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MEN TAKING CHEMISTRY

FIRST CLASS

Barksdale	Johnston, F.
Camp	Kinsolving
Cole	Mecredy
Collier	Portel
Ely	Powell
Hagan	Richardson
Hirst	White, I.
Jackson	Wilson
Johnson, A.	Zollman

SECOND CLASS

Brown, F.	Gayle
Crockett	Kraft
Dalton	Owen
Edwards	Schufeldt

Ewing

CHEMISTRY

Without attempting to give any formal answer as to what Chemistry is, Chemical processes may be said to be world old and as far as man is concerned they began with his beginning on our earth; with his first breath, with his first mouthful of food, Chemistry took hold of him and became part and parcel of his life throughout his years, on, on to the grave. And beyond, until his body had been given back to the dust. All this without his knowledge or interference.

But during the course of the undetermined ages when he was finding out his superiority to the brute creation and gradually rising out of his savage condition and surroundings, he got into the way of practising the Chemical art for his own betterment and well being. He was not concerned in these early days about names, he knew nothing about science, he undertook no explanation of what he was doing, but he learned facts and obtained results in an empirical way. He warmed his body and cooked his food by the burning of fuel; he dug into the ground and took out ores, melted them down and fashioned for himself weapons, tools and implements from metals and alloys of metals; he made lime and built houses and monuments; he caused the earth to yield her increase more abundantly by his cultivation; he wove fabrics and dyed cloth and adorned his person with many colors; he fermented fruit juices and made wine, and many other things, did he accomplish by the aid of the unknown art for his comfort and enjoyment.

But mixtures and maltings, and the bringing of diverse things together in satisfaction of human curiosity gave rise not infrequently to curious and astonishing results. Why might it not be possible to discover the fabled philosopher's stone, the cure of all fleshly ills, to convert the base into the precious, lead into gold for instance, in a word, to strike it rich as our slang has it?

With the inception of such thoughts the mind of man turned to secrecy, his cupidity was aroused, he must do things in the dark and practise his art in hidden places. And now a name came into existence for these admixtures and poisons and precipitations and sublimations and

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QUINT SUFFERS SECOND DEFEAT

The Marylanders Prove a Bit Too Heavy for V. M. I. —Team Fought Hard

The basketball five went up against a hard proposition in every sense of the word on last Saturday night, and by no means the softest part of the aforesaid proposition was the lack of support from the corps. True there were cadets at the rink, but the vast majority was conspicuous by its absence. That old time readiness to root for a team, win or lose, seems to be rapidly disappearing from our midst, and yet there seems to be a general expression of surprise in barracks when the team loses a game. If any such condition as the last occurs again there will, in all probability, be quite a series of decided surprises awaiting the corps. Its certainly up to you to turn the tables the other way. Do it.

Maryland brought a well seasoned bunch and though they outclassed us at every position, the final score bears proof to the fact, that the possession of brains is equally as important as that of brawn. The game, as a whole, was also much faster than any that has yet been played, and above all was the appearance of that deciding factor, team work, which is fast becoming the principal asset of the team. Mr. Mitchell, the new coach, did not reach here until the night before the game, but he lost no time in getting at the team, and during Saturday's game manifest improvement was noted in many particulars. Even more so than in the St. John's game, the work of the team as a composite machine was very noticeable, and it was hard to pick out any particular star. Mecredy played his usual brilliant game and to him is due the credit for V. M. I.'s entire 14 points. This record was made possible by the excellent support of Moore, C., Ewing L., McMenamin, P., and Leech, to whom a large part of the score is undoubtedly due.

