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The Work of Four Years.

A Review of Brown's Able Coaching—The Many Stars He Has Developed Teams Made up From Green Material—Able Assistants.

A Freshman, entering the University four years ago, that is in the fall of 1904, would have seen a loosely playing bunch of men on Wilson Field, called a football team. They were poorly coached and lacked defensive, as well as offensive power. Most of them were very good individual players that year, simply because they were born so. They never played the game as they should have played, never showed that they were trained and never won but one decent game. What was the trouble? The coach didn't know his business.

However, the fall of 1905 saw a change. Seven of the 1904 eleven returned, but there was a new coach! Robert Roswell Brown, Dartmouth, '02, was in charge of the squad. Call those seven men veterans if you will, but in the writer's estimation they were no better trained than a bunch of the average preparatory school players. There was also some very good new material that year, but there was not a single star on the field when the season opened. With a squad of practically green men Coach Brown set to work and before the season was over he had developed good team and several crack players. The team held the great '05 Tech. aggregation to two touchdowns on the latter's home grounds early in the season and on Thanksgiving had no trouble crossing George Washington's goal lines three times and keeping the latter from scoring.

In 1906 Coach Brown was again at W. & L., and such of the stars as he had developed as "Shack" Bagley, "Monk Moomaw," Hoge and "Burley" White. Something got the matter with the schedule and part of it must have dropped out as only two respectable games were played, one with the A. & M. College, of N. C., and the other with Georgetown, both of them strong teams. The Tar Heel game resulted in a tie, and we lost to Georgetown 6 to 5. With more games that machine of the Brown manufacture would certainly have been heard from.

That year Brown developed such stars as Charles Bagley, Dinges, Hiram Dow and "Pat" Osbourn.

Then the great team of 1907 made its debut. White, Hoge, Osbourn, Dow and Streit, were all of the 1906 Varsity, who returned, but there were reliable subs in

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GEORGETOWN DOWNED IN BRILLIANT GAME

Great Thanksgiving Gridiron Battle Is Fiercely Waged---Best Game Of Football Season.

Score 12 to 11—Forward Pass Done the Work—Alderson Izard, Fuerstein and Carey Star—Whole Team Plays Great Ball.

In a grand Thanksgiving rally the old White and Blue retrieved the ill-fortune of the earlier games of the football season, and the team came back with Georgetown's scalp. It was a whirlwind start and a whirlwind game and a whirlwind finish. Not for an instant did Washington and Lee's tigers falter but kept steadily at work, and by their dash and spectacular plays had the opposing eleven completely bewildered at times. The White and Blue backs played like demons—fighting hard as they always do—and the White and Blue line held like a stone wall and opened holes in great style. The touchdowns were the wonderful result of a combination of trick plays, beautifully executed, forward passes, brilliant end runs, and smashing line bucks. Time and again the forward pass was used with deadly effect, and the loyal rooters in the grand stand went wild with delight at the way "Dutch," "Johnny" and Earwood "ripped them off."

Georgetown, however, put up a great game. At the beginning of the second half with a score of six to nothing staring them in the face the Blue and Gray pigskin warriors went after our boys with blood in their eyes and for a time it looked rather blue for W. & L. They played a hard, fast game, and after making their second touchdown worked like fiends to keep us from scoring. Nearly all their gains were made on end runs and in this department of the game they slightly excelled our boys. For Georgetown, Shea's great playing at right half, featured, and with him, Capt. Miller, Fitzgerald and Pallen starred. The courtesy and clean sportsmanlike conduct of Capt. Miller was one of the most striking examples of the natural gentleman on the athletic field we have ever seen. It seemed that he could not do enough to display his kindness tow-

ard our boys. With more men of this admirable stamp in football, what a clean, manly game it would really be.

Washington and Lee's stars were numerous. There were at least eleven young men who displayed these stellar qualities to the delight of the White and Blue contingent among the spectators. However, the *bright, particular* stars were that plunging, dashing line-smashing "Dutch" Alderson, that nervy, hard-fighting John Izard, the speedy, brilliant, "Billy" Fuerstein, and "Carey"—he of the forward-pass fame. Pushing these hard were Earwood,— who went in in Barnard's place early in the game, and played great ball—Fort Pipes, "Pat" Osbourn, Joe Blackburn, Pelter and every man who played that great game. Barnard was "raising cane" when a wrenched knee forced him to retire. All of those boys, subs as well as regulars, deserve more praise than we can give them for the dash and staying qualities they displayed.

There was a goodly number of W. & L., adherents on the field, and right royally did they support the team. Some of them were students, some were old and some were young alumni, but though they couldn't get together on yells, they made up for it in the spirit with which they rooted.

Although the score was close and both teams made the same number of touchdowns, the consensus of opinion seems to be—and this is the way some authorities expressed themselves—that W. & L. won by superior football tactics, and that Georgetown was certainly outplayed.

Some expert said that "Dutch" Alderson's goal from that difficult angle of more than forty-five degrees was the nerviest piece of football he ever saw, and another said that same "Dutch" was the most terrific line-smasher south of Mason and Dixon's line. It is also whispered that "Johnny" Izard played like a "doped race horse." Since we are not well up on track parlance we won't put ourselves on record as explaining

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The Great Celebration.

