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## BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

The prospects of a good basket ball team for the coming season are indeed bright. While severely handicapped by lack of team work and practice the men have been rounding into form and under the skillful direction of Captain Mecredy they have shown wonderful strides towards a perfection of the game.

Basketball, which came into athletics here during the season of '08 and '09, has proved to be quite popular among the cadets and the teams that have been turned out since the first season have certainly upheld the reputation of the school.

Manager Biedler has secured the services of J. Longworth of New York, who will act as coach. He comes to V. M. I. with the reputation of having a thorough knowledge of the game, and since he will find a sufficiency of material there is no reason why we should not have a team this year that will even surpass the former teams.

Practice is being held each night in the gymnasium from 8:30 until 10:00, and while this time seems limited it will enable the men to put in some good work.

Permission has been granted the corps to attend the games with visiting teams in the skating rink in Lexington. It is hoped that the cadets will appreciate this fact and that as many as are able to will attend the games in Lexington, since the rooting of the corps is as necessary in basketball as it is in the other branches of athletics.

Of last year's squad there are Mecredy, captain, Shotwell, McMenemy, P., and McMenemy, Q., Ewing and Owen. The new material includes Bryan, Moore, Prentice, Leech, Hardaway, Douglas and Moore, L. F. "Red" Moore, Ewing, J. L., Moore, L. F. and Shotwell having been showing good form of late and their work has been of such a quality as to deserve mention for the team. Captain Mecredy should have no trouble in picking a team from the above named squad.

The following is the schedule for the coming season:

- Jan. 14—Roanoke College at Lexington.
- Jan. 21—St. John's at Lexington.
- Jan. 28—M. A. C. at Lexington.
- Feb. 11—University of Virginia at Lexington.
- Feb. 18—University of Tennessee at Lexington.
- Feb. 25—V. P. I. at Lexington.
- March 1—Wake Forest College at Raleigh, N. C.
- March 2—Trinity College at Durham, N. C.

This schedule is the best that has been gotten out here since the first season and the teams are all of the first class.

On account of the furlough the game with the University of Pennsylvania, which was to be played on Jan. 7th, had to be cancelled.

It seems certain that Harvard and Princeton will resume athletic relations and the two institutions will meet on the gridiron next year. In such a case, Dartmouth will likely be dropped from the Harvard schedule.

## V. M. I. WINS FIRST GAME 20 TO 8

### Basketball Season Opened with Roanoke College Saturday Night

Taking into consideration the facts that the basketball squad has only had ten days practice, that they have had no coach and that only one of last year's quint is back, the game Saturday night was a surprise to nearly everyone. There is no doubt in any one's mind as to the excellence of the material, and with a good coach to whip the team into shape and to instill more team work, great things may be expected.

Saturday night the team, as a whole, played well. Mecredy was easily the star, scoring 14 of the 20 points, and missing only two goals from foul, but Moore's work was also good. The main criticism to be made is on the unusually large number of fouls made by V. M. I. When we think of the fact that six of Roanoke's eight points were made on fair throws, due to V. M. I.'s fouling, and even then they missed eight chances, it is evident that there is much room for improvement along this line.

Lineup:  
Roanoke V. M. I.  
Mayhew R. F. Shotwell, Ewing  
McGuire, Hanks L. F. Mecredy, capt.  
Stonesifer, capt. C. McMenemy, P.  
Sessler R. G. Leech  
Anderson L. G. Moore, C.

#### DETAILS OF THE GAME

First Half: Roanoke College began the scoring with a field goal. V. M. I. almost immediately reciprocated. Score, V. M. I., 2; Roanoke, 2. Many pretty tries followed, until V. M. I. fouling, Stonesifer threw goal. V. M. I., 2; Roanoke, 3. Shotwell, receiving the ball on a pretty pass threw goal. V. M. I., 4; R. C., 3. Mecredy duplicated this within the next minute of play. V. M. I., 6; Roanoke, 3. V. M. I. fouling, Stonesifer threw goal. V. M. I., 6; Roanoke, 4. Moore, receiving the ball, on a pass from Mecredy scored goal. V. M. I., 8; Roanoke, 4. Roanoke fouling, Mecredy threw goal. V. M. I., 9; Roanoke, 4. In the next interval Moore blocked Roanoke's try for goal, and passed the ball to Mecredy, who made a beautiful try for goal, but failed. V. M. I. fouling, Stonesifer threw goal. V. M. I., 9; Roanoke, 5. Roanoke took the ball from the center of the floor to their goal, but were blocked by Leech. Roanoke fouled. Mecredy threw goal. V. M. I., 10; Roanoke, 5. V. M. I. fouling, Roanoke threw goal. V. M. I., 10; Roanoke, 6. Mecredy followed with a beautiful field goal. V. M. I., 12; Roanoke, 6. Roanoke fouled, but Mecredy

missed goal. During the next few minutes the ball was constantly in Roanoke's territory, and V. M. I. had many good chances for field goals but without success. V. M. I. fouling, Stonesifer tried goal but failed. Time up. Score, V. M. I., 12; Roanoke, 6.

