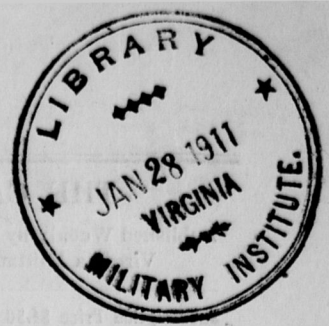


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HOPS

Exceedingly Small But Thoroughly Enjoyed

Last Friday and Saturday nights the corps, or we might say, a part of the corps, enjoyed two splendid hops. There were about 24 or 25 visiting girls present, and these with the home girls, made the pleasure of the nights such as will be remembered for a long time.

Some of the members of the Washington and Lee Cotillion club were among those dancing, and their presence was enjoyed by the cadets "as well as the girls."

A delightful fruit punch was served the first night and the young folks danced until a late hour. Although the dance Saturday was shorter, the young people started earlier and never slackened their pace until the warning call of "Home, Sweet Home," and then, not without a certain feeling of regret.

Those dancing were in part:

- Miss Massie with Cadet Nalle.
- Miss Gilkerson with Cadet Kraft.
- Miss Utterback with Cadet Dalton.
- Miss Speck with Cadet Spear.
- Miss Craighill with Cadet Moore, L.
- Miss Handy with Cadet Jackson, S.
- Miss Hoage with Cadet Bowles.
- Miss Mish with Cadet Bushnell.
- Miss McClure with Cadet Templeton.
- Miss Carrington, Nell, with Cadet Camp.
- Miss Carrington, Nan, with Cadet Howard, R.
- Miss Hopkins with Cadet Merry.
- Miss Williams with Cadet Biedler.
- Miss Blencowe with Cadet Smith, H.
- Miss Crenshaw with Cadet English.
- Miss Catlett with Cadet Brandt.
- Miss Wilson with Cadet Barksdale.
- Miss Jackson with Cadet West.
- Miss Graham with Cadet Witt.
- Miss Robinson, Margaret, with Cadet Johnston.

Election in Rat Class

The class of 1914 has become a reality, in so far as its organization as such is concerned. This latest development in the youngest of those who go to make up the corps came about on Monday night, when Gerow called a meeting of the Fourth class rats, and as a result of the ballots cast Jennings, C., of Lynchburg, Va., was selected to represent 1914 for the coming term. E. S. Alston of Dallas, Tex., ran a close second, and was accordingly selected as vice-president while E. P. Conquest of Richmond, was chosen to record the life of the class as historian. The election was by no means lacking in candidates for honors, and besides those mentioned for the presidency, were Youell, Engeldove, Nason, Kelly, R., and Munce, each of whom polled several votes. Other nominees for Historian were Jennings, D., and Merry. The newly elected officers are rapidly getting down to business and have already taken under consideration the subject of class colors and sweaters, with the immediate prospect of other important matters settled satisfactorily.

THAT ST. JOHN'S GAME

There weren't many to see the game, at least there were not as many as should have been there, and certainly not nearly so many as the management would like to have seen, but those who came saw a game of basketball that was fully worthy of the name. V. M. I. played well at every stage of the game, and V. M. I. means each individual player on the team, while St. John's—well, they just played better—but even at that, it was but a small margin that separated the ability of the two teams. Last Saturday it would have been a hard matter to pick out any star for our worthy opponents, but in our second game there were several varieties. Mecredy played the great game that has marked his work with the team every year, and those new "finds" Moore and Leech, showed themselves well worthy of those Red and White jerseys. In fact the whole team played well and when that long looked for and expected coach arrives we predict great events. For the visitors Ruehl was the bright particular star, while Johnson and Wilson were also much in the limelight. The game was clean and a treat to all devotees of basketball, the more of this type of sport the better. The teams lined up as follows:

V. M. I.	Position	St. John's
Shotwell	R. G.	White
Ewing, J. L.		Thompson
Mecredy	L. G.	Ruehl
McMenamin, P.	C.	Johnson
Moore	R. F.	West
Leech	L. F.	Wilson

THE GAME IN DETAIL

V. M. I. leads off with snap: St. John's foul. Mecredy misses goal. Time out, St. John's. Field goal for St. John's, Johnson to Wilson to West. Play becomes faster. Mecredy and Moore, C., show speed. St. John's goal. Ball up at center and V. M. I. walks around St. John's. Mecredy makes pretty try at goal, but misses. Ball circles floor and Leech shoots pretty field goal for V. M. I., and Shotwell follows suit after some snappy passing. Foul on V. M. I. St. John's fails to make goal. Moore, C., tries for field goal, misses by narrow margin. Mecredy also misses difficult try. V. M. I. ball out. Moore, C., makes field goal. Foul, St. John's holding. Mecredy makes goal. Ball circles floor. McMenamin, P., shows up well. Mecredy throws goal. Foul, V. M. I. holding. West fails to throw goal. Wilson puts ball in for St. John's. Foul, V. M. I. three men. Wilson fails at goal. Johnson throws field goal for St. John's. Thompson goes in for White. Goal, St. John's, and another from foul. Mecredy misses difficult try. V. M. I. plays hard. Moore misses goal. Time up. Score, V. M. I., 7; St. John's, 11.

