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DR. GEIGER'S ADDRESS

ROOTS OF SKEPTICISM TREATED

Second Lecture on "Present Day Religious Doubts: Its Cause and Cure."—Y. M. C. A. Meeting Wednesday.

On last Wednesday evening Dr. Geiger delivered the second of the series of addresses he is making under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. on the general subject of "Present Religious Doubt: its Cause and its Cure." In his previous address, Dr. Geiger had defined the type of religious skepticism that prevails today by contrasting it with the skepticism that prevailed a generation or so ago. "In the latter case," he said, "religious doubts had their roots in a rationalistic attitude. They were for the most part theoretical. Their difficulties were intellectual problems, logical contradictions. A characteristic question for them was: Given the rest of the world we live in with all its limitations, imperfections and evil, is the concept of God logically possible? In contrast to this sort of an attitude and this sort of skepticism," declared the speaker, "the skepticism of today has its roots in an attitude that is eventually empirical and practical; an attitude whose fundamental presupposition is that religious theory grows out of and must prove itself in religious practice. Its difficulties do not so much consist of logical contradictions or of moral incongruities. It's characteristic question is not: Is the concept of God logically possible? But rather: How is this concept morally significant? It is the fact that the belief in God seems to make no difference in the lives of believers that is the stumbling block for the modern religious doubter." Dr. Geiger spent the greater part of his time in driving home this thought. On next Wednesday evening he will conclude his series of addresses with a discussion of the question as to an adequate remedy for religious skepticism and how this remedy may be employed by the Y. M. C. A. and by Christian college men in general.

W. C. West and G. P. Green of the Medical College of Virginia came down Saturday to witness the Tiger-Indian contest.

THE TIGERS CLAW REDMEN

Crip-Thurman Combination Bewilders the Indians--
Williamsburgers Fight Hard--Thurman Injured--Garber Back in Linup.

William and Mary went down to defeat at the hands of Hampden-Sidney, in the third game of the championship series here Saturday by a 31 to 0 score. The Indians put up a strong fight throughout but were unable to check the attack cent red around Thurman and Crisp. Penalties called on the locals also aided Bernier's contingent in increasing the score. As a starter Captain Wilson won the toss and chose to defend the goal at the west end of the field. It is doubtful whether this choice proved advantageous to his team. In the opening period Hampden-Sidney received the ball, and sprung a surprise by starting their attack with a forward pass, Huddle to Goodrich, netting about 30 yards. The Tigers made another down, when, Thurman tore around right end and Crisp smashed through tackle. A series of live assaults and end runs gave the visitors then first touchdown, Huddle carrying the ball across the line. The Garrett and Gray attack seemed to bewilder Coach Hubbard's proteges and another touchdown was added this quarter before the Indians could get together. The ball then seemed to waver up and down the field, the trusty toe of Crisp figuring largely in keeping the Tigers out of reach of William and Mary's goal.

Before the end of the first half each team was deprived of the services of a star player. Goslee, the fleet Indian halfback was taken out with a sprained wrist. He was able to go back in the second half. Thurman was not so fortunate. The little quarterback fractured a bone in his face, and was suffering when taken from the field. However, only a few moments before his injury the youngster ran 40 yards around right end for the third touchdown. The first halfback ended 18 to 0 in favor of Hampden-Sidney. Thurman and Huddle failed at attempts to kick goal.

Hampden-Sidney was unable to score in the third quarter but the period ended with the ball on the

Indians one yard line, from which it was carried it over on the first play in the new quarter. Aided by penalties the Tigers were within striking distance of the Indians goal. Huddle smashed through tackle for touchdown and Palmore kicked goal. The game ended with Hampden-Sidney in possession of the pigskin on the Indian's forty yard line.

The disorderly conduct of a number of students at the close of the game was uncalled for. Nothing can be gained by insulting officia's but a bad reputation for the College.

The line-up:

W. & M.	Position	H. S.
Somers	left end	Goodrich
Reid	left tackle	Lyle
Copeland	left guard	Hogshead
Wilson (capt)	center	Gillespie
Garber	right guard	Herzig
Burford	right tackle	Adams
James	right end	Warren
Fentress	quarter back	Thurman (capt)
Goslee	left half	Huddle
Close	right half	Palmore
Ellis	full back	Crisp

Substitutes: Lassiter for Goslee, Graham for Thurman, Goolsby for Goodrich, Allen for Hogshead, Robinson for Reid, Brittenham for Goslee, D. Warren for Graham. Porter for Gillespie.

