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COL. WM. GILHAM SOLDIER-TEACHER

*Brief Tribute Paid by One Who
Knew Him and Loved
Him*

HE WAS A MODEL INSTRUCTOR

In the long ago—as far back as 1849—I entered the Virginia Military Institute as a cadet from Richmond city. There were nine other Richmond boys, and every professor and subprofessor and all my colleagues of that date are dead.

In that generation Virginia was "The Old Dominion." The guns which her well-filled arsenals and armories and over which her flag floated, were the emblems of her sovereignty, which her gallant sons had wrested from her Mother Britannia, whose flag was also hers. But "Britannia crowned by virtue seen trampling on tyranny and opposition" no longer satisfied Virginia. Time and circumstances called for a change. Her illustrious son, George Wythe, was asked to furnish a proper device. He retained enough of the old English flag to satisfy all true patriots, but gave the present emblems and motto for the seal of the state. On one side "Libertas, Ceres, Etenitas," with the motto, "Perseverando." On the other side, virtus with her foot upon the tyrant's neck, and the motto, "Sic semper tyrannis."

Her ancient landmarks have been removed, but these emblems can be carried in the mind and heart, and will never be forgotten by the sons of old Virginia.

Virginia had her public guard and the most perfect state militia organization that necessity and long experience could devise. She was stronger than any state in the Union, and stronger than the United States government, for when she ceded her northwestern territory to the general government, her eldest daughter, Kentucky, and all of the border countries protested most earnestly against the withdrawal of her forces, and President George Washington, with his far-seeing wisdom, waved the constitutional difficulties in the way of state protection, preferring her co-operation with her plan and means of defense to massacre and pillage, which the government of the United States

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THE PROGRESS OF THE BOMB

No one can realize the work in getting out a school annual until they have had some experience along this line. Both the financial side and the gathering of material must be constantly watched for a slight error will cause considerable trouble. The Bomb, our annual, is considered one of the best books of its kind published in the South. We do not attribute this solely to the fact that V. M. I.'s military standing gives it sufficient prestige to place it in such a conspicuous position, but to the fact that the whole school is unselfishly represented in the annual.

Now is the busiest time of the year for the Bomb staff. All material must be in by the last of February, and it is absolutely necessary to know just how many want Bombs. This year the size of the book is to be increased and the percentage of pictures is to be doubled. These features will add greatly to the general attractiveness of the book. The contract this year is for \$1,800, several hundred dollars more than any of the previous classes have put on this work. The staff can raise this if every cadet in the corps will buy a Bomb, which it certainly is his duty to do. If the necessary sum is not raised the Bomb will have to be cut down to some extent, which we do not want to see done.

The main trouble is that nearly every one thinks the staff should do all the work, and that they are men of poor ability if they leave something undone. Why can't every cadet in barracks help in some way so that we will be able to publish the Bomb, which Mr. Richardson, the editor-in-chief, wants?

CHAPTER XXIII

They were alone in the park, (the hero and the shero) and he could hardly wait before asking the question which decided his fate. Love shown through his eyes, his nose and his mouth. The psychological moment had arrived!

"Darling," he said passionately, "I await your answer with baited breath."

The shero looked wistfully at him and said without a pause, "Well, you will have to bait your breath with something else besides onions and cheese if you want to catch this one."

WASHINGTON THEATRES

*Good Shows at the Theatres
Inauguration Week—Many
Cadets Going — First
Classmen Engage
Boxes*

An alumnus of the Institute who lives in Washington has written that there will be a number of first-class attractions at the theatres during Inauguration week. Cohan & Harris' Minstrels will be at the Columbia, corner of Twelfth and F streets; and the "Merry Widow" is billed at the New National on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth. DeWolf Hopper will appear at Belasco's, corner of Pennsylvania and Sixteenth street, in musical comedy.

So far the "Merry Widow" seems to be the most popular of the three shows in barracks, a large part of the corps having made plans to attend the performance on the night of the 3rd. A number of first classmen have even gone so far as to engage boxes!

