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## Memories

Summer fades in all its glory,  
Golden banners deck the sky,  
Clouds bereft of silver lining,  
Gather 'round old V. M. I.

Shadows lengthen, laughter ceases,  
Autumn comes to claim her own,  
Moonbeams steal from heaven's window  
Shed their light for us alone.

Strange how well Cadets remember  
Summer days of brighter hue,  
Vivid nature ever calls them  
From the course which they persue.

And our thoughts in sorrow wander  
Back again to eyes of blue,  
When each heart beat for another  
With a fondness ever true.

Now our furlough days are over  
And each moment we recall  
Memories fond in silence moulded  
With the sadness of it all.

Summer leaves to gold are turning,  
Soon they'll fade in winter's blast,  
Spring will speed us on our journey  
'Till our goal is reached at last.

A. B. D., '08.

## V. M. I. Football Team Making Fine Progress

The football prospects at the Virginia Military Institute are bright for a successful season. The official schedule includes several strong games, and the men are hoping to meet their opponents with success.

Head coach C. S. Roller reached Lexington Monday, and at once took charge of the men. Previous to his coming Capt. G. E. Pile, assistant coach, had the men well in hand, and the team had advanced rapidly. Monday afternoon 50 men responded for the first scrimmage under the new coach, and they showed up creditably. The corps of cadets arranged themselves on the side line and cheered the men on. The team will be composed of four of last year's first team, and the selections from last year's substitute team are making a good showing.

The new coach is no novice on the gridiron. He was star quarterback on the V. M. I. team of '01, which defeated V. P. I. and Georgetown and tied University of Virginia, thereby winning the championship of the South. The following year he went to Furman University at Greenville, S. C., and inaugurated football. The next season his team defeated South Carolina College, Clemson College and Georgia Tech, thereby winning the championship of the far Southern States. Major Roller and his brother are principals of the Augusta Military Academy, and he has accepted the coachship of the V. M. I. for the season, after which he will return to his own school.

## THE MESSHALL FOOD

To an old cadet of the years before 1903, who by chance should wander into our messhall today, it would appear that his once most improbable and impossible dream had come true indeed, and there was food at the messhall instead of "growley," "sow-belly" and "Chalk-water." If he take a seat at the nearest table he will find a most delightful reality in the way of food, equalling any and surpassing many of the Virginia hostelry in variety; and thoroughly cooked in the best of modern equipped kitchens, the food is fit for Epicurus himself. Add to this the greatest of sauces prepared by long hours of study or drill. The Cadets appreciate indeed the change in conditions.

The wise act of the Board of Visitors in appointing a Stewart has done much to better food conditions and the committee appointed were lucky in finding Mr. Palmer of Richmond. He fills his responsible position well and rarely is a complaint lodged against food or service.

The kitchen is supplied with steam from the power house and all the cooking, save that of meats, is done with live steam. The coffee urns are heated by small pipes of steam. The oatmeal double boilers are also arranged with steam pipes. This tends to a cleanliness, procurable in no other way. Bread is baked every day, there being hot biscuits for breakfast and fresh rolls for supper. The menu often includes fresh fish, salmon, trout or bass, from the markets of Baltimore and Richmond, the shipment being made at the cities at 8:00 in the morning and arriving at Lexington at 6:00 p. m. the same day. Vegetables in season and fresh milk add to the pleasures of the mess.

All in all, the cadets are as well satisfied as any body of men could be, served the same food. As one remarked after the Jamestown trip last spring, when we struck the waiting breakfast of ham and eggs, "The old messhall is good enough for me."

Percy Hewson has a great pull in 102. It takes "pull" to stay on the four stoop these days.

Poor "Laney" lost his First Class privaleges. Hard luck old boy, the cadets will miss you.

