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Rare Letters, Records and Family Genealogies Make Number Extremely Valuable

The January number of Dr. Tyler's magazine, The William and Mary College Quarterly, appeared during the last week. This issue is given over exclusively to subjects purely Virginian, and some hitherto unpublished letters, county records, and marriage bonds are set forth which go to make this copy of the Quarterly one of the best.

THE CONTENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Letters of John Dandridge to John Hopkins; An Old Letter; Elizabeth City County Records; Diary of Colonel Landon Carter; Annals from Virginia in 1655; Southside Families; Floyd's Letter to Gilmer; Brunswick County Marriage Bonds; Eldridge Family; Bible Memorandum of James Hill; Letters to the College; The Taliaferro Family; Bible Record of Hudson Gilmer, etc.; Hardaway; and other Historical and Genealogical notes.

OF ESPECIAL INTEREST ARE

The letters of John Dandridge, nephew of Mrs. Washington, to John Hopkins his friend; the letters to the College from tobacco merchants in London, in 1766, and 1775; and the sketch of the Taliaferro family. In the last contribution is to be found the correspondence between Thomas Jefferson and George Wythe on the origin of the family, Mr. Wythe's interest in the matter being due to the fact that his wife was Elizabeth Taliaferro, daughter of Colonel Richard Taliaferro of James City County.

As a whole this number is one of the best balanced and most readable ever prepared by Dr. Tyler. To a vast number of Virginians and their descendants scattered throughout the Union, this issue of the Quarterly, like many that have gone before should be invaluable for genealogical researching.

A CENTURY OF DICKENS

Dr. Walter Alexander Montgomery will deliver an address in the College Chapel on Wednesday evening with "A Century of Dickens" as his subject. His extensive knowledge and appreciation of literature will enable him to make a very sympathetic address upon this most popular of the English novelists.

DEBATING ASSOCIATION FORMED TRIANGULAR CONTEST ARRANGED

William and Mary, Richmond College, and Randolph-Macon those Entered

Early in the year a movement was started in the Literary Societies of William and Mary to organize an inter-collegiate debating league, which will bear fruit on the evening of Wednesday, April 17, when a triangular debate will take place between Randolph-Macon, Richmond College and William and Mary.

PROPOSED PLANS

The plans of the promoters of this debate originally included Hampden-Sidney, but the Farmville boys were unable to affiliate because of their remoteness. The other colleges, however, promptly aligned themselves with the proposition. In November Mr. Hubbard, of the Phoenix, was appointed to meet the representatives of the other schools, but circumstances preventing his attendance, Mr. Deierhoi was delegated to fulfil his mission. In the early part of December the meeting took place at Richmond College, those present Messrs. George and Duvall, of Richmond College; Dawson and Wray, of Randolph-Macon; and Deierhoi, of William and Mary. A constitution was drawn up providing for a triangular debating league. According to this constitution, each college upholds the negative side of the question at home, while another team of two debaters upholds the affirmative away from home. W. and M. will send its team to Richmond College and Randolph-Macon will debate down here, while Richmond College is debating the negative Yellow Jacket team in the latter's own halls. All three debates will take place on the same night, and a cup valued at \$25.00 will be awarded to the winner of both debates.

LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

William and Mary will be represented in one contest by Mr. Thomas, of the Philomathean, and Mr. Griggs, of the Phoenix. A preliminary contest will be held to select the other team, in which contest the Philomathean will enter Messrs. James and Witchley, and the Phoenix, Messrs. Smith and Deierhoi.

Local literary society men are justly proud of having taken the in-

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BASKETBALL DEFEAT ON SATURDAY WAS NOT A SURPRISE TO LOCALS

Weakened Condition of the Team made Victory Easy for Opponents

In a weakened condition, the Orange and Black went down before the stings of the Yellow Jackets on Saturday night in a hard fought game. With Geddy and Hall fresh from the sick bed, and Metcalf with a lame arm, the local quint were in no condition to tackle their brawny antagonists, but though defeated, they fought every point and played a strong, snappy game.

GOOD TEAM WORK OF R.-M.