CAPT. AND MRS. CORSE ENTERTAIN

Press Club Organized

On Saturday evening, Feb. 6th, quite a number of Cadets were honored with a most pleasant evening at the home of Captain and Mrs. M. B. Corse. A large part of the evening was spent in the organization of the V. M. I. Press Club through the aid of Captains Corse and Edwards. Before beginning work, however, those present were served to a most elaborate supper. Those present throughout the evening were: Mrs. M. B. Corse, Captain Corse, Captain Edwards, Cadets Pattison, Bentley, Mecredy, Magruder, Alexander, Owsley and little "Billie" Roberts.

J. Waldo Leon, '06, is a valued employee of the First National Bank of Key West, Fla. He still has that love for V. M. I. under his shirt that is so characteristic of all her sons, and confidentially he hopes soon to send a son to represent him in the corps.

Many are called—but few get up.—Ex.

LARGE BAND

*Stonewall Band of Staunton to
Accompany Corps on Inau-
guration Trip—Arrange-
ments Completed
Last Week*

It has been finally decided that the Institute will have a band of thirty-three pieces when the corps goes to Washington on March 4th. This band will consist of twenty-four pieces from the Stonewall Band of Staunton, and the nine piece Post Band.

Arrangements for extra music were made last Friday when the leader of the Stonewall Band called on General Nichols in his office to offer his services, saying that he would consider it an honor to march at the head of the corps.

The Staunton musicians will probably arrive in Lexington on the afternoon of March 2nd in time to participate in Dress parade, and the next day will accompany the corps to Washington.

ALUMNI NOTES.

R. A. Morrison, '05, has charge of the electrical plant at Big Stone Gap, Va.

"Heine" Maeder, '06, is completing his engineering course at Lehigh University.

S. B. Palmer, '00, is a member of the faculty of St. John's College, Shagghai, China.

James G. McConkey, '93, who graduated as First Captain, is Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in St. Louis, Mo.

J. O. Wharton, '05, a graduate of the electrical department, is connected with the Studebaker Automobile Co., in Dallas, Tex.

F. Highhanger, '03, is owner of the largest military tailoring shop in Washington, D. C. His establishment is 538, 15th street.

T. B. Goodloe, '06, Captain of the baseball team and popular hero of the diamond, is now locating engineer on a land survey near Big Stone Gap, Va.

Wm. T. Biedler, '08, is finding his present course at Boston Tech., no more extensive than that presented by Col. Mallory. He has already covered it so thoroughly as to be able to spend two weeks at home where he is at present.

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**V. M. I. PRESS
CLUB FORMED**

Owing mainly to the efforts of Captain M. B. Corse there has been organized at the Institute a Press Club for the purpose of keeping V. M. I. in the spot light of publicity by corresponding regularly with the more prominent papers in this and nearby states. Arrangements have already been made with Norfolk, Richmond, Lynchburg and Roanoke papers to publish the Press Club's articles and several stories have already appeared in these. The list of these papers will be increased until it comprises at least one paper in every large city in this section of the country. Longer articles dealing more on our mode of life than with current matters will be sent to more distant cities.

The idea of such a work has for some time been held by Captain Corse. On February 6th, he invited several of the Cadets to his home, and after dinner discussed with them his plans in the formation of which he was aided by Captain Murray Edwards. They had provided for the routine thoroughly, and all their means were adopted, the end being considered worthy by all.

The first business transacted by the club was the election of officers. These were: President, G. Murrell Alexander, '09; secretary, Somerville Pattison, '10. The latter was instructed to arrange with the papers in which space was desired for the publication of these articles, and his efforts have borne fruit in answers promising to insert the copy from nearly all with whom he corresponded.

The members of the Press Club are: Messrs. John Magru-

der, Alvin M. Owsley, G. M. Alexander, W. M. Rhett, J. Bruce Bentley, T. S. Pattison and James Mecredy. Their work promises to be of great benefit to the Institute, and great credit is due Captain Corse and Captain Edwards for their part in organization. Through the generosity of General Nichols the financial end of the work is cared for by the Institute.

