered the Confederate States Army in 1862 as a captain of infantry but his health, which had always been poor, compelled him to retire from active field duty. He continued to serve the Confederacy, however, in other capacities until the close of the war.

At the end of the war he returned to his plantation and engaged in cotton planting. During this period he employed many of his former slaves and maintained a school for their children and those of neighboring plantations. In 1870 Bloxham was nominated by the Democrats as their choice for Lieutenant Governor. In the election he received 64 more votes than his Republican opponent but as the Republicans controlled the situa-

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## MEMBERSHIP FACTS

Paid Up

104 Expiring January 1, 1937  
84 Expiring April 1, 1937  
285 Expiring July 1, 1937  
22 Expiring October 1, 1937  
177 Life Memberships  
3 Expiring January 1, 1938  
1 Expiring July 1, 1938  
1 Expiring January 1, 1939

Not Yet Renewed

1 Expired February 1, 1936  
146 Expired July 1, 1936  
28 Expired January 1, 1936

Not Renewed

7 Temporarily Discontinued  
63 Expired June 1935  
13 Expired January 1, 1935  
75 Expired June 1, 1934  
27 Expired January 1, 1934  
52 Expired June 1, 1933  
29 Expired January 1, 1933  
18 Delinquent on Payments  
15 Deceased

677

175

299

Four-year total .....1151

## RICHMOND ALUMNAE PLAN ACTIVE SEASON

The William and Mary Alumnae Association of Richmond made plans for interesting fall and winter activities at its first meeting in September. Officers for 1936-37 were in charge, and they include the following: Mrs. Dorothy Seward Quinn, A.B. '27, president; Miss Edith Holt, A.B. '35, Secretary; Miss Kate Clary, A.B. '34, treasurer; Miss Katy V. Anthony, A.B. '21 and A.M. '23, program chairman; and Miss Columbia Hargrove, A.B. '28, social director.

The October meeting took place at the Anderson Gallery of Art on the evening of the 28th. Mrs. Quinn presided and introduced the new officers. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Virginia Keen, and an interpretative dance was given by Miss Marion Mease, with Miss Nancy Monteith at the piano. Dean Grace W. Landrum addressed the group, taking for her subject the progress of the recent tercentenary ceremonies at Harvard University, at which she had been a guest. At the informal reception which followed, several new members were welcomed into the organization.

On the evening of November 25, alumnae and alumni met at the annual banquet of William and Mary alumni at the Hotel Murphy. Mr. Robert C. Harper, '22, presided, and Mr. Joseph Farland Hall, A.B. '12, President of the Richmond Bar Association, made the address.

The January meeting of the Richmond Alumnae group will take the form of a book review and reception. The affair will take place at the Anderson Gallery of Art, at a date to be announced later.

Edith L. Holt, Secretary.

## TOMMY DOWLER RESIGNS

Tommy Dowler, popular and energetic young coach here since the fall of 1933, has resigned, his resignation at his own request to become effective on March 1st, the end of the basketball season which sport he is coaching this winter.

Dowler won fame as a halfback at Colgate under Andy Kerr when during one season he scored a touchdown in the first five minutes of each game on the schedule.

He was assistant to Kellison in '33, co-ordinate coach with Kellison in '34, and head coach in '35. This fall he

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## OTIS DOUGLAS IS MAN OF MANY POSITIONS

By Lloyd Williams, '29

The name of Thomas Jefferson, William and Mary's alumnus who could do most everything well, has been heralded the length and breadth of the political arena during the presidential campaign. But here at William and Mary, where Jefferson went to school, the Williams and the co-ed Marys are thinking not of politics but of a worthy follower of the Jeffersonian flair for perpetual activity. The modern Jefferson of the campus is Otis Douglas and the story of Douglas is comparable to the Jeffersonian saga.

Feeling that the politicians were through with Jefferson for a while, promoters of the football program for Homecoming Day headed an article with a picture of Douglas and the title "Jefferson and Douglas." The article follows:

"Up to the present time historians have been in rather unanimous agreement in giving William and Mary's great statesman Thomas Jefferson credit for being the most versatile of all the sons this ancient and honorable institution has turned out.

"However, history needs to be brought up to date and another product of William and Mary brought into consideration for the 'most versatile' honor. Because not since Jefferson lived and worked in his multi-energetic fields has there been seen anything so persistently busy and occupied as is Otis Douglas, whose list of offices at William and Mary read longer than the King of England's titles.

"The most recently announced position that versatile Douglas holds is that of varsity trainer of the grid squad. This job he likes best, no doubt, for it gives him a chance to be just as mean as he can be while putting the boys through his man-killing calisthenics.

"Reviewing other interest of Le Douglas we note that he is coach of the frosh line, rendering there valuable aid to Bill Scott, frosh mentor. Then during the morning hours, when there is no coaching or training to be done, Doug joins Tucker Jones' physical education department and teaches about four hours per day. On the side, what he may term his work, he is general director of intra-mural athletics. This means he lays awake nights thinking up ways for the boys and girls in general to indulge in a sports program.

"These seem to be Doug's major of-

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## PHI BETA KAPPA MEETS IN RALEIGH TAVERN

The celebration of the 160th anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa here on December 5th was one of the most interesting occasions in the history of this Society at William and Mary.

The program started in the afternoon at three o'clock, when the Chapter with President Jackson Davis, '02, presiding, met in the Apollo Room of Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall, to initiate nine students, three alumni and three honorary members. The students were Lee Callans, Hopewell, Va.; Robert Wallace Coakley, Ferrell, Va.; Laura Jeannette Coleman, New Jersey; Martha Letitia Fairchild, New York; Jethro Oates Manly, Jr., Staunton, Va.; Mary Winston Nelson, Williamsburg, Va.; Anne Reynolds, New York; Carolyn Richardson, Newport News, Va.; and Archie Robins Sinclair, Hampton, Va.

Alumni initiated were Helen Vivian Singer, '34, Washington, D. C.; Catherine Teackle Dennis, '21, Raleigh, N. C., and Thomas Granville Pullen, Jr., '17, Catonsville, Md.

Honorary members were Miss Josephine Johnson of Norfolk, Va.; U. S. Senator Harry Flood Byrd and Frederick Edward Brasch of the Congressional Library.

After the initiation ceremony, exercises were held in the Memorial Hall in connection with the unveiling of two tablets in honor of the fifty founders of the Society, presented by the United Chapters.

The principal address at the unveiling was delivered by Dr. Oscar M. Vorhees, historian of the Society, who spoke on the Founders of Phi Beta Kappa.

