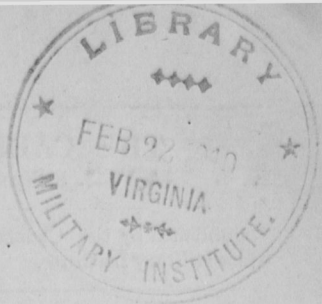


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INSTITUTE DEFEATS S. M. A.

V. M. I. 32, Staunton 15, Was Saturday's Basketball Score
— Team Goes on Trip Next Week

Showing marked improvement in both individual and team play and greatly strengthened by the return of Mecredy to his old place at forward, the team won from Staunton Military Academy five by the comfortable score of 32 to 15.

Staunton played a good strong game but our team showed greater speed, ability at covering, and a better judgment in most cases.

As a whole the team played well and with another week we should make that Virginia five move around rather lively if it expects to do anything much with us.

Mecredy was easily the star for the Institute, throwing eight field goals and six from fouls, for a total of 22 points. Pattison and Caffrey also figured in the scoring with respectively three and two field goals to their credits.

For Staunton Hite played the best game, scoring nine of their points.

Both teams used several substitutes in the second half.

On Monday the team will leave for the Virginia trip on which two games will be played, with Staunton on Monday night and with Virginia on Tuesday night. They will return to barracks on Wednesday.

If these two games can be won we can at least break even on the season. The V. P. I. game was the only defeat that counts seriously any way, as the Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. game does not affect our inter-collegiate standing.

Under the adverse conditions that have hindered the proper development of team work we have done not at all badly and Coach Prott deserves much credit for the showing that has been made.

V. M. I.	S. M. A.
Pattison	C. Hite
Kelly	L. G. Wynne
Farrell	Caruthers
Blow, Shotwell	R. G. Kyle
Mecredy	R. F. McCussick
Caffrey	L. F. Klaus
	Stevenson
	Murphy

Referee—Mr. Glasgow, W. & L. Umpire—Mr. Hannis, W. & L. Timekeeper and Secrer, Cadet Mosely, V. M. I. Time of halves—20 minutes each.

CORPS TO HAVE PRACTICE MARCH

Will Hike Under Actual War Conditions in Early Spring

It has been about decided by Colonel Gleaves that the corps will take a practice march this spring instead of going into camp on the parade ground. The route to be followed has not been selected. New Market would be an ideal destination for the cadet battalion, but it is distant about 70 miles from Lexington and this makes too long a journey.

The marches each day will be of about 15 miles, the start being made at 7 o'clock and the new camp reached shortly after noon. Such a schedule would leave several hours of daylight for battle manouvres and other field evolutions. There will probably be some target practice also. With daily marches of the duration indicated above the trip should be productive of a great deal of pleasure as well as of valuable instruction.

The shelter of the battalion will be provided by the state authorities, who will issue the required number of regulation shelter tents. Other needful equipment, such as canteens, haversacks, etc., will come from the ordnance department. The uniform of the cadets will closely resemble that of the West Pointer for similar occasions, consisting of leggins, grey trousers, grey shirts and campaign hats.

Alumnus Receives High Honor at University

The General Athletic Association of the University of Virginia has elected Richard Brown Saunders of Richmond, as assistant manager of the football team for next year. Mr. Saunders is a first-year man and a member of the junior law class. He has had experience in the conduct of student athletics, and will make Manager McDonald an able assistant.

Saunders is an ex-member of the present first class, and was its president at the time of his resignation last year.

Hugh B. Keen, '09, has received a position as civil engineer at Arcon, Canal Zone, Panama.

SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

Changes Suggested in Recent Report of Landscape Expert

There is on exhibition in the new library a large blue print showing the improvements in the V. M. I. and Washington and Lee grounds advised by William H. Manning, the noted landscape designer of Boston, who made a survey here recently. The plans call for extensive changes, including the removal of the cemetery, the old superintendent's quarters and possibly Colonel Pendleton's residence, to allow for enlarging the parade ground in a northwesterly direction. This would increase its area from four to 12 acres.

The valley of Wood's creek, or more familiarly "The Nile," Mr. Manning would transform into a park, interspersed with walks and shaded drives, the heights flanking it on either side crowned with artistic cottages. The waters of the creek would be dammed to form a large lake.

