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BASKETBALL TEAM BACK FROM TOUR THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA

Played Trinity College, The University of North Carolina and Wake Forest College

The little band of basketball gladiators returned to Williamsburg Sunday evening without having registered a victory on their trip. However, when it is considered that all the teams engaged were entirely out of their class, representing the cream of Southern basketball men, William and Mary supporters have nothing to be ashamed of.

The Orange and Black still have a total of 123 points on the score book, as compared with their opponent's 122. The games from now on will be with teams more nearly matched.

GAME WITH TRINITY

On Thursday night, worn out by long travel, our boys tackled the fast Trinity team in their den at Durham, N. C. The Trinityoians started off with a rush and when the first twenty minute period had ended the score stood 38-9 in their favor. Capt. Joe Hall starred in every department of the game, working eight out of the nine points in this half for William and Mary.

The Orange and Black came back strong on the defensive in the second half, and while able only to run their score up to 16, the Tar Heels were held down to an additional 15 points. Final score: Trinity 53, William and Mary 16.

BETTER SHOWING AT CAROLINA

Friday night the University of North Carolina rooters were treated to a fine exhibition of up-hill playing by the Orange and Black, and at same time received the biggest score ever tendered them by a small college, William and Mary holding the thick end of the stick at the end of the first half, though pluckily losing out 30-22 after the hardest fight ever seen on a Chapel Hall basketball court. Splendid playing by the whole team, Geddy, Mitchell and Metcalf especially, gave four points advantage in the first period. The game was marred by many fouls on both sides, the referee being entirely too conscientious in this branch of his duty. The second half found them unable to hold the advantage, but it was only by keeping her five best men on the court throughout the game that North Carolina was able to get a strangle-hold on the

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1912 COLONIAL ECHO UNDER WAY WITH EXCELLENT PROSPECTS AHEAD

Contracts let to New York and Richmond Firms of Good Standing and Ability

The management of the 1912 Colonial Echo reports a very satisfactory progress on the annual publication. The contract for the engraving work has been let to the Electric City Engraving Company, of Buffalo, New York, while the printing and binding will be done by Whittett and Shepperson, of Richmond. Mr. E. L. Owens, of the Yorktown Historical Photograph Company will do the camera work.

ART DEPARTMENT EXCELLENT

The art department, under the guidance of W. Elliot Dold, contemplates many innovations which it is expected will make this phase of the publication excel all previous efforts. Mr. Dold has a free hand in his work, and his drawings for this issue promise to be of a very superior order. A new style of cover, superior in workmanship, material and design, is being planned, and the designs proposed for class and club drawings, and so fourth, are novel and interesting. Mr. Owens will begin his photographic work on Wednesday of this week, and the work of supplying copy to the engravers will be pushed with all possible speed.

INNOVATIONS IN LITERARY DEP'T

Literary contributions are being solicited by the editors of that department, and poets, historians and prophets are now whetting their brains for new ideas. Several departures from the beaten track are proposed in this field. The Echo election will be held during this week, and many places on the roll will be hotly contested.

Clubs are organizing rapidly, and the usual array of humorous and serious organizations will find their place in the new Echo. A number of new "stunts" are being worked up by the club editors, and this department will not fail to furnish its usual quota of hearty laughs.

ACADEMY TO OCCUPY POSITION

The Academy is to have a portion of the book devoted entirely to their interests, and every effort will be made to give the younger sons of Alma Mater a good representation.

At a recent staff meeting the matter of the dedication was decided.

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ICE ON LAKE MATOAKA BEST IN YEARS AND IS STRONG AND SMOOTH

Great Number of Students and Young People of the City Skating

Since the 5th of January the ice on Lake Matoaka has been growing thicker. For more than a week skating conditions have been ideal, and from the present outlook, and the prophecies of the weather men they will continue for some time to come. Ice on the Lake is about six inches and the thermometers are still playing around eight degrees above zero. More snow fell last night, but today the sun is shining again.

CITY SHEETED IN ICE

The entire city is covered with ice. Skates form the chief means of transportation, and nearly as many skaters are to be seen on the Duke of Gloucester Street as on the Lake.

Merritt Foster gave an amusing performance Friday afternoon, and introduced an innovation never before witnessed in the skating world, by having his big red collie pull him on his skates along the street. By catching hold of the dog's tail he made a record of about a mile a minute. Old Shag seemed to enjoy the sport as much as any of his admirers.