Second Half: During the first few minutes both teams had many good tries for goals without success. V. M. I. fouling, Stonesifer tried for goal but failed. Roanoke fouling, Mecredy tried goal with a similar result. Shotwell gaining the ball on a pass from Moore, threw a pretty goal. V. M. I., 14; Roanoke, 6. V. M. I. two men on one; Stonesifer tried goal without success. Double foul. Mecredy threw goal, but Stonesifer failed. V. M. I., 15; Roanoke, 6. Moore gaining ball on beautiful pass threw goal. V. M. I., 17; Roanoke, 6. At this point Ewing L., was substituted for Shotwell and Hanks for McGuire. V. M. I. fouling, Hanks threw goal. V. M. I., 18; Roanoke, 7. Roanoke fouling, Mecredy missed goal. Mecredy gaining ball on a long pass threw goal. V. M. I., 19; Roanoke, 7. At this point the game was characterized by the constant fouling of V. M. I. Five free throws being given to Roanoke, on account of this only one of which, however, was successful. V. M. I., 19; Roanoke, 8. Roanoke holding, Mecredy threw goal. V. M. I., 20; Roanoke, 8. Time up. Final score, V. M. I., 20; Roanoke, 8.

Headquarters  
Virginia Military Institute  
Jan. 7, 1911

General Orders, No. 24.

It becomes the sad duty of the Superintendent to announce to officers and cadets the death of Cadet Alvey Blundon, of the Fourth Class. Cadet Blundon left the Institute on the morning of Nov. 22nd, with seeds of the disease with him that occasioned his death. He died at the home of his father in Baltimore, on Monday, Nov. 28th, after a week's illness.

Cadet Blundon entered the Institute in September, last, and during his short connection with the Institute, endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his intimate acquaintance. As an inmate of his house and as a frequent visitor the Superintendent cherishes a most pleasant recollection of this young man. His sad and untimely death is a source of sorrow to us all.

By Command of Brigadier-General Nichols.

C. W. WATTS,  
Colonel and Acting Adjutant, V. M. I.

## MASS-MEETING

### General Nichols Addresses Corps

Directly after dinner Sunday the corps was marched to the Jackson Memorial Hall and addressed by General Nichols. He welcomed the cadets back and expressed his hope that each and every one had returned with a determination to do better. An exceedingly large per cent. of the cadets have returned and only ten have dropped out. Those cadets who had the fever have had their furloughs extended and will be back when they recover. General Nichols expressed his belief that few other institutions in the country could make such a showing under like conditions.

Every precaution is being taken in barracks to prevent the return of the fever, although these precautions seem hardly necessary, as not a single case of fever has developed in Lexington during the past month. All the rooms in barracks have been thoroughly disinfected to kill all pinkeye germs that may be in them. Boiled water is being placed on every stoop in barracks for drinking purposes and nothing but boiled water is being used in the mess hall.

The first term will continue until Feb. 10th, when the second term will commence and continue until finished. No examinations will be held on the first term's work, and the daily marks will be taken for the class standings. The second term's work will be completed and examinations held before the corps will be dismissed. General Nichols said that it was up to the corps when they would be dismissed, but there was no reason why they could not be dismissed at the usual time. The academic board has recommended that the corps be dismissed at the usual time.

## SERVICE STRIPES

Mention has been made for several years past of adopting service stripes in the corps for two reasons—one as a class distinction which is so prominent here, and second to signify the time of service in the Institute.

At last the idea has been made a reality.

The First Class will have three stripes, the Second Class, two stripes and the Third Class one stripe, while the Fourth Class has none. This method is partly taken from that used in the United States army. Every private in the army wears these service stripes, according to the number of years he has served. In only one way does our method vary. The Third or Second Class rat, who, when he becomes an old cadet, gets the same number of stripes as his classmates. Therefore we may call our service stripes primarily a class distinction. At any rate, they are entirely satisfactory, for they look well and they are insignia of honorable service.

Cornell and Princeton will play exhibition games with the Baltimore baseball club of the Eastern league in April.

