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THE LAST BASKETBALL GAME OF THE SEASON IS LOST BY WILLIAM & MARY

Randolph-Macon College Easily Piles Up A Second Defeat Against the College

The local basketball team invaded the Yellow Jackets' nest on Thursday night, and were compelled to receive a severe drubbing in the last game of the season. The game was close and exciting for about seven minutes at the beginning of the first half, neither side scoring. The heavier Yellow Jackets then began some of their superb passing and shooting, and the end of the period found the score 28-5 against us. Geddy was replaced by Metcalf toward the last of the first half, while Capt. Hall's bad knee put him on the bench.

The second half was very exciting, being characterized by much roughness. The advantage lay all with the Yellow Jackets and the final score was 42-11. Millican and Walker starred for R.-M., while Mitchell and Metcalf played the best game for the Orange and Black.

BIG TOURNAMENT MONDAY

Monday evening, the 26th of February, will be given in the College Gymnasium, the big athletic tournament for the benefit of the track team. Coach Young is exerting every effort to make of this a success. On the programme, so far as made out, appears the following list of events, scrub basketball game, relay races, wrestling matches, and several fast boxing bouts. It is hoped and expected that a large attendance may greet this worthy cause. Price of admission twenty-five cents.

THETA DELTA CHISTO GIVE GERMAN

The Theta Delta Chi Fraternity is to give a German during the Finals. This is the first time for a long while that they have had a dance here. The President has granted the fraternity Monday night of the Finals week. It is not yet known which of the other fraternities will give dances. Heretofore for many years the Pi Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha Fraternities have been the only organizations to entertain at that time, except the German Club.

A new organization to be formed at the College is the Pipe Club.

MANAGER ENGLISH HAS COMPLETED THE BASEBALL SCHEDULE FOR 1912

Several Large Games Never Before Scheduled Are the Best, South Carolina One

The management of the 1912 baseball team announces the largest regular schedule of some years. Eight games will be played on the home grounds, each of the teams in the League playing a championship game here, and Randolph-Macon opening the season with an exhibition game. Fredericksburg will also play on local grounds, and an effort will be made to turn last year's tables on the McGuire boys. The Old College Sawbones will play their usual game.

SOUTH CAROLINA HERE

The biggest game on the home grounds for many years will be played when the University of South Carolina invades the local camp on April 17. This team is coached by Jim Driver, old time all-round William and Mary star, and this date is expected to be a red-letter day in local baseball history.

The trip of the season will be an invasion of Maryland. All the teams scheduled are fast, and all newcomers, although Catholic University has appeared on the schedule before, but rain prevented the game.

Coach Young is already sizing up material, and prospects are bright. With good support, the team this year will have ample opportunities for glory, and optimists are even now glimpsing at another cup.

Indoor practice which has been going on for some time, will soon be transferred to the field, if the present mild weather continues.

ANNUAL INTER-SOCIETY CONTEST WILL BE HELD THURSDAY EVENING

The Usual Observance of the Twenty-Second of February, Phoenix Hopes to Regain Cup

The Annual Inter-society contest will be held on the night of February 22, at Cameron Hall between representatives of the Philomathean and Phoenix literary societies. The cup is now in the hands of the former body, which will make every effort to retain it, while the Phoenix is equally desirous of retrieving its last year's defeat. The rivalry is great, and the meet will be hotly contested, the picked men of each society appearing on the programme. The men for the Philomathean are Witchley, reader; Harris, declaimer; Harrison, poet; Thomas, debater, and James, orator. Jackson will read for the Phoenix; declaimer, Barnes; poet, Doty; debater, Griggs; and orator, Smith. J. L. Tucker, Philomathean, will preside.

PROGRAMME AND ITS SUBJECTS

Reading—New Year's Eve, Robert B. Jackson; A Reasonable Doubt, P. L. Witchley.

Poetry—A Song, William K. Doty; The Voiceless, William M. Harrison.