The splendid passing of Randolph-Macon was too much for our lighter champions in their crippled condition, and the clever shooting of Miliken and Jordan gave the visitors seven baskets in the first period, while Brown scored two points from fouls. The whole local aggregation played like fiends, but weight and superior condition were too much for them, and the first half netted them but five points. Hall and Metcalf played a strong game, as did Turner at guard, Metcalf scoring W. and M's first game with two men on his shoulders. The locals were off color on shooting, with the weakened condition of the three strongest point-winners. Geddy had to be taken from the game because of sickness, and Mitchell, who replaced him, played a good game.

BOXING BOUT BETWEEN HALVES

This innovation was introduced which effectually solved the problem of the tedious wait between the periods, E. Addison and "Judge" Parker pulling off a close boxing match which drew the applause of the crowd for the full three rounds. The first round was strong for Addison, who seemed more active than his heavier antagonist though Parker reached the former's face with several clever jabs. The first half minute of the second round the ducking of Addison almost took "Judge" off his feet, but he steadied and landed a couple of jolters on the lightweight's face. The last round looked best for "Judge," though the speed of his foeman kept him moving every second. Point for point, the contest was nearly a draw.

The quints returned to the court

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LEAP YEAR GERMAN FRIDAY EVENING GIVEN IN THE COLLEGE GYMNASIUM

The Most Successful Dance of the Year With the Largest Attendance

The young ladies of Williamsburg gave their regular leap year German in the College Gymnasium on Friday evening. It was the most brilliant social event of the College year. The large attendance, which suggested the crowd of Final week, contained many visitors. Elaborate refreshments were served. Dr. George Hankins with Miss Mary Henley Spencer led the figures. Music was rendered by Smidt's orchestra.

THOSE DANCING AND PRESENT

Mr. Barrow with Miss Elbert Moncure; Mr. Jackson with Miss Peachy; E. R. Willcox with Miss Elizabeth Macon; Wm. K. Doty with Miss Hundley; Prof. Ferguson with Mrs. Alfred Miles; Dr. Hankins with Miss Mary Henley Spencer; J. D. Clements with Miss Mary Branch Spencer; Gregory Spencer with Miss Seay, of Newport News; Daingerfield Spencer with Mrs. Bacon, of Rochester, N. Y.; Mr. Vaden with Miss Bessie Spencer; W. H. Neblett with Miss Geddy; Mr. Goodwin with Miss Mary L. Tyler; Tyler Ellis with Miss Hall; Mr. Newton with Miss Nannie Spencer; Mr. Hurdle with Miss Laura Spencer; Allen Jones, of Newport News, with Miss Butt, of Newport News; S. W. Rawles, of Suffolk, with Miss Lady Lewis, of Norfolk; Mr. Lloyd with Miss Nancy Reed, of Norfolk; Dr. Brumback with Miss Garnett Sweeney; Dr. C. C. Hall with Miss Florence Sweeney; J. H. Brent, of Richmond, with Miss Beulah Brooks; Mr. Foster with Miss Claudia Brooks; Mr. Thad. Hall with Miss Lula Brooks; A. R. Koontz with Miss Barnes; R. C. Young, with Miss Thorpe; Geo. B. Geddy with Miss Early, of Toano; Mr. Watts with Miss Crawford; Roy C. Deal with Miss Ware; Mr. Richardson with Miss Christian; Mr. Watts with Miss Watts; Mr. Savage with Miss Edna Brooks; Dr. and Mrs. Davis; Colonel and Mrs. Christian; Mr. and Mrs. Groat; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Henley; Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Spencer; Mrs. Brown and Miss Brown.

Stags: Messrs. Crutchfield, of

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ON PROGRESSIVE VANDALISM

The would-be facetious wag of a reporter on the Times-Dispatch who produced a recent column on the establishment of a woman's college here was more eager to fill a given space than he was to tell the truth, or provide for the general welfare, or promote domestic tranquility. He could hardly have chosen a more unpopular text for this part of the world, or have sung a lay of a narrower appeal to the sympathies of his auditors. His contribution could do no good. Scarcely can it do harm, but slighter things have brought about tremendous destruction and irretrievable ruin.