The tablets were presented by Dr. John Huston Finley, a Senator of Phi Beta Kappa and editor of the New York Times. They were accepted by President John Stewart Bryan. The tablets were unveiled by Miss Elizabeth Warner Gregory, a descendant of John Heath, the first president of the Society and by Charles Hoopes Beale, a descendant of George Lee Turbeville, one of the founders. Mr. Beale is now a student at William and Mary.

One of the tablet carries the names of the fifty founders and the other the following inscription:

"This memorial hall was built by the Phi Beta Kappa Society and was dedicated on November 27, 1926, in honor of the fifty founders, the first five being students who initiated this society at the College of William and

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## News of W. & M. Alumni

Edited by MISS ALYSE TYLER—Alumni Office

The present address of Roy Charles, B.S. '32, is 500 Board of Trade Building, Norfolk, Va.

K. P. Birkhead, '09, is principal of the high school at Shenandoah, Virginia.

Cyrus Hankins, '08 and his wife of Washington, D. C. were recent visitors in Williamsburg.

Rev. C. C. Bell, A.B. '10, presiding elder of the Newport News and Portsmouth District of the M. E. Conference preached on December 6th at Toano in the morning and at Williamsburg in the evening. Following each service he conducted the first quarterly conference for the congregation.

Ruth Wills, A.B. '33, of Newport News, Virginia, spent ten days in New York City recently.

G. Ruffin Winfree, B.S. '34, and Mrs. Winfree (Nancy Latane Lewis, B.A. '34) who have been making their home in Big Island, Virginia, have moved to Richmond and will live at 3038 Montrose Avenue.

Doris Crockett, B.S. '31, a graduate nurse, is making her home in Atlanta, Ga. We extend our sympathy to her in the recent death of her father.

Miss Macon Barnes, A.M. '23, is recovering from a slight brain concussion and a few lacerations received in an automobile crash near Williamsburg on December 5th.

Norris Thomas, A.B. '29 and A.M. '34, principal of Poquoson High School, was a delegate to the meeting of the Virginia Education Association.

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## ALUMNI DEATHS

### Joseph Daniel Parker, '09

After a long illness, Joseph Daniel Parker, '09, commonwealth's attorney of Warwick County, Virginia, died at his home in Hilton Village on November 7, 1936.

Mr. Parker attended William and Mary during the sessions of '07-08-09 and took his law studies at Richmond College.

He was appointed commonwealth's attorney of Warwick County in 1929 by Judge Frank Armistead, '99, and served in this position until his death.

He was active in the affairs of his county and also took an active part in the affairs of the Warwick County Oystermen's Protective Association.

Mr. Parker was 48 years of age and is survived by three young children. His wife died several years ago.

### Philip Wallace Hiden, '97

Philip W. Hiden, one of the leading citizens of Newport News, died on October 25, 1936 at the Riverside Hospital of that city.

Mr. Hiden was born in Orange County, Va., in 1873 but his family later moved to Fluvana County. He spent only one year, '96-97, at William and Mary, leaving to take a position with the C. & O. as a telegraph operator, holding posts at nearly every station on the C. & O. between Fredericks Hall and Old Point.

He moved to Newport News in 1899 and went into the wholesale produce business. In 1904 he added wood and lumber to his line and acquired large tracts of timber land in various parts of Virginia.

During the world war the C. & O. was handling thousands of horses for the Allies through Newport News. This company secured the services of Mr. Hiden in handling the horses at Newport News before shipment. His efficiency on this job resulted in a notable achievement. 560,000 horses were stabled at Newport News and re-shipped to Europe with a loss of only 1% of this staggering total. In 1922 he bought up a number of world war storage houses in the vicinity of Newport News and established the Hiden Storage and Forwarding Company which grew into one of the largest firms of its kind on the Atlantic seaboard.

He was a former mayor of Newport News and during his administration induced the city to buy out the holdings of the local water corporation. He also helped to save the Riverside Hospital which was in difficulties at the time. When the Colonial Bank failed he agreed to take the worthless paper of the bank if the other two banks in the city would assume all its other obligations and pay the depositors dollar for dollar. This generous act saved many citizens of Newport News financially.

Mr. Hiden married Miss Martha Woodruff of Bedford County. Mrs. Hiden is a well known genealogist and is an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa at William and Mary.

He is survived by his wife, four daughters and a son.

### Eleanor Randolph Ford, '28

The alumni office has been informed that Eleanor Randolph Ford, A.B. '28, of Woodstock, Va. died last September. Miss Ford was taken ill during her senior year at William and Mary, but recovered her health sufficiently to enable her to take up library work. At the time of her death she was librarian at the University of Cincinnati.

## SOMERVILLE PROMOTED

Congressman C. A. Woodrum of Roanoke, Virginia, has selected James W. Somerville, of the staff of Senator Carter Glass, to serve as official secretary in place of F. H. Blackford, deceased, the appointment to be effective January first.

Mr. Somerville, a native of Newport News, entered the office of Senator Glass in the presidential campaign of 1932, having previously practiced law in Virginia and Washington. Active in politics as a member of the Arlington County Democratic Committee, he was a delegate to the last State Democratic convention in Norfolk, at which Woodrum was key-note speaker, when President Roosevelt was unanimously endorsed for re-election.

After attending William and Mary College, 1921-23, Somerville graduated in law at George Washington University, having come to Washington in 1924. Serving for three years as financial secretary of the Virginia State Society in Washington and as a member of the Alumni Board of Managers of William and Mary College, he became widely known among Virginians. He is a nephew of Dr. Richard C. Somerville, of the faculty of Lynchburg College, and the grandson of the late Dr. William Somerville, physician, of White Post, Virginia. His father, J. A. Somerville, is a commissioner of the Fredericksburg Battlefields National Commission, of which Acting Secretary of State Moore is chairman.

Mr. Somerville, who is 33, is a member of the American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, Sons of American Revolution, University Club of Washington and various Democratic organizations. His wife was secretary to President Roosevelt's daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, when she lived at the White House.

Congressman Woodrum, formerly judge of the Hustings Court of the City of Roanoke, represents the same Congressional district which Carter Glass represented in Congress before becoming Secretary of the Treasury under Woodrow Wilson.

## PHI BETA KAPPA MEETS

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Mary in Virginia on December 5, 1776. Anniversaries were celebrated with sociability and mirth in the Apollo Room of the Raleigh Tavern. Chapters were constituted in Harvard and Yale by charters borne to New Eng-

## VARSITY BASKETBALL

With all of the "Little Iron Men" of 1935-36, Blaker, Crist, Cassagrande, Flickinger and Elmore, gone by graduation or otherwise, and with no players of their calibre to take their places, the prospects for even fair success in basketball are poorer at William and Mary this season than in many, many years.