Declamation—The Harp of a Thousand Strings, J. Foster Barnes; Selection from Lewis' Bells, H. Lee Harris.

Debate—Question: Resolved, That the Initiative and Referendum should Not be Adopted in the State of Virginia, Affirmative, Douglas M. Griggs, Negative, Earl B. Thomas.

Oratory—The New Law of Nations, Charles Henry Smith; The Scholarship of Service, Arthur W. James.

SOCIETY VAUDEVILLE GIVEN IN CAMERON HALL ON MONDAY EVENING

Brilliant Social Event Produced By the Leading Histrionic Talent of Williamsburg and College

Yesterday evening was given in Cameron Hall the much talked-about Society Vaudeville, for the benefit of the Public Library. The leading histrionic talent of Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary contributed to this prominent pre-Lenten social affair which has been pronounced by critics one of the most successful of its nature ever given in the City.

EVENTS COMPRISING PROGRAMME

The programme contained the following numbers: Selections by the College Quartette; Cinderella, a play, given by the "Little Turks Troupe,"; solo by Miss Doris Savedge; Mutt and Jeff Boxing Match, by Messrs. Thos. H. Geddy, Jr., and Wayne Metcalf; A Dream of Fair Women; solo, by Mrs. Groat; Japanese Love Song; Vaudeville Act by Mrs. Groat; and Moving Pictures.

The two selections by the College Quartette, Messrs. Crawford, Givens, Barnes and Givens, brought forth such applause that two encores were given. "Cinderella" by the Little Turks was picturesque, and the acting of the entire troupe was above criticism. Those composing the company were Misses Martha Spencer, Cara Garrett, Mary Cary Moncure, Margaret Tyler, Janet Coleman, Lelia Beverley Ruffin, Pet Lee and Margaret Ritchie.

The beautiful solo by Miss Savedge was perfectly rendered and she received the greatest applause of the evening. Mutt and Jeff were as popular with the populace as ever; and A Dream of Fair Women proved more than a dream; it was an exquisite reality, and one that no city in America could excel. In this tableau were Mrs. Spencer Lane, Miss Hundley, Mrs. Jas. T. Christian, Miss Peachy and Miss O'Keffe, with Mr. Richardson reading.

FURTHER ACTS OF THE DRAMA

Mrs. Groat next sang a solo which received great applause and an encore was given. The Japanese Love Song, in which were Misses Brooks, Bozarth, Tyler, Elizabeth Macon, Thorpe, Bennett, Hall, Wolfe, Hundley, Moncure and Mrs. Miles, was a blaze of color and beau-

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Baseball Schedule 1912

- March 23, Randolph-Macon, (exhibition) in Williamsburg.
- March 30, McGuire School, in Williamsburg.
- April 6, Fredericksburg College, in Williamsburg.
- April 10, Catholic University, in Washington, D. C.
- April 11, Maryland Aggies, in College Park, Md.
- April 12, Mt. St. Mary's, in Emmitsburg, Md.
- April 13, Gallaudet, in Washington, D. C.
- April 17, University of South Carolina, in Williamsburg.
- April 20, Hampden-Sidney, in Williamsburg.
- April 27, Randolph-Macon, in Ashland, Va.
- May 4, Medical College of Va., in Williamsburg, Va.
- May 8, Richmond College, in Richmond, Va.
- May 11, Hampden-Sidney, in Farmville, Va.
- May 18, Richmond College, in Williamsburg, Va.
- May 20, Randolph-Macon, in Williamsburg, Va.

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GEN. WASHINGTON'S CONNECTION WITH WILLIAMSBURG AND THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

So thoroughly is the public mind imbued with the idea of General Washington as a purely National figure, with his residence at Mount Vernon, that few people nowadays ever remind themselves of the fact that something nigh fifteen years of his wonderful life were spent here in Williamsburg, the Colonial Capital of Virginia, in good and valuable service for his State, and that the College of William and Mary conferred upon him not alone his first public office, as surveyor, but his last, as well, as the Chancellor of the Institution.