The teams lined up as follows:

V. M. I.	Position	M. A. C.
Ewing, L.		R. F. Shipley, capt.
Moore, L.		
Mecredy, capt.	L. F.	Goeltz
McMenamin, P.	C.	Augustus
Moore, C.,	L. G.	Bruder
Leech	R. G.	Woodward

THE GAME IN DETAIL

Mecredy has first try at difficult field goal but misses. Foul. M. A. C., two men. Mecredy makes it

goal. Moore, C., fails at field goal. Foul, V. M. I. holding. Woodward makes it for M. A. C. Score, V. M. I., 1; M. A. C., 1. Foul, V. M. I., two men, but Woodward fails to take advantage. Leech shows good headwork. Foul, V. M. I., holding. Woodward throws goal. Goetz misses field goal. Foul, V. M. I., three men. Woodward misses throw. Foul, M. A. C., Bruder and Augustus, and Mecredy puts ball in basket. Score, V. M. I., 2; M. A. C., 2. Foul, M. A. C., Goetz and Augustus. Mecredy fails at goal.

EVERYBODY GETS A SHOW.

Ewing misses field goal, followed by McMinamin, P., and Mecredy. M. A. C. takes a try at it, but Shipley misses. Mecredy doubles. Foul, V. M. I., two men. Woodward fails. Foul, V. M. I. holding. Woodward makes it. Foul, M. A. C. Woodward and Augustus. Mecredy misses goal, but redeems himself by pretty field goal. Shipley has two tries at field goals but misses both. Bruder stars for visitors. Foul, M. A. C., Woodward and Augustus. Mecredy makes it.

FOULS GALORE

Woodward misses field goal. Foul, M. A. C., Augustus and Bruder, and Mecredy adds one to V. M. I.'s credit. Double foul, slugging, Woodward misses, but Mecredy makes it. Moore misses field goal. Goetz stars with difficult field goal, but Bruder and Shipley fail to follow. Foul, V. M. I. holding, and Woodward scores for M. A. C. Time up, first half. Score, V. M. I., 7; M. A. C., 8.

SECOND HALF

Shipley fails at try from field. Moore duplicates. Shipley makes goal. Goetz misses. Woodward same. Foul, V. M. I., holding. Woodward makes it. Goetz fizzes field try, but Woodward puts it in for him. Score, V. M. I., 7; M. A. C., 13. Foul, M. A. C., Augustus holding. Mecredy fails at goal and follows it by difficult try at field goal. Foul, M. A. C. Bruder and Augustus. Mecredy fails. Woodward makes pretty field goal, and misses

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THE CHEMICAL COURSE

The class of 1887 was the first to graduate after the introduction of the elective system into the school for the second and first classes.

The chemical course is one of the three elective courses, and has continued to be prosecuted by some of the cadets of each class since the change from the curriculum was made. The course has been changed from time to time, when change seemed desirable, but it has continued practically to cover the ground mapped out for it at the start, that is, to give a good foundation of facts, laws, principles and theories of chemical science along with the practical work of the laboratory, in order that a man completing it may have gained the good of its educational and cultural value and at the same time obtained a sufficient acquaintance with its operations and manipulations to enable him to continue it, should he choose, for his life's work.

As a matter of interest a list is given below of the graduates of the chemical course, who have kept on in its pursuit, or who have made use of the knowledge here acquired in their subsequent fields of labor. The list is a partial one only, by reason of the lack of information in many cases.

H. H. Alexander, '88, Metallurgist; C. M. DeValin, '88, surgeon, U. S. N.; B. L. Hardin, J. J. McCormick and T. W. Lewis, '90, physicians; E. Ruledge and H. McGuire, '91, and T. Alsop, '93, physicians; S. B. Marshall and Wm. Bryant, '94, chemists; H. Chamblis, '94, professor of chemistry; J. C. Gregory, '95, surgeon, U. S. A.; W. H. Bumgardner, physician; C. C. Dickinson '96, chemist; E. L. McGee, '79, physician; T. Milton, '97, engineer, Electric Storage Battery Co; R. C. Marshall, '98, expert high explosive, U. S. A.; E. H. Marsteller, '98, surgeon, Marine Hospital service; A. C. Crump, '98, physician; W. B. Lewis, '97, chemist; W. D. Scott and L. Powell, '99, physicians; E. Ryland and J. B. Hudson, '01, chemists; H. M. McCance, '02, chemist; J. W. White, '03, physician; D. M. French, '03, W. Harris and J. B. L. Dowe '04, chemists; W. G. Leonox, '04, physician; G. H. Whitney, '06, physician; F. A. Fickes, '08, chemist; S. L. Hayes, '09, student chemistry; A. H. Allen, ex-'06, with Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. in Richmond.

