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PHI BETA KAPPA INITIATION TONIGHT

President Mitchell the Chief Speaker of Occasion

This evening the Phi Beta Kappa Society will hold its annual initiation and collation at the College. The speaker of the occasion will be Dr. S. C. Mitchell, President of the University of South Carolina.

THOSE TO BE INITIATED

After the address by President Mitchell in the Chapel, the initiatory exercises will take place in one of the literary society halls. Those to be initiated are,—Mr. H. Sydnor Harrison, Mr. John Fox, Jr., Dr. T. H. Hill, President of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College; Mr. George McKay Bain, Jennings C. Wise, Esq., Philip Alexander Bruce, Esq., Dr. John C. Calhoun, Dr. S. C. Mitchell, President of the University of South Carolina; and Mr. Frank G. Carpenter.

After the initiation, the collation will be held in the Library.

Distinguished members of the Society who will be present are Hon. Harry St. George Tucker, Judge Theodore S. Garnett, Dr. Stuart McGuire, Maj. J. C. Hemphill, Ex-Governor and Mrs. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Davis, Prof. Arthur D. Wright, J. G. Bohannon, Esq., Supt. J. D. Eggleston, W. C. L. Taliaferro, Esq., T. J. Stubbs, Jr. Esq., Mr. A. H. Foreman, O. L. Shewmake, Esq., Hon. Robt. M. Hughes, Professor H. S. Bird.

Wilson at Ohio State

A piece of news of considerable interest to the Woodrow Wilson Club of William and Mary appeared last week in The Ohio State Lantern, the weekly newspaper of the Ohio State University. In a voting contest at the University among the students for a presidential nominee Woodrow Wilson easily led every other candidate. This was not to be expected in Ohio, and at most not in Governor Harmon's own front yard. The final counting placed Governor Wilson in the lead with 165 votes. Governor Harmon was second with 119, and succeeding were Taft 112, LaFollette 94, Roosevelt 22, and Bryan 14.

FOOTBALL CONTEST WON BY SPENCER

Medal Awarded in the Post Season Try Out

At the recent football contest held on Cary Field in order to select the best all round man in punting and drop kicking Mr. Daingerfield Spencer was awarded the medal with D. B. Peachy, Jr., a close second.

In the punting contest Spencer came first with a record of forty-eight yards. Peachy was second, kicking thirty-five yards; and Tilley won the third place with thirty-two yards to his credit.

Drop-kicking was the next feature, and the results were as follows,—Peachy, four out of five; Tilley, three out of five; and Spencer two out of five.

This brought about a tie between Spencer and Peachy. Five more drop kicks were made and Spencer won by the score of four out of five, Peachy kicking only two out of five.

The medal was awarded to Spencer and will be presented as soon as the die can be struck, which is now in the hands of the manufacturer.

Annual Staff Election

At the meeting in the Chapel to elect the Colonial Echo staff for 1911-12, the following gentlemen were chosen:

Editor-in-chief, Mr. Alan F. English; Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Robt. B. Jackson; Business Manager, Mr. W. H. Neblett; Assistant Business Manager, Messrs. H. W. Vaden and J. L. Tucker; Literary Editors, Messrs. E. B. Thomas and Joe Hall; Society Editor, Mr. E. R. Willcox; Y. M. C. A., Mr. Cooper; Clubs, Mr. F. L. Goodwin.

To Address Y. M. C. A.

Mr. H. T. Baker will address the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday, December 12, at 7 p. m. His subject will be "The College Man and the Boy."

Mr. Baker is a graduate of Syracuse University and a man of considerable experience in Y. M. C. A. work, and his lecture promises to be worth while. The address will be delivered in the Chapel and a general invitation is extended to the public as well as the student-body.

COACH YOUNG PICKS ALL-EASTERN

William and Mary Given Two Positions on Team

Coach Young, from his personal observations of the men in play, has picked the following list of men for the Eastern Virginia Intercollegiate football team:

F. C. Saunders, H. S., right end, chosen for his coolness, speed under punts, and handling forward passes. Vaughan, R. M., is the choice for left end, because of reliability at all times. Duvall, R. C., as right tackle stands easily head and shoulders above all others, for his offensive work and for breaking up plays, while Atkinson, H. S., who was fast on charging, and a good man under punts, must be taken for the other tackle. For guards, Chapman and Jordan, R. M., are picked, for steady and heady playing.