The first appearance of the great Virginian in public life was in Seventeen Hundred and Forty-nine when he came to the College to receive his appointment as County Surveyor for Fairfax. This was when he was only seventeen, and yet he had already the year before undertaken to survey a part of the tremendous estate of Lord Fairfax toward the West. Then, soon after Governor Dinwiddie's accession, when the French undertook to hedge in the English Colonies by a chain of forts extending from Canada to Louisiana, Major George Washington, who had received the commission of adjutant-general of militia shortly before, was sent to make protest. He came to Williamsburg to receive the commission, and set out from here in Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-three. The next year he came on a

like mission, and was sent by the Governor with a force to meet the French. Colonel Washington, himself, fired the first shot on this campaign which was the beginning of that great struggle which was to lead to the downfall of both France and England in America. The defeat at Great Meadows resulted, but Virginia had confidence in her young officer of twenty-one years of age, and the Assembly thanked Colonel Washington and his officers, upon their return to Williamsburg 'for their bravery and gallant defense of their country.' It was the next year that General Braddock came over to defend English claims. But so disastrous was his expedition on account of his ignorance of Indian tactics that his young aide, Washington, and his Virginians alone saved the army from total destruction.

Not long afterwards he was appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Virginia forces, and by Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-eight, the great war at an end, Williamsburg, the Capital of the Colony, was more gay than ever before. General Washington received a grand ovation. A vote of thanks was extended to him by the General Assembly. When the young hero took his seat in the Capitol, the Speaker, Mr. John Robinson addressed him so glowingly that he was quite overwhelmed, and faltered and blushed to such an extent in trying to express his thanks that the speaker came to his relief—'Sit down, Mr. Washington, your modesty equals your valour, and that surpasses the power of any language that I possess.'

Before the close of this campaign two events transpired that were to shape the entire future of General Washington. He had won the promise of the beautiful Mrs. Martha Dandridge Custis to marry him as soon as the campaign was over, and had been elected to the House of Burgesses from Frederick.

From then on he was even a more frequent figure on the streets of the Capital. Mrs. Custis had large landed properties. Besides the White House, and other beautiful estates, she had a city residence in Williamsburg, where the winters were spent amid the gaieties of the Capital. This was the old place which is spoken of as the Six Chimney House, now long since given to the flames. Here she and General Washington lived during the sessions of the Assembly. In the summer they returned to Mount Vernon.

Williamsburg was the centre of the chief society of America. Hither came the beauty, the wealth, the learning, of old Virginia. The famous Hallam Company was then in its glory, and public accounts and the diary of General Washington show that he was a constant attendant at the theatre. Miss Sarah Hallam—

she whom the Maryland poets had praised as having the face of Cythera and the form of Diana—was now at the pinnacle of her fame. Dinners were given at the Raleigh Tavern and in private houses, elegant receptions were the rule at the Governor's Palace, and musical entertainments, dances and every imaginable polite form of entertainment were to be found here during the era when Williamsburg was the Capital of Virginia. But religious affairs were not forgotten. Bruton Church was overcrowded on each Sunday. In the pews were to be seen the leaders of American fashion, beauty and statesmanship. Here came General Washington, Peyton Randolph, Patrick Henry, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson and John Page, —in fine, the heart and soul of the American Colonies.

So the connection of General Washington with Williamsburg from the beginning was most intimate. He received his first public commission from William and Mary; this was his headquarters during the French and Indian War; here lived his first sweetheart, the lovely Mary Cary; here was his winter residence during his pre-Revolutionary service for his Country; and to Williamsburg he often came as a visitor, sometimes to stay at Bassett Hall, the home of his wife's nephew, Colonel Bassett, and again with some of his distinguished contemporaries. Before passing on to Yorktown in pursuit of Lord Cornwallis in 1781,

he had his lodgings at the residence of Chancellor George Wythe, the handsome old mansion still standing on the Palace Green, and after the Surrender he rode through the City again, the noblest victor of modern times, and the idol of the American people. A touching incident is related by Hugh Jones, the quaint historian, of this triumphal entry. Mary Cary looking from a window at the General as he dashed along the Duke of Gloucester Street was seized with an attack of the vapours. Possibly it was due to the general excitement of the day.