About a third of a mile from barracks, where sleep the dead of New Market, the designer provides for a gymnasium and a spacious riding hall, in preparation, supposedly, for the day when cavalry training will form a part of the military curriculum here. The parapet south of barracks would be leveled, a part of it being used for a drill ground, the remainder for tennis courts, etc.

The above does not begin to show all the changes contemplated in Mr. Manning's report, but will give an idea of the plan he advocates. So far as can be learned the only part of it which will receive immediate attention from the Institute authorities is that dealing with the extension of the parade ground. The battalion is cramped now in the narrow space which has for so many years served it as a drill ground, and it seems likely that in a few years the camp site and the extensive grounds in rear of the superintendent's quarters, even the ground which that landmark occupies, will be leveled and thrown into the parade ground. The process will involve immense expense, since great ledges of rock outcrop sometimes on the surface, or are within a few feet of it.

An appropriation for this work has been sought, and we understand that one will be granted by the present legislature.

LECTURE BY DR. STEVENS

Comets Was Subject of Interesting Talk by W. & L. Professor on Thursday Night

Dr. Stevens of the Washington and Lee University faculty, gave a most interesting talk on Comets in Jackson Memorial Hall on Thursday last, his lecture being illustrated by many diagrams, drawings and pictures which added greatly in making the subject clear. Thanks to his explanations, we all have a much more definite conception of the composition and movements of these fiery visitors to our heavens.

Dr. Stevens began his address with a brief sketch of the part played by comets in early times, when they were regarded with superstitious dread by ignorant peoples of the earth, a dread which still lingers, in a lesser form, in many localities. Passing to a more modern era, the lecturer outlined the careers of Newton and Halley, whose theories of cometary motion he explained with copious illustrations which made the intricate subject clear to all.

The lecture was a timely one, coming just at a time when, with comet "A" of 1910 just passed from view, all eyes are watching for the return of Halley's comet after its 75 year journey through far distant space. The thanks of the corps are due to Dr. Stevens for his interesting and instructive lecture on a subject which is little understood by laymen.

Statue Presented Institute

Occupying a prominent place in the Library is a small bronze equestrian statue of general Jackson, the model from which was constructed the large memorial which graces one of the public squares of New Orleans. The figure was given to the Institute by J. C. Snead, '06, in whose family it has remained for nearly 50 years, having been presented to his grandfather.

Among those who have recently returned on furlough are Jackson, W., Robinson and Camp of the second class, Gwatkin, Jennings of the fourth class, W. T. Westmoreland, '10, and Jackson, H., and Moseley of the third class.

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MAJOR ROLLER'S VIEWS ON FOOTBALL

Owing to the large number of fatal accidents during the 1909 football season it seems likely that that typical game of the American college, symbolical of all the courage and rough strength and highly developed skill of the ideal under-graduate athlete, must be greatly modified before next year. Public sentiment throughout the land demands that it shall be more gentle, shall be more open, shall afford less opportunity for a fatal hurt to the participants. In response to this demand football experts are cudgelling their brains in search of possible alterations which will eliminate dangerous features and still leave a game resembling the sport our fathers loved.

The papers have from time to time quoted the views of this or that famous coach, but no plan has met with more than limited approval. The best suggestions we have yet seen come from Major Charles S. Roller, '01, of Fort Defiance, for two years coach of the Institute team, and recognized throughout the South as an authority on football. His views are exploited in The Bayonet of the A. M. A. by Captain H. A. Jacob.

Major Roller holds that the flying tackle is a dangerous feature, and that that formation known as the "mass on tackle" affords opportunity for accident of greater or less magnitude. It is on the assumption that every fatality has been due to one of these two plays (a fact which the records prove,) that his suggestions are offered.