The "Little Iron Men" of last year won 11 games and lost 6. Included in their victories were 2 against Virginia, 2 against V. P. I., 2 against Roanoke, and one sensational victory each against V. M. I. and W. and L., when the scores were 50 to 48 and 58 to 56, respectively. W. and L., Southern Conference champions, suffered their only defeat of the season in Blow Gymnasium.

Coach Tommy Dowler is making a valiant effort to develop a creditable team from those who substituted now and then for his team of last year. Included in this group, which is practically the entire available squad, is Baltimore, Otis Bunch, George Bunch, Hall, Harper, Sherrill, Matheny, Dozier, and Zable, William and Mary's star football end for the past three years, who is playing college basketball for the first time.

The December games on the winter's schedule went as follows:  
W. & M. .... 21—N. C. State ..... 49  
W. & M. .... —W. Forest .....

## The Schedule

Dec. 16—N. C. State ..... Raleigh  
W. & M. .... 29—W. Forest ..... 42  
Jan. 8—Virginia ..... Virginia  
Jan. 11—V. P. I. .... Blacksburg  
Jan. 12—W. and L. .... Lexington  
Jan. 13—V. M. I. .... Lexington  
Jan. 14—Roanoke College ..... Salem  
Jan. 16—Wake Forest ..... Williamsburg  
Jan. 18—V. P. I. .... Williamsburg  
Feb. 4—Richmond ..... Williamsburg  
Feb. 6—Roanoke Col. .... Williamsburg  
Feb. 9—Maryland ..... College Park  
Feb. 10—Navy ..... Annapolis  
Feb. 12—Randolph Macon

Williamsburg  
Feb. 17—Richmond ..... Richmond  
Feb. 22—V. M. I. .... Williamsburg  
Feb. 23—N. C. State ..... Williamsburg  
Feb. 25—Virginia ..... Williamsburg  
Feb. 27—W. & L. .... Williamsburg

land by Elisha Parmalee.

As wise men did of old  
They looked up to heaven  
And from among the stars chose  
Symbols of their pursuit of truth  
And of their dedication to  
The love of wisdom  
As the helmsman of life."

An interesting feature of this celebration was a dinner served in the Apollo Room of Raleigh Tavern, the ancient meeting place of the Society on all of its anniversary celebrations. It was the first gathering of the Society in this historic building since the days before the War Between the States.

The evening program was held in Phi Beta Kappa auditorium. Dr. John H. Finley's address on "Education and Freedom of the Mind" was one of the most scholarly ever delivered on these anniversary occasions.

## OLD FACULTY MINUTES

At a meeting of the President & Masters of the College, June 25th, 1776.

Order'd—that the Bursar deliver the Bonds in possession of the College to the President, charging the President with them until he returns such as he cannot or thinks it not necessary to negotiate, with the amount of the rest in money.

Whereas upon an Enquiry it appears to this meeting that Mr. Emmanuel Jones, sen:r Master has removed one Cask of Nails No. 5. the property of the President & Masters as a publick body out of their Storehouse in the College to his own Plantation in Glaston under the mistaken notion that any one of the Professors is at liberty to borrow out of this Storehouse what Goods or Chattels he pleases without consulting the Proprietors thereof;

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## WILLIAM D. BLOXHAM

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tion in the state, they declared their candidate elected by 614 votes. A judge, who invoked the law against an illegal canvass of the votes in this election, was arrested and detained until Bloxham was declared defeated.

Princess Murat died in 1875 and Bloxham bought her plantation and moved his family to the Murat mansion. He moved back to his old home in 1880.

The Republicans defeated Bloxham again in 1872, this time for the governorship of the state. He also lost out to these same opponents in 1873 for the United States senate and in 1874 for Congress. His activity in these campaigns, however, was bringing him strongly before the people of Florida and was also undermining the power of the Reconstruction regime which had fastened its slimy and corrupt tentacles around every southern state after the war.

Bloxham was not a candidate for governor in 1876 but he performed a great service to the state by giving the Democratic nominee his hearty support. It was necessary to invoke the aid of the Supreme Court in canvassing the votes of this election and it was not until the morning of the inaugural, January 2, 1877, that the Democrat was declared elected. This election of a Democratic governor ended the nightmare of Reconstruction in Florida and the state entered upon an era of good government and substantial progress.

Bloxham was appointed secretary of state by the new governor and during the next four years, through intensive study and application to the duties of his office, he became thoroughly acquainted with the conditions and needs of his native state.

In 1880 Bloxham was nominated by the Democrats as their candidate for governor. He was elected and inaugurated in 1881. In his inaugural address he said: "Knowing no sectional lines, and fostering no sectional animosities, let our patriotic impulses be as broad as the Union itself and as pure as the inspiration that gave us the Divine injunction of peace on earth and good will toward men." This was a noble sentiment and a most liberal attitude to take toward the pestilential swarm of Republicans, carpet-baggers, scalwags and illiterate negroes who had held his native state in their avid and corrupt clutch for a period of fifteen years. This pronouncement, however, is an index to the high character of Bloxham, who though a hard fighter for the right, had enough of the milk of human kindness in his make-up to make him an outstanding statesman of all time and finally beloved of all factions in his state.

Knowing the wonderful climatic and agricultural advantages of Florida, Governor Bloxham, no doubt, foresaw the possible future development of the state along these lines and every effort of his administration was bent in this direction.

The most notable and far reaching act of his first term as governor was the sale of 4,000,000 acres of the Everglades section at twenty-five cents an acre to Hamilton Disston, a wealthy citizen of Philadelphia. The sale was roundly criticised but it proved to be a wise act. It brought in outside capital, promoted the building of railroads, and Florida's real development can be dated from that sale.

Governor Bloxham was intensely interested in the unhappy Seminole Indians and secured a suitabel reservation for their hunting and agricultural pursuits. He also secured an appropriation for their schools.

In the matter of public education he was thoroughly in favor of adequate provision for the masses of the people. In his message to the legislature he said: "In our Republican form of government, where public questions are settled by the popular will, that will must be educated, or the government will sooner or later prove a failure."

The Bloxham home in Tallahassee

throughout his long residence is described as one of culture, refinement and delightful hospitality.

At the end of his first term as governor in 1885 the taxable resources of the state had increased from thirty to sixty million dollars.

President Cleveland offered him an appointment as minister to Bolivia in 1885 but he declined, preferring to remain in his native land. Later in the year Cleveland appointed him U. S. Surveyor-General of Florida in which position he served four years.

