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MANAGERS MEET IN RICHMOND

Coming Season

On Wednesday, October 11, the managers of the four baseball teams constituting the Eastern Virginia Collegiate Association met in Richmond to arrange the championship schedule for 1912. Mr. McVey represented Hampden-Sidney; Mr, H. Eckles, Richmond College; Mr. Worsham, Randolph-Macon, and Mr. English, William and Mary. A schedule was arranged by these managers which will be published in THE FLAT HAT in due season. William and Mary students will again have an opportunity to witness three championship games on Cary Field, as each of the other three teams will play a game at Williamsburg.

All the teams have suffered more or less by the graduation of some of their best men. As has been the case for the two past years, Randolph-Macon looks the most dangerous. They have seven monogram men now in college, but this advantage is lessened by the fact that none of last year's pitching staff is back. Richmond College and Hampden-Sidney both have several positions vacant for the right men.

Of our last year's championship team there are now in college, Spencer, star pitcher of the league; Peachy, Wilcox, Garth, Games and Alfriend, and several men who made good showing last year on the "Scrubs." With the new material in college, William and Mary will have a team which will be a hot contender for another cup.

Fredericksburg Here Next

What promises to be a good game of football in every way is that one to be played on Cary Field Saturday between William and Mary and Fredericksburg College. The opposing teams are of about the same weight and experience, and the dope ' keepers say that while William and Mary is the favorite, the game will not be a slow one.

FACULTY MEMBER BEAUTIFUL BUILDING

Modern Languages

The Board of Visitors have at last elected a professor to the chair of returning students and professors, Modern Languages. Their choice which was a most happy and excellent one came after long investigation, and careful study, and the gentleman elected is Dr. John C. Cal houn. He is a man who by inheritance, birth, and training is worthy of the position to which he has been appointed, and one who will be able to appreciate, and fully enter into and Mary, being a South Carolinian in particular, a Southerner in general, and a nephew of John C. Calhoun, the great, member of the famous triumvirate. Dr. Calhoun was ton and Lee University, Virginia, where he was a class-mate of Judge Gardiner Tyler, who remembers him well, ond where he took three degrees in succession. Afterwards he went abroad for specialized study remaining several years, and entering respectively the Universities of Heidelberg and Paris, in which he became exceptionally proficient in the German and French languages, which were to be taught by him professionally ever afterwards. Upon his return to America, he taught in various places of importance, including the University of Alabama and the State College for Women in Tallahasse, Florida, Now it is with great pleasure that he is welcomed to the old College of William and Mary to be Professor of Modern Languages.

One of the members of the Faculty in remarking upon the election of Dr. Calhoun, shortly after the action of the Board of Visitors, said that we now had Calhoun in Tyler's cabinet, and there is every reason for the belief that these two members, and all of the others in that high body will work together in a beautiful harmony.

The Dancing School is not dead! Long live the Dancing School!

DR. JOHN C. CALHOUN COURTHOUSE AGAIN

Arrange Schedule for the Chosen by Board for Chair of Sir Christopher Wren's Little Masterpiece Restored

It was a great satisfaction to the to see the old Court House so nearly finished and the restoration so successfully carried out; now it is practically completed. The addition of the columns to the portico, while not desired generally, do not detract from the former beauty of the building, although they do deprive it of its one time originality in having an overhanging, unsupported portico; the spirit and traditions of William which, as all architects have agreed, was the most unique architectural specimen in America. And while it is regretted that it could not be restored as it was, it is pleasing to know that in every other respect it educated primarily at the Washing- is the same, with the old walls unaltered and unimpaired by the fire of last spring. As a building also it is now nothing short of beautiful and star playing in the Georgetown game perfect. It is what a debutante a use of that adjective there could be the locals near the centre of the no taint of slang, because it expresses the proper shade of meaning and feeling, even as sweet so happily does when applied to the paintings of Raphael. Furthermore, it is the most comfortable looking little building in the world-one that is thoroughly satisfied with itself, as it should be, knowing its perfection of proportion and construction, and as how it stands as one of the two and the ball being consistently kept the water that were designed by his outclassed her opponents. own hand.

The College of William and Mary has always insisted that the Main Building was the only structure in this country owing its birth to the immortal hand of Sir Christopher, and it is certainly the only one so designed and built during his lifetime; still there is no reason why the dainty little Court House could not have been built after plans by in which neither team made any the famous architect, even though permanent gains but W. and M. had erected some forty odd years after

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VARSITY HOLDS MEDICOS TO TIE

Beautiful Game With Ideal Weather Conditions

The scoreless battle with the strong University College of Medicine was by no means a surprise. The same team has been in action before and all knew that William and Mary would not lose. Virginia and Georgetown are but echoes of the past and William and Mary is getting her stride again. "A classy game of football," was the unanimous comment, and it was deserved.