## The Coming Year

The prospects for the coming year are particularly bright in every respect. On the 4th of September when the new cadets were required to report, one of the largest, "burliest" fourth classes that has entered the Institute for many a year was enlisted. Not only in number is this one of the largest fourth classes for years, but also in "bone and sinew." As prospects are now from this class the football team will have a good proportion.

The "Misters" were promptly placed under "martial law," and under supervision of the officers of the Institute, and the Cadet officers, they were drilled by the "non-coms" in the "School of the Soldier" and "School of the Squad."

On Sept. 11, when acadademic duties commenced, a larger per cent. than usual of the "Cloven Foot" third class, the "Indifferent" second class and the "Dignified" first class reported "Returning on furlough, sir," so consequently we have now a good big full battallion.

The next thing now, fellows, is to keep a big battallion, and the only way to do this is to stay out of trouble. Of course a man can't stay out of trouble entirely at V. M. I. He's either going to get "boned," "licked" or "found" before he is here very long, and perhaps all three, but that's no sign he must get "shipped." So, third class profit by experience of other third classes.

"Misters," Tickle your self and laugh" and stop worrying them back at home with homesick letters. And "Ye First and Second classes" you have both "Been through the mill" of your "Two bull years," so of course, you know now to make the most possible of this one.

We can now confidently say that the new library will be ready for use in a few more weeks, together with much better lighting accommodations than we found in the west wing of barrcks.

There are about six dailies and over 30 weeklies and monthlies to which all classes have access at the usual hours. For the benefit of those who wish the use of reference books we hope to make special arrangements.

Rats, here is your sanctuary.

M. G. DESHAZO,  
Asst. Librarian.

## Strange Things

### in Barracks

Have you heard the joke about White and Brown. They are both back this year. I certainly would hate to be in Brown's place.

Since football season opened Jumbo Dunbar has lost 30 pounds. He weighs only 260 now.

The "Backsliders" had a meeting last night. Refreshments were served and it is reported they had a very enjoyable time.

In the front rank of A company there are 34 men, in the rear rank there are 36. It takes two to cover Duncan's and Dunbar's files.

"Hocum" Scott danced "three downs" at the reception the other night. He was then put out of the game for "tripping." Hocum met all the "calics." Ha! ha!

"Ike" Adams was one of the color guards, but he resigned (?) last Saturday at inspection. Three in one is good oil to clean a gun Ike.

"Connection" Ferrel ate six plates of chicken salad at Mrs. Nichols' reception. That night he had visions of a Dominica rooster. Ask him about it.

"Hero" Bond, "Dr." Howell and "Odor" Engleman are in the watermelon business in East Lexington. They sell them for cost, \$8.00 a piece.

DeVault has been recuperating at the hospital the last few days. "D" has a swinging motion in his walk, rather unmilitary, but he rides like a Rough Rider.

New Cadet—Can you tell me the paragraph in the drill regulations where it says the companies should "sound off" instead of coming to "parade rest" after the line is formed at B. P.?

Old Cadet—No, but go ask Lieut. Gentry, he gave the command.

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Rockbridge County News Print

It has long been known and often mentioned that such a medium as a college newspaper, while not essential, nevertheless is an aid to the advancement of the college itself. This is true of course only with the provision that the object of the journal, and the object of its editors is to forward the principles of the college.

A new paper, as we know, has its difficulties. As in all other undertakings, so in this, there are obstacles to be removed, and a way to be paved. To be sure, there are willing hands and many friends, but even so, the confidence of its subscribers is a thing to be gained, not demanded. Once this is gotten it possesses an opportunity to accomplish wonders. One of the best illustrations of this is the Harvard Lampoon. So strong has this paper become that it is even upon the list of many of the standard newspapers of the country, whose sole object in its subscription is for the excellent editorials and unbiased views upon national and international questions.

While it is but natural that the editors should attempt to make the "edito princeps" one catchy and striking yet with the help of all who love and honor old V. M. I., each subsequent edition—at least for a time—may be made better than the one preceding. So to draw on the vernacular, "let's whoop her up." We can't all write—I can't myself—but contributing articles is not the only nor the best method in working for its success. How about advertisements? Why not try to procure these? "Are you game?"