And afterwards came every honour for him that the fellow-countrymen of General Washington could bestow; but that one which interests us most is the last. In Seventeen Hundred and Ninety-four the office of Chancellor of the College was tendered to him and he accepted it in a letter which hung for many years in the Library of the College and was finally destroyed in the fire of Fifty-nine. Virginia began and ended the Revolution, and the College of William and Mary launched into public life that man who carried the chief weight of it, and conferred upon him a last public office, which he proudly accepted, although he had been Commander-in-Chief of the American forces, and President of the United States, and wrote that he was 'duly honoured, and greatly affected with the receipt of the resolution of the visitors.'

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of Miss Martha Purcell, to hear Tet-
trazzini.

The reception given by the faculty
and students of the Williamsburg
Female Institute Saturday evening
was most enjoyable. A large num-
ber of William and Mary men were
fortunate enough to get invitations.

Business Manager Herbert W.
Vaden was in Richmond Thursday
and Friday on business.

Miss Doris Savedge, who was
formerly a student at the Institute,
is here as the guest of Mrs. C. H.
Davis. She gave a solo at the Soci-
ety Vaudeville yesterday evening.

Professor John Tyler, who has
been sick for several days, is out
again.

Mr. Samuel Cary, of the Medical
College of Virginia, was a guest at
the Kappa Sigma House Saturday
and Sunday.

A delegation of nine Kappa Sig-
mas will attend the district conclave
of their order in Richmond on Feb-
ruary 24. The delegates from the
local chapter are Messrs. Goodwin,
Lee, Neblett, Hall, Geddy, Jackson,
James, Peachy and Hubbard.

A letter from Joseph Hurt, '10,
noted for his ability in constructing
football "dummies" while in col-
lege, states that he is now engaged
in compiling a joke book entitled,
"Through Virginia on a Pony, or
"Why They Didn't Wean the Calf."

VALENTINE DAY AT THE MATTY SCHOOL

A Valentine party was given by
the children of the Matty School
on Wednesday afternoon.

Red hearts were pinned on the
guests as they entered. After a
story on the origin of St. Valentine,
the saint himself appeared in the
person of Mr. C. G. Richardson,
who, at the request of the children,
told to an interested audience a val-
entine story.

Lee Bacon, as cupid, won the
hearts of all and distributed among
the guests valentines made for them
by the children. The afternoon
closed with a game, "Finding the
center of the heart." Jeanette
Morris was the successful contest-
ant and carried home the prize val-
entine, a box of candy.

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ty. In this act Mr. Bob Jackson seemed to be the central figure.

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Moving pictures closed the drama, with the day.

A GARD OF THANKS

Sergeant Wilkins, chief of the Mounted Police, wishes to express his thanks and appreciation for a gilt-edged, complimentary, double-barrelled ticket-invitation to the Society Vaudeville yesterday evening. He gives thanks to any and to all to whom thanks may be due.

SHEWMAKE MAKES ADDRESS ON GEN. LEE

Mr. Oscar Lane Shewmake, 1903, was the principal speaker at the twelfth annual banquet of the Men's Club of St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Rochester, New York, which was given recently. His address had for its subject the Character of General Robert E. Lee, a man justly honored by both North and South, and he was introduced by Justice Nathaniel Foote.

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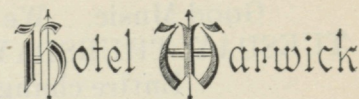


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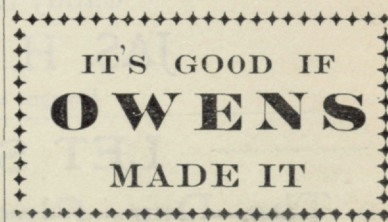
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