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WILLIAM AND MARY AGAIN FIRST

Cross-Country Team Next Athletic Priority

William and Mary had the first basketball team in the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of Eastern Virginia. Her next athletic priority will be a cross-country team. Director Young has announced his intention of starting this work as soon as circumstances permit and has given assurance that the initiation of this branch of athletics will take place in the near future. His purpose is first, to get together a bunch of men who wish to participate in cross-country events and have them elect their captain. The captain shall then take charge of the squad and arrange afternoon runs every day in the week culminating on Saturdays in a paper chase or game of Hare and Hounds. By this means William and Mary will be sure always to have a nucleus for specialized track work and interest in track work generally.

WILL STRENGTHEN TRACK

Heretofore this branch of sport has been sadly neglected at William and Mary and track teams have been sporadic and consequently indifferent. No systematic training has ever been available for those wishing to participate in track events but all this is ready to be changed.

Dr. Young will lend his energy to the immediate building of a running track, circular and straight-away, and the formation of a track team which will represent the College in the same creditable manner that the other teams do. It is pointed out that schools which are not of sufficient size to furnish heavy football teams find their outlet for glory in track athletics and that this would be a natural course for a college of William and Mary's size.

ACADEMY ALSO ENTERED

Since the student-body has been separated into a college and an academy, the "preps" will not as heretofore be compelled to compete in intercollegiate events but will have the interscholastic field open to

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M. C. V. WINS IN A FAST GAME

College Outweighed by Thirty Five or Forty Pounds

Chock full of confidence, displaying green and white from every conceivable point, over a hundred doctors and eleven pigskin warriors descended upon the Ancient Capital to out yell our students, to roll up a big score and to make a big noise generally, none of which things were they successfully able to do, as the following account of the game will show.

FIRST QUARTER

In the first quarter W. and M. kicked and M. C. V. failed to gain on receiving the kick. William and Mary attempted a forward pass which was unsuccessful and the ball went over. M. C. V. gained and attempted a place kick from 40 yard line but the ball went wild and the quarter ended with W. and M. in possession of the ball near the center of the field.

In the second quarter W. and M. kicked and kept the ball in M. C. V. territory and tried an unsuccessful place kick. There was an exchange of punts, and on a fake play Schenck broke away from the W. and M. team for a 75 yard run to the goal but was called back because of Brockwell's tackling Lilley. In the last minute of play Schenck caught Spencer's punt and carried it over for a touch down.

SECOND HALF

The third quarter saw the ball see-sawing around in midfield and numerous exchanges of punts resulted in no material gain for either side.

W. and M. started off with a rush in the fourth quarter and kept the ball in M. C. V. territory. Two consecutive passes from Games to Parker were successful and netted long gains. When almost at the goal, however, W. and M. lost the ball and the game ended with the ball in M. C. V.'s possession on W. and M.'s ten yard line.

Line up:

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PHILOMATHEAN OPEN MEETING

The First of the Season, and Creditable

On Monday night the Philomathean Literary Society held its annual open meeting. There was quite a large audience present, including many students, people of Williamsburg and the students of the Williamsburg Female Institute.

President Vaden presided and an unusually good program was rendered. The first feature was an oration, entitled "The Great God Opinion." Next came a declamation, "The Highwayman," by Clarence Jennings, followed by the declamation of H. L. Harris, "Spartacus to the Gladiators."

In the debate: Resolved, That the Right of Suffrage Should not be Granted to Women, Mr. J. L. Tucker upheld the affirmative, while Mr. W. E. Somers defended the negative side. Much interest was displayed by the suffragists and anti-suffragists of the audience and smiles were frequently seen as one of the debaters scored a telling point.

The Philomathean Star, always an interesting climax to the evening's enjoyment, was read by Mr. C. B. Thomas. This is the most entertaining and amusing feature of the program and consists of a collection of jokes concerning the students of the College. The reading of the "Star" concluded the program and the meeting was adjourned.

Those who attended were given a good literary entertainment and all pronounced it a success throughout.

New Series of Lectures

A course of lectures, under the auspices of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, will be given by Dr. James Southall Wilson, of the Department of History, during the remainder of the year. The series is entitled "Religious and Ethical Masterpieces," and will be given in the Parish House.

FIRST GAME OF SERIES SATURDAY

College to Meet R.-M. in Championship Game

On Saturday, November 4, the Orange and Black plays its first championship game. On that date the Randolph-Macon Yellow Jackets will show their stings against us at Newport News. Will we get stung? Most people think not.