The selection of center, though rather close, has been given to Lee, W. and M., who not only played his position well but also helped in end plays, making more such tackles than all other centers put together. Ives, R. M., is selected as right half back. He was the best broken field runner, and the best punter, and a general all round man. Blanton, H. S., is the other half back, chosen for carrying the ball well. As full back, Gayle, R. M., has been picked for his interference. The quarter back position was close between Tilley, W. and M., and K. Saunders, H. S., but Tilley has been put on for his good work on the defense. He did not miss a tackle during the season and in the Hampden-Sidney game saved his team four touch downs. Although being the lightest quarter of the four he advanced the ball more than all the other quarters put together. His generalship was good and he ran his team with speed all the time.

For captain of this mythical team Ives has been chosen, as well as kicker, he being in a position to better size up his opponents than any one in the line.

The preceding selections are offered without any apologies. They probably will not meet with the ap-

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WILLIAM AND MARY ALUMNI OF NORFOLK

Hold Smoker at the Lynn- haven Hotel

The Faculty and the Alumni of the College of William and Mary residing in Norfolk and Portsmouth and neighboring cities gave a smoker at the Lynnhaven Hotel in Norfolk Wednesday evening in honor of the visiting alumni who were attendants at the educational conference in that city. Fifty visitors were guests of honor, and the meeting was an enthusiastic one.

DR. MONTGOMERY IN CHARGE

Dr. Walter A. Montgomery, of the Department of Latin at the College, and Mr. A. H. Foreman were in charge of the entertainment. Honorable Robert M. Hughes, an alumnus, and the present Rector of the Board of Visitors, acted as toastmaster. At his table sat Attorney General Williams and Superintendent J. D. Eggleston, both of whom were in attendance at the conference.

SMOKER IMPROMPTU

The smoker was entirely impromptu. Eighteen tables were arranged in the main dining-room of the Lynnhaven Hotel. Around these were gathered the faculty, alumni and guests. Some striking and inspiring talks were made by the following gentlemen in the order given:

Superintendent Eggleston, "What William and Mary is doing in the Educational System of Virginia," President Lyon Gardiner Tyler, "The Old College." Attorney General S. W. Williams, "What William and Mary can do for the Improvement of Economic and Educational Conditions in the State." Mr. J. R. L. Johnson, of Franklin, Virginia, "The Advantage of the Classical and Practical training as combined at William and Mary." Professor Geo. O. Ferguson, Jr., "The New Academy at the College." Professor A. L. G. Stevenson, Halifax county, "What William and Mary Men are doing out in the World"

The toastmaster closed the evening in a very happy strain, pledging the loyalty of every alumnus in and

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DIGRESSION WORTH WHILE

Several days ago Dr. J. Lesslie Hall made a digression in one of his higher classes in English, that must have proven instructive to a great many of his pupils, and entertaining to all of them. It had to do with Barbara Frietchie, the rampant, her fame, her mythical heroism, and her flag of many colours, and it pointed out how John Greenleaf Whittier had not only made a wonderful character out of a crotchety old vixen, but how also he had cast aspersion and unpardonable insult upon Stonewall Jackson, one of the grandest figures of modern times, and upon his company of immortals. 'It would have been as futile,' said Dr. Hall, 'for Stonewall Jackson to have commended his men to harm the old woman as for him to have ordered them to turn their guns upon themselves. Those blue stockinged Presbyterians would rather have cut off their own right arms than injure a hair of Barbara's head; and for Whittier to impute to those soldiers the necessity for such a threat as he put in the mouth of Jackson on that day is an insult that is inexcusable.'

The truth about Barbara Frietchie has been told by Mr. Henry Clay Naill who recently died in Baltimore. He was a man of prominence in Republican politics in Maryland, and had sat on Barbara's lap many a time. It has been claimed that the incident happened just as in the poem, but it has also been said that the heroine was a Mrs. Quantrell a relative of the guerilla lead-

er. Those who advance the latter theory declare that the soldiers did not pass within three blocks of Barbara's home. According to Mr. Naill both stories are right and both wrong. He said, according to an article in The Literary Digest, that while Stonewall's soldiers were passing Barbara's house, several of them entered her garden and drew water from the well without asking consent of the old woman, who was churning on the porch. Upon being acridly ordered away, two of them went onto the porch and pretended to be about to slake their thirst with Barbara's buttermilk. Her wrath grew to fury, and, in mingled English and Pennsylvania Dutch, she gave them her unflattering personal opinion of themselves, their army, and government, and the military profession in general. Her speeches were received with laughter and mock applause, and the soldiers then moved on. According to Mr. Naill, there was no flag displayed, and Barbara's sentiments, expressed and unexpressed, were rallied around the single principle of "No trespassing."