In the special election in Lexington a bond issue for \$75,000 carried for additional water supply for the town by a majority of more than 4 to one. The vote was 221 for bond issue and 51 against, with four defective ballots. The plan suggested is to get an abundance of soft water for the town and bring it 11 miles from the mountains.

Dormant for several years, the old feud that existed among the candidates for the Naval Academy and young men of Annapolis and at times extended even to students of St. John's College was revived last night, when a candidate and a young man of town engaged in a fistic encounter that later in the evening resulted in the candidate being pounced upon and roughly handled by a bunch of the town boys.

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Three months ago the Institute was afire with enthusiasm. Whether our team met victory or defeat, it received the support of the corps and the universal opinion was that nothing was too good for the football team.

Last Saturday night the basketball team played the third game of the season. The attendance was poor, more than half the crowd was composed of people other than cadets. There were so few in fact that not over one or two yells were given, and the players were spurred on during the greater part of the time to better efforts by hardly a cheer. This may help to explain our defeat, but setting it down not to explain but merely as a fact, it indicates a state of apathy that shows no sign of disappearing.

We have a new coach who is expected to make a good team out of and by no means a large and for the most part inexperienced squad. If he performs this task under the present lack of spirit of the cadets, we can take no part in rejoicing over victories. To make it an initial team we must support it in every manner.

At all big universities basketball is recognized as a major sport being on the same plane as football.

The fives of Columbia, Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania and other schools have the best support possible, while at our neighbors, Washington and Lee, University of Virginia, V. P. I. and St. John's, the team is regarded as being essential as that or any sport. We have to long given our support to one branch of athletics. Now that we wish to and do take a stand with our neighbors, we must drop all "beefing" and be loyal to our representatives not only in football but in basketball, baseball and track.

The cadets ought to attend games. It was only the other day that the writer heard one cadet make this implying statement: "I would not be seen at a basketball game." Evidently considering it too slow for him or else too effeminate. It is of the writer's opinion that he did not show a great amount of intelligence or school spirit.

The head of a great school once said that a team composed of the very men that represented his school

in a certain sport, could not win the victories it did when it played as that's school team. He meant that being imbued with students and knowing that its students were loyal, the team played a better game. By laws of arithmetic the team will only play one half as well as they could have played if the entire corps is closely watching them.

To relieve the minds of those cadets who are afraid to be seen at a game, basketball presents a difficult proposition.

It is conceded that the game is new in the Southern colleges. In the North the colleges have been playing it almost as long as football, baseball and other man sports, and have manifested the same interest in it. Here at the institute it is also increasing in popularity, and it is safe to say that it will be a recognized honor to make the team, for contrary to the opinion generally held, basketball is not a game for girls and effeminate young gentlemen, but a game that requires skill, speed, quick thinking and endurance, even more than football.

Quint Suffers Second Defeat

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another. Moore, L., takes Ewing's place. Goetz and Shipley fail at field tries. Time out for Leech, but he pluckily goes back. Foul, M. A. C., Shipley holding. Mecredy makes it. Foul, V. M. I., two men. Woodward fails. Foul, M. A. C., Goetz slugging. Mecredy makes it.

A FEW FOULS

Foul, M. A. C., Woodward and Augustus. Mecredy makes it. Time out to settle score. V. M. I. gains one point, thereby. Score, V. M. I., 10; M. A. C., 15. Foul, V. M. I., two men. Woodward makes it.

AND THEN SOME.

Foul, M. A. C., Augustus and Shipley. Mecredy makes it. Double foul. Woodward loses chance, but Mecredy makes it. Foul, V. M. I., two men. Woodward makes it. Mecredy winds up with pretty field. Time up.