The Ashland boys have a good team. Virginia could count only thirty-one points against them, but a comparison of this score with Virginia's total against William and Mary is no indication whatever of the present relative strength of the two teams. The condition of the boys from home at that time, many of them absolutely raw, accounts for this. The V. M. I. warriors beat them 25-0, and the Spiders fell before them 13-0. But against Fredericksburg they were unable to score, and were not as threatening as the Orange and Black.

W. & M. MUCH STRONGER

But the team which William and Mary puts on the Casino Park gridiron on Saturday will not be the team which played Georgetown and Virginia, nor even Fredericksburg. Two weeks of coaching in mid-season will do wonders for the skill and science of the Orange and Black, — as to their spirit and staying power. That stand against Fredericksburg on the one foot line has tried and proven their quality. When the former games were played, the coaching hitherto had been of the most rudimentary nature, because of the rawness of the material, but the lessons which the boys have learned since then are the kind which gain inches, yards and touchdowns.

R.M.'S PLAN OF ATTACK

The Ashlanders have been developing an open plan of attack, and rely greatly on high kicking and fast ends. The kicking department here is not built on the musical comedy plan. The Fredericksburg backfield can vouch for that. Altogether, the

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ON GIVING THE DEVIL HIS DUE

It would be a pleasant thing to see William and Mary men a little more generous in their applause on Cary Field. We yell enough, and our yells are good, not to mention loud and well practiced, but that is not the point that we have to consider. It is something else, in the nature of courtesy, or rather in the field of polite sport, and is this: we too seldom applaud the fine feats of our opponents.

We would not be understood as meaning that William and Mary is ever discourteous. She is never that, nor was she ever so in any way. But there is not a sufficient display of the spirit of all true lovers of sport to be found in our grand stand. Everyone knows the amount of courtesy due to all guests and visitors at the College, athletic or otherwise, and we carry this rule of propriety out after a nice manner in every other respect than the one referred to. This one also should be added to the list for reason of consistency, if not for the sake of politeness,—if not, indeed, for the fact of being true sportsmen in every sense of the word. Whether in war or love or athletics, men have from the times most ancient recognized and applauded the superior achievements of their adversaries. No saying ever uttered contains more untruth than 'All is fair in love and war.' It is untrue because not in accord with the ideals and rules of conduct of the human race. Tersely stated, it is not expedient, and therefore like the most of our many time-worn maxims, some of which we have had occasion to speak some time before, need inversion.

Of course we believe in being partizan—even in being clanish if necessary, as it often is, but we would be no whit less loyal to our own teams if we cheered for the excellence of those whom we fight on Cary Field, and regarded any particular manifestation of worth among our adversaries. To the contrary, if we should cease to be so narrow minded as to find no good in those who come against us we would be more loyal perhaps than before, for then we would know that it was a worthy and a doughty foe with whom we had to deal, and victory in that instance would smack the more of honour and glory, and defeat would contain a sweeter consolation.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

In these days of everlasting advertising it is difficult for any person, thing or institution to live and prosper without it. The old fashioned gentleman-politician has gone the way of the weary, supplanted by the patent medicine type; and the dignified old college of yesterday employs the same methods in these days as are used by all first class groceries,—they advertise, morning, noon and night, and have 'agents in all of the leading cities.'

William and Mary has had to step slightly down from her pedestal of late and advertise too, for oftentimes dignity must be sacrificed for the sake of life. Some good results have come about. We believe in advertising. And a good way to advertise, besides appearing in cold type is for each man in college to make his every word, way, and work count something for the good of his alma mater by speaking always of her best traits and never of the skeletons within the closet (if there be any); and by acting in the utmost capacity in whatever endeavour is undertaken, and appearing as worthy of being a student in such a venerable institution. One inexpensive and effective way of exploiting William and Mary is to send picture postals and the college publications. Few places have as many interesting postal views as Williamsburg. These mean something to Americans of all sections, and would more than often arouse an interest in the Col if we should send them. The William and Mary Literary Magazine is another attractive agent for making the College better known. Read it and send it to some one else who has a son, brother, or cousin to go to college. Give Mr. Bridges the names of prospective students and ask him to send the Catalogue, bulletins, and folders. Send away copies of The William and Mary Quarterly; show people The Colonial Echo; and above all when you have finished with THE FLAT HAT mail it on to some distant friend, relative, or acquaintance. Cast thy bread

upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.

Young ladies are judged by the admirers they keep, and in the same way colleges are judged by the matriculates they harbour. If these are gentlemen, are intelligent and full of love and enthusiasm, all is well—and this is a good time for us to apply to the College of William and Mary a sentence once addressed by the loquacious Mr. Bumble to his beloved: Any cat or kitten ma'am, that would not love you ma'am, would be an ass, ma'am.