The opportunity offered this year over former ones to rooms less crowded is well looked upon. The size of the average room in barracks is too small to permit four men to comfortably "bunk" within. Then the disadvantages of having four men in any room are self-evident. For example, one glass will scarcely permit the

combing out of tangled locks of four heads, all at one time, within the "closing up toots" of the bugle, and at the same time the wash bowl too is either overworked or in some cases we are afraid, entirely deserted. Two shelves plus one-half of a drawer doesn't allow a man to display an extensive wardrobe. Four men quickly empty the drinking bucket, and more quickly it seems, fill the waste bucket.

Four men don't—either can't or won't—usually do an exceedingly great amount of studying around the table. "Roughing" is the rule rather than the exception. Neatness and order are preserved until after inspection, from then on—! The duties of orders do not fall but once in every four weeks, but the duties themselves are four times as hard.

Therefore, with the new arrangement, matters should progress smoothly and far more comfortably.

We sincerely hope that the first issue of The Keydet came up to the expectations of the corps and alumni. Owing to our limited time it is hard to turn out a weekly that will come up to the standard of the best college weeklies, but nevertheless such is our aim. With the co-operation of all the classes this end will undoubtedly be attained. Although V. M. I. has no academic course; it has an excellent literary department. Efficient writers are turned out every year. With their help we have every reason to believe that The Keydet will rank among the first in college weeklies. What we need is hearty co-operation and the right spirit.

Associate Editor DeVault has been chosen to act as editor-in-chief for the present, Mr. Byrd having been granted a 20 days furlough for the benefit of his health. Mr. DeVault will creditably fill his new position as all who know old "Cupid" will agree. Being not only a splendid-writer himself, he also possesses the rare knack of making others work. As Mr. Byrd's room mate he naturally knows the former's aims and ambitions in the Keydet way and we look for great results from him.

We hope the title of "Keydet" will be pleasing to all, though some objection has been made on the grounds that the name "Keydet" was originated by the Negroes of Lexington during the earlier history of the Institute. The fact remains nevertheless that the name is in common use among the cadets today, and was suggested by many as a title. Any suggestions for a better name will be gladly received and considered.

## From General Shipp

The following letter is self explanatory:

THE SALISBURY HOTEL,  
LONDON, E. C.  
Sept, 23, 1907.

THE ADSUTANT,  
CORPS OF CADETS,

MY DEAR SIR: I beg that you will make known to the Cadets of First, Second and Third classes my high appreciation of the beautiful and appropriate present made me on graduation day. I had no opportunity to make in person my acknowledgment to members of the graduating class. If I had had intimation of your generous purpose I should have been in my office immediately, after graduating exercises, to have received and acknowledged at the time the very handsome gift. I shall always cherish it as a valued treasure, and my children after me will be proud of this testimonial.

Among the many thousands who served under me as Commandant of Cadets and Superintendent, I have hosts of devoted friends, and the pride and pleasure of my life is in their career and success.

My thoughts are very constantly with you in these days of the session. I have visited many of the great schools of England, but unfortunately find them all in vacation. I do not believe there is any school in the world better calculated to fit a young man for the struggles of life than the Institute, and the type of the true son of the Institute.

With kind regards for you personally, and all your fellow Cadets, and with the prayer that God may have all of you in His most holy keeping, I am with sincere appreciation.

Your friend,  
SCOTT SHIP.

## Our Name

We are very sorry to state that we have received several complaints, principally from old alumni, whom it appears, like the Keydet, but don't like its name.

We have just begun this paper; pioneer attempts are rarely satisfactory, but we are intensely gratified that our name is our only objection. Now the Keydet has been gotten up principally for the benefit of the school, the alumni and the corps, and we must endeavor to satisfy all. So with this end in view we request that any subscriber, alumnus or not, who holds objection to our name, will please write us a letter, stating the fact and its cause, so that we can understand our position. We hate to displease anyone, especially the alumni, and if objections are

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raised we will willingly change our name.