He advocates as a means which will go far toward eliminating these evils, the removal of all limitations and restrictions on the forward pass, allowing any player to pass the ball

to any other player at any time. The effect of such a sweeping change is at once apparent. The forward pass will be the only play which can be used as a consistent gainer, and at one stroke the game is made more open and spectacular, chance of accident is greatly reduced, and the flying tackle and mass on tackle are eliminated. The defensive player would hardly leave his feet for the man with the ball when the latter could pass it to any nearby player of his own side without penalty; the tackler would advance so as to block such a pass. As for mass plays, their knell would be sounded when the limitations on the forward pass were removed, the ball after such a move, being allowed to remain in the possession of the player who captured it. The play under the present rules, resorted to only when the offensive team is well into the opponent's territory, would become an ideal manouvre anywhere on the field, and would be used almost exclusively.

But to still further hedge about the use of line plunges, Major Roller advocates that the number of players allowed to "hike" the man with the ball be limited to one. With this provision the line buck would be more rarely used than any in the quarterback's repertory.

Other football authorities advocate changes, such as dividing the game into four quarters instead of two halves, allowing time for medical examination during these intermissions, and making it possible for men who are slightly injured to be taken out before their hurts are dangerously, perhaps fatally, augmented. It is also proposed to increase the distance to be gained in three downs from 10 to 20 yards, trusting to this change to prohibit massing tactics and make the play more open. All of these alterations are minor corrections, while Major Roller's plan will reach the very heart of the trouble and do away with as many dangerous elements as possible in a game so fundamentally rough as is football.

We trust that his suggestions will be given full weight in the compilation of the 1910 rule book. It may be objected that they will alter the game too much, that they will virtually make it but a modification of soccer. They represent, however, only a logical step in the development of football, and do but pursue the policy of each successive year in making the game more open. Unlike previous steps in this direction they will operate to make the game far less dangerous, a result often attempted but never before, we venture, with so great a promise of attainment.

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Personals

Mrs. William Crockett of Richmond, is the guest of General Shipp at his home in Lexington.

Marshall, '13, has gone to Richmond for a short stay with his parents.

J. A. McEntee, '12, has gone to his home in New York, where he will spend two weeks in preparing for the West Point examination.

CAMP SITE

Lexington, Va., Feb. 10, 1910. The selection of a camp site for the Virginia military by the state military board is of special interest to Rockbridge, by reason of the fact that an ideal site has been suggested at Goshen, in Rockbridge county. There are many advantages in selecting the site in the mountains over the seashore, and the board will be wise to consider these matters.

If the camp site should be placed at Goshen, it will be 22 miles from the Virginia Military Institute and the cadets can be encamped there. Otherwise, the V. M. I. will endeavor to secure a camp site of its own within a day's march of Lexington. This matter has been under consideration by Superintendent Nichols and the board of visitors. Several locations from 20 to 25 miles of Lexington have been examined. The selection of the Goshen camp site for the state soldiery will save a duplication of this expense indirectly to the state, and it may be that the form of regulation of the Virginia Military Institute would be re-established, and, like West Point, one or more of the classes may be kept in camp during the summer, or a detail of state cadets ordered there, which will be of great advantage to the militia, and will give them the benefit of the same military training the V. M. I. cadets offered at Camp Lee during the war to the Confederate armies.

If, in addition to the pleasure of a summer camping in the mountains, the Virginia troops would get the benefit of the splendid training and discipline of the Virginia Military Institute it would seem that the military board should not hesitate one moment in selecting the Goshen site.

In discussing the situation a short time ago the Lexington Gazette published an editorial favoring Goshen or some other mountain site to any site that might be selected near the seashore.—Alexandria Gazette.

The recent organization of the corps into a battalion of six companies has proven to be a great success so far. And if the benefits are already so apparent, they are sure to be more so when we have company and battalion drill.

The corps may be regarded as proficient in Butt's Manual now. This drill is a very difficult one to become accustomed to, but so much time has been devoted to the instruction of the new cadets in it, that they are almost as good as the old men. Errors are quickly seen and corrected, the new commissioned and non-commissioned officers proving themselves invaluable.

In a few weeks, if the weather becomes milder, bayonet drill will commence. It should not be so difficult this year, using the new guns with their better balance. The exercise is very beneficial to those who try to execute the commands properly.

The new cadets who came in late have been drilling under the direction of special instructors, chosen from the corporals by the commandant. They are progressing rapidly and some of them have already become proficient enough to join their companies.