Second Half: Play starts fast. Moore, C., takes ball length of floor for goal. St. John's misses field goal. Foul, St. John's. Mecredy misses. Field goal for St. John's, followed by another. Foul, St. John's, two men. Mecredy makes it. Foul, V. M. I. holding. St. John's fail at goal. St. John's field goal. Score, St. John's, 17; V. M. I., 11. Foul on St. John's. Mecredy misses try. St. John's get together, resulting in two field goals. Score, St. John's, 21; V. M. I., 11. St. John's misses sure try from field, but scores on V. M. I.'s foul. Follows it up with another and fouls in turn but Mecredy fails at goal. Wilson throws pretty field goal. Ewing goes in for Shotwell. Mecredy scores on Ruehl's foul. V. M. I., foul, two men. St. John's fails. Double foul. St. John's makes it, but V. M. I. fails. Score, St. John's, 26; V. M. I., 12. St. John's score rapidly during remainder of half. Final Score, 34 to 12.

Umpire, Mr. Glasgow, Washington and Lee University. Referee, Mr. Derr, Washington and Lee. Time keeper, Mr. Witt, V. M. I. Time of halves 20 minutes each.

Baseball

In view of the fact that the baseball team of last year won every game but two and that all of the team have returned except Tom Moseley and Chapman, we ought at least to tie the past season's record.

In Moseley, however, we have perhaps lost our most valuable man. An invincible pitcher most of the time and a good general all of the time, he handled the team with an efficiency hard to beat. But in his successor, as captain, we have Owen, who undoubtedly will make good as such. Playing on the team for the past three years he has developed into one of the best first basemen of college ball in the state.

The remaining men, who are gold bricks in their positions are Moore, Bryan, Reed, Brandan and Throckmorton. These men combined with the substitutes, Walker, Ewing, Ely, Karst and the reputation Leech and Jessie are bringing with them Blackburg and Virginia look easy.

Manager Jackson has not quite completed his schedule yet, but he promises a heavy one, among the games being V. P. I. at Roanoke, the University of Virginia at Charlottesville and the rest at home, including Carnegie Tech, probably Syracuse University, Maryland A. & M., St. John's and some smaller teams.

All those who have ever seen a baseball come out on the hill this spring and help make it the championship team of the state.

THE POST EXCHANGE SUB-COUNCIL

Following out the plan adopted early in the year, the Post Exchange sub-council, which has been serving for the past four months was dissolved in orders last week and a new one formed. This consists of Biedler, Jackson, W., Moore, C., Purdie, Worthington and Kingman, who will act as the representatives of the corps in the management of the Post Exchange. The old sub-council accomplished several notable improvements, and far from the least of these was the removal of the exchange to larger, brighter and better quarters, where more attention will be paid to the quality of stock and the general appearance of the room. Plans were put on foot for the sale of standard athletic goods and it is soon expected that cadets will be able to get whatever they want in that department at the exchange. Magazines and newspapers will soon be kept regularly in stock, as well as souvenirs of the Institute. Thus far the plan has worked to perfection and it is the idea of the new sub-council to continue this work to a high state of excellence.

The existence of this council is primarily to receive suggestions from the cadets as individuals, act on them when called together for that purpose and if considered practicable, to recommend them to the Post Exchange council of the Faculty. This council in turn passes upon the feasibility and if favorably impressed reports to the superintendent for action on the same. In this way ideas of any merit are soon put into effect to the cadets advantage, but the main object is to get the views of the corps. If you see any plan by which present defects may be remedied or new ideas introduced put it before the sub-council through one of its members; the benefit therefrom will revert not only to you, but to the corps. An elaboration of this plan is working with great success in the Army today—it can also be continued with good results here.

Meeting of Second Class

A meeting of the Second class was held Monday night for the purpose of transacting some important business. In the first place a chairman of the 1912 class ring committee had to be appointed to fill the vacancy, caused by Mosely's resignation. James Ewing was selected and it is hoped that he and the rest of the committee will soon get to work on the class ring question.