Summary: Fouls, V. M. I., 11; M. A. C., 15. Goals from foul, V. M. I., Mecredy, 10; M. A. C., Woodward, 7. Goals from field, V. M. I., Mecredy, 2; M. A. C., Woodward, 2; Goetz, 2; Shipley, 1. Final Score, V. M. I., 14; M. A. C., 17. Umpire, Mr. Derr, Washington and Lee. Referee, Mr. Glasgow, Washington and Lee. Timekeeper, Mr. Witt, V. M. I. Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

Ask "Zolly" to describe the sensation of a "cold" smell.

"Horse" has invented a new shower bath, especially suited to head washing.

The "Bodado" says that the manufacture of Sulphuric acid for a hair tonic "aint' what it used to be."

Why is Bill Jackson like the fat boy in "Pickwick Papers?"

It's in all that excess rope his hostler (?) gave him.

"Cheny" Cole has the distinction of being the only man in the chemical course who can multiply two numbers together, divide the result by one of them and get a number different from the other one.

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MEETING OF KERLIN LITERARY SOCIETY

On last Friday night a meeting of the Kerlin Literary society was held in the library and much important business was transacted. Owing to the fact that heretofore the literary societies have been able to hold their meetings on Saturday nights only, and since we have a basketball game, hop or other entertainment on this night, no meetings have been held since the organization of the societies. Last week, however, permission was given by General Nichols to hold these meetings on Friday nights, between supper and 8 o'clock. Although there was a small number of members present a great deal was accomplished at this meeting. First, the society took up the question of a name. After suggestions as to an appropriate name, it was finally decided to name it the Kerlin Literary society, after Colonel Kerlin, who through his untiring efforts and personal interest, has succeeded in organizing these two societies and to show their appreciation of his interest and help the society determined to name it after Colonel Kerlin.

Next the formation of a constitution was discussed and Colonel Kerlin helped out matters very much by presenting the society a book entitled "Pro's. and Con's." which contains not only a great number of popular questions of today, but has a model constitution for a debating society, so after reading this over it was decided to adopt this, with some slight modifications for the constitution of the society, this, of course, subject to amendments or alterations by the society. The initiation fee and fines were also set upon. A roster of all the members will be kept and debaters and readers will be put up by the secretary in regular order and any debater failing to prepare his debate at his time will be fined, any member being absent from a regular meeting and not excused by the president will also be fined.

The next meeting will be held tonight and a regular debate will take place on the question, "Should Athletic Relations in Football be Reopened with V. P. I." Dalton and Nash being on the affirmative and Jones, C. and Miller on the negative. This is an interesting question and should prove to be interesting in debate.

The Basketball Coach

Mr Mitchell, the basketball coach, got here just in time last week to see the game with M. A. C. Many people at the game wondered why the stranger in "cits" was taking so much interest in the team's play. He is a native of Baltimore, having had much experience in that city and in Washington. For several years he played on and coached "The Defenders," a professional quint that held the championship of Baltimore for several years. He is a strong believer in team work and thinks that every man should be a cog in a wheel, all putting aside their individual efforts when they conflict with the work of their team. Now that the coach is here, the material having shown that all it needs is an instructor, everybody can expect good results and it is up to the corps to give them encouragement by at least attending the games.

Chemistry

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distillations, and what not behind closed doors. Chemia, the black art, according to one of the derivations of the name, was the term employed for the dark and devious dealings with the so-called secrets of nature in under-ground chambers and subterranean passages. It was diligently practiced by the alchemists of the Middle Ages, and many chemical facts and compounds were accumulated and discovered.

However the name of chemistry—and its evolution is still attended with obscurity—may have originated, it had come to stay, though it occupied for a long time a subordinate position in what we may call the Theme of Natural Philosophy. It was at one time the hand maiden of medicine, and then again the younger sister of physics, but not until something over a hundred years ago may chemistry be thought of as being placed upon an independent and truly scientific basis. With a rational explanation of the phenomena of burning or combustion, with the discovery of the laws of fixity of composition of substances and of multiple combinations of the same elements to form entirely different compounds, with the introduction of the atomic theory, now universally accepted as the foundation of the entire chemical superstructure these fundamentals and along with them came also many other discoveries too numerous to mention, to give help in putting the science of chemistry upon a firm footing of its own, helpful of, and assisted by the other sciences, it is true, but at the same time standing proud and erect on its own foundation, first it may be among its equals.

