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NOTED VISITOR AT THE COLLEGE

Relatives of the Honorable Robert Boyle

A few days before the opening of the session William and Mary was visited by Sir Edward Boyle, a distinguished Englishman, who had reason to be much interested in the old College, and for whom the College should feel an unusual esteem. He is one of the younger branches of the ancient and honorable Boyle family of Great Britain which numbers among others the Earls of Cork, and Burlington, and which has contributed so much to English history. The especial interest felt here in the person of Sir Edward Boyle arises of course from the well known fact of the gift to the endowment of the College from the estate of Hon. Robert Boyle, the eminent natural philosopher of England.

Dr. James Blair went over in 1691 to procure a charter and endowment for a Colonial college. Shortly after his arrival, in 1692, came the death of Hon. Robert Boyle, who set aside in his will four thousand pounds sterling for 'pious and charitable purposes.' Dr. Blair petitioned his nephew, the Earl of Burlington to apply a part of this money to the purpose of establishing an Indian school in connection with the new College in the Colony of Virginia. The Earl of Burlington became interested and invested the legacy in an English manor called Brafferton in Yorkshire, from which the rents subject to forty-five pounds for Harvard College, and forty-five pounds for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in New England, were to go to the College in Virginia. This old manor was that which is set forth by the venerable Bede as the scene where the first British missionary, Paulinus, baptized in the river Swale ten thousand British heathen. It is also that from which the famous old building on the campus receives its name of Brafferton, the first Indian school in America.

The old portrait to be seen in the College Library was given as well

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FIRST MEETING ATHLETIC ASS'N

Several Student Officers are Elected

Several days ago the first meeting of the Athletic Association was held in the College Chapel, with the double object of electing an assistant football manager and a secretary and treasurer, and at the same time arousing the enthusiasm of the student-body to the support of the football team.

Practically all of the collegiate students are members of the association, and this meeting was most successful.

President Deierhoi called the meeting to order and announced Mr. Hubbard and Mr. E. L. Wright to be the nominees of the Athletic Council for the office of secretary and treasurer. Mr. Wright was elected by a small majority. The names of Mr. A. W. James and Mr. J. L. Tucker were presented next for the assistant managerial office in football, and a close contest resulted in the election of Mr. James.

Following the announcement of the election results, Dr. Wilson had the floor, and tendered his resignation as faculty member of the Council, in favor of Dr. Young. He gave as his reason for resigning the propriety and necessity of having the athletic director as a member of the Council, at the same time assuring the association that his resignation would by no means curtail his efforts in its behalf. Under the circumstances his resignation was accepted.

The formal business of the meeting having been transacted, it was taken in charge by the cheer leaders. Dr. Young was called upon, and responded with an encouraging speech. He spoke of the lack of weight, and inexperience of many of the football squad, but commended the fighting spirit which had been evinced, and asked for the moral support of the entire student-body. He was loudly applauded, and the chorus of rhythmic yells which were given by the association for the next fifteen minutes amply demonstrated that the old-time spirit is still with us.

EXPERT OPINION BY EX-MANAGER

Jackson's Pertinent Remarks on Georgetown Game

Apologize? well no-o-o, not exactly. The fellows were outclassed fairly enough and there was no 'laying down,' on our part, so quite evidently there is no apology coming from this part of the country.

Let us humbly acknowledge and confess that we are green, and concur with the Norfolk Landmark in the statement that our knowledge of football is poor—as yet.

But old William and Mary has had these same troubles for years and she never did fail to 'come back' with a team before the season ended. This year, be it said, we have a little more to contend with than usual, viz, the return of two old men only, the disqualification of 'prep' men, and the parental objection in the case of Peachy, Roberts, Spencer, Goodwin, and Dix.

It is also rumored that Lloyd who is now playing half back will not be allowed to play again. However, Goodwin, Roberts and Spencer will be allowed to play in the games on Cary Field and are already at work in preparation for the game Saturday. 66-0 is a big score but we were looking for a heavy tally and there is no criticism for the work of the team.

Next Saturday we play the Medical College of Virginia and with the influx of men who were not allowed to participate in the Georgetown game the team should commence its string of victories. Spencer's ankle which was hurt in the final quarter of the Virginia game will be in his position of full back and his kicking, which has been missed so far will go a long way to strengthening the prospects for a victory. Goodwin who made his letters season before last, will again be in the line up and Roberts is out for his place as tackle. Brinkley, whose leg has been giving him a great deal of trouble is improving rapidly.

Altogether the team should be strengthened a hundred per cent. and confidence runs high among the student-body.

