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## V. M. I. DEFEATED BY LYNCHBURG Y. M. C. A.

### Quint Receives Second Defeat of Trip by Score of 41 to 23

In a hotly contested and evenly matched game the quint suffered its second defeat on the "Southern trip." Despite the difficulties encountered in the shape of a new ball and a small floor, the team put up what was probably the best form they have shown this season, encouraged no doubt, by the fair wearers of the red, white and yellow in the crowded balcony. Our quint slightly outweighed the Y. M. C. A. team, but this was more than balanced by the brilliancy of the latter in goal throwing and team work in general.

For the Y. M. C. A. James, Jamerson and Campbell were easily the stars. No angle seemed to be too difficult, no distance too great; and this in spite of the excellent defensive work put up by our team. Mecredy as usual, starred for V. M. I., throwing six very difficult field goals, one beyond the center of the floor, and five foul goals.

The game was marred to an extent, by a slight tinge of roughness. Both teams fouled considerably, but the Y. M. C. A., was particularly rough; time being called several times on account of injuries received by our men, especially Ewing, L., who was finally forced to retire on account of a sprained ankle. Shotwell went in as substitute and Stroud, ex-'13, was called down from the balcony to succeed him as referee.

V. M. I. Position Y. M. C. A.  
L. Ewing, Shotwell L. F. Campbell  
D. Ewing R. F. Jamerson  
Mecredy C. James  
Moore C., L. G. Offerdinger  
Leech R. G. Adams

Goals from field, Mecredy, 6; Moore, Shotwell, L. Ewing, Campbell, 6; Jamerson, 7; James, 7. Goals from fouls, Campbell, 1; Mecredy, 5. Fouls committed, V. M. I., 6; Y. M. C. A., 11. Referees, Mr. Warthen, first half; Shotwell and Stroud, V. M. I., second half. Time, Mr. Pennock. Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

### Spring Drills

At last the long winter is drawing to a close and the spring drills are drawing near. In a little over a month the army inspector will be here and in that time much work has got to be accomplished. Since the third class has gone, many of whom were on the different details, a greater amount of work than ever must be done. New men, composed chiefly of rats have been put on these details and if we wish to keep up our standard we must put forth extra exertion and get to work. These men are entirely green as to their duties, but it is believed they will soon be familiar with their work and able to present as good an appearance as at former inspections. Battalion drill is to begin next week. Already the guides have been given instruction, as have the new corporals, concerning their duties. Now let's get to work fellows and make this year's inspection better than ever.

## LAST GAME OF SEASON PROVES A GOOD ONE THE BASKETBALL TRIP

### Quint Surprises Tech—Game Well Attended

In contrast to previous games Saturday night found practically every cadet, who could beg or borrow the price, at the skating rink to see the last game at home for this season. To say that it was a game well worth seeing would be drawing it mildly, so we'll make it a bit stronger and say that in our humble opinion we don't want to see a cleaner, faster or more exciting game, baring, of course, the condition of the score. From every viewpoint both the offensive and defensive work of the team was one hundred per cent. better than heretofore exhibited at any time during the season and taking into consideration the fact that we did not have the remotest idea of coming out ahead of V. P. I., in much the same way that they confidently expected to shut us out completely. We really fail to see any cause for complaint at the final score. Tech had a team composed of men who had played together at least two years, and we can frankly say that they showed remarkable ability in every department, while V. M. I. went in with one Varsity man and four scrubs. It may be said parenthetically that the afore mentioned scrubs strikingly exhibited their ability to hold down their jobs on the Varsity as well.

Mecredy showed throughout the game his usual dash and brilliancy, and played a strong game at center against the veteran Hughes. Jim's place will be hard to fill next year. Leech clearly demonstrated his fitness for basketball and played an even better game than has marked his progress this season, while "Red" Moore was far from being out of the running at any stage of the play. "Red" will prove as valuable next year as he has been this year, in other words he will be indispensable to the 1912 team. "Jimmy" and John Ewing have also showed high efficiency and the latter particularly played a game far beyond his previous position on the scrubs. We have good cause to feel proud of the team individually and collectively and when one considers its condition at the beginning of the season, it has proved far more successful than at first thought.