In the first quarter the College kicked to the Medicos who advanced the ball into William and Mary's territory. After an exchange of punts the latter held for downs on their own three-yard line. The ball went over and Spencer punted into safe territory. The Medicos were forced to kick and a ran by Wright, and also one by Tilley who did such netted long gains. The quarter would describe as dear; and in such ended with the ball in posession of field.

The second quarter opened with a long kick by Spencer, which reached U. C. M's five yard line. U. C. M. was forced to kick and W. and M. tried a field goal. Spencer made a beautiful try but the angle was difficult and he missed. The teams fought about evenly for the rest of the quarter, neither gaining much monuments to the undying glory of in U. C. M's territory. In this Sir Christopher Wren on this side of quarter William and Mary clearly

In the third quarter W. and M. again kicked, and when the ball went over tried another field goal, which was unsuccessful; while a forward pass failed to advance the ball. The teams battled on unsuccessfully to the end of the quarter with the ball in U. C. M's. territory.

The fourth quarter marked another pretty evenly matched battle a shade the best of it. On the Med-

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AN INVERTED MAXIM

Thomas Jefferson, the most famous alumnus of William and Mary, and Benjamin Franklin, one of her best friends, and one upon whom she conferred a Doctor's degree, had as their rule of life-'Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today.' The maxim was the foundation upon which they built their lives and fame, and by which they enrolled themselves among the undying Great.

It is interwoven with the very fabric of their beings, and so is deserving of the attention of modern times. But in these days we are inverting many of the laws, and max_ ims, and manners of our forebears; and wonderful to say, we find that we move and live as well. It has occurred to us that 'never do today what you can put off till tomorrow would be in better keeping with modern life, and more conducive to our material welfare than the older rule. It is well known that the most of our wants today will disappear if deferred until tomorrow, and the same principle applies to doing as well as to wanting. Many is the thing that if postponed until another day will be unecessary, and better left undone. This much from an economic point of view. The other after Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's at the College of William and Mary than what we learn in text books. We could master Latin at Harvard; we might learn Biology at Chicago; and it is possible to acquire a knowlwhere else on earth are the opportunities for developing character, mak-

ideals, and strengthening our love for the South and ultimately for the Nation found, as they are found at burg. The Nation Builders bore away with them the ideals created in their youthful hearts while students in Williamsburg. Those ideals formed the background of the Republic through these leaders. Washington remembered them when he led his battered forces, and when he laid out the Capital City; Jefferson remembered them, when he wrote the Declaration of Independence, and when he founded the University of Virginia; and John Randolph remembered them when he fought against the shallow policies of the War of 1812, and when he boldly stood out for the Rights of the States against overwhelming

And we should go and do likewise, open our eyes, and see what is to be seen around us. If we should only use our eyes we would be well instructed on leaving college, for verily there is much that may be absorbed in such an environment, even as a sponge would do, and in its end we should be as well, and better, rewarded than if we had made plu perfect plus in our classes, or had taken a trip to Europe.

THE TRANSIENT DR. BLAIR

The venerated portrait of Dr. James Blair, Founder and first President of the College of William and Mary, which hangs in the Chapel, seems to have become a transient object, that is to be shifted for everything that comes along without rhyme, rythm or reason. For that we are sorry. This handsome picture of a man who is now well nigh immortal in the hearts of those around here who care for things older than the day before yesterday has not only a prescriptive right to hang there over the rostrum above the tablet to the same distinguished subject, but it has every other right, whether by prestige, priority, custom or what not. And for it to be removed for every little whippersnapper college event that happens to be, and moored in some dark corner for several months at a time, while its place is filled with gaudy bunting is nothing if not sacrilege, and should be stopped by somebody. aspect is this-and this is somewhat if there is anybody who can. Give it a strong wire, a stronger nail, and essay on the art of idling-there is allow it to hang in its rightful place more to be gotten out of four years in the arch, forever; not to be carelessly taken down for such ephemeral affairs as Openings, and Closings; and if there be anyone who may think that he can more gloriously array that space than with this anedge of Law at Virginia; but no cient relic, let him step forth and prove it and THE FLAT HAT will support him in the next election for ing inestimable friends, storing lofty | President of the United States.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

THE FLAT HAT took pleasure in William and Mary and in Williams- the announcement that a crosscountry running team had been started at the College. Aside from being a pleasant diversion, crosscountry running is reckoned as one of the best forms of exercise ever taken up by college men, and is now much employed in both English and American schools, both as an individual sport and as a means of training for the specialized track work of the spring.

far the most important, and is greatly needed at William and Mary. To the contrary it is but a few obnence of track athletics in all col- experience.

leges, we can hardly ignore it here, and should feel considerably and sufficiently encouraged by the progress made within the last three or four years to resolve to perfect our teams.

