

THE FLAT HAT

FREDERICKSBURG LOST BY SCORE OF 50 TO 5

The First Basketball Game Proved Varsity's Strength

In the first basketball game of the season, the William and Mary quintet walked away with Fredericksburg College 50 to 5. Last year's team won state-wide fame for its whirlwind finishes, but this season's five will probably make a reputation for whirlwind starts. In the first five minutes, five goals were scored upon the floor by the Orange and Black, Metcalf making basket after basket, while Capt. Hall got in some fine long shots. Fredericksburg was absolutely outclassed, and were only able to score four points in the first half, two of these being made on a beautiful long shot by Somerville. The visitors showed no evidence of team-work, being unable to get hold of the ball most of the time, and were lamentably weak in their shooting. When the whistle blew for the first period, William and Mary had piled up 22 points.

The last half was a repetition of the first, Fredericksburg scoring but one point, from a foul goal. The Orange and Black defenders shot over, under and around their opponents, adding 28 points in this period. The game was remarkably free from fouls. Metcalf, Hall and Geddy played a splendid game for William and Mary, while Chaney and Somerville looked best for Fredericksburg. Turner played a hard game, and Wilson showed great improvement over his last season's form. Scheie and Hubbard were tried out for a few moments, but received little opportunity to show their ability.

The game was poorly attended by the students. The basketball quint is the most successful of our athletic teams, and it is to be hoped that it will receive the same hearty support accorded to football and baseball.

Line-up.
 Fredericksburg William & Mary
 Timberlake (Capt) c..... Metcalf
 Chaney.....r. f.....Geddy
 Williams.....l. f.....Wilson
 Somerville.....r. g....Hall (Capt)

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PROFESSORS EXCHANGE

A New Feature at College

Exchange professorships have long been in vogue between the various colleges and universities of our land but not until lately has it been seen at William and Mary. This time it was not an exchange between this and some other college but between the School of Philosophy and the Department of Biology when Dr. Ritchie of the latter school at the invitation of Professor Ferguson delivered a lecture in Logic I on "The Inductive Frame of Mind." Dr. Ritchie's remarks were stated in that simple, forceful style which has made his text books so popular throughout the country. He concluded his remarks with an invitation to Professor Ferguson to visit the Science Hall and lecture before one of the classes in biology.

This is looked upon as a happy innovation in the old College and if the initial attempt in this line is a criterion of the interest in those which will follow it is certain that these exchange lectures will be welcomed by the student-body.

Petition to Senators

A resolution in approval of the International Peace Treaty now pending before the Senate of the United States, was presented to the student-body convened in Chapel on Monday morning. Dr. Hall presented the paper with some brief introductory remarks, and expressed the possibility of its becoming one of the great state papers of the future. The resolution was placed in the Library, and after it has secured the signatures of those who are in sympathy with the movement, it will be forwarded to the Senators from Virginia, the Hon. Claude A. Swanson, and the Hon. Thos. S. Martin.

Colleges all over the country have sent such petitions to the senators of their States, thus showing the popularity of the fine and beautiful theory of international peace among the younger generation.

Dr. Thompson Booth, an alumnus, is expected here for the holidays.

PUBLICATIONS ARE MANY AND GOOD

A Large Number for Size of Institution

A subject of recent comment is the number of publications issued at the College of William and Mary. There are seven in all, four of which are undergraduate publications, two of which are issued by the College, and still another one which is edited and managed by the President.

THOSE COMPRISING LIST

The number comprises The William and Mary Literary Magazine, published monthly and devoted to the development of literary talent and the preservation of the best College productions; THE FLAT HAT, a weekly newspaper founded with the idea of contributing to the advancement of the College; The Colonial Echo, the College year-book; The Students' Handbook and Directory, chiefly for assistance to new men; The William and Mary Quarterly, an historical magazine edited by Dr. Tyler and devoted to Virginia and Southern history; The Catalogue of the College; and the Quarterly Bulletin, which combines several different purposes, chief of which are to exploit the College, record its progress, and instruct the Alumni.

