

# THE FLAT HAT

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## THE COLLATION OF PHI BETA KAPPA

Held in the Library Last  
Friday Evening

On the evening of December 5, the Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa held its annual initiation and collation, the affair being one of the most successful in the history of the College.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, the President of the University of South Carolina, was the speaker of the occasion, and was presented by the Hon. Robt. M. Hughes, of Norfolk. In a powerful speech, he showed to the large audience that phase of the character of Robt. E. Lee which led him to be as great a man and citizen as he had been a soldier, namely, love of duty. Round after round of applause greeted the distinguished speaker.

Following this, Mr. Hughes read a number of letters from members and initiates who were unable to be present, expressing their good wishes. The members then adjourned to the Phoenix Hall, where the initiates were later conducted for "goating."

Following the initiation, the Society adjourned to the Library, where a sumptuous collation was discussed, and many a witty remark passed around.

The distinguished gentlemen were an inspiring sight as they passed two and two up the Chapel aisle to the platform. The leaders in Southern literary and educational work were represented, and the entire occasion was one well calculated to set astir the noblest ambitions of those present.

### The Colonial Echo

At the chapel exercises on last Friday morning, Dr. Wilson, in a few well chosen words called the attention of the student-body to the 1912 Colonial Echo. Dr. Wilson has been a close observer of college annuals for the past several years, especially those put forth by Southern colleges, and he stated that from his observation, the Colonial Echo, as published in the past few years was equalled by not more than

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## BRILLIANT GERMAN FRIDAY EVENING

With a Large Number of  
Attractive Visitors

Friday evening the German Club of the College gave the annual Thanksgiving German in the Gymnasium. The dance was a success in every way. Many attractive visitors were present, and the large number of Alumni gathered together for the occasion gave the impression of Commencement week.

### THE LIST OF COUPLES PRESENT

Those present were,—Miss McClain, of Norfolk, with Mr. Robert Jackson; Miss Bessie Spencer with Mr. Vaden; Miss Jones, of Portsmouth, with Mr. Snow; Miss Ellen Barnes with Mr. A. R. Koontz; Miss Barnes, of Richmond, with Mr. F. E. Graves; Miss Geddy with Mr. Barrow; Miss Elizabeth Macon with Mr. Tilley; Miss Jernigen, of Norfolk, with Mr. T. H. Geddy, Jr.; Miss Howard, of Norfolk, with Mr. Ambler Willcox; Miss Lloyd, of Richmond, with Mr. E. R. Willcox; Miss De Jarnett, of Norfolk, with Mr. Mayer; Miss Maury, of Norfolk, with Mr. Meredith; Miss Lynch, of Norfolk, with Mr. Lloyd; Miss Nannie Spencer with Mr. Clements; Miss Nora Macon with Mr. Elliott Dold; Mrs. Moncure with Mr. Trimble; Mrs. Groat with Mr. Rowe; Miss McGroarty, of Falls Church, Va., with Mr. John Tyler; Miss Jones, of Gloucester, with Mr. Lee; Miss Tate, of Norfolk, with Mr. Mitchell; Miss Mary Henley Spencer with Dr. Hankins; Miss Hundley with Mr. Brown; Miss Kate Gray with Mr. Peachy; Miss Laura Spencer with Mr. Tucker; Miss Garnett Sweeney with Dr. Brumback; Mrs. Miles with Mr. Ferguson; Miss Tyler with Mr. Hubbard; Miss Hall with Mr. Goodwin; Miss Sweeney with Mr. C. C. Hall; Stags,—Messrs. Jones, Deal, Spencer, Young, Parker, Preutzman and James.

The chaperones were Mesdames Gardiner Tyler, Tate, of Norfolk, Geddy, Hall and Lyon G. Tyler.