From what we have been able to gather the name Keydet is the title which was many years ago contemptuously applied to us by our friends, the students. However, the meaning implied has vanished, and in late years it has been considered an honor by every wearer of the grey to be called a "Keydet." We hope that the old alumni and all concerned will bear this in mind, if they intend to score us. We do not grudge the objection, as we know that the title bore no honor in their day.

It is our intention to devote a column every week to the alumni. Any help or information along this line will be thankfully received. Communications for this department should be addressed to the Alumni Editor.

"Lucy Luce" a new arrival on the scrubs, is charging the line hard for a monogram.

Big Indian Chief Holcomb is giving a good chase for the shooting honors at gallery practice.

Our "big boy" can more than make a typewriter sing if he is from Arkansas.

## THE KEYDET

LEXINGTON, VA., OCT. 8, 1907

### Personals

Miss Mary Custis Lee is visiting Miss Marguerite Freeland.

Ex - Superintendent, General Scott Shipp is traveling in Europe.

Miss Helen Stevens, Miss Mary Moulton and Miss Louise Seldon were in Lexington Wednesday.

### Third Class Notes

No, "Skin," when we speak of apostrophe, as a figure of speech, we do not mean 's.

It appears that the principal made good. Welcome back old boy.

"Tessie's" chickens appear to be doing good, as he has lately been complimented on how well they can scratch.

A shadow was cast over our class last Thursday afternoon at parade when an order was read dismissing Miller.

Peyton, who wandered off last spring, with the intention of helping Uncle Sam run his navy, has returned.

Rankin seems to be doing a rushing business at Joe's old stand. Occasionally he is forced to call in assistants.

We have not given up hope, however, of having him again with us, as we intend to make an earnest appeal to the Board of Visitors at their next meeting to have him reinstated.

Poague is getting along O. K. by the use of his crutches. We are hoping that it won't be long, however, before he will throw them away and once more join the eleven.

Five hearts were made glad and not a few were made sorry, when it was learned that Maclean, English, Miller, Caffery and Dodson had been appointed corporals in place of Haas, Crell, Madison, Hunt and Paxton, who failed to return.

He was one of the best liked fellows in the corps, as well as a favorite among his classmates. He will be missed very much; especially by his classmates, for he was always willing to render assistance to any, and anxious to help his classmates in anything they undertook.

We are very sorry to learn that Joe Garnett, our historian, has decided not to return. We are informed that he is on the road selling college yells. Joe will surely do well if he will only "sound off" for his prospective customers. We wish him all success.

## Military Affairs

During the past week there have been many changes in the line of drills. Squad drill for the new cadets has been discontinued on account of the proficiency attained by the same. "Position and aiming" drill has been superseded by gallery and target practice for the first class privates. These cadets have it in daily rotation by company.

Artillery, Signal, Heliograph, and "First Aid of the Injured" drills have been discontinued, and company drill has been submitted for all concerned. Right here it may be said that the proficiency already attained at this drill is considered to be far better than that attained so early for many years.

If inclement weather prevents drill on the parade ground, the new cadets will be drilled at Butt's Manual in the gymnasium. Capt. Paul has recently been assigned duty at this drill in place of Captain Wilson. The order effecting this change was published too late for any notice of it to be recorded in last week's issue.

Dress parade, which is held every evening, is fast attaining that marked perfection which greatly helps us to hold the name of the "West Point of the South."

As soon as the new cadets have gotten into full dress, the appearance of the column of companies marching, with matchless swing and perfect lines, in front of the o. c., with the band leading Dixie, will strike a military note in the breast of any witness, whether a soldier or not, and it is this response to the military spirit combined with an undefinable love for the corps, that is the secret to our success in this line of life.