**NEXT GAME**  
**Tomorrow (with St. John's)**  
**2:45 p. m.**



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To the great majority of the corps, the recent change in drill came with pronounced approval, for the drills for the time being will afford those who prefer the parade ground to the stoop, a cause for rejoicing. In orders Wednesday night it was announced that beginning on Thursday a detail of seven first class privates, under a sergeant, would be taught the intricacies of the Gatling gun by Captain Carter. The machine gun is the least familiar to us of all the ordnance placed here by the War Department, but those who are interested have an excellent opportunity to inspect this gun. The signal drills, which were taken up with enthusiasm by both officers and men composing them this year, will also be resumed and if they continue in the high state of excellence which they have reached, it is safe to predict for them a prominent place in Final week. The remaining upper classmen will be consolidated into three companies to perfect the movements in close and extended order. Special attention will be paid to marching in double time. Although this is not a particularly popular part of the drills, it is generally conceded that the entire battalion is very much in need of greater perfection in this department, and judicious drilling should quickly bring a return to form. The new cadets will continue to follow the 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., of Butts Manual and doubtless many are rapidly becoming "strong."

The time lost from military duties by the recent furlough will not prove nearly as disastrous as at first thought. The greater part of this time would have been spent in winter quarters and though this a highly important period in the drill calendar, time lost therefrom is not nearly so much felt as from company and battalion drill. As it is, practically no time has been lost, giving the battalion just as good a chance for "Distinguished" in the coming April inspection as before.

It is with great pleasure that we see so many of the old men back. And yet our pleasure is marred by the thought of the large number at home sick; still more by the death of Blundon. It is beyond our power to express our sympathy for his parents and relatives, although we, too, have felt the blow with much sadness. His loss is keenly felt by all those who knew him, and to whom he had greatly endeared himself.

Those of us who have enjoyed the holidays in perfect health, can not ap-

preciate how little pleasure the long furlough gave to the unfortunate sick ones. Little of enjoyment and happiness for them. Rather long days and weeks of suffering. And we sincerely hope that all may soon return in as good health as before.

On account of the furlough we are not able to publish the three special issues as we had hoped. The first of the three will, however be published two weeks from to-day, and it will be put out by the "electrical men."

## THE ALL TIME TEAM

From Collier's Weekly.

It's a long way from the places where the Cubs and the Giants play to Carlsbad New Mexico, but the spirit of the American game is universal. A lawyer in the New Mexico town sends us this:

Editor Collier's:

The baseball season of 1910 having passed into history, and the All-Star Team having been duly selected by various and sundry experts, including Collier's, permit me to suggest an All-Time team, which I am willing to back against any team you or any other subscriber may choose. Here is the line-up:

Catcher—John D. Rockefeller.  
Pitcher—Theodore Roosevelt.  
First Base—George Washington.  
Second Base—Tom Thumb.  
Third Base—Captain Kidd.  
Shortstop—Mercury.  
Outfielders—Thor, Hercules, Sampson.

If any man has caught more in a life time than Rockefeller, it has escaped my notice. Roosevelt has pitched into everything and everybody; he had a wonderful rise and an equally sudden drop. Why not he for the box? He could also captain and manage the team on the side.

Washington; first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen. Why not first base as well?

My only object in placing Tom Thumb at second was to have a well balanced team. Captain Kidd at third could be relied on to rob many an opposing batter of a hit or run; he would also excel in stealing bases. The serious question in my mind is whether he might not better fill the place of umpire.

In Mercury we would have a speedy shortstop, and one who would be certain to make good running bases.

Where could you find a bunch of heavier hitting outfielders than Messrs. Thor, Hercules and Sampson? I see visions of home runs and lost balls galore.

### His Strong Point.

"This is a pretty bad report card," said the father of the young hopeful as he looked over the teacher's figures. "You seem to be 'poor' in pretty much everything."

"That's 'cause teacher only puts down th' studies I ain't good in. I ought to have 'excellent' in one thing."

"And what's that?" hopefully inquired the father.

"Fightin'. I can lick any boy in th' class!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### Shop.

"Take your arm away, sir!" sharply exclaimed the indignant maiden.

"So," said the young editor musingly, "an unexpected accident, we regret to say, prevents our going to press."—Chicago Tribune.

### Judged It by Himself.

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### Personals

R. D. Miller, ex-'11, of Roanoke, Va. is visiting friends in barracks.

Mr. S. G. Sutherland of St. Louis, visited his son, N. Sutherland, Fourth Class, for a few days this week.

News has been received here of the marriage on Jan. 15th of C. Wheeler, '09, to Miss Susie Cherry.