MANY SKATING PARTIES

Taking advantage of this opportunity, many young people have given skating parties on Lake Matoaka. Many men from the College have been among the pleasant gatherings. Among those who have entertained are Miss Mab Stubbs, Miss Sue Hundley, Miss Elizabeth Macon and Mr. James D. Clements.

MEETING OF THE SPOTSWOOD CLUB

The Spotswood Club held its regular bi-monthly session as the guest of Mr. Koontz in his apartments at Sandy Brooke. Mr. Elliot Dold discussed at length several choice articles in the Craftsman. Mr. W. B. Lee gave a talk on several important issues of the day as set forth by the American Review of Reviews. Mr. Jackson took up the foundation and subsequent policy of the Atlantic Monthly. A full attendance and delicious refreshments served to make the evening a very attractive one.

The Club will meet the first Friday in February as the guest of Mr. Willcox at the Pi Kappa Alpha House.

LIST OF FRATERNITY MEN SHOWS DECREASE SINCE LAST YEAR

Sub-Collegiate Students are no Longer Eligible to Membership

Following is a complete register of the members of the five fraternities in the College. A slight decrease in membership is shown over last year, which fact is most probably due to the Faculty ruling that no matriculate in the sub-collegiate classes shall be eligible. The fraternity roll of last year gives a total of 67 men while this year can point to a membership of only 57, and seven pledges. This inventory of course does not include Phi Beta Kappa, or any of the local fraternities, for either year.

THETA DELTA CHI

Men returned: Cecil C. Graves, John H. Healy, Thomas J. Rowe, C. Chapman Snow, Henry A. Turner, Herbert W. Vaden, John H. Wright.

Initiates: C. C. Dix, Robert D. Ewel, Preston L. Geoghegan, Harry F. Marrow, Preston P. Taylor.

Pledges: Cecil E. Watts, Edward Bane.

SIGMA PHI EPSILON

Men returned: James D. Clements, John Y. Mason, Paul A. Wilson, Samuel F. Games.

Initiates: George J. Prutzman, John Cato, Cameron G. Richardson, Thomas A. Lupton, Alvin C. Cooper, Joseph F. Stephens.

KAPPA SIGMA

Men returned: W. Byrd Lee, Jr., William H. Neblett, Thomas H. Geddy, Jr., Frederick D. Goodwin, Joseph F. Hall, Robert B. Jackson, Arthur W. James, Walter B. Nourse, Bathurst D. Peachy, Jr., Daingerfield B. Spencer, McMaster P. Lloyd, Lionel W. Roberts.

Initiates: Frank Y. Mitchell, C. Leonard Mayer, Samuel H. Hubbard.

Pledges: D. Cary Jackson, Gardiner Tyler Ellis.

PI KAPPA ALPHA

Men returned: Bernard A. Garth, Ernest L. Wright, Alan F. English, William H. Deierhoi, Edward R. Willcox.

Initiates: William L. Parker, Henry G. Parker, Earl B. Thomas, Reginald F. Cox, Lewis Jones, William M. Harrison.

Pledges: Robert M. Newton, Winton M. Whitehead.

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JANUARY THE NINETEENTH*

I

*** follow the Christ, the King,
Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow
the King—
Else, wherefore, born?

Friday, the next coming, will be the Nineteenth of January. Its very mention is enough to send an earnest thrill through the heart of every Southerner,—through the heart of every American,—aye, through the heart of every Anglo-Saxon; for on that day, one hundred and five years ago, was born Robert E. Lee, the most perfect man and the most admirable figure of the Christian Era. He was born great: sprung from an ancient and honourable line, he ever lived within the glamour of greatness; and nurtured by its stimulating warmth he pressed onward to attain to greatness which was the equal of that of any member of his house, and to add fresh lustre to a name that rang with the praise and commanded the admiration of two continents.

Richard Lee was the emigrant: he came to Virginia in Sixteen Hundred and Forty-one. It was his son Thomas Lee who built Stratford, that noble pile on the Potomac, where was offered an asylum to Charles II, and which was subsequently restored from the devastation of fire by no less a personage than Good Queen Anne herself in recognition of the services of her faithful Counsellor in Virginia. Here were born Richard Henry Lee

who moved the Resolution in Congress to declare the Colonies free and independent States, and here Francis Lightfoot Lee first saw the light of day. Both of these signed the Declaration of Independence. But a greater distinction still belongs to Stratford; it was the birthplace of Robert E. Lee, the greatest Southerner of them all, and that is great indeed.