Colonel James T. Christian led the german. During the intermission while refreshments were being

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## 'A LES ETRANGERS' ON WEIRD PLACARD

Borne by Suspended Effigy  
on the Campus

The College community was given a fat subject for gossip on Friday morning when a weird effigy was discovered suspended from a tree near the gate wearing around its neck a placard bearing the following inscription, "A les etrangers—Nous, les ecoliers, sommes fatigues de votre Diableness." Those on chapel bent were arrested for a while from such holy intentions, and dispute was rife in the animated crowd as to the one destined to become the second Sherlock Holmes.

### MYSTERY YET UNSOLVED

Up to the time of this print however no one has been able to unravel the subtle mystery and thus deserve the sacred mantle of Sherlock, or be worthy of a place among Pinkerton's far famed sleuth hounds. It was strongly intimated that the figure represented some visitors at the College the day before who dared to enter class-rooms and quiz some of the young men; but, from the striking resemblance of the figure to certain well-known members of the community, others were equally obstinate in attributing the representation to other sources and different capacities.

THE FLAT HAT at once after the discovery sent its best trained representatives to fathom the matter, but these also returned empty handed, and the affair now promises to become one of the great clouded scandals of history among such other unsolved riddles as Who killed Cock Robin? and Where was Moses when the light went out?

### More Improvements

The progressive tendency at the college is manifesting itself in various ways. The latest improvements made are the arc lights in the front of each building, and the telephones in the various College offices. Telephones are now in the President's office, the Science Building, the Library, the Main Building and the Steward's House.

## COLLEGE ASKED TO JOIN PRESS LEAGUE

As Charter Member of the  
Southern Association

The College of William and Mary has been invited to become a charter member of the Southern College Press Association now being organized among the institutions in the South Atlantic States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The Association is open for membership to the colleges and universities of the South that have both the monthly magazine and the weekly newspaper, and the institutions eligible as charter members are no more than a dozen.

### WILLIAM AND MARY ONE OF FEW

William and Mary is therefore the only college of its size that may claim the distinction. Those eligible must be for men as well as have the two types of college journalism, for the reason that it is in that way expected that the Association will be of a higher order than otherwise. The importance of such an organization is evident. It will be valuable in uniting the college men that are eventually to become public journalists, and it will give a stimulus to the magazines and newspapers in the various institutions, besides adding a dignity and meaning to Southern and to no small extent, to American college journalism.

### Basketball Schedule

Manager T. H. Geddy announces the following schedule, and deserves hearty commendation for its excellence. For the first time none but collegians are listed, and these all of a high class. The opening game will be played against Fredericksburg in the Gym. on Friday night, and will deserve a large crowd. With proper support, basketball has been our most successful form of athletics. The following will probably start the game: Metcalf, center; Hall, right guard; Turner, left guard; Geddy, right forward; Wilson, left forward.

December 15, Fredericksburg College, Williamsburg.

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## WILLIAM AND MARY AS A SCHOOL OF HISTORY

There is no institution of higher education in America so intimately and thoroughly identified with the history of the United States as is the College of William and Mary. From its genesis in the early days of Sixteen Hundred and Ninety-three on through its eventful life to the present day, it has been the heart almost of every event of consequence. To write the history of William and Mary is to write the history of Virginia; to write the history of Virginia is to write the history of this great Nation. The historical centrality of the College is unparalleled. No college has meant as much to any country.

On one side lies Jamestown the first permanent English settlement in America. On the other Yorktown is situate, the birth-place of Liberty. Not far distant is the wonderful city of Richmond where was the Capital of the Confederacy, —the centre of our second Revolution in the name of Freedom. Every inch of soil around us is steeped in noble memories. Williamsburg, the proud seat of the Colonial government, is distinguished for its associations. And not alone has it been marked for its associations and national monuments, but it still is marked for its possessions, and even now may be seen along its ancient streets more of Colonial America than is to be found within an equal area in any section, North, South,

East or West. For what with old Bruton Church dating from sixteen hundred and eighty-three, the homes of George Wythe, Sir John Peyton, and Edmund Randolph, St. George Tucker, William Wirt, John Blair, John Tyler, and many others, all intact and beautifully picturesque, and the three original buildings of the College, the site of the Royal Palace, the Capitol, and the first theatre in America, there is still enough remaining to carry the student and lover of history back to any period soever and give to him a setting for his researches that is invaluable, and impossible elsewhere. The imagination is augmented by the very scenes; the printed page is illustrated by originals, not by pictures.