Mrs. E. W. Nichols has returned to Lexington after having spent Xmas with her daughter, Mrs. T. M. Fendall, in Leesburg.

G. F. Robertson, '10, of Mexico, Mo., who spent some time here making up deficiencies, has returned to his home.

Mrs. Cross and Miss Elizabeth Cross, who have been spending some time in New York, have returned to their home.

Professor Muhler's dancing school, which was interrupted by the furlough, has recommenced. The class is to meet hereafter twice a week, on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Mrs. S. W. Lee of Birmingham, is at Mrs. Pendleton's, visiting her son Lee, S., who has been ill for some time with typhoid fever. We are glad to learn that he is improving and hope to see him out again in the near future.

### Alumni Notes

T. M. Fendall, '97, is farming in Loudoun county, Va.

C. F. Harrison, '97, is practicing law in Leesburg, Va.

H. M. Howard, '02, is located in Washington.

H. G. Albert, '07, is living at Stoneyhurst, Baltimore, Md.

B. P. Harrison, '96, is in the engineering corps of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

A. D. P. Jauncy, '00, is in the contracting business, with his office in Philadelphia.

J. W. Tinsley, '10, is in the insurance business in Richmond, Va. His address is 901, E. Clay street.

Arthur Johns is practicing law in New York city. His address is 43, Cedar street, New York.

J. C. Taliaferro, Jr., is living at 619 E. Tennessee street, Syracuse, N. Y.

C. S. Fudge is working for the Santa Fe railroad. His permanent address is 3529 Rakkby street, Chicago, Ill.

G. B. Campbell, ex-'12, is working in the National Bank of Virginia, Richmond, Va. His address is 111 S. 3rd street.

In an issue of the Cadet, published before the furlough, it was stated that J. H. Peek, '08, was teaching in the Rennsalar Polytechnic Institute. We wish to correct this and state that he is a student at the above school, instead of a teacher.

For the purpose of advertising the University of Missouri before state voters in order to obtain more appropriations for the next year, moving pictures of the various college activities are now being shown throughout the state.

### Large Crowd of Calic Expected for January Hops

The January hops, which are tonight, are expected to be among the prettiest and the most well attended ever given at the Institute. Every thing is ideal for them; there not having been any since October, and the cadets will take advantage of the opportunity to have their "calic," which they left at home only a few days ago, with them "once more." Everything bids fair to make the hops a big success, so let all the cadets not having "calic" up come out in force, so the girls will have the jolliest of times.

### Appointment of Assistant Editors

Since the election of Edwards as assistant editor-in-chief, of the Cadet, he has appointed his staff of assistant editors. They are as follows: Dalton, Ewing, L., Malsberger, Miller, Randolph and Smith, A. Purdie was appointed assistant business manager. These are all good men and the class is to be congratulated on securing such a capable staff. It is a certainty that the Cadet will lose nothing at their hands next year.

The cost of athletics for 1910 at Harvard was \$127,945.99, and the total receipts were \$130,982.07.

The late Martin Kellogg, formerly president of the University of California, left Yale University \$50,000 in his will.

Of the 15 Harvard men who played against Yale only six will be lost by graduation this spring. Five of this number are line-men.

Plans have been made to illuminate with powerful electric arcs the football field of the University of Washington, Seattle. By this method the team will be able to disregard the early autumn twilight and athletics will no longer interfere with the students afternoon laboratory periods and other classes. This idea of using artificial light for athletic fields was used with a marked degree of success during many of the past season baseball games in New York and Chicago.

The University of Pennsylvania swimming association plans to hold a series of bi-monthly meets this season in order to aid in the development of the various aquatic teams. The first of these meets has been held and about 100 men took part in the different events. Although some good showings were made, the prospects for this season are not very encouraging and many new stars will have to be developed.

In the "Yale Alumni Weekly" E. H. Coy, head coach of the Yale football team, replies vigorously to that paper's criticism of the coaching system. Coy calls attention to the fact that in all Yale football history, an organ of the university never before has attacked a team's coaching policy in the midst of a playing season, and specified a coach for keen criticism as the "Weekly" did last week in the case of Foster Sanford. Coy reiterates his statement that the success of the team last week was due largely to Sanford's coaching, and that all the coaches have worked this fall with one end in view, the success of Yale in the final games of the season, disregarding any mishap that might come to the team in mid-season.

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Had I the genius of a Webster, had I the talents of a Clay, I perhaps might elevate my thoughts in such language that would endear and possess a permanent place in your memories; and would the most impassioned flowers of rhetoric but ill express the thoughts which surge into my mind as I gaze about on the grey coated throng, and reflect that in five short months I shall no longer be entitled of my proudest boast that I am a member of the United States corps of cadets.