His father was 'Light Horse Harry' Lee of the 'Partisan Legion'; his mother was the gracious and beautiful Anne Carter of Shirley, whose home was the sweet old mansion upon the banks of the James, nestling there among its stately trees in comfortable repose. Upon one of its walls hung, and yet hangs Peel's famous portrait of General Washington, standing life-size in his Continental uniform of buff and blue, calm, handsome, and heroic. That figure was the ideal of the young Lee. Unconsciously, he strove upwards to that time when he, like his great model, should lead his people in another Revolution against oppression and in behalf of those rights which all freemen have demanded from times immemorial, even at the point of the sword. And unlike any other man, possibly in all history, he measured not only well up to his ideal but, as we of the South know, and as the world is beginning to learn, he far surpassed it.

II

'Victory!'

So once more the cry must be.
Dutious mourning we fulfill
In God's name; but by God's will,
Doubt not, the last word is still
'Victory!'

When at last it became certain that the dispute between the States would have to be put to the test of arms, General Lee decided to go with his State, his people and the South against that united Country which no family had done more to create than his own. With what reluctance he acted, few people will ever know; but when old Virginia, Mother of Presidents and of States, withdrew, she did so with moral and constitutional sanction and her chiefest son went with her. He achieved greatness: throughout his entire life he mounted toward the pinnacle. At West Point he received the highest distinction possible to a cadet and left without a single demerit; at the beginning of his career he quelled the John Brown Raid which threatened the South with the horrors of a negro insurrection; as a young engineer he saved the City of St. Louis from destruction by the Mississippi, in the face of riot and impatience, and his work stands now an impregnable bulwark; in the Mexican War he won undying fame at Cerro Gordo, Contreras, Churubusco, and Chapultepec; then in the War between the States he came

into that heritage which for glory is unsurpassed in the annals of the world.

The history of that struggle centres around General Lee. The South during the War enlisted about 900,000 men, the North put into the field about 1,700,000 and in addition enlisted 700,000 foreigners, and 186,000 negroes. The taxable values of the North were three times as great as those of the South, not to mention her unlimited credit abroad, her splendid factories, extensive railways, and further superior equipment; yet for four long years the War was continued. The glories of that uneven combat are too brilliant for treatment here, too numerous for even a bare mention. From the trying beginnings in Western Virginia to the hard battles around Richmond in which General Lee showed what a master he was in offensive operations, on through to Second Manassas, Antietam, Chancellorsville, and Gettysburg, and still on through the Wilderness Campaign, and finally at Appomattox, this great Captain maintained a bearing that places him among the Immortals. He wears the crown of Victory. Both in offensive and defensive operations he was without superior, and although crushed at the bitter end, the word defeat may not be applied to him;—not any more than to Leonidas and his band in the pass at Thermopylae, or to that sturdy Swiss Guard who died in the defence of Marie Antoinette in the gardens of the Tuileries and for whom the stone lion at Lucerne is an everlasting memorial. 'He,' said Field Marshall Viscount Wolseley, 'was the ablest general and to me seemed the greatest man I ever conversed with, and yet I have had the privilege of meeting Von Moltke and Prince Bismarck.'

III

'The woods are hush'd, their music is no more;
The leaf is dead, the yearning past away.
New leaf, new life,—the days of frost are o'er;
New life, new love, to suit the newer day.'

When the old order changed, giving place to the new, General Lee accepted it without complaint, without bitterness; he took up his life anew, and as he had been honourable and brave in war, now was he noble and gentle in peace. As president of the University at Lexing-

ton, he strove for the healing of wounds, and for the restoration of his shattered Country. He had greatness thrust upon him: not riches and power, but an absolute dominion over the hearts of the Southern people. He refused all mercenary offers, all titular offices, unwilling to convert the unbounded love of a people into money. As he had suffered with them, so he still would suffer. His heart was broken, his hopes faded, his future empty except in so far as he could aid his State and reunited Nation.

His connection with Washington and Lee University was one of love and service. In him that institution has its greatest past and its greatest future. It is the opinion of Mr. Charles Francis Adams that this University has the fullest possibilities of any of the Southern colleges, because of General Lee's association with it. We should say, not greater than William and Mary; but in any event, our love and hopes for the venerable College at Lexington are well-nigh unlimited, and its every step toward even larger things is watched by us with enthusiasm.