He declined the nomination for the governorship in 1888 when the delegates at the Democratic convention at St. Augustine rose enmasse and paid him a great tribute. He was not present at the convention.

In 1890 he was appointed state comptroller in which capacity he served for six and one half years. As Comptroller he effected many economies in state expenditures, the result being that state taxes were reduced about two thirds by the end of his services in this office.

The Democrats selected Bloxham as their candidate again in 1896. He was elected and thus became the only man ever to serve two terms as Florida's governor.

His second term was a fruitful one to the state. He recommended changes in the laws to carry out his recommendations made while Comptroller, appointed a Railroad Commission and brought about reforms in penal institution administration.

The Spanish-American War forced many problems of co-operation and administration on his state and he handled these matters so skillfully as to win high praise from President McKinley. McKinley visited him during the war.

A very embarrassing incident occurred during this war period when Teddy Roosevelt passed through Florida with his Rough Riders enroute to Cuba. Governor Bloxham entertained Roosevelt on this occasion and served champagne as a part of light refreshments served in his office. Roosevelt refused this refreshment and criticised Bloxham for having champagne in the capitol. An eye witness to this incident said: "The governor made no response and a hush fell over the gathering which soon dispersed."

At the end of his second term as governor, the Democratic Convention meeting in Jacksonville in 1900, passed the following resolution: "We most heartily endorse the administration of Gov. William D. Bloxham, and we express the sincere hope that after his retirement from the office of Chief Executive, by reason of constitutional limitation, he may live long to counsel and guide the party of which he has been a chief adornment and strength throughout his distinguished and honorable career."

His successor in office said of him: "His services which have been pre-eminent, entitle him to the love, admiration and veneration of every Floridian."

Governor Bloxham was married again in 1907 to Mrs. Gertrude Moss Norvell of Henderson, Texas.

Of his last years, Judge E. C. Love of Florida said: "In the peaceful and happy surroundings of his home in Tallahassee, he passed the evening of an eventful and useful life, in the unalloyed enjoyment of domestic happiness, the love of his friends and the respect and high regard of the entire people of the State. After a short illness, his life of great service to the State and its people came to a peaceful end on March 15, 1911. What nobler epitaph can any man have than that which is appropriately his: 'Having served his generation, by the will of God, he fell asleep.'"

Upon receipt of the news of his death, the Supreme Court of Florida adjourned for the day.

The good people of Florida, state officials and private citizens, celebrated the 100th anniversary of his birth on July 9, 1935 at Tallahassee. The state issued a 49 page Appendix to the Journal of the Florida State Senate, session of 1935, covering these memorial exercises.

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NEWS OF W. AND M. ALUMNI

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W. G. Jones, A.B. '76, principal of Madison School, Richmond, Va. attended the Phi Beta Kappa ceremonies here on December 5th and spent the week-end with his son, A. Drewry Jones, '10, whose home is in Williamsburg.

Dr. Edward Joyner, B.S. '28, of Suffolk, Va. was elected an officer in the Southside Virginia Medical Association at its meeting in Petersburg on December 8th.

A number of Episcopal Church dignitaries attended the ordination of the Rev. Ernest Auguste deBordenave, the assistant minister of St. Paul's Church in Richmond, on December 13th. Mr. deBordenave was graduated from William and Mary in 1932 with the A.B. degree and from the Seminary at Alexandria last June.

E. Ralph James, B. S. '16, a Hampton attorney, spoke on "Preparedness" before the members of the Hampton Kiwanis Club on December 10th.

Franklin M. Barnes, B.S. '15, head of the social security administration bureau at Richmond, addressed members of the Rotary Clubs on the Peninsula on December 15th.

Dr. Peyton M. Chichester, '06, Arlington County health officer, has been offered the post of assistant state director of rural sanitation.

Earle Layne, '26, and Mrs. Layne of Hampton, Va. announce the birth of a daughter at the Johnston Willis Hospital, Richmond.

Dr. Sidney B. Hall, A.B. '20, state superintendent of public instruction, attended the conference of State Superintendents which was held at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dr. Estridge Peterson White, '09, of Poquoson, Va. and Mrs. White were injured in an automobile accident in Farmville, Va. on December 3rd while returning from a hunting trip. Mrs. White succumbed to her injuries on December 6th. Dr. White is said to be improving. We extend to Dr. White and his son our sympathy in their bereavement.

Admr. Cary T. Grayson, '99, of Washington, D. C. (a member of the Board of Visitors of the College and also a member of the Board of Managers of the Alumni Association), Chairman of the American Red Cross, attended the international Red Cross conference in Paris. Admr. Grayson stated that the American Red Cross has turned over \$56,000 for relief in Spain, most of which has gone to aid United States citizens there.

A watch lost by him eleven years ago has been returned to Dr. Reuben F. Simms, '24, of Richmond, Va. Richmond police recovered it in a pawnshop where a negro woman from West Point was attempting to pawn it. The 19 jewel gold timepiece was given to Dr. Simms by his mother when he graduated from the West Point High School. It was stolen, together with 62 of the 63 cents he possessed, from the steamship Annapolis aboard which he was working as a stoker to pay his way through medical college.

William Walton Hodges, B.S. '33, (son of Dr. W. T. Hodges, dean of the Norfolk Division of the College), and Mrs. Hodges (Harriett Garrett, B.S. '30, daughter of the late Dr. Van F. Garrett), who were married at Bruton Church on October 1st, are making their home in Hilton Village.

H. Jackson Davis, A.B., was among those who attended the Phi Beta Kappa exercises here on December 5th. Dr. Davis is president of Alpha of Virginia.

James H. Stone, B.S., '32 and his mother have returned to Williamsburg

to make their home. They will live in the new house on Nelson Avenue recently purchased by them.

Dr. Willard Caldwell, '25, formerly connected with the Gallenger Municipal Hospital in Washington, D. C. is now located at 204 East Franklin Street, Richmond, Va.

William F. Rountree, B.S. '32, stopped off for a visit in Williamsburg enroute from North Carolina to his home in Portsmouth, Va.

Several William and Mary alumni were given prominent assignments in the annual convention of the Virginia Education Association at Richmond in November. Lucy Mason Holt, A.B. '24, conducted a memorial service; Dr. Sidney B. Hall, A.B. '20, delivered the annual report on state school progress; Geraldine Rowe, A.B. '30, was chairman of the Latin Activities Committee; Fred M. Alexander, A.B. '21, participated in the open forum of the Social Studies section. Faculty members participating in the program included Dr. A. P. Wagener, Dr. Inga O. Helseth and Miss Jean Stewart.