In the second place, an editor of 1912 "Bomb" was elected. There were two candidates, Purdie and Miller, but the former was elected.

This is a position which requires a great deal of patience, ability and hard work and a better man than Purdie could not have been selected. A good "Bomb" is something we ought to have and it is believed we shall have one. There is nothing that determines better what a class is, than its annual.

NEXT GAME

Tomorrow (with M. A. C.)

8:00 p. m.

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LITERARY SOCIETIES

Thanks to the efforts of those interested, permission has at last been given for the meeting of the literary societies on Friday night. The time is limited to 8 o'clock, however, since a longer meeting would doubtless, interfere seriously with study for the next day's classes. Even this is preferable to meeting on Saturday nights, though, as has heretofore been the custom. Saturday night meetings are undesirable for many reasons. It interferes with First class privileges; the moving pictures shows given by the Institute are always on Saturday nights, and the Hops, also, are held then; confinements would, doubtless prevent many from coming, and at this particular time of the year, basket ball games nearly every Saturday night make it wholly impracticable.

Since the privilege of meeting on Friday night has been granted, however, there is no reason why the societies should not be made a success. There can be no doubt in any one's mind as to their being highly beneficial. Let everyone, then, do all in his power to make them a success. If for no other reason we owe it to Col. Kerlin for the interest he has taken in them for the interest he has taken in us, and by making them a success we can show him how earnestly we appreciate his efforts.

The time for the commencement of second term work is almost upon us. Many people can be seen around barracks working harder than usual for the welcome six. So that, as there are to be no mid year examinations they will not be forced to take these exams, especially prepared for the unfortunate. In order to make up for the six weeks lost by the furlough of the corps it was decided by the Faculty that the January examinations be omitted and the standing determined by the daily recitation grades. Second classmen have about all decided upon the course they will take for the rest of their stay here. Some are awaiting word from home. A few are looking for the "crep" with its many conveniences, but with little success as there seems none are to be found. First classmen are beginning to wear a serious look as they start on their last lap upon which "dips" depend. It is certain that February 10th will be an eventful day for the new chemists, engineers and electricians as well as for those cadets who see a big D-i-p-l-o-m-a before them.

Local Darts of Near Wit

Speer and Speck
Went neck and neck
To fetch a Cupid's charter
But Speer came down
And with a frown
For Speck—In vain Speer sought her.
But where is the "original
Cutey" now.

A fool there was,
And he made his prayer—
At any rate Walker is the bear cat
of his clan.

The Mandolin Club versus the
Mountain House. 119 plays by ear
and 61 plays by hand—
Riddle— which is which?

"Quad" put in his application for
the cavalry.

By the way, old P. G. put in his
application for the army too. Hard
luck Adrian.

Who said Collins and Brister were
afraid of tombstones.

New organizations are numerous.
"King" is President of the "Hard
Boys," and Tom Collier President of
the "Sweaters." Both of these men
are sincere, honest, hardworking
men. We wish them success.

Ask Collier did he see the Balloon
Ascension Tuesday night.

P. X. has lately developed a voice.
He constantly sings:
"I am but a stranger here
Norfolk is my home."

"Burly" can't see his "Dip."
clear until he comes from behind his
ears.

Moore, L., awakened last night
and asked if it was raining.

All darts will be welcome. Bring
'em up.

A LEADING NEWSPAPER'S RECOGNITION OF THE "CADET"

The following is taken from the
Times-Dispatch of Jan. 24th:
"One of the three college newspaper
exchanges we receive is "The
Cadet," issued by the corps of the
Virginia Military Institute. It is an
excellent publication, especially
when it is remembered that the life
of a cadet is mostly work; there is
little time for him to give to student
activities of any sort. The Cornell
man who wanted to get out of his
examinations because he had work to
do on the college paper would walk
a thorny path at V. M. I. The
Cadet covers its whole field well; it
has crisp athletic news, good reports
of all the meetings, locals, and alumni
personals, pertinent editorials, inter-
esting clippings, and is ably man-
aged on its business side. It is a credit
to "the institute."

The winter meeting of the board of
visitors of the Virginia Military In-
stitute was held Friday evening in
the Institute library. Only routine
matters received attention. There
were present Colonel R. A. James,
the president, Superintendent of
Schools Eggleston, Hon. Edward
Echols, Colonel Joseph Button and
General Vaughan, a new member.

Get the latest magazines and week-
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Personals

C. F. Mansfield, Jr., '13, is on furlough, having his eyes treated.

C. F. Mansfield, Sr., of Monticello, Ill., visited his son of the Third class this week.

Burriss W., '14, left on furlough Thursday evening for his home in Richmond.