Chemistry has always had intimate connection with the welfare of man, but in these latter days it may truly be affirmed that it is hardly without a second in its ministrations for the progress, comfort, wellbeing and happiness of humanity.

Space forbids any extended enumeration of its beneficent gifts. Let the mention of a few suffice; it has given us soap for health and cleanliness, bleaching agents for whiteness and purity, a long list of most brilliant colors and dyes, scientific agriculture to make numerous blades to grow in the place of one, sulphuric acids to enter as a necessity into nearly all branches of manufacture, pure food stuffs and products, delicious perfumery, invaluable medicinal preparations, hygienic administration of municipalities and household, combative agents against most dread diseases, glass, gems, building material, the implements of peace and war, high explosives, etc., etc. etc.

What a science is chemistry.

Voice heard on lower Main street Saturday night about 9 p. m.: "Hold me, Bush, the ground's moving."

Colonel T., in Mineralogical Lab.: —Mr. Camp, what mineral is that you are agonizing over?"

Camp—"I don't know, sir, (under his breath) if I did I wouldn't be agonizing."

Colonel P.—"Now Mr. Dalton, what kind of milk do you use in making bread?"

Dalton—"Cow's milk, sir."

Colonel Tucker's little joke in crystallography—"Young gentlemen, I want you all to understand here at the beginning that there is nothing difficult in this subject; simply an application of the principles that you are thoroughly familiar with."

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The Bell Ringers of Angels, Bret Harte.
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Practical Idealism, Hyde.
Great Books as Life Teachers, Hillis.
Young Men Who Overcame, Speer.
A Young Man's Questions, Speer.
The Varieties of Religious Experience, Wm. James.
The Gospel and the Modern Man, Mathews.
In Love With the Infinite, Trine.
Apocryphal New Testament, Horn.
Jesus Christ and the Christian Character, Peabody.
Things of the Mind, Spalding.
Social Teachings of Jesus, Mathews.
Classic Myths, Gayley.
True and False Democracy, Butler.
Problems of Today, Carnegie.
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Liberty, Union and Democracy, Windell.
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The Spirit of Democracy, Lyman Abbott.
Political Problems of American Development, Shaw.
Wealth Against Commonwealth, Lloyd.
The Spirit of American Government, Smith.
The Old Order Changeth, White.
What's Wrong With the World, Chesterton.
Pros. and Cons., Craig.
The Spirit of America, Van Dyke.
The Investment of Influence, Hillis.
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Wm. Hogarth, Brown.

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Our Game With Virginia

The next game of basketball to be played here is with the University of Virginia on Feb. 11th. No game has been scheduled for tomorrow and with a week's additional practice the team should improve greatly.

The fact that we now have a coach will add greatly to basketball here, as what the team lacked in the three games this season was sufficient coaching. The men did wonderfully well considering that every bit of the coaching was done by one or two players, but the place occupied by a coach cannot be filled except by him and it is safe to say that with a coach we would have won at least one of the two games we lost.

The new coach comes to us with a reputation of knowing the game thoroughly and also of teaching it, therefore it is reasonable to expect a marked change in the team before our next contest.

There are about three more games scheduled here in Lexington and then the team leaves on the Southern trip to play Trinity, Wake Forest and other teams. Manager Biedler has secured the best schedule that we have had in basketball, there being several teams on the list which are entirely new to us, and with whom we are glad to have athletic relations.

While the coach may make some changes in the team the line up will in all probability remain as heretofore, as Captain McCreedy has filled the positions pretty accurately and the men have played well in their respective parts of the floor. Shotwell was unable to get into last Saturday's game and his presence was missed by all. Ewing, J. L., Moore, C. E., McMenamin, P., Leech and Moore, L. F., have shown that they know the game of basketball and their places are practically assured.

The honor system which has been installed at Lehigh College is working well there, says the "Brown and White". It appears that it will fall through at Columbia. The Columbia "Spectator" speaks of it as "student espionage," and it would succeed nowhere if regarded in that light.

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