Conway H. Sheild, Jr., A.B. '26, was appointed Commonwealth's Attorney for Warwick County to succeed Jos. D. Parker, '09, deceased. Mr. Sheild lives at Hilton Village.

J. Arthur Nolde, B.S. '30, was elected president of the Richmond alumni chapter, Sigma Phi Epsilon, at a meeting at the Westmoreland Club on December 10th. F. Rudolph Nolde, '28, was elected secretary and Dr. G. A. C. Jennings, '20, and Fay F. Cline, A.B. '23, were named on the program and publicity committees respectively. Dinner meetings will be held at 6 p. m. at the Westmoreland Club the second Thursday of each month with weekly luncheons every Friday at the club.

Jess deBordenave, A.B. '32, who was married to Gardner B. Pratt this fall, is living at 12 Wendell Street, Cambridge, Mass.

Carol Eastman, '31, of East Falls Church, Va. has been appointed instructor in Fine Arts at George Washington High School, Alexandria, Va. Since attending the College of William and Mary Miss Eastman has studied at the Corcoran Art School and Pratt Institute. She is a graduate of Pratt Institute where she completed work in fashion illustration, fine arts, figure drawing, color theory, design, lettering, perspective advertising design, etc. Miss Eastman's work has been noted in many of the metropolitan newspapers, principally in the field of commercial advertising.

In re: The Pope twins, B.S. 1934—Edith was married on September 12th to Charles R. Howitz and is living at 201 Parkway Avenue, Chester, Penna.; Sarah is teaching at Bealeton, Va.

Margaret Lane, '32 (Mrs. Joseph Toth) is living at Coronado, Cal. Mrs. Toth is a daughter of the late Col. L. W. Lane, Jr., '81, who was the beloved treasurer of the College for many years.

William J. Hogan, A.B. '27, studied in Germany this past summer and is now teaching at the Virginia Episcopal School, Lynchburg, Va.

John H. Waters, Jr. (B.S. '30) and Mrs. Waters (Frances Griffin, B.A. '30) have changed their address in Norfolk, Va. from Magnolia Avenue to 2916 Nottoway Street.

Helen Marston, '32, of Toano, Va. is taking a course in dietetics at Watt Hospital, Durham, N. C.

John Latane Lewis, A.B. '29 and B.L. '31, instructor in Jurisprudence at the College, attended the Kappa Alpha dedicating ceremonies at Washington and Lee University.

Dr. (A.B. '03) and Mrs. W. T. Hodges were recent visitors in Williamsburg.

Jane Dumont, A.B. '35, is living at Stuart Court, Richmond, Va. Miss Dumont entertained at a miscellaneous shower and bridge party in honor of Anne Nenzel, B.S. '35, previous to her marriage to Dean J. Wilfred Lambert, A.B. '27.

Philip Nelson, '30, and Mrs. Nelson (Bessie Mae White, B.A. '34) spent the Christmas holidays in Georgia.

Julian A. (Judy) Brooks, B.S. '20, of Richmond and his family were visitors in Williamsburg recently.

Mabel Massey, '24, attended the annual meeting of Home Demonstration Agents in Blaksburg. Miss Massey is Home Demonstration Agent for James City County and her latest project is teaching the art of glove making.

R. M. Newton, B.S. '16, spoke to the Phoebus Woman's Club on December 14th. His subject was "The Minimum Education Plan in Virginia."

Mary Alice Grantham, B.S. '33, is assistant dietitian at the Jefferson Hospital, Roanoke, Va.

Helen Rosalie Marks, '22, has returned to the teaching profession and is again located at Franklin, Va.

Beulah Chalfant, '31, of Narberth, Penn. is now living at 490 Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

W. E. Pullen, '20, is assistant to the president of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company at Baltimore, Md. He makes his home on Rolling Road, Relay, Md.

Rev. Richard H. G. Pullen, '23, is located at Dinwiddie, Va., having moved there from Emporia.

This announcement will be news to some of our alumni: Margaret Baughman, B.S. '32, P.B.K. and K.K.G., (Mrs. Malin Craig, Jr. of West Point, N.Y.) has a year old daughter with blond curls.

Benj. P. Burrow, A.B. and L.B. '34, is living at 3421—34th Place N. W., Washington, D. C.

MARRIAGES AND ENGAGEMENTS

Earle Ivins Green, '32, (Sigma Nu) of Churchland, Va. was married in December to Miss Mary Julia Hargroves. Miss Hargroves graduated last June from the Sargent School of Physical Education at Boston University.

Pearle Maupin Young, (daughter of the late Rev. H. H. Young, A. B., B.S. and M.A. 1907 and 1908), was married to Dr. Geo. A. Reynolds on December 31st at the Trinity Episcopal Church, Fredericksburg, Va. Dr. Reynolds, who is a graduate of Emory University and the Emory Medical School, is practicing at Bowling, Green, Va. Since receiving the B.S. degree from William and Mary in 1932, Miss Young has been on the faculty of the Fredericksburg State Teacher's College.

Caroline Lawson Sinclair, '26, and George Levin Smith, '28, were married at noon, December 9th, in the chapel of the Wren Building. For the past three years Miss Sinclair has been principal of the Yorktown public school. Mr. Smith is connected with an oil company. After a honeymoon in New York and Bermuda they are residing at Thorpeland, York County, Virginia.

Dr. ('99) and Mrs. Frank Nicholson Mallory of Lawrenceville announce the engagement of their daughter Julia ('35) to Mr. Averette W. Lumsden, Jr. of Emporia. The wedding will be solemnized on January 16 in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Lawrenceville. Miss Mallory is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority.

One of the prettiest weddings I ever attended was that uniting J. Wilfred Lambert, A.B. '27, and Anne Louise Nenzel, B.S. '35. The ceremony was performed at 8 p. m. on December 15th at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Richmond. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns, palms, white chrysanthemums, Easter lilies and cathedral candles.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of ivory satin made with high neckline, long sleeves and a court train. Her veil of illusion was attached to a cap of old lace and she carried an arm bouquet of gardenias and valley lilies.

Preceding the bride to the altar was her sister, Frances Nenzel, a student at William and Mary, as maid of honor, and four bridesmaids, Jane Dumont of Richmond, A.B. '35; Anne Brooks Jones also of Richmond; Margaret Peck of Norfolk, A.B. '36, and Jean Wilson of Washington, '35. They were gowned alike in frocks of old blue velvet, fashioned on princess lines with puffed sleeves and full sweeping train. They wore pearl clasps at the neckline of their dresses and Juliet caps of pearls. Each carried a nosegay of pink and yellow rosebuds, lavender, orchid and pink sweetpeas tied with wide two-toned ribbon. Little Ruth Traylor Nenzel, who was her sister's flower-girl, wore a duplicate of the other attendants' gowns and carried a similar nosegay.

