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THE CHRISTMAS GERMAN GIVEN FRIDAY EVENING

Largely Attended, Many Visitors Present

The Christmas German which has always been the brightest event between the holidays and the dark days of examination time, was no exception to the rule this time. Many fair visitors added to the color and pleasure of the occasion, and a wanting. In spite of the extreme cold of Friday evening, a large crowd attended the dance.

THOSE PRESENT AND DANCING

Smithfield with Mr. Barrow; Mrs. Blair Spencer with Mr. E. R. Willcox; Miss Peachy with Mr. Daingerfield Spencer; Miss Lizzie Betty Macon with Mr. English; Miss Virginia Brown, of Norfolk, with Mr. Jones; Miss Jernigen, of Norfolk, with Mr. Elliott Dold; Miss Geddy with Mr. Neblett; Miss Grace De Jarnett, of Norfolk, with Mr. Raymond Meredith; Miss Mary Branch Spencer with Mr. Parker; Miss Tate, of Norfolk, with Mr. Mayer; Miss Bessie Spencer with Mr. Vaden; Miss Barnes with Mr. Koontz; Miss Sweeney with Dr. Brumback; Miss Hall with Mr. Hubbard; Miss Tyler with Mr. Goodwin; Miss Savage with Mr. Savage; Miss Hundley with Mr. Cox; Miss Christian with Mr. Richardson; Miss Laura Spencer with Mr. Preutzman; Mrs. Miles with Mr. Jackson; Col. and Mrs. James T. Christian; Col. and Mrs. Levin Winder Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Lane; Mr. and Mrs. Groat, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ball. OTHERS PRESENT

A large number of stags included, Messrs. Clarkson Meredith, of Norfolk; Alex Bell, of Norfolk; Tilley, Geddy, Lloyd, Peachy, Ferguson, Peachy Spencer, Locher, and Dr. Young.

The chaperones were Mesdames Gardiner Tyler, James Tate, of Norfolk; Bacon, of Rochester, N. Y.

The figures were beautifully led by Col. Christian and his bride who were warmly congratulated by a long list of friends. Refreshments were served at midnight, and the whole evening was enjoyable in every wav.

DEC. MAGAZINE

Usual Standard

A significant feature of the December number of the "Lit" is the essay, "William Barton Rogers." It is a pleasing departure from the beaten highway and presents a good number of alumni were not charming glimpse of a personality dear to Alma Mater. A well chosen extract from Dr. Rogers' correspondence gives a brief view of the William and Mary of fifty-odd years Were Miss Virginia Hart, of ago. It is to be hoped that this sketch is an earnest of others, similar in nature, to follow.

"MULCAIR SMITH" NOTABLE

"Mulcair Smith" is an unusual and striking story in that while it has football for its theme, it succeeds in convincing the intellect and arousing the emotions. Indeed this unsigned bit of fiction is the strongest of its type that the "Lit" has ever offered, both for vitality of touch and reality of effect. One is sure, whether there is in the annals of medicine the record of such a case as Mulcair's or not, that in the story at least it happened.

There are two other stories, "Redeemed" and "The Lost Chord." The former fails because of the weakness of its closing paragraphs; the plot is good; the style, effective; but a high standard of execution. if not maintained, leads to inevitable disappointment. "The Lost Chord" is an interesting fancy, but is not worked out with the elaboration its conception deserves.

Four poems maintain a creditable standard. The poem "Mont Royal" serves as a delicately musical frontispiece. "The Wayfarer," though vague in conception, is redolent with a sweet suggestiveness of Van Dyke's "White Bees."

The magazine taken as a whole is an excellent evidence of the editors' good judgment; from cover to cover there is not one page that even a severe critic could desire omitted.

—Jas. S. Wilson.

Dr. Young awarded the medal for superiority in punting and drop-kicking, Friday, to Mr. Daingerfield Spencer.