For the visitors, it would be hard to pick out any bright and particular star, for the whole team formed a constellation of no mean brilliance. Hughes, G., at center probably played the most consistent game and his dribbling showed a large amount of skill. While developing nothing spectacular, Keesling showed up as a steady player at Right Guard and proved valuable to V. P. I. on several occasions.

#### FIRST HALF

The first half starts off with a rush and play continues so throughout the half. Mecredy fails to make good a point on V. P. I.'s foul, and follows with two difficult tries at goals from the floor, when Hughes breaks up the picnic to fail at his own goal. Legge, F., duplicates but it takes Hughes H. to put the ball in the basket. Goals seem to be long to the family and Hughes, G., adds

two points for V. P. I. Mecredy looks at it another way and toses one in for V. M. I., completely running away with his opponents.

#### MECREDY THE STAR

Legge misses the basket and as Mecredy starts for another V. P. I. tries to stop him with two men, no goal and Legge and Hughes have it out for the greatest number of tries from the floor. Leech and Moore see that they don't get in it basket and are thoroughly on the job, but Hughes, H., slips one in over Leech's head and later follows it with another, which Legge duplicates. Moore fails from hard try, and V. M. I. gives Tech point on foul. Moore and Leech fail at goal in quick succession and Hughes and Legge follow, one of which the former finally nabs. Here Leech takes the ball from Hughes, G., and passes to Mecredy, who passes to Moore for a field goal. Legge fails to score on Ewing's foul, but Hughes goes him one better and makes it two, but fails at another. Moore breaks up pingpong between Hughes and Legge, assists in some rapid passing between Mecredy and Ewing, L., and Mecredy makes it good for V. M. I. Keesling closes half with try at goal.

Score, V. M. I., 6; V. P. I., 17.

#### SECOND HALF.

Ewing, D., opens play, showing a disposition to put it over Legge, W., passes to Moore to Mecredy, but latter fails to make basket. Hughes pulls off some pretty dribbling, but follows Mecredy's lead. Mecredy scores in Hughes' two steps. Breaks up Legge's try at basket, but umpire calls foul. Legge scores. Hughes D., fails, but Legge, F., makes it good and Hughes redeems himself with another.

#### HUGHES BECOMES A TWO-STEPPER

Hughes fouls on twosteps. Mecredy misses free try, but quickly tosses ball through ring with pretty onehand throw. Legge, W., and Hughes, G., miss easy ones. Moore throws hard one, but is called out on foul. Hughes, H., and Legge, F. follow with goals. Hughes, G., tries two step again and Mecredy scores for V. M. I. Leech and Moore fail. Hughes, G., goes himself one better and tries three steps. Mecredy scores and Moore adds two points on pretty throw from floor double roul, which Legge fails to take advantage of but Mecredy makes good, and as ball goes into play passes to Leech, who puts Ewing, L., in position for goal. V. M. I. grows confident and fouls twice, but Legge fails to credit them. Legge, F., makes pretty field but fails at another try. Keesling and Hughes, G., follow suit and Legge, F. finally puts it in netting, following shortly with another. Ewing, L., passes to Mecredy, who gets a good one. Leech takes ball from Hughes, G., but hurts shoulder; goes back in game in minute. Moore misses and Legge, duplicates. Hughes, G.,

The basketball season closes with a three day trip to North Carolina. The team left Sunday morning for Lynchburg, where they take the Norfolk & Western for Durham. On Monday night they play Trinity College there.

After the showing against V. P. I. Saturday a close game is looked for, and in fact V. M. I. ought to make it an interesting battle. On their way home they play Lynchburg Y. M. C. A. in that city Tuesday night, arriving in Lexington Wednesday morning.