This word is but typical of the careless, callous attitude of the people of the State of Virginia toward their noblest institution of learning. William and Mary is the modern exemplification of the time-worn adage regarding a prophet and his honour, and this is not to the credit of Virginians. To be able to attend this College with its glorious associations of two and a quarter centuries is a privilege to be ranked with that of going to Oxford or Cambridge, and even greater, perhaps, because of the more intimate associations. This is not realized by Virginians. Doubtless the reason for this unhappy truth is that the young men of the State have centred their affections upon the University of Virginia, whence Mr. Jefferson transferred not only his own affections but those of his extensive

following as well; and now that an effort is being made to wreck the University by the addition of a woman's college, some, in their love for it, have endeavoured apparently to shift the anomalous and undesirable innovation to the shoulders of William and Mary in order to save the University of Virginia. Thomas Jefferson, single handed, founded and created the University of Virginia, but it took the combined efforts of both England and America to make the College of William and Mary, and it is a monument to those early empire builders of both nations. Its past is brilliant, its present honourable, and its future unlimited. It must stand for all time unaltered, unchanged, unsullied; aye, it shall stand. Else give it to the flames; make of it a pig-sty; convert it into a negro lunatic asylum, anything in God's beautiful world except a pretense; for we, like the valiant Wiglaf, believe that death is more pleasant than infamous life; death with the memory of 'the glory that was Greece, and the grandeur that was Rome.'

A GENTLEMAN OF MANY PARTS

An unfortunate tendency, here at the fine old College of William and Mary, is that of everlasting complaint. Some of us seem to have thought that to come here was to enter the realm of perfection where mortal worries and human frailties would be no more forever; and upon the discovery of the error we soon began to pick things to pieces from alpha to omega. It would be an act of supererogation on the part of the Editor of THE FLAT HAT to express his antagonism to this spirit, for he is one who looks upon William and Mary as a fine substitute for Heaven, and God's second invention after his disappointment over Eden. But he would call attention to one gentleman in these parts who is the personification of harmony, patience and faithfulness to duty; who labours unceasingly for the welfare of the College; and who acts in every possible way for the good of the Student-body. We would point him out as a good example of what William and Mary most needs—a man who makes the best of what there is, and strives to mend the broken places—Mr. Herbert L. Bridges, the Registrar of the College.

Mr. Bridges tries in every way to bring the College before the public in all its glory, and is ever ready, willing and anxious to do something for his alma mater. He is grateful for suggestions from Faculty, Alumni, and Student-body, which too many of those in authority are prone to scorn.

As Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings he has instituted many improvements; the most notable means in this direction is the purchase of

a horse-power lawn-mower which will keep the entire College property in condition; but this is but one of many progressive steps taken by this vigilant promoter of the old College.

How much better would we fare if some of those disgruntled others in Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary should put their shoulders to the van rather than throw scotches in front of the wheels of progress.

'WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE'

When it so happens that a man goes to the Gymnasium once, twice, thrice and even four times to go through the contortions of Adonis at the bath in water as cold as the tears of Mount McKinley it seems that a mention of the fact becomes a necessity. The Student-body as a whole pays something like one thousand dollars as a gymnasium fee, and the chief consideration therefor is the use of the shower baths. Since the completion of the new heating plant, the College is not put to one extra penny's expense by keeping the hot water turned on in the Gymnasium. There is hot water to burn, much less to boil, and for these reasons it may be asked why, when the only outlay is the energy required to turn a spigot, why, Gentlemen, is it thus?

The Evening Sun, of New York, said apropos of Woodrow Wilson's fore paw and side step with Colonel

Harvey that the word he used was spelled with a capital D, and bore no relation to the Johnstown flood either. It would be interesting to know just what he said after Marse Henry Watterson had finished with him.—Aux armes! Woodrow Wilson Club.

The dispensary question that is now shaking the City and College to their very foundations, will hardly create a ripple within these conservative pages. We have too many troubles of our own. But the editorial of last week in The Virginia Gazette in reply to certain expressions by Mr. Eggleston, of Richmond, betokens the revival of that old-fashioned journalism which did not hesitate to call a spade a spade.

The results of the Au Revoir Proceedings of the Faculty, which usually follow close upon the heels of Examinations, could not be procured in time for this issue.

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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE TOPICS

Miss Margaret Tyler entertained the M. C. C. M. Card Club Saturday afternoon at her home on Scotland street. Pink and blue, the predominating colors, were carried out in every detail, including the tally cards and refreshments. The prize was awarded to Miss Tyler and Miss Moncure. Those present were Misses Margaret Tyler, Cara Garrett, Carrie Cole Lane and Mary Cary Moncure.