The signal drill this year is to be strictly modern in every respect. There are to be three details (which have already been selected by the commandant,) each detail under the direction of a non-commissioned officer.

The details are those of the buzzer, the heliograph and the flags. There are several telegraph instruments in barracks now with wires connecting the rooms of those on the buzzer detachment in order to enable them to practice the code. When the weather permits the men of the several parties will be allowed to practice signalling on the parade ground two or three times a week.

Wilfred, the Wizard, Mystifies Cadets

An entertainment was given Monday night in the Jackson Memorial Hall to the cadets and a number of their friends, and like all former entertainments given by the Institute to the corps, was a most enjoyable affair. Wilfred, the Wizard, was the attraction. His many feats in ledgerdmain and slight of hand completely mystified the audience. Mention must also be made of his skill as a ventriloquist, for in this difficult art he surpassed all artists who have ever visited Lexington. One of the greatest mirth-producers of the evening was "Rastus," who proved an able assistant to the Wizard, and whose queer antics helped in no small degree toward the success of the occasion.

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THE NEW MARKET FLAG

The Fate of the Color Under Which the Corps Fought in '64

When, on the occasion of its trip to Washington for the Inauguration last March, the corps was presented with a duplicate of the color which the cadets bore at New Market there arose much discussion among alumni as to what had become of the original flag after the battle. The letter below explains the mystery.

140 "B" N. E.,
Washington, D. C.,

GEN. SCOTT SHIPP,
Lexington, Va.,
MY DEAR COLONEL:

It has been asked what became of the flag under which the cadets fought at New Market? I beg leave to tell you, as a matter of record.

One of the color guard carried the flag buttoned under his jacket from the day the battalion received the flag from the hands of Alexander H. Stephens, V. P. C. S., that was given along with vote of thanks and new suit of clothes, until the morning that General Hunter's army entered Lexington. When we were retiring there was a halt in front of Washington College, or rather in front of the house adjoining the campus to the westward. While halted there this member of the color-guard complained of the oppressiveness of carrying the old flag about his body, and said that he could do so no longer. Finally I was appointed to decide what to do. We opened the tattered flag, looked affectionately at it, and by my suggestion cut it into many pieces, about up to the fringe. I had a piece about as big as my two hands. Then the question arose as to what to do with the old fringe and such of the cream colored silk as was on it and I suggested hiding it in a cedar ledge in front of the house. This was done and about that time we were called to attention and marched out of Lexington to Balcony Falls. After going to Lynchburg and returning to Lexington I looked in the hiding place and it was gone.

The piece that I had I apportioned among some young ladies in Lynchburg. Those that I can now recall were Miss Jennie Davis and Miss Alice Davis, sisters of Thomas B. Davis, Miss Maggie Davis, his cousin, and a Miss Stepton and there were others.

Some months before the battle of New Market the painted part of the flag, about the center, began to crack and split and during the battle some mistle tore

through it, cutting out one of the U. S. flags and mutilating the other one.

I am not sure what befell the old flag staff but I think the new colors were transferred to it.

"Let her rest in peace."

Yours sincerely,
B. A. COLONNA.

The flag was presented by the vice-president of the Confederacy shortly before the cadet battalion marched into battle. In the confusion attendant on the close of war the priceless trophy was lost, and few have known its fate.

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2. Names of parents, and grandparents, on both sides, when practicable, and place of birth of each.
3. Residence of parents at time of matriculation.
4. Place and date of birth of matriculate.
5. Period of cadetship, approximately.
6. If a student at any other institution of learning, give degree or other distinction obtained, if any.
7. Occupation or profession before the war of 1861.
8. Full maiden name of wife and her father's name and his residence, and year of marriage, with issue thereof, names.
9. *WAR RECORD: Embracing—
a. Command or successive commands.
b. Rank.
c. If killed or wounded, state in what battle or engagement.
d. If a prisoner, state when and where captured, and where and how long in prison.
10. Occupation, or profession, after the war of 1861.
11. Notable achievements, honors or distinctions—military, literary scientific, ecclesiastical, or political.
12. Interesting incidents in career not falling under above heads.
13. Present, permanent, postoffice address, if living; or if deceased, date and place of death.

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