Basketball records this year have not come up to the expectations of many, but when you take into consideration the many drawbacks which have befallen the team it will be seen that they have really shown excellent form. First on account of the furlough of the corps before Christmas no practice could be had until the week after New Years, just one week before the first game. Next a coach after having agreed to terms failed to report and another two weeks was lost with no one to guide the squad. As soon as Mr. Mitchell was obtained, however, marked improvements was noticed and team work became more evident in their play. Then just as the regulars were beginning to show their form the loss of the third class candidates came, thereby necessitating further changes. Sickness also in the first of the season kept away a number of promising men. For the above reasons it has been almost impossible to have the same five on the floor for two successive nights.

The above is not meant as an excuse for our defeats, but to show the really excellent work done by the basketball team under such overwhelming difficulties. Great credit for the showing is due to Captain Mecredy's playing and the able manner in which the coach has whipped the men into shape.

Word was received last night that the score of the game in Durham was Trinity, 52; V. M. I., 17.

#### GAME IN DETAIL.

First Half: Game called promptly at 8:00 p. m. Game opened with a snap and in a series of whirlwind rushes, Trinity scores twice. Hedrick fouls and Mecredy throws goal. Moore gets ball from toss up and throws to Shotwell who scores. V. M. I. fouls and Trinity shoots goal. Trinity follows V. M. I.'s example and fouls. Mecredy fails to shot goal. Mecredy gets ball and carries it the length of the floor to another score. Mecredy fouls, but Trinity fails to score by it. In 30 seconds of play Trinity scores. V. M. I. fouls, but Hedrick fails to find asket. Time taken out for Trinity—Jones hurt. A little later time staken out for V. M. I. Mecredy. Mecredy shoots another goal from field. Fouls by Leech, but Trinity does not score. In the next two minutes of play V. M. I. and Trinity both score. V. M. I. fails to score from foul. Double foul, both V. M. I. and Trinity score. Trinity scores from field. Trinity scores. V. M. I. fails to score. Time out, V. M. I. Hedrick scores at end of first half.

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### HIGH TRIBUTE PAID TO SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE CADET OF DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The following is a semi-editorial taken from the Times Dispatch on March 6th:

"The latest issue of the V. M. I. 'Cadet' was devoted to the department of electrical engineering, and was brimful of valuable and understandable information about the work and opportunities in that great profession. All of which goes to prove that when a V. M. I. man does anything, he does it well."

We regret the circumstances leading to the dismissal of the third class. They were certainly hasty and ill advised in their action, but are not dishonorably discharged, as some irresponsible reporters would have the public believe.

The Cadet is heartily sorry for each and every one of the dismissed cadets, and hopes to see them all back next fall. We know their leaving due to foolish thoughtlessness in signing an entirely unnecessary pledge, and while regretting this, we cannot help but feel that they will make a much better class as a result of the experience. The case is closed.

A rule at Amherst, preventing freshmen from laying on varsity teams until after the mid winter examination, went into effect this fall.

The University of Pennsylvania has a "Cosmopolitan Club" which had an International entertainment on December 8th, at which members made two minute speeches in their respective mother tongues, namely: English, German, French, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Italian and Esperanto.

In a quarter of a century the number of members enrolled in the national college fraternities has risen from 72,000 to almost 270,000, of whom 30,000 are women. The undergraduate membership in a normal year ranges between 30,000 and 35,000, and of the more than 1,700 chapters, 1,100 own or rent houses which, at a conservative estimate, are valued at more than \$8,000,000.

## Drills, Ceremonies, Field Exercises, Etc., for War Department Inspection, 1911

### DRILLS

1. School of the Company, close and extended order
2. Advance or Rear Guard deployment, "normal formation," by company.
3. School of the Battalion, close and extended order, followed by tests of the cadet officers as Battalion commanders. Drill includes also: Manual of arms and bayonet exercise, Deployment of Battalion, "normal formation," for Advance or Rear Guard.
4. Butt's Manual by Battalion, to music.
5. Special drills to include:
  - (a) Standing Gun Drill, 3.2 B. L. Rifles and 12 pounder S. B. Howitzers.
  - (b) Dismounting and assembling Gatling Gun.
  - (c) First Aid and Litter Drill.
  - (d) Signalling, by Cavalry Buzzer, by Heliograph, by Flag.