Mr. R. C. Deal has returned to College for the second term.

Miss Estelle Smith went to Norfolk Wednesday for a month's visit to her sister, Mrs. Robt. M. Hughes.

Professors Ferguson and Koontz entertained on Monday evening last at their apartments in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Davis. Besides the guests of honor there were present Mrs. Miles, Miss Hundley, Miss Barnes, Professors Tyler, Koontz and Ferguson.

Mr. A. C. Smith, 1901, was a visitor at the Kappa Alpha House Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Lady Lewis, of Norfolk, was the guest of friends here Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and attended the german.

Mr. S. W. Rawles, '10, spent the week-end at the Theta Delta Chi House.

Mr. Chas. A. Taylor, '09, of Richmond, was at the Theta Delta Chi House Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Butt and Seay, of Newport News, were at the College for the german Friday.

Mr. Mann Page, '09, was here from Norfolk Saturday and Sunday visiting at the Kappa Alpha House.

Mr. Daingerfield Spencer has returned to College for the second term.

Mr. Elliott Dold will return to William and Mary from New York on Wednesday.

PHOENIX LITERARY SOCIETY ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Phoenix Literary Society the following officers were elected to represent the society in the Finals: President, W. H. Deierhoi; secretary, J. F. Barnes; orators, S. H. Hubbard, D. M. Griggs; debaters, C. H. Smith, W. M. Grimsley; chairman of executive committee, J. D. Clements; chief marshal, G. B. Zehner.

COLLEGE SECTION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES

In the edition of the New York Times for Sunday a week ago appeared for the first time the section devoted to the leading American colleges. This new feature of the Times is one of the most valuable and entertaining departments that this well known paper has ever printed, and will undoubtedly appeal widely to the college men of this country who now constitute such a large and influential factor in American life and development.

CHANGES IN BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Manager Geddy announces several changes in the basketball schedule as published in a former FLAT HAT. Owing to poor support and lack of material the Hampden-Sidney quint has disbanded. This not only means the cancellation of a game down here, but also interferes with the proposed trip to Farmville and Lexington, at which latter place V. M. I. is scheduled. It is probable, however, that the cancelled game will be replaced by one with the Lynchburg Y. M. C. A., and the trip will be carried out with this change. Wake Forest also cancelled its game up here, but either this game or the one with Hampden-Sidney here will be replaced by a game with Newport News Y. M. C. A.

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BASKETBALL DEFEAT ON SATURDAY

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with renewed spirit, playing more evenly in this half. Metcalf, the bean pole center, knocked a clean one into the basket from his opponent's head. The playing was furious throughout the period, but the team work of the Yellow Jackets rolled their score up to 26, while the locals were writing a total of 13.

DEBATING ASSOCIATION FORMED

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initiative in such a novel and valuable enterprise, and the spirit is reported to be high among the contestants. Each college will enter the pick of its debaters, and keen contests are assured. In this, as in so many other things, W. and M. has again taken the lead, and her supporters are confident that she will make a strong bid for the cup in April.

WANTED—Boarders at No. 6 College Avenue opposite the Gymnasium. Table board and board and lodging. For terms call phone 93.

LEAP YEAR GERMAN FRIDAY EVENING

Norfolk; Tilley, T. Geddy, Jones, of Norfolk; Peachy, Parker, Turner, Snow, Prutzman, Rowe, Cato, Hankins, Coles and Meanley, of Toano; Tucker, English, Ewell, John Tyler and Mayer.

Chaperones: Mesdames Gardiner Tyler, Barnes and Shipman.

MAY SECURE SHAKESPEARIAN PERFORMANCE

The business management of the Colonial Echo has been exerting every influence to contract with Ben Greet or the Coburn players for a performance here in the spring. The latter company has offered two dates, but the guarantee which they asked was so big that the Annual management did not feel justified in engaging them. The matter, however, has been turned over to the Faculty, and it seems probable now that students and the public will have an opportunity to witness one or two performances. Should the contract be made, one of the plays will be that one which is the subject of the Shakespeare course running this term, and will be of great assistance to the students in interpreting the drama.

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