H. C. Stucky, 12, left on furlough Monday, for his home in Lexington, Ky., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Hancock Banning of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been visiting her son of the Third class, left for her home Friday.

Miss Wister Craighill of Lynchburg Va., who paid Dr. Bell a short visit last week returned to her home Monday.

Miss Crenshaw of Richmond, Va., who has been visiting Miss Nalle at the Hospital, returned to her home Wednesday.

Colonel Joe Button of Richmond, Va., visited his two nephews, Coulbourne, L., '13, and Captain Coulbourne, last week, while attending a meeting of the Board of Visitors. General C. C. Vaughan of Franklin, Va., visited his nephew, Vaughan Camp, 11, and Hon. R. A. James of Danville, visited his son, James, W., while here for the same purpose.

The Game Tomorrow Night

The lovers of basket ball should have no reason to complain Saturday, from the present outlook. Although this is the first year the Maryland Aggies have put out a team they have proved themselves capable opponents to every team thus far played. Our team has also been practicing hard since its overwhelming defeat at the hands of our undying rivals, St. Johns. Thus far we have been decidedly handicapped by not being able to secure a coach, but the team is doing great work under the supervision of Captain Mecredy. Putting two and two together in considering that this is M. A. C's. first year on the floor, and our handicaps of no coach, we should have an unusually good game Saturday night.

Lexington Driest Place in Virginia Last Year

Lexington was the driest place in Virginia during the year 1910, and Rockbridge was named the center of droughty conditions in Virginia last year. These facts are shown in the annual summary of Virginia weather for 1910, prepared by Edward A. Evans, director at Richmond of the Virginia section of the United States weather bureau.

The average reports from all stations show the rainfall to have been three inches below the normal. But in the eastern and upper Tidewater counties and along the western border precipitation was somewhat in excess of the average. The counties of Southampton, Surry, Scott and Craig, showed the heaviest rainfall. In Rockbridge and counties in the extreme north droughty conditions prevailed. June is noted as the wettest month of the year and November the driest. Speers Ferry, in Scott county, was named as the wettest place in the state in 1910.

Post Band Pay Tribute to Lee and Jackson's Command

The Rockbridge County News in its report of the dinner Lee-Jackson day in Lexington to the Confederate veterans by the Sons, says:

The dinner was served at the Blue hotel where 136 sat down to table. Of these 90 were veterans, 12 less than the number a year ago. The veterans formed at the courthouse, under the marshalship of Mr. Warren G. Hamilton. They were assembled to the inspiring music of Confederate melodies by the Virginia Military Institute band, who voluntarily came to thus pay tribute to the survivors of Lee and Jackson's command. The veterans marched to the Blue hotel to the inspiring air of Dixie, so long familiar. The camp of Sons followed. After the cloth was removed the after dinner program was opened by the singing of that old Confederate war song "The Bonnie Blue Flag," by a trained choir, consisting of Mayor S. B. Walker, Jr., Colonel H. C. Ford and Messrs. Allan McDowell, Houston Barclay, E. L. Graham, Jr., and W. D. Snider.

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.

Tawkins—Why does a hen cross the road? Poorpeigh—Really don't know! A hen hasn't any tailor.—Boston Transcript.

His Expectations.

"Have you 'Great Expectations?'" asked the fluffy haired damsel as she entered the circulating library and cast her large, lustrous blue eyes upon the new assistant. And he his mental equilibrium upset for the moment by her loveliness, stammered out:

"Well—er—no, miss, I can't say exactly that, but I believe I'm heir to my old aunt, who's got something just under a hundred pounds in the post-office savings bank."—London Telegraph.

Insult and Injury

We are told that the invention of scissors dates back to the fourteenth century.

Just think of it! Delilah must have cut Samson's hair with a knife.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Always.

Agent—This speedometer will enable you to know how fast you are going. Otto Feend—I don't need one. My bank balance tells me just as well.—Puck.

The man who forgets to be thankful has fallen asleep in life.—Stevenson.

The Bed.

The bed is a bundle of paradoxes. We go to it with reluctance, yet we quit it with regret. We make up our minds every night to leave it early, but we make up our bodies every morning to keep it late.—Colton.