MODERN PLANT NOW FINISHED

Recent Addition Thoroughly Satisfactory

William and Mary the ancient, the historical, the renowned of years, has been a prominent figure in education since 1693; and William and Mary the progressive is no whit less able to hold the old-time rank among her modern and aggressive contemporaries. There are many visible signs of progress in all phases of college life here, but the latest material acquisition, the new power plant is the most noteworthy one at present.

This building, begun and partially completed during the session of 1910-11 is a handsome brick structure with stone trimmings. The general appearance of the building, forty-two by seventy feet with its chimney towering to a height of ninety feet makes it quite an addition to the group of eleven college buildings.

As one enters the door he sees upon his right the improved Westinghouse switchboard, which is about ten by ten feet, and has a very attractive appearance with its polished brass and black background.

Next are seen the two ponderous engines of seventy-five horse-power each, spotless and glistening, making 300 revolutions and turning the dynamos with a speed of 1200 revolutions per minute. The generators are fifty kilowatt machines and furnish perfect and ample illumination for the numerous incandescent bulbs and arc lights in the buildings and on the campus.

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WE ARE OBLIGED.

Last week the two contemporaries of ours which above all others we should rather have had acknowledge our birth came forth with the announcement. Being born of course is a matter of some consequence; more especially to the one given birth to; and when The Times-Dispatch — 'Supreme in Virginia,' and The Virginia Gazette—'First to Print the Declaration of Independence,' recognized the fact editorially, as to us, we felt that our natal day must of necessity go down at some time in history, and eventually become a holiday. Be that as it may, with such auspicious beginnings we are hopeful of an unending future.

Yet, not to be puffed up by such eminent heralding, we bore ourselves with a gratifying equanimity, so that we are still able to recognize that everything connected with a college weekly is not pomp and power, or fame and glory. Dirt is just as dirty, ink is just as black, proof is just as full of errors, and money is still as distant as the aurora borealis. However do not think that we were not given a brace by the mention given us by our distinguished contemporaries. Indeed we have fancied several times since that a rosy tint enveloped the world; but maybe that is the usual atmospheric condition of the ancient Capital. Most people say so, and certainly we have no rose glasses.

Thus the Times-Dispatch:

"William and Mary is to have a weekly newspaper and is, therefore, the latest recruit to Virginia academic journalism. It is to be called 'THE FLAT HAT,' and will be about the liveliest thing in Williamsburg, which is saying a good deal

We wish our youthful contemporary might well!"

And The Virginia Gazette in a more lengthy recognition had in part:

"William and Mary is to have a weekly newspaper. Two young students, Messrs. Wm. K. Doty, of Kentucky, and Herbert W. Vaden, of Virginia, are editor-in-chief and business manager respectively. With them is associated some of the best writers and students of the College. It is not a money making scheme on the part of the young gentlemen establishing the journal, their object being to establish a permanent publication for the benefit of the College and student-body. Almost every college of importance has its weekly paper and this will prove a valuable addition to the family of publications at that institution."

NOTHING FAILS LIKE SUCCESS.

The result of the Willam and Mary-Virginia game reminded us of one of the sententious lines from a well known book by Mr. Gilbert Chesterton—'Nothing fails Like Success.' We consider the overwhelming score against us by Virginia nothing short of fortunate. It was the most instructive lesson that could have been taught to our sadly inexperienced but promising squad, and will do more toward helping Coach Young train a cup-winning football team than any other one thing, or series of things, that could have transpired, even by design. Last year we played at the University, and apparently made a wonderful record, but to those who saw the game (and we unfortunately were one who did) it was most patently evident that the small score of that day on Lambeth Field was due, not to any invincible brain or brawn on the part of William and Mary, but to the block-headed, wooden-legged playing of Virginia. That day Virginia reminded us more of a group of marionettes in a puppet show than the representatives of the so-called Southern championship team. But we, little William and Mary, came home with chests extended, ten to nothing only, and the cup almost within our grasp. But the cup proved not so palpable as the form which then we drew, to use a Macbethian phrase, and we only awakened to our real situation in time to administer the crushing defeat to Richmond College at the last of the season.

And as opening success last year failed us, we believe that beginning failure this season will mould us into an unconquerable band by arousing that old fashioned English-Virginia spirit which has marked the every endeavour of William and Mary since the days of good Queen Anne.