### ALUMNI NOTES

There will always be a space reserved in The Keydet for the alumni. If any one should want to know the whereabouts of any "Old Cadet" (when we say "Old Cadet" we mean any one that has ever been here) all they have to do is to ask The Keydet to look him up and we shall do everything in our power to locate him.

The following are a few of the late ones that we chanced to know something of now:

J. C. Wise, '02, is at the University of Virginia studying law.

G. E. Sebrell, '07, will teach at the Norfolk academy this winter.

John Paul, '03, is practicing law in Harrisonburg, Va.

A. H. Bell, '06, is in the dry goods business in Lynchburg.

W. T. Willis, '05, is commandant at Bethel Military Academy.

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## V. M. I. vs. William and Mary

V. M. I. played her first game of the season Saturday against William and Mary. The V. M. I. team was in excellent condition. The team worked fine, owing to the excellent works of our coach, Mr. Charles Roller, a graduate of the class of '01, captain of V. M. I.'s champion team of 1900. The work of the team was quick and snappy. All the men played a fine game. The final score stood V. M. I., 58, W. & M., 0. The line up of the two teams was as follows:

V. M. I.		W. & M.	
Poague T.	left end	Barbee	
Clemmer			
Massie	left half	Lee	
Fray	left tackle	Ellyson	
Dunbar	left guard	Petross	
		Patterson	
Hancock	center	Hall	
Pattison	right guard	McDonnel	
Smith H.			
Biedler	right tackle	Dovell, C.	
Porter, Mosely	right half	Cahn	
Alexander, Ward	right end	Seymour	
Doyle, J.	quarter	Carter	
McLean	full back	Dovell, G. A.	
Widsman			

Time of halves, 20 and 15 minutes. Referee, Mr. G. E. Pile of Kentucky University; umpire, Mr. Gammon of Hampden-Sidney. Timekeepers, Mr. Ragland of Washington and Lee, and Mr. Palmer of William and Mary. Head linesman, Mr. R. Nichols, V. M. I.

The game in detail was as follows: Hancock kicked off to W. & M. 20 yard line and their quarter receiving the ball, was downed on the spot. Twice W. & M. tried to gain the desired 10 yards, but did not gain an inch, so W. & M. punted and V. M. I. had the ball on W. & M. 45 yard line. The first signal given by V. M. I. was a right end run by Doyle; the run went all right, so did Doyle; just a 45 yard run for a touchdown. The first touchdown was made in 1 minute and 50 seconds. Doyle kicked goal and the score is 6 to 0.

V. M. I. kicked again and the W. & M. man who received the ball was downed on the spot. They punted and V. M. I. had the ball on W. & M.'s 40 yard line. Doyle made a signal for a forward pass, the ball was struck by one of the W. & M. men before it touched the ground and Hancock captured it on W. & M.'s 20 yard line. Doyle made a place kick from 20 yard line, making the score 10 to 0 in 5 min. and 40 seconds of play.

W. & M. kicked off, McLain caught ball and punted back, making a 60 yard punt, Hancock captured the ball again from W. & M. V. M. I. fumbled and W. & M. got the ball again and punted. Doyle caught the ball and ran back 20 yards. Massie made a 30 yard run around right end for touchdown. Doyle kicked goal. Score, V. M. I. 16; W. & M. 0, in 8½ minutes of play.

W. & M. kicked off, Massie

caught ball and returned the kick. Hancock captured the ball again on W. & M.'s punt being blocked Doyle again made a right end run for 25 yards. McFarman failed to make place kick from 35 yard line, brought ball out and punted from 25 yard line. Fray ran the ball back to W. & M.'s 45 yard line. Doyle, at the next signal, circled W. & M.'s left end for a gain of 25 yards. Then McLain was sent through right tackle ten yards for a touchdown. Doyle kicked goal. Score, V. M. I. 22; W. & M. 0. Time of play 13½ minutes.