Such a setting makes of the College of William and Mary the leading school of history in this Country. Any man could learn history here. Unless he were deaf, dumb and blind he could not escape it. Ever and always is he thrown in contact with it. In Williamsburg we eat, breathe, drink, dream, sleep and live history.

The Department of History of the College headed by Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, the most eminent authority on Southern and Colonial history, is especially strong, and when taken in conjunction with the surrounding historical field of Tidewater Virginia, the combination is not surpassed by any college or university. For that reason we have always wondered why this phase of the College of William and Mary has not been more widely acknowledged. The fact is possibly this,—we are too well contented with ourselves to make any struggle for preeminence among the American colleges. We have reason to be satisfied of course but it is the duty of every student, professor, and friend of the institution to make its fame travel to the uttermost borders of the earth, in order that its prestige may be as familiar in the nursery as in the sanctum of the sage, and its rightful place at the head of the column so well established that it defies dispute and smotherers cavil in every quarter.

### CONCERNING COLLEGE SPIRIT

There is no one theme so hackneyed in academic journalism as the time-worn subject, college spirit. This time it has been suggested by the remarks just preceding. Our comments will not follow exactly the usual trend, for we are one who does not consider those manifestations which are to be witnessed on athletic fields in which students vie with each other in reproducing the dying shrieks of a wounded foghorn or the arrant braying of a jack-ass as college spirit.

That is all well enough in its way, but it is merely a small part, rather than the entirety of college spirit as some people seem to think.

The true brand is composed somewhat of these elements. A man who has a chronic case of in-grown college spirit manifests it at all times and in all places. It is he who walks through the campus at every opportunity because he loves it, not merely because he has to on going to lectures; who goes with seeing eyes and a feeling heart; who knows and loves every vine and brick and tree, the dates of things, the men who have brought them about; and the part each one has played in the romantic drama of Southern and Virginia history. It is he who champions the honour of his Alma Mater, who preserves her property, and who defends her weaknesses. It is he who puts away the bones of discord and the semblances of dissention; who cherishes her past and is hopeful of her future; who makes virtues out of faults, and progress out of virtues by acting the role of a self-appointed chairman of the advertising committee. In this capacity, he is primarily an exploiter, and fundamentally a builder. He never loses the chance of praising where praise is due or making it due if perchance it fail.

These are some of the appurtenances of college spirit, and he who possesses such goes about his prose with a smile and a song—

'I am just as near Heaven as I want to be,  
Swinging in the grape-vine swing.'

### A WORD FROM AWAY

The Daily News, of Harrisonburg, made these remarks editorially, in an issue of last week.—Contemplation of a great institution is always an interesting and profitable exercise. Such an institution is the visible embodiment of an immortal though invisible spirit. "Men may come and men may go," but the institution goes on forever; individuals blaze a moment in its light, then perhaps are lost amid the farther shadows; but the light shines on, all the stronger and all the brighter for the little torch that each man has lighted or carried. Thus it is with a great school—an ancient college. Recent association with a large company of men—teachers and alumni—of the College of William and Mary, has brought the foregoing facts, with many others akin to them keenly to the writer's attention. William and Mary is the second oldest college in the United States, and its name is written high in the long roll of fame.

The spirit of William and Mary, as manifested in the sons of the college, is something fine and stimulating. An intense love for Alma Mater is coupled with a loyal service in her name. The beloved president of William and Mary is a son of the tenth president of the United States; but in all and through all he is a man of warm heart and devoted purposes, unassuming in manner, but "to the manner born."