BASKETBALL TEAM IS APPARENTLY INVINCIBLE

AWARD LETTERS

This Number up to the Dr. Wilson Makes Presentation Speech

At the Friday chapel exercises the coveted monograms were awarded to the 'varsity football team by Dr. Wilson. He commented briefly on the dogged spirit and grit evinced by the team during the past season, often in the face of overwhelming odds, and amid the plaudits of the student-body presented the following fouls. men with the letters: Capt. Lee, Somers, Stanley, Lloyd, Hubbard, Parker, Wright, J., Spencer, Tilley, Goodwin, Neblett, Mayer, Deel and Manager Wilcox

The wearers of the 1911 football monogram have a right to be exceptionally proud of their laurels. While the season did not bring us higher through the numerous fouls many actual victories, the showing made by the team in the face of other football organizations of superior weight and much greater experience was remarkable, and both team and college are proud of the way the men fought against such determination could do to overcome the handicap of rawness and lack of 2. Mitchell, who was tried out at weight was done with spirit, as the forward in this half, promises well, dogged stands in the very shadows of our own goal-post, bear proud testimony. This year's work built not for one year's victories, but the William and Mary teams of the coming years.

Quint on Southern Trip

The Orange and Black quint leaves Thursday morning for Durham, N. C., where they will play their first game on their stiff southern trip. Friday night they go up against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, playing their final game at Wake Forest on Saturday night. Just what the result of this trip will be is impossible to state, but those who have seen the two games on the home court are confident that our showing will be a good one, and there is every chance to enter at least a couple of victories on the score book.

Medical College Beaten by Score of 41-2

The Medical College of Virginia quint returned to their dissecting tables on Sunday with their end of a 41-2 score. Capt. Joe Hall was the bright particular star for William and Mary, scoring twenty points from the floor, shooting from all parts of the court with wonderful precision. Metcalf, the lanky center, was close behind him, shooting six baskets and scoring on five

The game was unusually rough, and fouls were frequently called against M. C. V. The Medicos suffered much from lack of practice, and were entirely off color in shooting, Schenck scoring their only goal early in the first half. The score in this period would have been even of the Sawbones, but Metcalf was unable to hit his usual shooting pace till a little later in the game. Roughness seemed to constitute the visitors' entire bag of tricks, but this was no match for the splendid shooting and defensive playing evinced Whatever hard fighting and by the Orange and Black. The end of the first half found the score 23as does Hubbard at guard.

The second half proved the visitors unable to score, while the home quint kept up its whirlwind pace, Coach Young taking advantage of this opportunity to try out Turner, Harris and Scheie, the most promising of the scrubs. Wilson replaced Mitchell and the slaughter went merrily on, Hall and Metcalf again carrying off the honors. Fouls were a little less frequent, and the playing of the Medics was loose and listless for the most part. Mgr. Geddy played a quick shifting game, being almost omnipresent, and kept the whole opposing team on the jump, although gaining few chances to shoot. When the whistle blew, twenty-two points had been added to the Orange and Black score, the visitors remaining where they

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SOME RESOLUTIONS REITERATED

Instead of preparing a long list of resolutions for the New Year, we are going to reiterate a few that were made on the natal day of our life, which ran something after this strain,-'We shall remain neutral in politics, religion, and domestic disturbances. We shall not concern ourselves with morality, religion, or ethics, nor in fact with any other of the lordly sciences except in the broadest sense. We shall not discourage vice, nor extol innocence; we shall not go arm in arm with the depths, nor be in tune with the Infinite; we shall not proclaim the brilliant anathemas of Ingersoll, nor yet recite the Decalogue from places on high; but rather shall we take the middle course, have Evolution as our preceptress, and Revolution as our invisible inquisitor.'-This is the rock upon which THE FLAT HAT stands as a publicationfrank, impartial and honest; neither holy, nor Roman, nor empire, but representing the Student-body. Let no man say it does not, for he who so says either does not know the Student-body, or does not know Else, why stands the colopinion. umn Student Opinion vacant? The Staff heading bears a weekly solicitation for remarks from the three college estates, be they adverse or HAT is not ready to express itself otherwise.