Summary: Touchdowns—Thurman, Huddle (3), Palmore. Kicked goals—J. Warren, Referee, Morris (Pennsylvania). Umpire, Robinson (Davidson). Head linesman, Curry (U. T. S.)

SHEWMAKE IN POLITICS

Oscar Lane Shewmake, who was graduated at William and Mary in 1904 was the Elector of the Fourth Congressional District on the Democratic ticket. Mr. Shewmake is practicing law in Surry county, of which he is commonwealth attorney.

Messrs. W. L. Phillips and W. F. Wingett accompanied by Mrs. Wingett and the Misses Moore, all of Richmond, were guests of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity Sunday.

NEW CONSTITUTION

IMPORTANT AMENDMENT CARRIED

Discussions Lengthy and Spirited—Lack of Quorum Causes Adjournment—Ratification Expected at next Session

Thursday night the Chapel walls resounded as the students discussed certain features of the Constitution proposed by the Student Council. The Constitution having been drawn up and read at a previous meeting, was thrown open to the assemblage for discussion. The provisions were taken up separately.

As students were slow in assembling, a committee was appointed to canvass the dormitories. This action was followed with satisfactory results. Mr. Simms, acting chairman, then invited discussion of the several articles of the Constitution. The invitation was responded to from several angles and warm discussions followed.

An amendment was brought forward, which dealt with matters over which the Student Council should have control. Though some of the points against the article were well taken, a favorable vote was recorded.

That portion of the Constitution stipulating the number of members to serve on the Council was next to encounter objections. The first amendment provided that the chairman be chosen from the faculty. This was voted down after a stubborn fight on both sides. An amendment was then introduced calling for the elimination of the eleventh man on the Council. The amendment was carried by a large vote.

The final proceedings of the meeting related to the number of members on the Council to constitute a quorum. A discussion of this point followed in which the matter was forced to a vote. An amendment requiring all the members to be present for a quorum was passed. Before the vote was taken a large number of students had left the hall, and only a minority of the Student-body was present. The chairman declared the amendment illegal and that the motion was still before the house. A motion for adjournment was made and carried.

The results of this meeting show that a majority of the students are

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VALUE OF GRADES

Six weeks have elapsed since the opening of College. During this interval the professors have been put to the trouble of correcting test papers, making records of daily recitations and sizing up in general the work of each student. Recently the grades have been sent to the registration office, where they may be consulted.

This is not a convention. There is a purpose back of this work, and a reason more profound than the gratification of curiosity. The grades are bits of correspondence telling you what the professor thinks of your work. Don't get discouraged over an E, or elated over an A, but remember that the man, who brings an E off the first month to a B or C the second, makes real progress, shows improvement and is worthy of commendation.

But grades should do more than tell what you have done; they should tell what you ought to do. Study and compare your grades, and they will serve as a candle to light up your paths of study for the coming months. You can learn from them upon which subjects to give special attention and extra study. You will have profited little if any by consulting your grades, if it does not serve to strengthen your work. Take an inventory of last month, and start business on a new basis. Let your grades assist you in maintaining a high standard of scholarship.

NOTICE

On account of the wide distribution of the first issue of The Flat Hat for advertising purposes, none of the copies of that number were left over. The College Library

failed to receive a copy that week for some unknown reason and so the Library file is incomplete. The Collrge Librarian is very anxious for this number and would be glad for someone to contribute a copy to the Library.

T. G. Pullen, Bus. Mgr.

GRIDIRON GLEANINGS

Although the Indians lost, it was not because they did not fight. They were neither out-weighted nor out-generated, but a superiority of teamwork by the visitors and several penalties turned the tide of battle against the home team. Capt. Wilson on the defense was a demon as was Goslee on the offense. The rangy half-back made substantial gains around the ends until taken from the game with a sprained wrist. Ellis also advanced the pigskin proficiently.

"Toad" Thurman had a bone in his face crushed during the second quarter in a head-on collision with James. His absence from the game will be keenly felt when the Tigers and Spiders meet next Saturday at Farmville in the crucial game of the series. Even the members of our team are sorry that the midget quarter was injured on the local field, since the work of Thurman is always demonstrative of skill and true sportsmanship.