### CEREMONIES

1. Battalion Parade.
2. Escort of Colors.
3. Guard Mounting.
4. Inspection, preceded by Review, quick and double time.

### FIELD EXERCISES

1. Solution of Problems involving on one side occupation of defensive position to defend defile, practical work by Signal Detachment; on other side involving an advance to the front and an Attack, practical application of Advance Guard, hasty sketches by Topographical Detail and Reconnaissance Reports. All under command of Cadet Officers; heavy marching order.
2. Encampment by Battalion under Cadet Officers, shelter tents and wall tents.
3. Battalion as outpost, with Signal Detachment.
4. Practical Military Engineering, showing construction of different types of Field Entrenchment and of Military obstacles.
5. Test of Cadet Officers, or other members of First Class, in Map Reading.

### GYMNASIUM

1. General Exercises by New Cadets.
2. Special Exercises by selected cadets.

### BARRACKS, GUARD, OFFICIAL PAPERS

1. Inspection of Barracks and quarters, and Company papers; Officer of the Day's office and papers, inspection of sentinels on post; Post Exchange.
2. Inspection of Mess Hall during meal; Battalion at meal formation.

### Notice to Subscribers

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### Alumni Notes

Peek, '07, is a lieutenant in the U. S. A. in the Philippines.

Edwards, '07, now at home as exchange teacher in Germany.

Johnson, E. H., '04, is practicing law in Norfolk, Va.

Saunders, '84, is in the real estate business in Washington, D. C.

Jones, F., '99, is assistant city engineer in Richmond, Va.

Brett, '09, is a student at the Army and Navy Prep. School.

Jeffress, '96, is with the American Tobacco Co. in Danville, Va.

Kennon, '04, is a physician in the University Hospital, Philadelphia.

La Prade, '04, is a Civil Engineer in Richmond, Va.

Gregory, '95, is an assistant surgeon in the U. S. Army.

Jacobs, '09, is a sub-professor at Augusta Military Academy.

Saunders, '06, is in the farming business near Richmond, Va.

Pierce, '08, is a Hardware merchant in Genesee, Pa.

Hobson, '05, is an engineer in new York city.

Hyatt, '00, is cashier of the Peoples National Bank, Jonesville, Va.

Lewis, '08, is an electrical and mechanical engineer at Akron, O.

Payne, '99, is an engineer in St. Louis, Mo.

Hill, '92, is civil engineer, Supt. of the Ill. Cent. R. R., at Fulton, Ky.

Grant, '08, is working with the Civil Engineering Department of the City of Richmond, Va.

### Last Game of Season Proves a Good One

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and Legge fail to agree on possession of ball and Bright takes Hughes position. Mecredy, Leech and Legge fail at goals in rapid succession, but Ewing scores on long pass from Mecredy, as final whistle blows. Score, V. M. I., 18; V. P. I., 35.

Summary: Goals from floor, Mecredy, 4; Ewing, L., Ewing, G., Moore, 1; Hughes, G., 8; Hughes, H., 4; Legge, W., 2; Legge, F., 2. Fouls, V. P. I., 8; V. M. I. 9. Goals from foul, Mecredy, 4; Legge, W., 3. Final score, V. M. I., 18; V. P. I., 35. Umpire, Mr. Glasgow, Washington and Lee.—Mr. Hargrove, V. P. I. Referee, Mr. Hargrove—Mr. Glasgow. Timekeepers, Howard, V. M. I., Herrin, V. P. I. Time of halves, 20 minutes each.