Massie made a right end run of 25 yards for a touchdown. Doyle kicked goal. Score V. M. I. 28; W. & M. 0. Time of play 15 minutes.

W. & M. then kicked off again and Fray getting the ball made an 85 yard run for a touchdown, Patterson making a splendid interference for him. Doyle kicked goal. Score, V. M. I. 34; W. & M. 0.

W. & M. kicked off and Smith fumbled the ball but Biedler got it. McLain then punted at the next play. V. M. I. had two yards to gain but fumbled and the ball went over to W. & M.

Time was called with ball on W. & M. 45 yard line. Final score in first half: V. M. I., 34, W. & M., 0.

W. & M. kicked off to V. M. I.'s 30 yard line and Doyle returns the kick. W. & M. again punted and the ball went to V. M. I. Mosely held one of the W. & M. men and was penalized 15 yards.

The ball was steadily advanced to W. & M.'s six yard line, when Mosely took it through right tackle for a touchdown, Doyle kicked goal, score, V. M. I. 46, W. & M. 0. Time of play 8 1-2 minutes.

Biedler made a 20 yard run through opposite tackle. Then Doyle sent Massie around right end for 35 yards, next Ward is sent around left end for 45 yard, and a touchdown, score V. M. I., 52, W. & M., 0. Time of play 12 1-2 minutes.

Ward went around right end for a 35 yard run and a touchdown, Doyle kicked goal; score V. M. I., 58, W. & M., 0. Time of play 14 1-4 minutes, W. & M. kicked off again, Doyle took the ball back to V. M. I.'s 35 yard line, then V. M. I. punted and time was called with final score V. M. I., 58, W. & M., 0. The ball was continually in W. & M.'s territory, and V. M. I.'s goal was never in any danger. The star players for V. M. I. were Doyle, J. Poague, T. Massie, Hancock, and Biedler. For William and Mary, MacDonnel, G. A. Dovell and Barbee. Keep the good work up 'Varsity, we are all behind you.

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### The Present Unlike the Past

The following ode, or rather poem, was given us by our worthy friends Mr. J. R. Thomas. This gentleman affirms that it is founded on fact, and the parson and the vestryman were his room-mates in those good old cadet days. He also states that these two gentlemen, were noted as the "roundest of the rounders," and were each of them "one of the boys."

Right here the Keydet wishes to extend to Mr. Thomas its thanks and hearty appreciation for the able help and advice which he has given us. Mr. Thomas was graduated in '92, holding the position of 2nd Cadet Captain, 1st Jackson-Hope medallist and also Editor-in-Chief of the Keydet, which was at that time a monthly and an entirely different publication from the present Keydet. His poem runneth thus:

"The Parson and the Vestryman met, after many years,  
The Parson and the Vestryman embraced with fervent tears.  
Their meeting was so cordial 'twould have silenced any sneers.

"These days," the Vestryman remarked, "are surely days of gore,  
Let us discuss the dear old days—the good old days of yore;  
When through the reveille's loud beat, we both could calmly snore."

"You were First Sergeant, Co., 'A,'—I bore the colors then—  
Your duty 'twas to call the roll, and mine to watch the men,  
And when the call for duty came, we turned and slept again."

"Do you recall," the Parson said, "a circumstance I'll name,  
When loud and long the sentry called and never an answer came,  
Because me in your room enjoyed a quiet poker game."

"I do," the Vestryman replied, "and recollect the date,  
When you, in town, were boiling drunk, the hour was very late,  
Your friends suppressed and hauled you home in quite a mandlin state."

The Parson and the Vestryman each smiled a pensive smile  
For they were pious men indeed in whom there was no guile,  
They had not swore or drunk or danced in quite a little while.

Then they discussed the church's state, but scarce had they begun,  
When back their thoughts and talk returned to the days of '91.  
And they said "The new days are best, but the good old days were fun.

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