Farther down the street was Mrs. Quantrell, a younger woman, with an eye to dramatic effect, and a presumed confidence that the consequences of a little show of patriotism would not be very serious. She ran to her front gate, waving a small American flag. The young fellows who composed the army were not grim fanatics in a holy war, and the excited woman in calico, waving her little flag in defiance of the marchers, roused only their sense of humour. They saluted her derisively, asked if she were prepared to accept their surrender, laughed and chaffed at her until she got tired and went within. The general's command was simply, "Pay no attention to her."

Since half of the heroes and heroines of the nations of the world are products of their literatures, it is a regrettable fact that some authors have so far gone out of their way to perpetuate the names of many that were undeserving. Barbara is an example; and she should be a lesson. The time is not far distant when people will begin to sift and weigh their heroes for themselves, instead of taking the assertions of poets, novelists and historians on the subject for granted. They strive only after the passing interest and should not be taken too seriously. Dr. Hall has added an important element to Literary Criticism and we hope that he will continue to practice it so long as he is at the head of the English Department of the College of William and Mary.

A FETICH THAT DIES HARD

When Mr. Bennett, of the Department of Philosophy, contributed an

article to The Times Dispatch of last Thursday in defense of the fetich of spelling reform, we of THE FLAT HAT were tremendously cast down. Such opinions are not unusual in these glad days when young America is striving to become the unconventional mistress of the world, but we have always turned our deaf ear to this tempest in a teapot, consoling ourselves with the knowledge that those who championed such unfortunate, unfounded, and unnecessary nonsense would grow older and proportionately saner in the course of time. Now right from our very nest comes an expression as antagonistic to the policies and traditions of the College, as it is contrary to the tastes of English speaking peoples of education throughout the world. Our disappointment cannot be estimated. At this late day, at the eleventh hour, as it were, it does seem that such sentiment might be suppressed, though existing, for the sake of peace and concord, if not indeed to prevent so grave a reflection on this ancient abode of conservatism.

Mr. Bennett's contribution contains about twelve hundred and fifty words but its content amounts to this, — spelling as advocated by the reformers differs no more from the present literary standard than that standard differs from the spelling in the times of Shakespeare. As a statement this is true, as an argument it is feeble—totally impertinent to the question, and far from presenting an analogous case. Poor old Shakespeare. Like the Bible, he must be dragged into every difficulty whether he has any bearing on the case or not. His spelling does differ from that of the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, but Mr. Bennett's conclusion from that fact is erroneous. Such diversity has come about gradually, sanely and slowly, as all things must. The reformers would make their change over night. O, tempora, O, mores! No wonder the London Saturday Review condemns them. Quite naturally the Times-Dispatch does likewise. Both are becomingly conservative; both are appreciative of education, culture and refinement; both are blessed with common sense.

'Language is the storehouse of history and poetic suggestion.' There is no royal road to learning. Neither is there a parrot, get-an-education-quick-and-easy method.

Let those who think so set about to making dollars, and leave the language to those who love it. Its pedigree is clear. It may be traced to times most ancient step by step. It is a growth not an invention and that means more than a passing glance would suggest. 'This fad is literary and educational philistinism, trending unerringly to the evolution of travesty upon true education, and mockery of culture.' Lit-

erary English must be acquired by constant study and personal contact with literature, and the feeling for it is the result of long training. It is difficult of course. The finer things always are. Let him who finds it too trying seek out a road of less resistance.

Mr. Carnegie believes in reformed spelling. He does not know any better. So does Mr. Roosevelt, but who ever takes the Colonel seriously? He is only a poor struggler after fame like the rest of us, and what with wielding his stick, and writing about things that he knows not of, and slaying big game that naked negroes rounded he has gotten about enough ephemeral notoriety, it seems to us, without the reform spelling furore, which is 'another fetich—a grotesque idol—set up in the name of educational progress, to bow to which is to revile the living spirit of such progress. It should be overthrown, cast down and relegated to a freak museum of object lessons against following after false gods in pursuit of education.'

Verily it is enough to give all educated men the shivers.

THE FOOTBALL SITUATION

We publish in this issue a short review of the football season, which THE FLAT HAT considers more just and sensible than the scanty place assigned to the College by some of the Virginia papers. This review has been possible through the kind assistance of Dr. Young, who probably knows as much about the Eastern Virginia football situation as any man in the State. We regard his estimate as being unprejudiced, and worth the consideration of all those in any way interested in athletics in the Virginia colleges.