The Literal Truth.

A Kansas editor announced that he would try for one week to print the truth, and he is still in the hos-

pital. He didn't get by the first day. The following item appeared in Monday's issue and now the boys are selling out the paper. This is what he said:

"Married, Miss Sylvia Rhode to James Cannahan last Sunday evening at the Baptist church. The bride was an ordinary town girl who didn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty by any means and has a gait like a duck. The groom is an up-to-date has been loafer living off the old folks all his life and don't amount to shucks nohow.

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clash of 160 pounds of Yellow Jacket against 150 pounds of Orange and Black cool science and bull dog grit is going to make Rome howl, and there are two hundred odd students here who think the sleepy old town of Ashland will howl some too.

M. C. V. WINS IN A FAST GAME

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W. and M.	M. C. V.
Lee.....c.....	Cofor
Deel.....r. g.....	Brockwell
Somers.....l. g.....	Stryker
Neblett.....r. t.....	Davis
Stanley.....l. t.....	Robler
Mayer.....r. e.....	Arnold (Blitzer)
Parker.....l. e.,.....	Foster
Spencer.....f. b.....	Hardy
Hubbard.....r. h.....	Long
Games.....l. h.....	Elder
Tilley.....q.....	Schenck (Goodwin)

Referee, Taylor, W. and M. Umpire, Spencer. Field Judge, Dr. Hankins. Time of quarters 10 minutes.

Torch Trimble, member of the Colonial Echo staff of last year, was at the College through Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. Brockwell, Schenck and Stryker, of the Medical College of Virginia team were old William and Mary students and football stars.

A complete list of the subjects of Dr. Wilson's lectures before the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be given in next week's issue.

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them. This is looked upon as a new impetus to track work. Several men in the academy have high school reputations for speed and should they prove good will be entered in the interscholastic events at the fall and spring meets.

To Represent College

Dr. James Southall Wilson will go to Tuscaloosa, Alabama, this morning to represent William and Mary in the meeting of Southern colleges for the purpose of investigating the entrance requirements of these institutions. The report that the City of Tuscaloosa had been practically destroyed by fire was found to be not so serious as to affect the conference, and Dr. Wilson's mission will not be postponed as it was feared on Monday morning that it would be.

Bible Class Rally

To start the Bible work of the Y. M. C. A. successfully a rally was held in the Chapel on Wednesday.

Dr. Keeble spoke on the "Value of Bible Class Study," and Dr. Wilson followed with an address entitled "The Literary Side of the Bible." Mr. Bare, the State Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., next gave some very interesting statistics as to what these Bible classes are accomplishing.

After the business was over refreshments were served.

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Ripley Hitchcock, of New York,
one of the most versatile of living
Americans, spent a few hours among
the historic relics of the old Col-
lege. Mr. Hitchcock is well known
as a newspaper correspondent, his-
torian, art critic and literateur, and
has been active in the interests of
municipal reform in New York.
He is an ardent supporter of the
woman's suffrage movement.

From an intimate friend of these
interesting personages, a FLAT HAT
representative ascertained that this
visit has more than a passing signifi-
cance. According to this source,
Mr. Hitchcock came to Richmond
for the purpose of conferring with
Mrs. Boshier about a proposed new
novel, and it is not unlikely that the
scene will be laid in our historic old
town. A work in which two such em-
inent writers are concerned is cer-
tain to command national attention
and will be eagerly awaited.

Student Opinion

Editor-in-Chief,
THE FLAT HAT,

Dear Sir:

I am writing to THE FLAT HAT
with a view to calling attention to
the advantages to be gained in writ-
ing for the Magazine. To all mem-
bers of the Literary Societies there
are offered two medals to be com-
peted for, one for prose and one for

poetry. Aside from this, it is of un-
doubted benefit to a student to have
an opportunity to try out his liter-
ary ability. Many of our successful
writers of fiction and verse received
their training in college, writing for
their magazines and learning the
virtues of patience and persistence.
The more men that contribute arti-
cles to the Magazine the higher will
be the standard of the publication,
as I do not doubt that with a goodly
number of students interested in
such work, the range of selection
would be more varied and decidedly
more encouraging. The very com-
petition for acceptance of material
is a certain stimulus. Nearly every
author must have his rejections of
manuscripts; it is far better to have
them now than to wait until after
graduation, when the chances of
publication are greatly lessened.
The Magazine is expected to make
its initial appearance in the early
part of November, and while it will
not be a bulky issue there is every
reason to believe that the standard
of former years will be maintained.
It is to the students that the Wil-
liam and Mary Literary Magazine
is important; let them realize this
and encourage it with their hearty
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