It is about time for the Indian backs to learn that the success of a fake play depends upon the speed of its operation. It was very noticeable that the "fakers" were run off with less speed and accuracy than were the regular formations. Any trick play is dead as soon as it is diagnosed by the opposing team. As a result this style of play lost rather than gained for the Indians.

The cheer leaders appreciate the efforts of the Freshmen and Academy men in the stands. With a glance to the farther side of the field, one could readily see that a number of the upper classman had posed as monuments along the sideline as speechless as they were obstructive to the progress of the game. Coach Dovell, at the rally said, "Whatever this team does, it will do it in spite of a large number of you fellows." Is he right?

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

Monday night the Senior class held a meeting for reports of the several committees. The committee on rings displayed samples and the class order was placed with Balfour and Co. The rings will be delivered sometime before Christmas. The committee on Dr. Stubbs' portrait reported that they were awaiting instructions from Prof. R. M. Crawford before acting. No other business of importance was transacted.

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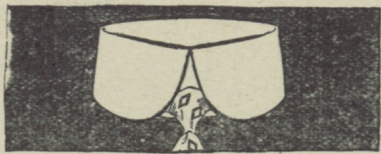
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Fast Games With Benedictine and Old Point

Colleges—Little Indians Scatter Opponents with Strong Attack.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, the William and Mary Academy football team met on Cary Field Benedictine College in a fast and hard fought game. Two fake plays on the part of the Benedictine team saved the day for them and tied the score at 12 to 12. Weikert, Amory and Hunter won laurels for themselves in this game.

Friday, Nov. 3, the Academy aggregation played on the home grounds Old Point College. This time the Papooses showed rarer form than they did in their initial game with Benedictine. The Academy kicked off, Old Point receiving the ball on the twenty yard line ran up the field about ten yards. On their first down they fumbled the ball and the Indians recovered. By a succession of line plunges and end runs the Indians succeeded in carrying the ball into their opponents territory and sending Weikert over the goal line for a touch down in about three minutes after the game was called. The Catholics came back with plenty of pep and vim but they were no match for the Little Indians, who by their bewildering line plunges, end runs and forward passes had their opponents completely at their mercy throughout the entire game. The playing of the back-field showed a decided improvement on last Saturday's game and especially was the work of West, Weikert and Wornom commended upon by all. The following is the line up of Friday's game:

Old Point	Position	Academy
Murray	l. e.	Foster
Fessmann	l. t.	Gray
McCaroon	l. g.	Hedrick
Twomb'y	c	Stout
Ripley	r. g.	Renick
Ehmig	r. t.	Acree
Foley	r. e.	Chappell, Capt.
McCarthy	q.	Amory
Mahoney	l. h.	Wornom
Michelena	r. h.	West
McLaughlin	f.	Weikert

Touchdowns: Weikert 2, West 2, Amory 1, Wornom 1. Kicked goal, Weikert 2. Substitutions: Old Point, Gill for Ripley. William and Mary Zollinger for Foster, Henley for Zollinger, Renick for Hedrick. Reteree, Geddy, W. and M. Umpire, Ambrose, Old Point. Linesman, Wilson, W. and M. Time of quarters 8, 10, 10, 8.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Messrs. Chappelle and Carpenter visited the fair sex near York river Sunday.

Messrs. Wornom and Acree were visited by their parents Sunday.

E. S. Burford was called home Sunday on account of the illness of his mother.

Hill Johnson spent Sunday at his home in Gilmerton.

Dr. Doyle and a party of friends motored up from Norfolk Sunday to see their kinsmen, Messrs. Rives and Doyle.

P. L. Witchley was seen on the Campus Monday.

Jack Harvey has returned from an extended visit to Fwell.

A BOY'S TOILET

I have my little cake of soap
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I bathe it once or twice a week,
Then leave it quite alone.

My toothbrush is an aged tool
With white hair in its head;
I'll be d— if I use the thing
When I get out of bed.

My comb is such a fearful thing
It fills my mind with dread;
Its teeth so long and fierce and sharp
Shall come not near my head.

I fear my mirror is bewitched:
Its actions are so queer,
It makes an ugly face at me
Whenever I go near.