Cross country running is worthy of our notice, therefore, and will be a source of reward to anyone undertaking it. But like everything else it can be pushed to extremes. Moderation is to be remembered in this as in all things, and especially in the beginning, so that the body may adapt itself to the new test and The latter phase is, of course, by make the necessary fortifications,-Since the recent growth and promi- servations based on slight personal

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Basketball League Proposed

A representative of THE FLAT HAT recently interviewed a Ranin athletic circles at the Ashland institution, and learned that there is a strong sentiment among the Yellow Jackets in favor of a basketball league, to be evolved along the same general lines as the baseball league. The plan as presented to our representative, comprised William and Mary, Hampden-Sidney and Randolph-Macon. Richmond College, unfortunately, has no basketball fa-

Such a plan has been looked upon for some time, and it is not unlikely that some action will be taken in this matter at an early date. William and Mary has made a statewide reputation in this division of sport, defeating heavier teams time after time through superior teamwork and superb shooting. Should such a league be formed, we venture to predict that some one else will finish last in the series.

Academy Organizes Team

The plan for organizing an Academy football team which appeared in last week's FLAT HAT has found a strong body of supporters, both in the College and the Academy. Professor Ferguson, Principal of the Academy, who is the leading spirit before the entire student-body at the for subscriptions for the purpose of outfitting the squad. Already enough money has been pledged to warrant the ordering of suits, and spirit, has agreed to make up any deficit.

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Literary Societies

The conditions in the literary sofavorably by William and Mary men cieties this session are such as to provoke comment from many sources. A mere handful of men are meeting each time, and the lack of interest is unprecedented in the history of the College. At the chapel exercises on Friday morning, President Tyler called attention to the carelessness of the present student-body in these matters, touching upon the absolute necessity of the ability to speak publicly in whatever profession a man may be engaged. Dr. Stubbs cited an instance from actual life of the results of the lack of previous training, and Dr. Hall offered several valuable suggestions for increasing the attendance and exciting interest.

The literary societies of William and Mary are among the most valuable and time-honored privileges that in this movement, placed the matter are offered to students. Many men now honored in the various walks of Monday chapel exercises and called life have been trained in the art of public speaking within their halls. Especially is such training valuable to teachers, but every man who desires to be truly educated owes it to the Glee Club, with a commendable himself, as well as to his college, to throw himself heartily into · literary society activities.

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his death. The College is not unwilling that it should have some of the glory of being a self-designed memorial to one of the world's greatest draughtsmen, although first place is assigned to the old College Building.

German Deferred

The opening german which was to have been given Friday, October 20, has been indefinitely postponed. The necessary subscriptions had been secured, and arrangements all made, but at the last moment it was discovered that the Gymnasium could not be procured. The universal disappointment expressed by people in and out of College, and the apparent discontent among the men in College at this repetition of what seemed to them most unreasonable and unpleasant, has led THE FLAT HAT to appoint a committee to make investigations among all of the other Colleges in Virginia as to conditions in those institutions bearing upon such college functions. This report with the statistics appended will be given in the next issue, and it is certain that other college men in Virginia will be shown to have than are allowed at William and Mary.

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cos' 30 yard line Spencer made a beautiful catch of a pass from Wright, advancing the ball fifteen yards. A tackle by Seymour and the game was over neither side having registered a point.

For U. C. M. Parramore and Seymour, two old William and Mary Varsity men, starred, while for the locals Stanley, Lee, Tilley and Wright, are accorded special mention. The line-up follows:

U. C. M. Position W	. & M.
McCoyr. h. b:	Lloyd
McCullersr. eS	pencer
Parkerr. tB	rinkley
(N	eblett)
Bohannonr. g	Stanley
Martinc	Lee
Sinton 1. g	Somers
Woodhousel. t	Deel
Highsmithl. e	Cogbill
(E	Blitzer)
Parramorel. h. b	Games
Seymourq. b	Tilley
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