When in the future some poet comes to write the American epic, it will be General Lee who will stand forth as the second King Arthur. There is material enough in his life and time to write the leading epic of modern times; who will say not of all ages? Is there a figure in the Iliad half as great? Does the Aeneid possess one in any way comparable to him? Can King Arthur of the Round Table even in the rosy light of fiction boast of a tenth part of his magnificence in real life?

In years to come his name will not become greater, for that were impossible, but when strife and hate and envy have passed away General Lee will come into his rightful own, and Justice will place the laurel where it belongs.—

'Ah God, for a man with heart, head, hand,
Like some of the simple great ones gone'..

*For the most of the material herewith, we are indebted to Mr. Thos. Nelson Page's 'Robert E. Lee, the Southerner.'

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IN AND OUT OF COLLEGE

Dr. Lyon G. Tyler has returned
from Richmond.

Mr. B. J. Locher, who was a student
here for several years, has been
visiting friends in the College and
city.

Mr. Peachy Spencer, of Washing-
ton, D. C., is visiting his father,
Mr. J. B. C. Spencer, at the Colo-
nial Inn.

Mrs. John C. Calhoun, wife of Dr.
Calhoun, has decided to remain in
Florida until milder weather comes
to Virginia.

Mr. Arthur W. James was in
Richmond Wednesday to arrange for
the championship football series of
next year.

Several very pleasant skating
parties have been given during the
week on Lake Matoaka, just below
the College.

Two staunch friends of William
and Mary are Mr. and Mrs. Carter
Harrison, of Staunton, who are here
for a month's sojourn.

Mr. Robert E. Henley writes that
his losses in the destruction of the
Equitable building, New York, were
not excessive.

Mr. Chas. R. Bagley, '11, entertained
the William and Mary Basket-
ball team while in Durham, North
Carolina.

Business Manager Herbert W.
Vaden was away from the College
on business for several days last
week.

Mr. Theo. Barrow, Jr., gave a
theatre party in Norfolk Saturday
evening, which included Misses
Elizabeth Jernigen and Virginia
Browne, and Mr. Alex. Bell.

Miss Florine Kinney, of Char-
lottesville, is expected soon as the
guest of Miss Elizabeth Macon.

Dr. George Hankins, of Toano,
graduate of William and Mary, was
a guest at the Pi Kappa Alpha
House Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Frank E. Compton, President
of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity,
together with his wife and son,
were at the College for several days
last week. Mr. Compton was mak-
ing his annual visit to the local
charge. He is a graduate of the
University of Wisconsin, the class
of '98. The Fraternity gave an in-
formal reception in honor of their
distinguished guests who seemed
greatly pleased with the Colonial
College, and its generous hospi-
tality.

MIDWINTER EXAMINATIONS

The midwinter examinations will
begin Saturday, and continue on
through the month. Schedules have
been posted giving the days for the
several classes. The second term
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KAPPA ALPHA

Men returned: Theo. Barrow, Jr., Wm. Elliott Dold, Roy C. Deal, Wm. Jeffrey Alfriend, T. Chapman Tilley, Wm. Kavanaugh Doty.

Initiates: Raymond G. Meredith, Strange Addison, Wm. T. Cogbill.
Pledge: Ed. Addison.

1912 COLONIAL ECHO UNDER WAY

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The name of the dedicatee will be withheld till the book is put on sale, May 15, but it is understood that the choice of the staff fell upon one of our best loved and admired alumni.

ELLIOTT DOLD GONE TO NEW YORK

Mr. Wm. Elliott Dold left Williamsburg Monday afternoon for New York City for treatment. Since an operation last fall for mastoiditis he has not entirely recovered and this is the second time that he has had to visit a specialist since entering College in November.

BASKETBALL TEAM BACK FROM

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fat side of the score in the last five minutes.

WAKE FOREST LAST

The last game was played against Wake Forest on Saturday night. The strain of the long trip and the hard playing had begun to tell on the boys, and this game had not the same snap as the other two, the Orange and Black going down in defeat 32-4. A reversal, however, is expected, when Wake Forest plays here February eighth.

Those making the tour of the Tar Heel State are, Geddy, r. f; Hall, r. g; Hubbard, l. g; Turner, l. g; Metcalf, c; Mitchell, l. f; Wilson, l. f.

GENERAL LEE'S BIRTHDAY FRIDAY

Friday, January 19, will be celebrated the birthday of General Robert E. Lee. Holiday will be given at the College. In the morning, exercises will be held in the Chapel in commemoration of the event and distinguished speakers will be on the programme. The Hon. Rosewell Page, of Richmond, will make the principal address in the College Chapel at 8 P. M.

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