In the physical examination of students at Michigan, special attention is given to the detection of tubercular tendency. Whenever any is found the student is dismissed from gym work and given outdoor exercise.

Michigan University has 1,250 names on its Y. M. C. A. membership list and 400 more are expected. This institution is confident of having the largest student association in the world.

### Baseball Practice

With the first game less than four weeks off, baseball practice has begun in earnest on the hill. Early in February Captain Owen issued a call for battery candidates, and in door practice in this department began at once in the gymnasium.

Mr. White paid special attention to the form of the pitchers, and excellence in this department of pitching contributes much to a twirler's efficiency. Reed, our last year's catcher, is back, and this means much Throckmorton, the team's successful pitcher in 1910, is rapidly getting into shape and will do the bulk of the work this year. Leech, a new man shows much promise, and Smith, E. V., Gale and Randolph are the other candidates. Grove, who was sub-catcher on last year's team, has not been able to be out on account of recent sickness.

Feb. 23, saw the first practice on the hill there was a large bunch of candidates among the new men, and practice has consisted mainly, so far, in giving them try-outs at batting, with a little fielding practice afterwards. It is hard to say anything about their abilities at present, but Dickens, Jesse, Prentiss, Sewell and Merry seem to be above the average.

The old men back are Owen, captain at first base, Moore, C., second base and Bryan at third. Trinkle, Ely and McWhorter, all of the scrubs last year will make the other candidates hustle. None of the outfielders are back, and there is need of good men for those positions. Practice games will begin shortly and now that the basketball season is over, more men can come out for baseball.

An effort will be made to have an organized second team with a captain and manager to arrange games for them. This will be a distinct improvement over the methods of past year's where the scrubs had little to work for, in the way of games.

### W. & L. Fancy Dress Ball

Practically the entire first class looked forward to the W. and L. Fancy Dress Ball in anticipation of a pleasant evening. The next day was Washington's birthday, so there would be plenty of hay and no zips. The first class privates went dressed as "Hard Boys" and the officers in full dress. The "dike" of the "Hard Boys" was unique and original, consisting of remodeled overcoats and white ducks. The overcoats were cut and shaped like a citizen's evening dress coat, with the claw hammers a little exaggerated. Some wore their campaign hats fixed up in different styles and all had their faces painted or blackened. The "Hard Boys" certainly looked their part to perfection.

Quite a number of "calic" who have before been to dances in Lexington were heard to remark that the "Hard Boys" looked more natural in that "dike" than in any other they wore. We don't know whether they meant this as a slam or a compliment, but we do know that the "Hard Boys" were perfectly at ease and seemed to be at home in their dikes.

The "calic" and W. & L. men had every conceivable "dike" imaginable from the time of the Greeks and Romans to the present day. The ball room was elaborately decorated. On the ceiling were hundreds of pennants and the railings and orchestra stand was covered with bunting. All harmonized together to make a scene long to be remembered, and the only regret the first class has is that there will not be another W. and L. Fancy Dress Ball for them.

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"For every spring it is the same Baseball must have its way We're nuts about the National game So speed the opening day."

But no joking now. You ought to see those fellows practice. Its great. They are all on the job from the word go. And those rats, just you go out once and watch Dickens do the stiff leg stunt on second, and Sewall cover shortstop. Look at Jesse on third. Then watch "Old Butts" shift his feet on first base and hear Reed talking it up to Throckmorton while that old boy makes the umpire's eyes bulge. Then hear the coach run out a new infield and watch those old timers "Red" Moore and Bryan get anything around second and third, respectively. Then cast your eye out in the tall timber and watch all those boys "nip" the flies out of the air. They are all so good that only their batting will determine whether they land a job or not. Then watch 'em hit. Gee Whiz. A special man has been hired to stand below the parapet and another diamond has been laid off in the opposite corner of the parade grounds, facing towards barracks. That team means business. You never saw so much new material. Still there are places left for everybody. The team will be picked on Friday night during the Final dances, when the monograms are awarded. Until then the lid's off. The schedule is a stiff one, the captain is on the job and the coach "is the best as is." The corps is behind the team and so is the faculty, not to mention the Post Exchange. The effects of the furlough have worn off, the excitement of the third class trouble subsided and the only thing to be done now is for the team and the corps to put things on the jump. The team's doing its part, and the corps will be on the spot all the time.