Mr. Lambert, who is the dean of freshmen and assistant professor of psychology at the College of William and Mary had as his best man, Dr. Wilson Shaffer of Baltimore and his ushers were Charles J. Duke, Jr., B.S. '23; Prof. Theodore S. Cox; John Latane Lewis, A.B. '29 and B.L. '31; Dr. William G. Guy; Blake Tyler Newton, Jr., A.B. '35 (studying law); and Dr. H. L. Fowler, all of Williamsburg.

A lovely reception followed at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert spent their honeymoon in Asheville, N. C. and are now making their home in Williamsburg.

Last June Ruth E. Seaman, B.A. '31, became Mrs. John A. Colville. Her address is 1337 Wakeling Street, Philadelphia, Penna.

TOMMY DOWLER RESIGNS

(Continued from Page 1) was back field coach under Bocock. He has coached freshman baseball each spring and varsity basketball in the winter and turned out the famous "Little Iron Man" basketball team of last session.

Dowler has not divulged his plans for the future but the sincere good wishes of the students, the College, and their friends in Williamsburg will follow Tommy and his charming wife, the former Lillian Easley, '25, of Smithfield, Va., wherever they may go.

Many of Dowler's friends in Williamsburg are urging him for the head coaching job at V. M. I. left vacant by the recent resignation of Raferty.

OTIS DOUGLAS

(Continued from Page 1) fices—trainer, coach, professor and director. Amazing as it may sound, however, this is not the end of his program of work. In addition he is proctor of a dormitory, manages the Matoaka Park boat house, is the Red Cross life saving instructor and examiner, and acts as Billy Gooch's official cameraman in taking films of all William and Mary athletic events. This, ladies and gents, is the story of a busy man, and of a very capable useful man to William and Mary.

Douglas is one of the best line men that ever played on a William and Mary football team and was captain of the team of '31. His father, Otis Douglas, Sr., was a star player here in the nineties and he has a brother here now who bids fair to outstrip both father and older brother.

WILLIAM D. BLOXHAM

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Judge Love, speaking on this occasion summarized the character of Governor Bloxham and his services to Florida as follows: "Nature was generous in her gifts to Governor Bloxham, endowing him with the most admirable qualities of heart and mind, the elements being so mixed in him as to make him a great leader of men. As a statesman he displayed such vision, wisdom and consummate ability, that he commanded and enjoyed the confidence, trust and following of all who were sincerely interested in the highest welfare of the State. He looked far beyond the present, and with prophetic eye, beheld the future growth and prosperity of the State he loved and served and whose forward progress and development he richly contributed to assure.

As an administrator of the public affairs of the state at a time of intense economic distress and again during the Spanish-American war, by the exercise of surpassing tact, skill and wisdom, as well as by business executive ability, he successfully and safely guided the State through all the stormy tumults and difficulties that raged in and about it, commanding by his achievement a position of eminence and distinction unsurpassed in the annals of our State. High official position gave no distinction to the man, but the man gave a new distinction and a new dignity to every office that he held. Deeply conscious of the great obligation that public office brought with it, and with a keen sense of responsibility, he cheerfully undertook the accomplishment of his work and fashioned his life to render service. He was considerateness, itself, to all those about him, ever consulting the convenience of his associates rather than his own.

As an orator, he was facile princeps in his generation. If, ever since the days of Plato, of whom the story is told, the Attic bees have ever lighted upon human lips and left their persuasive honey without a particle of their sting, it must have been upon those of Florida's most distinguished orator. To those whose pleasure and privilege it was to hear his address, was given, it is said a new perception of the music and beauty and force of words, fitly joined to serious and elevated thoughts. The cadences of his voice charmed the ear and the clarity of his thoughts, swayed the emotion and convinced the reason of his audiences.

As a man he had the true humanitarian spirit, and loving his fellow man, those who came in contact with him felt the radiance of his nature and responded with love for him. Courtesy and kindly consideration, the outward expression of a lovable and genial nature, marked his relations with all men, whether rich or poor, or of a high or low degree, and set him apart as one of Nature's true noblemen."

LIBRARY GRADS PLACED

The Department of Library Science has a 100% placement record for its June, 1936 graduates. Eight students received their degrees with majors in Library Science and all eight of them are now in library positions. Baker, Florence—Librarian, Collegiate School for Girls, Richmond, Virginia. Blair, Nancy—Librarian, Gretna High School, Gretna, Virginia. Cannon, Ruth—Librarian, Buchanan High School, Buchanan, Virginia. Dickerson, Ann—Librarian, Woodrow Wilson High School, Waynesboro, Virginia. Macgowan, Everett—Librarian, Callao High School, Callao, Virginia. Ramsey, Violet—Librarian, Troutville High School, Troutville, Virginia. Thompson, Mae Margaret—Librarian, Blackstone High School, Blackstone, Virginia. Wright, Mae—Assistant, College of William and Mary Library, Williamsburg, Virginia.



## J. F. HALL ADDRESSES ALUMNI

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How well I recall the pains from those hard, green apples!

Captain Bright raised potatoes in his orchard. Bugs like potato plants and turkeys like bugs. Dr. Tyler's turkeys, unversed in property lines, were accustomed to invade Captain Bright's potatoes, much to the annoyance of that fine old gentleman. After several complaints, Dr. Tyler sent William Lee, his man of all work, to assure the Captain that the turkeys would not harm the potatoes, but would merely eat the bugs. Old William reported the failure of his mission. The Dr., thinking his message incorrectly delivered, quizzed him closely. William, confident of his own accuracy, summarized his failure by the laconic report "He Say He Want He Own Bugs."

From experience of years ago in attending the State Teachers' Convention as a teacher, and from experience to this moment in attending football games, I know that people are in no mood on an occasion of this kind to listen to a speech. Furthermore, lawyers are notoriously poor speakers outside the courtroom, and notoriously poor listeners everywhere,—equalled or excelled, in this latter respect, only by their brethren of the teaching profession. Hence, I shall make no speech.

We who love William and Mary should occasionally, and even in small numbers, assemble to recall her noble name. We inherited a great tradition and it is ours to enjoy. But in its enjoyment we have the duty to preserve that tradition and to pass it on unsoftened.

There is no need to recount in any detail to her former students the history of William and Mary. Sufficient for our present purposes is the thought that no institution has given to State and nation more of her life blood, and none has excelled her in the quality of their product. For more than two and a quarter centuries William and Mary was a fine small school or college, second to none in her class. Except when closed by war, fire or poverty, her campus and lecture rooms were graced by professors and students, low and small in numbers, but high and large in character and in intellectual calibre.