During the workings and revolutions of the Editor's mind some un- not been carefully studied. But desirable, anomalous and unorthodox this much is certain, the schedule particles have emanated, but those could be easily compressed and car-

as the Editor does, and very rarely as he says do. For he is a moody and a morbid man of a mercurial disposition, and composed of elements that were not properly proportioned preparation of lectures for the comor mixed when he was made. He is easily exalted, and as easily depressed, being at one minute a skyrocket and athletics would be better manand at the next a digger of graves. THE HAT has neither politics nor rehe cannot be blamed for his politics, which was a matter of inheritance. As for his religion, he may not take unto himself any great credit, for while he both fears God and is a believer, such might be said of the Devil as well. So have a fellow-feeling for him. You need not praise him unless you are inclined. He likes to be liked but he is not one to run a madding after fame. At least be kind in your censure, which is not so different withal if you get the point of view, and remember always that there is considerable truth in the old saying from Hamlet, '-for there is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.'

NEW TRIMMINGS FOR THE HAT

Flat hats, as well as the other members of the Hat family need retrimming sometimes. It is not alone the right and privilege of toques, bonnets, Gainsboroughs, sailors, derbies, and beavers to have a little touching-up at times, but flat hats enjoy the same possibility. That is why you see changes in the appearance of THE FLAT HAT. A modiste had it in charge during the holidays. Wonderful is the effect of a few little changes for the better, you know. But had you noticed the new type? Possibly not. Few people have a type-feeling. That is a characteristic that must be both inherited and acquired. It is something like the sprach gefuhl, except rarer. A great many of you are stereotyped, to be sure, but that does not argue that you have the type-feeling. Anyway allow your attention to be called to the new headings throughout, and at least give THE FLAT HAT credit for visiting a milliner, even though you be among those who believe that it is a house cleaner that is more needed for these dirty

THE SATURDAY HOLIDAY

The Saturday holiday, which is being discussed throughout the College by both Faculty and Students, would seem at first flush to be a thoroughly agreeable and sensible change for the better. However, THE FLAT as being in favour of the change at this time because the situation has

would be unnoticeable and a holiday on Saturday would be a useful day for the completion of work not completed during the week and for the ing week. Also the much abused Sunday would escape desecration, aged and supported.

The question that arises as to the ligion. The Editor has both. But advisability of creating the holiday is whether or not the standing of the College would be injured. No track. But this seems to be hardly material lowering of standards would result, but a five day carriculum might be a subject for odious size. camparison if the other Virginia colleges and universities ran for six days in each week. So while this paper is in favour of the innovation from all appearances, still it is not willing to recommend it, for there are decidedly two sides to the question, and no change should be made except after the most careful consideration of every phase of the matter. For after all the College must not be crippled merely for the convenience of the Faculty and Student-body.

CONCERNING MONOGRAMS

The promiscuous use of the William and Mary Monogram and the lack of distinction in its usage by the different athletic teams, seems to justify some remarks from THE FLAT HAT FLAT HAT.

were strictly personal, and he accepts ried through in the first five days of by way of suggestion. This has been all the blame therefor. Never do the College week. The additional work done only after ascertaining the opinions of various men in college prominent in the athletic department, whose ideas were found to be in keeping with those of THE FLAT HAT, and are about as follows:

> There should be some way to distinguish the Monograms given to football, baseball, basketball and track teams. Some have suggested that this might be made possible by regulating the size ranging from large to small, from football to just. A man owning a letter should be able to wear it anywhere in any

The best solution appears to be in a change of sweaters, and a change in the basketball monogram. THE FLAT HAT suggests that football men wear a black sweater with orange monogram; baseball, a grey sweater with the same kind of monogram; basketball, a black sweater with orange monogram bearing the letters B. B. on either side; and track men a black sweater with orange monogram. Of course if such were given to the track team, some elevation should be made in track athletics. It would not seem fitting to give to track men the same distinction as to those in football until the work were so systemetized as to represent an equal amount of work. And this is the hope of Coach Young, the College generally, and THE

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was a guest at the Kappa Alpha House Friday and Saturday, and at- J. F. FLAHARTY, Proprietor & Manager tended the german.

Miss Byrd, of Gloucester, was here for the german Friday evening.

Miss Louise Harrison was the guest of Misses Nora and Lizzie holidays.

Mr. Douglas Dold, '10, of New York, has been the guest of Misses Cora and Estelle Smith.

Mr. Jennings Hobson, an alumnus, was here recently on a visit to Mrs. Hobson. He is now at the Episcopal Theological Seminary at Alexandria.