When years ago the army was young, officered by men whose military attainments were little better than those of the men they commanded and whose morals were not upheld by the esprit de corps which exists in the army of today, men saw that to maintain an establishment, which would do credit to the nation and command respect from other nations, trained officers were needed. And not only did circumstances demand officers educated in those higher principles of strategy and command, a knowledge of which aids materially in making the successful captain; but men of sterling worth, men of unswerving honesty, of honor beyond question of love of country, beyond price—heroic leaders for heroic followers.

For this there was the Military academy established. These men are the officers of our regular army, and these officers have come up, in most every case, from the corps of cadets, and the foundation upon which our principles are built, or by which they are vastly strengthened, are the corps traditions handed down from class to class, and prized by them as their most valuable possession. I speak of the traditions of honor, integrity, pluck and perseverance.

Of these that of cadet honor is perhaps the most highly prized, for it embraces to a certain extent the others. As we of the First Class look back on our record here, we hope that whatever may have been done which from the point of view of constituted authority rebounds to our discredit, was done with that sense of the obligation of honor which binds a cadet to his code just as surely as an officer to his. Whatever the means adopted, they were, though erroneous, not dishonorable and however grossly misunderstood were the ends sought, they were most honorable and undertaken for the good of the corps.

It is impossible for me to say what I should like to. We are all on the low side for the reason that no system of regulations has yet been devised which can control a cadets ideas. As to stating those ideas regulations are, however, quite explicit. But although we see things from a different point of view than other people, and are apt to criticize those actions of our superiors which do not conform to our minds, we should remember that those superiors of ours have also been cadets; they have been moved by the same corps spirit and the same enthusiasm as we; they have been guided by the same traditions and by the same corps honor, and whatever they may do now, let us try to believe that they have the corps at heart and do it honorably from their point of view. It will take a struggle—wise is that yet finished; but shake off the corps prejudices and look at the matter fairly.

And yet despite all this, some things are done, harsh and unjust we deem them, which have their bitterness to eat like a canker, deep into a man's heart and by their narrowness

drive out that charity which we should strive to retain.

That honor which we prize is safe. Time was not many months ago before that action of the corps, when it was in danger, but its roots were too deep to be moved by the passing storm. We leave it in your hands—1901, 1902 and 1903. We know that you will guard it and pass it on unsullied to those that follow you.

Need I mention the deeprooted tradition of truth? It is in a way the academy head. I mention those of pluck and perseverance. No need, but I cannot resist the temptation to speak of that of which we can never tire hearing—which can never fail to strike a responsive chord in our hearts. These traditions are exemplified in the career of last year's football team. Could there have been a pluckier fight than was put up by those men last season? Defeated again and again, battered and crippled they turned their faces towards the goal and hammered away.

And when on the 2nd of December, on Franklin Field, the captain calls his men together and with tears in his eyes asks them if they will put it over the answering tears spring into the eyes of those worn out men and they swear as they grip hands to put it over.

They did it. Three times they did it and West Point spirit and West Point grit won the day. Ah! Remember that day. Hand down to incoming classes the memory of that splendid triumph. Teach them the traditions we hold so dear. Honor, grit, pluck, determination—they'll win your battles. They took the Army across the Navy's line. They took the regulars up Santiago Hill. They'll take us up still farther.

We, most of us have known each other long. We have stayed here while classes graduated and went to war. Together we have mourned the loss. Together we have praised the brave. We have exulted over daring deeds performed by those who with us wore the grey. And soon relentless time will roll around and another class will leave this spot, and though it may seem strange to leave it is to love it. We have had examples set us. Our comrades gave their lives for duty. Can we do less than offer, in the shadow of those noble names, our own poor talents? Sleep well, ye heroes that have died. Although we may not show it, know that the flag which you so love we also love and that it shall float as proudly as of old; while its stars washed in the blood of many a patriot shall shine with undimmed lustre.

## Local Darts of Near-Wit

It's a pity "Hiram" hasn't learnt Roman figures yet.

In the article on the All Time Team published in this paper the editor would like to make one reservation—that of placing "Snake" on 3rd base instead of Capt. Kidd.

Lynchburg is not the only place that can have contested elections.

It was peculiar, too, how many men turned "wet" at the last moment.

New Year Resolution were lacking in our class.

Also there were a lot of men sitting on the bank who wanted to be in the lake.

And maybe "King" wasn't some hot!

Wampus wanted to have a "dry" celebration of boiled water and crackers, too.

Look out for this column! It will hit you next week.

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