There is nothing greater in the realm of higher education than a fine small college,—except, perchance a fine large one. Many of us here,—myself included—have a sentimental attachment for William and Mary in the days of a student body of two or three hundred boys, and the Seven Wise Men, as contrasted with the Seven Mules of Notre Dame, and the current Seven Blocks of Granite of Fordham. Certainly, in view of the fact that I cut my eye teeth on English Grammar and Philology and my wisdom teeth on Beowulf, I should prefer that our signals be called in simple English or in Anglo Saxon, and that no interpreter be needed in the huddle. But William and Mary has grown greatly in buildings and in numbers, and our campus is now graced with the charming presence of the ladies. We of the earlier period should and do welcome this progress. There is nothing significant in the recollection, but in a talk at the recent Crime Conference in Richmond, in advocating certain fundamental changes in our penal system, I had occasion to remark "There is nothing reprehensible in change. We revere our ancestors, but we would not now tolerate the public burning of the witch, nor the hanging of a pick-pocket." Both of these festivities are said to have been indulged in by them.

In this indirect manner, I am getting at a truth which I believe to be fundamental in connection with William and Mary. In spite of the natural inclination of Virginians to relive the past, and in spite of sentimental attachment to the college of our boyhood, we, children of William and Mary, should and must realize that the college needs our moral support and enthusiasm in its progress into broader fields, and is entitled to it.

William and Mary as a small college, with its Seven Wise Men, is definitely gone. So was the small school of ante bellum days, when the college reopened under Dr. Tyler in 1888, after the brave fight of that noble hero, Colonel Ewell.

Out of the vision, will and energy of Dr. Chandler, a greater institution grew, based not on the ruin of the old, but on its spirit and tradition. Naturally, there were some growing pains. Dr. Chandler's untimely death, brought on by his unselfish excess of zeal in his life's ambition, left a void which it seemed impossible to fill.

Fortunately, there were several fine gentlemen and outstanding scholars, who might have been called to accept the high honor, and to assume the heavy burden, of carrying on at William and Mary.

But then a miracle happened! Right at our doorstep was a man ideally suited for the need,—a scholar and a gentleman, in whose veins ran the blood of our best; in whose mind dwelled the thoughts of the true philosophy of higher education, and in whose heart was the love for those things we treasured most in William and Mary. With it all he was a man of wide experience and broad affairs in the world of business, as in the world of letters. A happier coincidence never occurred, "A job for a man, and the man for the job." Many of us feared that Dr. Bryan would not be able to arrange his affairs to accept the call to this additional service.

We all know the rest. For two years or more he has charged the faculty, student body, alumni and friends of William and Mary with his lofty ideals and inspired leadership. He is giving without stint his time and his means. I confidently foresee a fine, large college, built, more firmly than we hoped, on the foundation of the fine, small college I knew in boyhood.

When asked to talk to this group of former students, I wondered what I should talk about. I knew no one would expect one of my figure to serve as a cheer leader for a pep meeting for tomorrow's football game. I knew that no one would want to listen, on a semi-festive occasion, to a dry effort to develop a prosaic theme. Sometimes meetings of alumni serve as occasions for criticisms or suggestions, some constructive and some otherwise. This gave me hope. I took advantage of a recent visit to Williamsburg to make inquiry in informal circles as to the operation and management of the college by the administration. I received great satisfaction, but no help, from the universal words of love and admiration for the President, from student body, faculty and townspeople. Even by seeking it, I could not get any criticism to bring to you. I did not talk to anyone about the football season.

Probably, some of you have read John R. Tunis' recent book "Was College Worth While?" or reviews, digests or comments on it. He has assembled the records of his classmates at Harvard,—the Class of 1911, twenty-five years later. The picture is gloomy and his conclusions discouraging. He judges from the records that from this favored few, privileged to attend that great university, higher education, plus twenty-five years experience, produced a group whose composite ambitions were to vote the Republican ticket, to keep out of the bread line, and to break 100 at golf. There were few real successes and some complete failures. With the exception of the few Phi Beta Kappas, the record of accomplishment and of service was dismal. Hence, the question in the title of the book.

Comparisons are odious, but no such conclusions could be drawn from investigation of the records of the alumni of William and Mary around a quarter of a century after their class year.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of my class is rapidly approaching,—the Class of 1912. It was small, but typical, and I have not checked the records. I know personally of several who are outstanding successes in their chosen callings, and it is immaterial

by what yardstick you measure them. The product of William and Mary is a complete answer in the affirmative to the question of Mr. Tunis.

That facile writer has published a more recent article in a national magazine relating to professionalism in college football. It is interesting to observe that in the mere handful of American colleges listed as strictly amateur appears the fair name of our Alma Mater. If he knew what we are going to do to Richmond tomorrow, he might not have been so generous.

I do not claim that any college, not even William and Mary, equips its students for all duties that may fall to them. When I was at college, we had a left handed pitcher on the baseball squad,—a fine Virginian from the Eastern Shore. I played with him afterwards in Southwest Virginia. Some years later, when I was fighting to make the world safe for democracy,—and democracy safe for dictators,—by loading refuse from company kitchens to a truck which continuously moved towards the camp incinerator 3,000 miles from the enemy, I saw a familiar face in the white garb and cap of a company cook. With no time for formality, I addressed our former pitcher in the gentle language of the U. S. Marines, "What in ? ? ? are you doing here?" He quickly explained—more quickly than I can tell it—in language familiar to me, that because of the requirements on the range that firing be done from the right shoulder, he had been unable to hit the targets and had failed to qualify. He suffered the deplorable fate of the Marines for inexperience with the rifle, and a loyal alumnus of about 1912,—a star athlete,—was a company cook, for part, at least, of that great struggle.

I do not know how Mr. Tunis would have classified that fellow, but I do know that he could have licked his weight in wild cats, and probably hit a German in the eye at 300 yards, from his left shoulder. We cannot blame his Alma Mater for his throwing-arm, and in our time we had no course in the domestic arts.

I suppose all share the laudable ambition to keep out of the bread line. The ambition to break 100 at golf is not confined to alumni of any one institution. To say the least, however, we, of William and Mary, are saved from the mediocrity of the classmates of Mr. Tunis of fair Harvard by our entire lack of ambition to vote the Republican ticket.

At this season most college alumni get interested in the football teams of the various institutions. This interest lasts into middle age and later. It is well for the colleges that this is true. I know many men well into middle life from many institutions who retain their interest in their college teams. I shall not name them, but many are high in business and professional positions. This interest is one definite tie of these men to their alma maters.