LARGE NUMBER FOR SIZE OF COLLEGE

This is regarded as being an unusually large number of publications for a college of this size, and reflects credit upon both the Faculty and the student-body. And from the present outlook these are not merely for the time being, but so well established that their lives will be continuous, and their growth ever toward a higher standard. The main responsibility is as a matter of course upon the men in college, which all the more augurs well for their preservation since the personnel of the enrollment is yearly growing higher in preparation, age, and ability.

The College German Club met Monday afternoon. The usual amount of routine work was gone through with, and preparations for the Christmas german made.

CURIOUS SPECIMEN IN SHOP WINDOW

Slater Displaying Mounted Wampus

The casual holiday shoppers along the crowded Duke of Gloucester Street for the past several days have been more than passingly interested by the display in the window of the Williamsburg Cleaning Works. The large black wampus which was recently pitted against the Dismal Swamp bear in the notorious bear-bateing contest, has been mounted, and placed before the public. The specimen has proven itself to be of even greater interest than was expected, by those who have it in charge, and its educational propensities are manifest.

SHOULD BE VIEWED BY EVERYONE

Both the Mayor of the City and the Sergeant of the Mounted Police urge that the citizens and especially the students and other matriculates of the College see this rare biological curiosity before it is sent on to the Smithsonian Institution. There have never been but three in captivity, one a winged wampus, one of the deep-sea variety, and this one which belongs to class 1 of order II of the Phylum Gyuglyx known as carniviverous protocilia.

Through a fault of the people who mounted the animal considerable of its pristine fierceness has been lost, but still in spite of the lack of expression in the glassy eyes and the absence of all vivacity of pose in the body there is enough of the original attitude remaining to form with a vivid imagination quite a wonderful beast.

Academy Organization

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, the student-body of the Academy met, and took important steps toward a complete organization. It was decided to organize as a unit, and not by classes, and in pursuance of this, the following officers were elected: President, Barnes; vice-president, Paterson; secretary, Jenkins; treasurer, Zehner; historian, Grimsley; prophet, Givens. These officers were constituted an executive committee to deal with the Annual Staff on ques-

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IDEALS

Now comes Christmas the blessed season of fraternity. For one brief span men clasp hands as equals. The instinct within us that struggles after the far away but ultimate perfection of the race is now our master passion. The king bestows his largesses more bountifully than before. Old Scrooge bears to Tiny Tim a fat and savoury pudding. The minister, during these days of the loving heart, petitions the harder for his fellow creatures; and the villain pauses for a while in his mission in remembrance of the Divine Event. And it is all because of this,—man has set apart this time of grace in honour of his greatest ideal—the Perfect Man of Nazareth.

Ideals, as all men know, have made the world. Without them there had been nothing. But in these prosaic days there are those who say that a man is not a man until his every illusion has vanished. That is pitifully cold. Who could exist without illusions? Who would live were they entirely destroyed? Who would care to? For then we should have but a world of clay,—our flowers would be only flowers.

Each one must select his own models. No matter what and who they are, they are good,—if they are ideals. Simply, believe in them. We have ours, and they are these,—the Man of Nazareth, St. Nicholas, and General Lee—a legend, a myth, and a memory. Those may not suit you. But there are many

others. Take your own. Only, have some, one or another—that is the criterion.

Forever, men who have conquered have had their eyes upon some high and lofty image, forgetting for the nonce all pain, and loss, and failure, and disappointment in their efforts to reach the eventual and beloved mark, whether of this life or another; and such visions shall last, please God, so long as the world endures.