See "Hampton's Mazazine" for March. It will contain an interesting article, "V. M. I., Its past, present and future."

Athletic Dues Again

Men, why not pay up on athletics? This is an old cry; but it is a cry which ought to make some men in the corps feel sick when they think about how little they have done along this line. Most of the men pay up in the long run; a few do not! Not enough can be said of those few. They enjoy seeing both football and baseball games free of charge, without ever intending to pay the Athletic Association one cent of the fixed charge of five dollars a year. These few could pay five cents up if they wanted to; but they will not; they are leeches; and the corps, therefore, are thankful that they are few in number. The others, as I say, pay up in the long run; but often it is a very long run in more ways than one. The managers of the different teams have to run around barracks almost every Friday night often with the discouraging result of not more than \$2 for the two hours work. This should not be! Athletics should be one of the first things paid up on. Most of you men will be getting plenty of money for the Washington trip before long. Instead of spending your extra at Homitz, save up for a week or so and get off this debt. The association needs the money and needs it badly.

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PERSONALS

Mrs. McGuire of Winchester Va., is visiting Mrs. Pendleton.

Mrs. E. W. Nichols is visiting relatives in Lynchburg.

Mrs. M. B. Corse is visiting relatives in Charleston, S. C.

Mrs. S. B. Walker is visiting friends in Richmond.

Col. Jones has been on an important visit to Richmond since Wednesday.

Mr. Dotheror of New York, is at Mrs. Pendleton's visiting Capt. H. E. Mecredy.

Mrs. M. M. Mills returned last Saturday from a visit to relatives in Culpeper.

Mr. Johnson of Halifax, Va., spent a few days last week at Mrs. Pendleton's, visiting Cadet Johnson.

Mr. H. J. Paxton of Birmingham, Ala., spent a few days with his two sons in barracks last week.

Art Lecture at W. & L.

Members of the First Class Attend

The first class was invited to hear a lecture on Art by Professor Blayney, Professor of Modern Languages and Art at the Kentucky Central University. last Wednesday night in the Washington and Lee Chapel. Professor Blayney spent nine years in Europe studying art, and while there he collected a number of excellent magic lantern slides, with which his lecture was illustrated.

He began with the Old Roman Art and showed the difference between that and the Gothic Art. Then the various types of Gothic Art, according to the period in which they were produced, were successively shown, from the earliest to the latest, and each illustration was thoroughly explained. He also showed a few pictures of Oriental Art.

The lecture was very entertaining and instructive, and it is seldom that we have an opportunity to spend such a profitable evening.

Album ni notes
Peyton Craighill, '00, is the Episcopal rector in South Boston, Va.

Jack Baldwin, ex-'08, and S. B. Converse, ex-'07, are both civil engineering at Troy Tech.

Malone P., ex-'08 is a 2nd lieutenant in the 65th New York Regiment.

A. P. Lewis, '08, is assistant engineer in a manufacturing concern in Ackon

V. M. I., vs.

R. M. COLLEGE,

Visiting Team Overwhelmed by Score of 47 to 19

Playing exceptionally fast ball throughout the whole of the game and keeping their opponents on the defensive for the most part, V. M. I. won her second game of the season on Saturday night in the Lexington skating rink, when she easily defeated the team from Randolph-Macon College. Although outplayed in every stage of the game, R. M. played hard and plucky ball and made the cadets work for all that they made.

V. M. I's line up was slightly changed from what it has been, for Krebs desired to give Kelley, a substitute, a show at guard. His work throughout the first half was very good, his defensive work being especially strong. Venable, who succeeded him in the second half, played his usual fast and steady game, and to him was largely due R.-M.'s inability to score more than three field goals in that half.

As a team the five worked beautifully, but the game was also filled with individual starring. Mecredy showed wonderful ability at dribbling, and on several occasions rushed the ball the length of the floor and scored. McEntee was, as usual, everywhere at once it seemed, and literally ran rings around his man. He throwing from fouls was good and his passing not to be beaten. But to Buracker is due the praise for most of our scoring. He certainly had the range, and whether the throw was long or short it seldom failed to score. Porter made three brilliant throws for goal, all four long distances and at difficult angles, and his playing on the whole was exceptionally good.