The schedule is as follows:

A. M. A., March 29  
Roanoke College, April 1st.  
Swarthmore College, April 3rd.  
Fishburn Military Academy, April 8th.  
St. John's College, April 12th.  
Franklin and Marshall, April 14th.  
Rutgers College, April 15th.  
V. P. I., April 17th. in Roanoke.  
Maryland Agricultural College, April 22nd.  
University of South Carolina, April 24th.  
University of Virginia, April 28th.  
University of Tennessee, May 10th.  
Massanutten College, May 6th.  
And the team that represents V. M. I. in those games is yet to be picked from about 40 candidates, among them Dickens, Owen, A., Sewall, Bryan, Prentiss, Merry, Moore, Randolph, Smith, E., Welsh, Jessi, Grove, Scott, Reed, Knight, Gitting, Clarke, McWhorter, Trinkle, Ely, Youell, Clarkson, Burt, Throckmorton, McKinney, Leech and Gayle.

That's the crop. What shall the harvest be?

Tufts College, which has been co-educational for fifteen years, will now be devoted to the education of men only.

## The Basketball Trip

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### SECOND HALF

V. M. I. fights hard in second half, but seem to be outclassed by the superior weight of their opponents. V. M. I. scores on a foul by Trinity. Trinity scores from field. Trinity scores on foul. The remainder of the half was a succession of scores by Trinity. V. M. I. awakening up at times in bursts of speed and team work, scored several points but could not overcome the lead gained by their opponents. The game ended with a score by Trinity.

When we consider the adverse condition under which the team labored, we do not consider that they were outclassed nearly so much as the score indicates.

The lineup:

V. M. I.	Position	Trinity
Ewing, D.	R. F. Jones,	E. L. Shotwell,
	L. F. Brenn,	C. B. Mecredy, capt.
	C.	Kiker
Leech	R. G. Brenn,	J. E. Moore, C.
	L. G. Hedrick,	capt.

## A Tramp's Story

"You say you were once the editor of a newspaper?"

"Yes, lady, and it was a very bright little sheet, if I do say it."

"How does it happen, then, that you are forced to ask at back doors for meals?"

"It is merely a case of the irony of fate. I had a printer who was nearsighted, and one afternoon when he made up the paper he got a wedding notice and a murder trial mixed so that after describing the costume of the bride it said the condemned man almost collapsed when sentence was pronounced."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Daily Princetonian has created a great deal of excitement by publishing the fact, in an editorial, that the Phi Beta Kappa is a useless organization.

Three new mission study classes have been organized at Nebraska Wesleyan University. Last semester the average attendance was 15. University professors lead the classes and college credit is given.

The first college to adopt a standard flag, authorized by its corporation, is Pennsylvania, whose flag consists of two red and one blue vertical stripes. With Pennsylvania's arms on the blue stripe in the center of the flag.

Dr. Guy P. Benton, about to become executive head of Boston University, has, after considerable study, reached the conclusion that fraternities are on the whole beneficial. He thinks they are a power in maintaining constitutional ideals.

The number of foreign students at American institutions of learning is rapidly on the increase. There were enrolled in 1909, 940 foreigners at six eastern universities, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Cornell, Harvard, Yale and Princeton, as against 540 in 1905.

At Michigan an underclass advisory system has been instituted, the object of which is to bring every underclassman as soon as possible into relation with some member of the faculty who can give the student his counsel and friendship.

In the middle of a recent collegiate game, which was unusually strenuous a voice of anguish was heard yelling lustily: "Hey, three or four of you fellows get off my face while I blow the whistle. I'm the referee of this game!"

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