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THE ADDRESS OF MR. LEE

Last Sunday night Mr. Lee, the State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., addressed a number of cadets at the usual Sunday night meeting of the association. After an opening prayer and a short Scripture reading Mr. Lee gave us a very interesting talk on the need of the knowledge of the Bible in an education, and on the origin of our Bible. He gave statistics of how many times the Bible is quoted by various speakers. He then made reference to the fact that Stonewall Jackson was a great student of the Bible. "And yet," he said, "a number of ministers, a great many, Y. M. C. A. leaders, and the great majority of others can't answer the question: 'Where did we get our Bible?'"

Then he ran over a few facts, easily verified, proving that our Bible can't be a forgery. First he traced back to the year 75 A. D., which year represents the date of an original manuscript of the New Testament, and at which time one of the original 12 disciples was living. Then he spoke of the unity of the book; the fact that it covers a period of 3,000 years was written by so many different men and yet is one great volume, showing that there must have been a distinct plan and that some Head must have thought it all out. All these go to show that the Bible is the original message given to us from God. "If this is so," he said, "ought not each man study it so as to give it a chance to work out its purpose in his life?"

He concluded his talk by stating that Colonel Kerlin and he, with the aid of Whitfield, were going to organize a Bible class, with Colonel Kerlin as its leader. About 35 cadets gave in their names to join the class and we hope very much that this number will be greatly increased in a short time.

Mr. Lee stated after his talk that there would be a Y. M. C. A. convention held in Charlottesville in the spring and that he thought he would see General Nichols about letting any cadet who wished to attend the convention go to Charlottesville. This is not the first time we have been so fortunate as to have Mr. Lee with us and his talks are both interesting and instructive, and were thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

Secretary E. K. Hall, Dartmouth's representative, has asked the other members to hold the annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Football Rules committee in New York the last week in January or the first in February. Mr. Hall will advocate a change to five downs, with 15 yards to gain, the idea being to give more scope and strategy to the attack.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 22.—Seven students of the University of Michigan were injured, four seriously, late last night when a large bob sled coasting down the Geddes avenue hill slewed from a bridge and plunged into a culvert ten feet deep. It is believed the bobs were running at a speed of 40 miles an hour. Four of the coasters were young women.

Charles Rigler of Massillon, O., a student in the second year Law School at the University of Virginia, and an umpire in the National League, has been elected baseball coach for the coming season at Virginia. The selection of Rigler to pilot the Virginia squad is quite a departure in Virginia athletics.

Presentation of Football Monograms and Cup to Gloth

All who attended the Friday night hop were indeed given a treat for not only were there many pretty girls there, but also they were witnesses to the presentation of the football monograms to this year's team and silver loving cup to "Billy" Gloth. Colonel Ford made the presentation speech, in which he greatly praised the scrubs, who did much towards making the Varsity a success. His admiration for a scrub seemed none too little for credit does not often come to them: who day and day go out on the hill and are battered and knocked around with no hope of making their letters. He next gave a portrayal of each of the monogram winners as they appeared to him. Witt was a giant, and he did not know who he got around, while Dalton as described as about 25 inches around the waist. Such humor as this preceded each name and then when the "keydets" gave the usual nine raps the formal presentation of the hard earned monograms was over.

Colonel Ford closed his talk on delivering monograms by saying that he considered the last football season in all respects a most successful one. Furthermore he said that in no game were we outclassed, and he placed much credit to the leadership of Captain Dashiell.

Then the silver loving cup, bearing the inscription: "Presented to William C. Gloth, by the corps of the Virginia Military Institute, 1910." was handed him and in a short and very appropriate address he presented it to William C. Gloth, who for the last two years has been coach here and under whose guidance so much has been accomplished. The cup shows only a small part of the corps' appreciation for his untiring efforts toward making a name for V. M. I. in football. A telegram was received early in the week from Gloth, stating that it would be impossible for him to be present. The cup will be packed and shipped to him immediately.

"Pa, what is an equinox?"

"Why it's—it's—Don't they teach you anything at school? I thought you studied mythology. An equinox, my son, is a fabled animal, half horse, half ox. Its name is derived from 'equine' meaning horse, and 'ox.' Schools are different now from what they were when I was a boy."

A love-smitten youth who was studying the approved methods of proposal, asked one of his bachelor friends if he thought that a young man should propose to a girl on his knees.

"If he doesn't," replied his friend, "the girl should get off."

"The first day out was perfectly lovely" said the young lady just back from abroad. "The water was as smooth as glass, and it was simply gorgeous. But the second day was rough and—er—decidedly disgusting."

"Now then, men," cried the gallant captain, "fight like heroes till your powder is done then run for your lives. I'm a little lame, so I'll start now."—Wasp.

Sailor: Just at that moment my father received a bullet that cut off both his arms and legs and threw him into the sea. Fortunately, he knew how to swim.—Le Rire.

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