My little shoes are pitiful things,
They utter such mournful cries,
Because they cannot see a foot
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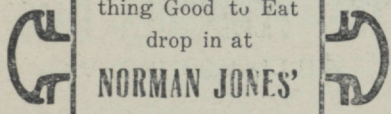
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in favor of the Constitution as a
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pected. At an opportune time the
discussion will be continued, and a
final vote will be taken on the adop-
tion of the Constitution.

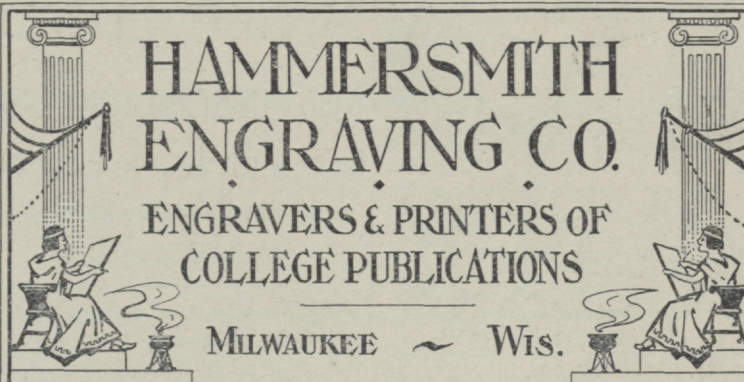
DEBATE COUNCIL MEETING.

The Debate Council met last Wed-
nesday night to transact its initial
business of the year. Since there
was no old member on the Council,
Dr. Wilson presided until the election
of a chairman. B. H. Seekford was
elected chairman and H. H. Simms
as Debate Manager. The first busi-
ness taken up by the Council was
the proposed change offered by
Randolph-Macon. This change was
that there should be a triangular de-
bate between Randolph-Macon,
Richmond college and William and
Mary and that each team should de-
bate on neutral ground, that is, we
would debate Randolph-Macon at
Richmond and Richmond college at
Ashland; Richmond college and Ran-
dolph-Macon would debate here. This
eliminates the trouble heretofore
had in securing judges. Simms
went to Richmond Friday to meet
representatives from the other two
Colleges. V. M. I. is trying to reach
terms with us for a dual debate this
year.

PHENOMENAL PERFORMANCE.

A violinist, D. M. Ferguson by
name, rendered a unique and unus-
ual program here last Monday even-
ing. The artist made his debut
Friday night. After a short consul-
tation with the students he decided
to spend the night in town, and on
the next morning to wash up, drink
a coca cola and tackle Dr. Tyler
about giving a performance. Rare
courage was displayed in carrying
out these plans, and the musician
gained his point.

By a singular species of vocaliza-
tion in accompaniment with the
violin, tones were produced that
were indeed startling. The effect
might well be attributed to a re-
markable intensitive perception that
puts the artist in a class by himself,
and a versatility of vocalization that
stamps him as a genius in his line of
work. This performance was most
certain a revelation of the possibili-
ties of the voice. Without doubt
Mr. Ferguson is possessed of a
very peculiar gift. The only draw-
back to this extraordinary entertain-
ment was the lack of a cuspidor in
the auditorium, which necessitated
several trips to the window by the
performer. His final selection was
an imitation of an old time country
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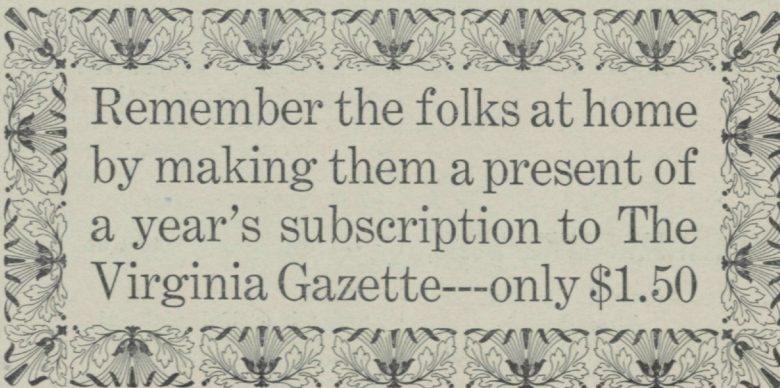
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