R.-M., when they did succeed in getting the ball in their territory, threw goals with accuracy and speed. Their throwing from fouls was especially noticeable.

From the game put up Saturday night it looks as though we might turn the tables on Virginia next week and square things with them for our defeat in the first game.

The line-up:

V. M. I.		R. M. C.
McEntee	L. F.	Burnam
Porter (Capt.)	R. F.	Sessler
Mecredy	Center	Smith
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without her aid, was impotent to prevent.

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And when the finger of destiny began to point to another dismemberment of the ancient dominion, by reason of the then impassable mountains, which necessitated closer relations in trade and interest, and which were insuperable, it was then that Virginia hoped, by establishing a training school at her arsenals at Lexington, in connection with Washington College, and after Jefferson's design, to hold her people together.

At the Virginia Military Institute it is her boast that the sons of her humblest and poorest citizens by birth can stand upon an absolutely equality with the sons of the wealthiest and most accomplished men from the mountains to the sea. There they are all instructed in the traditions of a glorious old mother, and with a common heritage, and by her peculiar laws of duty and association, there will ever be a voiceless bond, which all old cadets know and understand, which is to be found in no other school. It is a mother's hearthstone, and upon whose shield is inscribed virtue, courage, zeal and genius—pointing to the ladder of fame, with a promise of a clear title to him who, by his own endeavor, may climb to the top round, and it has only been attained by the worthy.

The action of the honorable Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute in causing a portrait of the late Colonel William Gilham to be placed at the Institute, was and is a source of gratification to the friends of that distinguished instructor, who, filled the commandant's office from 1846 to 1861, inclusive, with marked ability. I doubt if there is a school in the world of the same numbers whose records equal that made by the graduates of his administration in the Civil War.

The commandant of the corps is the mainspring in "esprit de corps," the "get-up" and discipline. Colonel Gilham was especially gifted in zeal for whatever he undertook, I was the adjutant of the corps of cadets of the class of '51 and '52, and my office threw me in inclose contact with him, affording opportunities for seeing the workings of his warm heart and generous, manly disposition.

Colonel Gilham was a gentleman. Gentlemen are not always

found in high places, and when one is, it impresses the people of the possibilities for the young men brought here under such influences. Colonel Gilham had a clear, persuasive mind. He imparted information in his class room by a sort of scintillation; his twinkling eye and busy hands would lead the dull and inspire the brighter minds, and his even temper made it comfortable to be in his presence. He was an instructor of high order. He mastered the curriculum, and in the examination halls, often by leading questions, would help a diffident cadet by giving him a start and thereby enabling him to show what he did know—others less qualified would be more apt to show what the poor fellow didn't know.

Colonel Gilham was a distinguished graduate of West Point in the class of 1840; entered the army in the Third artillery; joined army in Florida, but was recalled to West Point as assistant to Professor Bartlett in physics. He served in the Mexican war during the first campaign, and having married in old Grace church, in New York city, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Major J. B. Haden, of the army, he accepted the professorship at the Virginia Military Institute, proffered by Virginia.

When the Civil war began Colonel Gilham was called to Richmond and placed in charge of the camp of instruction and organization, and was ably assisted by officers of his own selection. He changed the new recruits from the chrysalis to the butterfly, and in the shortest conceivable time organized Virginia's troops, which were carried to the points most needed.

He soon took the field in command of the Twenty-first Virginia Volunteers, and served as brigade commander, under Major General Loring, until called back to the Virginia Military Institute by the Governor of Virginia.

In 1870 he resigned his professorship and died in the 53rd year of his age. Of him it may be said:

He was above envy, and jealousy was too small to enter in his noble heart.—Thomas T. Munford in Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Claud DeB. Hunt, ex-'10, is Second Lieutenant in the 13th Cavalry. He will be in Washington for the inauguration, soon after which his troop will leave for the Philippines.

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