I have been interested in the fortunes and misfortunes of athletic teams at William and Mary ever since I can remember. I have had practically every experience with some of them from water boy up, and, since graduation, to the loss of a few cents annually to friends in other camps, in ardent, if unwise, support of my preference. We are accustomed to the position of underdog, and we know that the prime object of college athletics is not victory.

If there is one thing characteristic of any college team from year to year, it is the fighting spirit and clean sportsmanship of William and Mary teams for decades past. I am glad to say that I have never seen our team in action,—except possibly on one occasion unnecessary to mention,—when I was not proud of its fighting spirit and sportsmanship, even though our rival enjoyed the fruits of victory.

I prefer these qualities in our boys to any glamour of conquest. I prefer a reputation of high standards of scholarship and honor to any reputation that might be earned by winning games. However, it is not unnatural that students, alumni and supporters

of an institution should take a pride in some of both.

Those of us whose vocations carry us into the fields of business, and into daily contacts in the practical walks of life, get somewhat amused, and a little provoked, at our academic friends in their handling of college athletics. The score is a tie, since they have just cause at times to be amused at us. This particular problem should not be so difficult. After all, the aim is the development of youth. If the colleges are to compete in intercollegiate sports, isn't it of prime importance only that the competition be between bona fide students of the institutions, who by rules of fair play are entitled to their status as such? Is not the rest merely detail? The college athlete is still a boy. The standards for him should be the same as for his fellow students,—no higher and no lower. Can the problem not be handled without over emphasis, and at the same time without hypocrisy, and without claiming as a virtue that which is not? Some of the rules promulgated for some of our institutions have as much relationship to real virtue as the conduct of the medieval ascetic in seeking salvation from the sins of the world by living on the top of a pole.

One of my classmates was the rugged center on the football team and its captain. If I recall correctly, he had the great record of playing every minute of every game for four years, even in those days of mass formations. Nature had endowed him with a high character, fine disposition, unbreakable nerve and a strong physique; but his crowning glory was a pair of bow legs arched in just proper position for a football center. After graduation, he followed the dictates of his character and became a godly minister in one of our churches. As a Chaplain with our fighting forces, he ministered fearlessly to the souls and bodies of our soldiers on the field of battle.

After the war, I had the pleasure of a visit from him,—in the uniform of his high rank. Our conversation was of old times and the new, and then I was interested in the plans of his future ministry. Without intending to be unduly curious, but with real interest, I quizzed him with all the persistence of the cross-examiner. He was an unwilling witness, and his defense of uncertainty was as vigorous as his brave defense of our goal line in college days. After awhile, all was explained, and I saw that even the clerical robes and the roar of German guns had been unable to impair the business sense he had learned at William and Mary as treasurer and manager of some of our student enterprises. He said "You see if we know what we are going to do, we get our discharges now; but if we don't know, we will get sixty days leave with pay before being discharged."

No man was ever made with more genial nature, godly virtue and practical wisdom, than this man of God,—the Captain of our team of 25 years ago.

In closing, I should mention something we all know. Our football team plays its old rival tomorrow. This is a clean rivalry, good for them both. I should be assuming a false front of seriousness and of self-importance, if I did not admit that this game is definitely on my mind, and, tomorrow being a holiday, it is foremost in my mind.

The Spiders have a good rugged team, and the game should be close. Our team is a fine bunch of boys. With their numerous injuries, and without some of their best men, the good game they played with Washington and Lee last week shows that they have the fighting spirit we like. We are all pulling for a victory, but that is of secondary importance. What is important is that those boys know that they are the custodians of a heritage of hard fighting and clean sportsmanship earned by William and Mary in years past, and that they have our hearty support in maintaining that heritage. I am sure that they will do so, and that we shall be proud of them.

## OLD FACULTY MINUTES

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and whereas this Transaction seems to us to have had its Source more in the want of due consideration than evil. Design, and since Mr. Jones intended to restore the Nails, but cannot now do it as they have been seisd for the use of the Country; it is therefore order'd that no farther notice be taken of this Affair provided that these Proceedings be immediately publish'd in the same Printer's paper wherein Mr. Jones has endeavour'd to avail himself of a Custom which as far as we know or believe never existed, & has as we conceive unjustly as well as weakly attempted to make an Arraignment of the Conduct of his Brethren serve as an Apology for his own erroneous Practice.

Agreed that the Society lend out to each person present 10 Pds. Nails of such sort as he chuses, giving to the Steward a Rect for the same specifying the Quality, provided that the new building be dropp'd for the present, & the College be not left without a sufficient quantity for ordinary uses, in which point we depend upon the Undertaker Mr. Saunders for Information.

July 30:th 1776

At a meeting of the President & Professors of Wm. & Mary College: Present,

The Rev.d Mr. Camm President, Mr. Jones and Mr. Dixon. Agreed,—that Mr. John White be appointed Usher of the College.

At a meeting of the President & Professors of Wm. & Mary College: Present,

The Rev.d John Camm President, Mr. Jones and Mr. Dixon. Order'd—that if any of the Servants in College presume to behave amiss, to the Housekeeper or the Students, an application be made to the President, one of the Professors, or Mr. Bracken, Master of the Grammar School, who may direct such punishment, as he thinks the crime deserves.

November 29th. 1776

At a meeting of the President & Professors of Wm. & Mary College: Present,

The Rev.d John Camm, President, Mr. Jones, Mr. Dixon, & Mr. Madison.

Agreed—that the President, Professors & Doct.r Carter be paid off their respective balances to this Date either by an assignment of such Bonds as are due to the College, or by Bonds drawn by the College;—that the said President & Professors be allowed 50 P. ct. Excha; and that he, or they who take an assignment of a Bond or Bonds, if the Bond or Bonds exceed the Demands on the College, shall pay the Balance in Cash, or give their Bond for it to the College.

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On a Motion made by Mr. President to determine whether we have a Right by Charter to grant Commission to new Counties at this time; it was carried in the Affirmative.

Order'd—therefore that the Commissions be made out immediately.

Whereas at a meeting of the President & Masters of William & Mary College the following Resolves have pass'd by a Majority of Voices:

Viz.t On a Motion made by Mr. Madison, the three Professors at this meeting were of the Opinion that mentioning the Date from the Birth of our Saviour was sufficient in granting Surveyer's Commissions.

On a Motion made by Mr. President to determine whether we have a Right by Charter to grant Commissions to new Counties at this time, it was carry'd in the Affirmative. Order'd therefore that Commissions be made out immediately.

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