'RIGHT MUCH' AND 'RIGHT MANY'

In these degenerate days collectivism has well-nigh put an end to individualism. Centralization is the keynote of every endeavour, and efficiency is the watch-word of every weakling. Our government, our daily lives, and our language are so hemmed about by this spirit that individuality seems destined to go by the board at no far-distant day and we become but a part of a great machine, just in the capacity of a nail, a bolt, or a screw. States are fast losing their distinctive qualities, that are being daily offered up as sacrifices to the octopus of Nationalism. People are becoming merely types in a country where soon there will be but one.

Language is trending in the same direction. Old localisms and accents peculiar to certain sections are fading rapidly away. It is to be regretted. Nothing is more inane, unattractive, and uninteresting than a cosmopolitan speech. In Virginia and Kentucky, perhaps, there is to be found more of this old, uncontaminated individuality than in any of the other States. That is as it should be. The English language is not the product of grammars and dictionaries. It is rather an evolution with intermediary assimilations and the 'felicitous misapplication of words' along the way.

We should, therefore, comparatively ignore the grammarians and reformed spellers and such others. Our usages are as authoritative as theirs, just as pure, just as reasonable, just as beautiful. If a Virginian has grown up with the use of 'right much' and 'right many,' and has naturally grown accustomed to the quaint word, 'wan't,' whether as I, you, it, or they 'wan't,' nothing could be more admirable than a continuance of such use. The same is true of the broad 'a' and the omitted 'r'. Be whatever you be, the world to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Our experience is, of course, too young to reflect much weight upon our opinions. Most people recognize this and are generous enough to bear with us patiently, knowing as how we do the best we can. A few however call us blatant ignoramus with a dash of conceit. Your pardon, my Lords. We are sorry. Maybe we are cut bias, and that were a pity.

But, to return to the subject, in addition to being over-schoolmastered, there is the tendency to be too nice in our language as well. So thinks Dr. Hall, so think a great many others, among whom we beg to be admitted. Decent restraint does not mean 'nice.' Finikin, fickle, and foppish mincings are by no means conducive to chaste and classic English.

Moreover, it is a belief of ours (unfortunately, possibly) that good, clean, clear, strong profanity, with the proper setting, is a thing not to be despised.

'ONCE MORE, O, YE LAURELS'

Once more THE FLAT HAT would call attention to the most needed of the necessaries and necessities of the College—a running track. Coach Young is anxious and hopeful that track athletics may be placed on a firm and respectable basis here, along with the other branches; material is bountiful, and climatic conditions ideal for the evolution and maintenance of this phase of College sport, thus making it reasonable, so to say, and even incumbent upon us to take advantage of an opportunity that promises more distinction than any other now in practice. If the College is not able financially to erect a track, assistance is available.

The student-body would contribute a portion, as would the Alumni, and the combined efforts would doubtless

prove victorious, were the movement once started. A grading machine, a few loads of cinders, and one or two days' work are the elements that have embarrassed the ways and means committee for so long. 'Help!' cried the queen, in sheer modesty.

THE FLAT HAT would congratulate its venerable Mother, The Virginia Gazette, upon her Christmas habiliments. Such a sprightliness of colour is scarce to be expected in one so ancient.

Good wishes for the holidays are now much in order, but we shall not indulge in such expressions herewith. It is so common-place, don't you know; therefore not for us to observe. But we do hope for a reunion. Times are dark, and the ways are rough, but there must be something for which we may be thankful.

We do not think so much of the political clique that is trying to dominate things around here. Although we may look rather stupid and inert, our observation is rather acute in some instances. Sirs, avoid the shoe unless it fits.

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In and Out of College

Miss Virginia Peachy entertained last Thursday evening with an elaborate tea-reception at her home on the Court House Green. Fifty guests were invited, and the evening was delightful in every way. The names of those present will be given next year.

Mr. T. Chapman Tilley, of Norfolk, captain of the 1912 football team spent the week-end in New York, where he will be the guest for several months of Mr. William E. Dold, Jr.

Mr. John Tyler has returned from an extended visit in Toano, U. S. A.