It might be well for us to make another observation here also, and this one is far from pleasant. It is with regard to the attitude of some of the men in college toward our recent defeat, especially the first year men. Whenever we hear one of them remark that such-and-such a score was 'absurd,' we cannot help but wonder what the young censor has done to prevent such a calamity, how much he contributed to the building of a winning team. Those who would criticise should first see that their own conduct has been above criticism, that they have in every instance, come up to the scratch, walked the chalk line, and toed the mark, which is the everyday way of expressing a familiar admonition found in the Bible. Criticism by first year men is a little dangerous. They had better wait until they get their bearings before initiating reforms; and while we, like everyone else, are very fond of smart people, we do not like people that are too ding smart; in which respect we are in accord with a very eminent gentleman of these parts.

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Dr. Babcock at the College

Dr. K. C. Babcock, formerly president of the University of Arizona, but now of the Bureau of Education, Washington, was here for several days last week making investigations in the various phases of the College. He came at the request of the Virginia Educational Commission, which was authorized by the last legislature to appoint a board of inquiry to examine all of the State schools for the purpose of ascertaining in what way, if any, they overlapped, and duplicated work; also to find the requirements of entrance, and graduation. In such respects William and Mary can never suffer from comparison.

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by the Earl of Burlington, and is an original by T. Kerseboom. It bears in prominent letters across the top, "The Gift of the Hon'ble the Earl of Burlington."

The College felt an honor in this visit of a descendant of the Hon. Robert Boyle, one of the earliest of her benefactors, and it was regretted that the visit was not during the session, so that some official notice could have been taken of it. Dr. Tyler received the following letter recently in acknowledgement of one of his histories of Williamsburg presented to the distinguished gentleman:

Dear Mr. President:

I am most grateful to you for the gift of your book on Williamsburg. It is of the greatest interest in itself, and it will always remind me of a pleasant visit and of your courtesy. To us, of course, there was something very pleasurable in coming across Robert Boyle. I hope that an opportunity may present itself in London of proving to you how much we have appreciated the kindness you have shown us.

I should like to have seen the College in term time, but I am fortunate to have seen it at all. From what I hear, it went through an anxious phase some years ago, and its present vigorous and prosperous activity must be a source of legitimate pride to yourself.

Lady Boyle joins me in kind regards and looks forward as I do to our next meeting. Believe me, Dear Mr. President,

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Dancing School Closed

Much regret was felt when it was announced that the Dancing School was to be no more. It was a source of much pleasure to the students, with nothing else in this line to take its place. The reason for its discontinuance was not made known, but rumor has it that a lack of patronage was the cause. That is hardly possible it is thought, and even if so it could hardly be expected that large crowds would attend this early in the session, and it is the general desire that it be revived.

The College Hour

In an early edition of THE FLAT HAT will be announced the time of the first College Hour. This is an institution which it is the duty of every student, new and old, to support, for it exists for them alone. All are urged to be present in the chapel at this hour. Men of standing in the college will discuss the different phases of student activities, and the meeting will be at the disposal of any one having anything to offer which is of interest to the students of the College. Watch THE FLAT HAT for the day and hour.

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Dear Sir:

Under the new rulings which went into effect at the beginning of this session, a Normal Academy has been established which is entirely distinct from the College, and sub-collegiate students are henceforth debarred from participating in College athletics. The ultimate value of this discrimination is apparent to all. The College teams may be weakened for a time, but eventually they will profit.

But in the meantime, what of the Academy? There are many big husky fellows there, excellent football material. Why not have an Academy football team? The Academy students have the same interest in athletics that exists among the collegiate men. Let them organize and arrange games with other institutions of an equal grade and they will have taken a big step toward that group solidarity which renders any organization, political, social or educational, a powerful factor in its world.

The chief problem seems to be that of finances. Already several of the Academy professors have been discussing this question, and it is not unlikely that it will be solved in the near future. The handling of this situation rests, however, rather upon the students of the Academy themselves, and a concerted movement for organized athletics among them would surely succeed.

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Kith and Kin

One of our honored alumni, Channing Hall, who graduated from the Virginia law school 1910, remarked in the presence of a FLAT HAT reporter that he intended subscribing to College Topics. The reporter urged him to subscribe to THE FLAT HAT instead, on the grounds that William and Mary was his alma mater while the University of Virginia was only his mother-in-law.

Seeing vs. Feeling

Dippy Rowe avers that in the game of football between the Scrubs and Invincibles, he tackled English of the Invincibles and brought him safely to earth. Feeling a squirming under his right arm, looked under said arm and found that he had brought Tommy Geddy down also.

Another Little Tale

Said the heifer one day "I am pale, That girl's crimson hat I'll assail."

But the damsel she fled,

And the cow turned her head,
And stroked the fresh air with her tail.

—Written for THE FLAT HAT by a Williamsburg girl.

The Scrubs met the Invincibles in another bloody but scoreless game on Saturday, and are just before landing on the Varsity together.

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