The enthusiasm shown by the Norfolk Alumni during the educational conference was gratifying to all friends of William and Mary. Nothing is so promising for the future welfare of an institution as the loyalty of its own sons and in this respect William and Mary has reason to feel contented.

The fine old State of North Carolina did mighty well in the War between the States, but when she sends her young sons upon Virginia gridirons it seems that cold feet or hearts or something else are inevitable. But they never say die, and that is about as good as victory.

The members of the Faculty are now on their monthly pow-wow. Young men take a brace. You may succumb to their scalping knives, but frailer men than you have run the gauntlet and stood victorious before their savage tormentors.

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In and Out of College

Friday evening Mr. Holler entertained very pleasantly in his apartments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brown. Various games were played and some excellent instrumental and vocal music rendered by Messrs. Barnes and Holler. Those partaking of Mr. Holler's hospitality were Professor Geo. O. Ferguson and Messrs. Arthur W. James, P. C. Witchley, W. Winsbro, Virginius Brown, Preston Lohr, Foster Barnes, Max Blitzer, Earl B. Thomas, Alan F. English, W. T. Brown, Wm. K. Doty and C. W. Holler.

Miss Virginia Peachy is visiting in South Boston this week.

Mr. J. B. Mitchell, an old student at William and Mary has recently sent his best wishes and his subscription to THE FLAT HAT.

Old Spotswood is at last out of quarantine.

Apropos of the Elizabethans, it has been asked whether if Dr. Wilson were star, is Ferguson.

Professors Tyler, Montgomery, Wilson, Bennett, Ritchie and Keeble attended the educational conference in Norfolk Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Nearly all students who did not attend the football games in Norfolk and Richmond Thursday went home for the holidays.

Invitations have been received to the marriage of Miss Clara Barnett to Dr. Cornelius Hampton Davis. The ceremony will take place at the home of the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Barnett in Laurens, S. C., December 14th.

The Williamsburg Female Institute will not open until after Christmas.

Daffodil number two—If Bish Lee had the diphtheria, would Walter B. Nourse?

W. T. Hodges, '02, Superintendent of Schools Alexandria county, paid the College a visit Friday and Saturday.

Messrs. B. T. Newton, E. F. Shewmake and A. P. Leatherbury were guests at the Pi Kappa Alpha House Sunday.

President S. C. Mitchell of the University of South Carolina, who will be taken into the Phi Beta Kappa Society tonight, and who will be the speaker of the occasion is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Montgomery.

Converts Rapidly Increase

The Womans' Equal Suffrage League is taking rapid strides, and increasing its members by three at a time. Last week were added to the roll the names of Miss Bertha Kent, of Williamsburg; Professor George Oscar Ferguson, of the College of William and Mary; and Mrs. Granville Taylor, of Williamsburg.

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October 29, The Epical Treatment of the Creation, Genesis I and Paradise Lost.

November 5, Job, a Dramatic Treatment of God's Ways with Men, Job I-42.

November 12, The Literary Beauties of Job.

November 19, The Philosophy of Job; the Meaning of Human Suffering.

November 26, "Pippa Passes" Brownings Dramatic Study of God's ways with Men.

December 3, Biblical Lyrics—The Songs of Moses and of Miriam, Exodus 15, Deuteronomy 32.

December 10, Biblical Lyrics—The Song of Daborah, Judges 5, Psalms 23 and 107.

December 17, Biblical Lyrics—The Songs of Solomon. Solomon's Song, 1-8.

proval of all, as such mythical teams never do, but from observations the above would be able to hold its own against any other combination selected.

Moving Pictures

The moving pictures will in all probability be continued this week. The epidemic of diphtheria is now growing feeble, and if the physicians in charge do not protest pictures will be shown. Announcements will be made.

Gymnasium Classes to Start

Between the dates of December the 4th and 11th the Gymnasium classes will begin. All men will be required to wear the regulation uniform, which is as follows,—white sleeveless jersey, white running pants, and long orange and black stockings.

Physical examination of men taking gymnasium work will be taken and no man not having had such an examination will be allowed to take part.

The following is the schedule—Elementary, Monday, 4 to 8:30 Thursday, 4:30 to 6. Football and trackmen, Wednesday, 4 to 5:30. Baseball men, Saturday, 2:15 to 4. Basketball men, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 to 6:30.

Men not having regulation suits by Monday, may wear what they have until their new ones arrive.

Physical examinations not made now will be completed after the Christmas holidays.

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