Mr. Herbert R. "Tommy" Eth- NEWPORT NEWS, - ridge, '09, was in Williamsburg for a week during the holidays before returning to the University of Vir-

Among the attractive visitors who came up from Norfolk for the german were Misses Jernigen, Brown, of Williamsburg, Inc De Jarnett, and Tate.

Miss Virginia Hart, of Smithfield, attended the german Friday evening with Mr. Theo. Barrow.

Griffith's photograph gallery will be open hereafter every Saturday instead of Monday. Students and others wanting first-class work are invited to call on that day.

George Schenck, '11, was a player on the Medical College of Virginia basketball team here Saturday, and "Dutch" Miller, also an alumnus, was manager.

Mr. Clarkson Meredith, of Norfolk, has been visiting his brother, Raymond Meredith at the Kappa HOUSES RENTED. Alpha House.

Mr. D. D. Wright was here last Life Casualty, Surety Bonds. Write or call week to visit his brother E. A. Wright at the Kappa Alpha House.

Miss Savage is visiting her brother, Coach Savage who produced the cup-winning baseball team of last

Mr. Charles R. Bagby, '11, now attending Trinity College, N. C., AND GENERAL BUILDING MATERIAL was a guest at the Kappa Alpha House last Tuesday.

Saturday afternoon was begun the indoor baseball practice which will continue until weather conditions in the spring permit of outdoor work. Tomorrow the same preparation Tomorrow the same preparation will be started in the football de-partment and all men are urged to

Miss Virginia Peachy entertained after the german with an informal reception. Her guests were Misses Virginia Hart, of Smithfield, Virginia; Elizabeth Jernigen, of Norfolk; Elizabeth Macon, Virginia Peachy, Mesdames Jas. T. Christian, Spencer Lane, Winder Lane, Peachy and Blair Spencer. Messrs. Willcox, Tilley, Barrow, Lloyd, English, Col. L. W. Lane, Col. Jas. T. Christian, Spencer Lane, B. D. Peachy, Bat Peachy, Jr.

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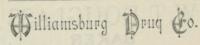
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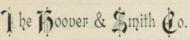
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BASKETBALL

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At the present pace, no team on the schedule will have a walk away with the boys, and with the improvement that the advancing season will bring, local enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see a great article of basketball.

The Medics lined up Balton, c; Daley, l. f; Stanton, r. f; Lipschutz, l. g; Schenck, r. g. Metcalf held the pivotal position for W. and M. Geddy, r. f; Mitchell, (Wilson) (Scheie) l. f; Hall, r. s; Hubbard, (Turner) l. g. Harrison subbed at center. Referee, Goodwin.

The Faithful Few

There were a faithful few who remained at the College during the Christmas holidays, while their felof plum puddings and roast turkey. Those who stayed were: I. J. Stanley, A. A. Brodowsky, J. H. Healy, Raymond Moffette, W. M. Grimsley, W. C. West, A. L. Garland, C. G. Richardson, Wm. K. Doty, P. L. Witchley, W. Winsbro, W. Shier, W. T. Brown.

Arch Angels Confer

Dr. J. Lesslie Hall announced in one of his classes Monday that the three Arch Angels who always set apart the days of doom were to convene on the day following. The periods for the different examinations were the subject for their labors. Simultaneously with the announcement a thrill of terror went over the room.



Clements Staff Member

Since the last issue of THE FLAT HAT, Mr. James David Clements of Gloucester county, Virginia, has been elected to the staff. He will serve in the capacity of associate editor, making five instead of the original number which was four.

Mr. Clements has been a student in the College now for several years and has always taken an active and prominent part in all College affairs, and is very generally popular. He is a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and the Phoenix Literary Society.

New Books in Library

This year has brought in more new books to the Library than any other for some time. The increase has been along all lines, history, science, poetry, fiction and philosolows journeyed homewards in search phy. Lack of space prevents the publication of them now.

> THE FLAT HAT was delayed this week by a delay of supplies ordered some weeks ago.

Spotswood Club to Meet

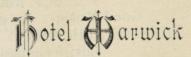
The Spotswood Club will meet on Friday evening with Mr. A. R. Koontz in his apartments at "Sandybrook." Those to appear on the programme are Messrs. Dold, Doty, James. Jackson and Lee.

Business Manager's Card

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