When Koontz goes broke, will Dippy Rowe bust?

The skating party on Lake Matoaka was almost as fine as the Annual Possum Picnic.

The Faculty have consented to extend the Christmas holidays to and through January 15.

If a whirl wind were a baby would sirocco?

Miss Sue Hundley was greatly flattered to receive a ten years' subscription to THE HAT.

It is a general complaint around the College that a certain trio of young men are acting selfishly (as well as altruistically) with regard to Huyler's candy. They buy every box that arrives at the Drugstore as soon as unpacked without giving other people a chance to satisfy a sweet tooth.

Effigies come, and placards go, but diabolism lasts on forever.

The Faculty reception in the Library last week to the students of the College was a brilliant and ambitious affair. Every man in College attended except two who were too busy studying. Possibly at no other place do the professors add so much to the social life of a college, as they do here.

If sunshine were destroyed would Snow storm?

Mr. Elliott Dold announced his engagement in Town Topics of last week. The lady is blond and stately, tall and fair.

Echo Staff Meeting

The first meeting of the 1912 Echo staff was held on Wednesday night, Dec. 13, and was more largely attended and enthusiastic than any Annual Staff meeting for some years. Steps were taken toward a division of the work among the members of the staff, and the general policy of the book was decided upon. At the request of the Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Bloxton, chief of last year's staff, was present, and in a few words put the problems and possibilities of annual work clearly before those present, and presented many useful facts and ideas for this line of work.

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Freeman.....J. g.....Turner
Hubbard

Summary: Goals: Metcalf 9, Wilson 4, Geddy 5, Hall 6; Chaney. Timberlake, Goals from foul: Timberlake, Metcalf 2. Referee, Goodwin.

Elliott Dold to Make Pictures

Mr. Wm. Elliott Dold, the able art editor of the Colonial Echo for several years past, will again make a series of pictures for the annual this year. An excess of work will prevent him from doing so large a number as before, and for that and other reasons he will not be able to undertake the arduous labor of the office of art editor this session. But it is gratifying to those interested in the success of the Echo to know that he will contribute a small amount of work if no more.

Development of Boy Problem

On last Tuesday evening Mr. H. T. Baker, state secretary of the boys' branch of the Y. M. C. A., of Virginia, delivered an address under the auspices of the local Y. M. C. A. on "The Development of the Boy Problem in Virginia." His address was forcible and convincing and the large crowd that greeted him was more than repaid for their trouble.

Mr. Baker is a graduate of Syracuse University and has had varied experience in boys' work.

Begin the New Year right by subscribing to THE FLAT HAT.



Academy Organization

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tions of Academy representation in the 1912 Echo.

Another important step was the organization of an independent Academy Athletic Association, which will endeavor to promote athletic activities among the Preps. The officers elected are Shiers, president; Lackey, vice-president; Graves, secretary-treasurer. The Association elected Zehner manager of the 1912 baseball team, and Ed. Addison was elected manager of the football team for next season.

Prohibition Association

On Thursday evening last about fifty students were addressed by Secretary Harry Warner of the Intercollegiate Prohibition Association of America. Mr. Warner's primary object was to reorganize the prohibition association of William and Mary. After a few chosen remarks along this line an election was held to choose officers for the student-body association. W. O. Deel was elected president; A. F. Barnes, vice-president; A. C. Cooper, secretary; and J. M. Presson, treasurer.

Letter to the Alumni

The Registrar has just completed a lengthy letter to the Alumni of the College. It is in the nature of a report, fully covering every phase of progress made since last year, and during this session, and shows clearly that the recently made claim to the effect that the College was enjoying the most prosperous period since the war is not without foundation.

The Spotswood Club will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Dr. James Southall Wilson, with Dr. Wilson as host. This will be the last meeting of the Club until after the holidays. The members who will be on the programme are Messrs. F. L. Goodwin, Sam Hubbard, Elliott Dold, and Wm. K. Doty.

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