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### In and Out of College

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Mr. John Tyler entertained with a fancy dress party at his home on the College Green Saturday evening. His guests were Misses Kathleen McGroarty, Mab Stubbs, Sue Hundley, Barnes and Geddy, and Mrs. Miles, and Messrs. Geo. O. Ferguson, A. R. Koontz, Channing Hall and John Tyler.

Friday afternoon the Nu Chapter of Kappa Sigma entertained at their house on Henry street. The gay and charming throng of girls together with the hospitality and good cheer of the members of the Fraternity made the occasion one of the most enjoyable of recent college events. Through the tastefully decorated rooms the girls from home and abroad added a swirl of color and merriment very pleasing in the mellow light of many wax tapers. After an afternoon of general pleasure which was increased by elaborate refreshments the gay company took their separate ways home to prepare for the german in the evening.

Mrs. James Tate, of Norfolk, chaperoned an attractive party of young ladies who came up for the german, composed of Misses Tate, Jernigan, Howard, Lynch, DeJarnett and Maury.

Miss McClain, who was here Friday and Saturday, returned to Norfolk Saturday afternoon.

Miss Helen Rogers, of Rochester, New York, spent last week in Williamsburg making a study of the history of the College and City.

Mr. F. E. Graves '11, visited the College last week.

Mr. H. E. Trimble, was a visitor at the Kappa Alpha House last week. He was on his way to South Carolina to join his parents.

Channing M. Hall, Esq., '08, counsel for the S. A. L. Railroad was here Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Because of some errors in the athletic schedule printed last week, we would call attention to the bulletin board where the hours are given correctly.

### Dr. Williams' Address

Saturday morning the Reverend Dr. Williams, representing the organized Peace Movement in America, addressed the student-body and Faculty assembled in the Chapel. The subject of his address, which was exceptionally strong, interesting and instructive, was the Peace Treaty now awaiting the ratification of the Senate. Dr. Williams showed in an able manner why the treaty should be adopted, and expressed his belief in the attainment of universal peace for the world at some time not far distant.

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served a procession of black cowed figures appeared. After making the circuit of the room they gathered together in the centre of the Gymnasium and gave the well-known N-N O war cry and then disappeared in the same way they had come.

## Basketball Schedule

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January 6, Medical College of Virginia, at Williamsburg.  
January 11, Trinity College, at Durham, N. C.  
January 12, University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill, N. C.  
January 13, Wake Forest College, at Wake Forest, N. C.  
February 3, Randolph-Macon, at Williamsburg, Va.  
February 8, Wake Forest, at Williamsburg.  
February 15, Randolph-Macon, at Ashland.  
February 16, Hampden-Sidney, at Farmville.  
February 17, V. M. I., at Lexington.  
February 23, Hampden-Sidney, at Williamsburg.

## Storm Doors on Main Building

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two or three in the whole country.

Following the address of Dr. Wilson, Business Manager W. H. Neblett called on the student-body for subscriptions, and practically the entire roll responded.

The prospects for the 1912 Annual are unusually bright. There is an abundance of business and literary talent in the school, and the artistic, as evidenced in the past few annuals, is unequalled in the South. With the hearty and unwavering support of the student-body, this year's book should be equal to those in the past, which is a sufficiently high standard. The "Echo" is William and Mary's greatest literary achievement each year, and deserves every commendation and encouragement.

## Taliaferro vs. Brafferton

The Taliaferro Ducs and the Redskins from the Brafferton had a football fest on Cary Field Saturday afternoon. For a while the Indians had a shade the better of the argument, but the Ducs from Taliaferro soon showed that they were able to rally and before the end of the war scored two touchdowns, but could not kick a goal. Crockett made both touchdowns and was a noticeable star seconded by Dix, Addison, and Stone, while Hubbard and Taylor were the big Chiefs of the Indians.

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