General Apathy is Lynched When Score of Georgetown Game is Received—Bonfires and Firecrackers Brought Into Play.

Stunned by the unexpected victory over Georgetown and seemingly reduced to a state of stupor the University received the news in comparative silence. Then as if galvanized, the old girl suddenly waked up, proceeded to give an exhibition of herself calculated for sheer abandon to make Salome look like a Salvation Army lass taking up the collection. It was not until 7 o'clock that the celebration was in full swing. For about half an hour every one appeared to be in a state of dazed bewilderment, then wandered around the streets, or gathered in groups asking one another if it was not too good to be true. Once things got started, however, the way the red paint was smeared over the burg recalled the night of the baseball victory over Penn., or that of last year's Virginia game.

A painfully brief telegram was received about half past four to the effect that the score at the end of the first half was six to nothing for the White and Blue. From that time on expectation was keyed up to the highest point. The crowd in front of the telegraph office held their stand like martyrs, while the hours of the afternoon slipped away. That the sign of the final news was so long delayed was interpreted as a bad omen and only added to the agony of apprehension. Men began to wonder if the first report could have been faked up, and after the first flash the team had not collapsed and suffered another slaughter like that of the George Washington game. It began to get dark and still darker, and a drizzling rain set in. Then suddenly as the operator raised his hand as a signal and bent over the instrument the faithful ones gathered around the window, pressed in closer, and the call went down the street—"Here it is!" Within the next five minutes every inhabitant of Lexington and the strangers within her gates knew that Washington and Lee had made a Garrison finish with two men out in the ninth inning of the football season and had rolled it over Georgetown to the tune of 12 to 11.

There was some kicking over the meagreness of the first telegram, but none on the second. Laconic as it was, the simple statements of the score told the story

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Georgetown Downed in Brilliant Game.

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this, but we think it means that he played like a veritable fiend.

The game in detail:

The whistle blew promptly at 3 o'clock and Shea, kicking off for Georgetown, sent oval behind our goal-line. We were forced to punt from the 25-yard line, Barker booting the ball to mid-field. On the first play with beautiful interference Pallen circled the right field for 38 yards. On an attempted forward pass Georgetown fumbled, W. & L. getting the ball, but on failure to gain Carey punted to Sitterding, who fumbled, Blackburn falling on the ball. Losing on the next play, we were compelled to kick; Pallen running the ball back 18 yards, but on the next play Georgetown fumbled and W. & L. recovered the ball for a 15-yard gain. A timely executed forward pass from Izard to Carey, the latter gained 25 yards; Izard hit left tackle for 10 yards, Barnard ripped off again and with terrific line-plunging "Dutch" carried it over from the five-yard line for the first touchdown after nineteen minutes of play. "Dutch" then sent a pretty one between the bars.

Score:—W. & L., 6; Georgetown, 0.

Shea kicked off and again sent the oval behind our goal line. On the kick-out Shea came back 20 yards before Thixton downed him, but an on-side kick gave us the ball, on our 30-yard line. On the next play Izard ripped off 10 yards through left tackle. Carey then kicked and on a fake play came through Woodhouse for 23 yards. Georgetown attempted a forward pass but Carey intercepted it, and on the next line-up, "Johnny" tightly hugging the pigskin, circled right-end for a beautiful gain of 35 yards. Barnard ripped off ten yards, but here our opponents held and Carey booted a good one down the field. Maher went through center for 8 yards, and on an on-side kick we got the ball on Georgetown's 30-yard line. A forward pass failed and Carey punted 25 yards. Failing to gain, Maher kicked, Fuerstein returning the oval 15 yards. Barnard was injured and had to retire. Earwood went in and played a fine game. Failing to gain Carey punted and Shea ran it back 30 yards. Pallen hit the line for 15 yards, but there the White and Blue line held and took the ball on downs. Izard again slipped through right tackle for 15 yards and Earwood raced around right end for 10 more yards, Izard playing like a "doped race horse" spirited right end for 20 yards and Earwood ripped off 10 yards, but here we were penalized 15 yards for holding. The half ended with the ball in Georgetown's possession in mid-field.

Score:—W. & L. 6; Georgetown, 0.

Second Half.

Blake was substituted for Thixton, Fitzgerald for Maher, Carter for O'Rourke and Wymand

took Lowney's place. With the fresh men in the game, especially the mighty full-back, Fitzgerald, Georgetown was much strengthened.

Fuerstein kicked off and the ball was brought back 10 yards. Georgetown penalized on an attempted forward pass, kicked, and Izard went three yards, Alderson four yards, and Earwood ripped off fifteen yards. Shea intercepted a forward pass and raced down the field for 30 yards before he was downed, and he followed it up with another substantial gain. After several gains through the line Shea skirted left-end for 10 yards, planting the oval within a few inches of our goal. Fitzgerald carried it over, and on a kickoff Shea caught. Sitterding kicked easy goal.

Score:—W. & L. 6; Georgetown, 6.

Shea kicked off, and failing to gain, Barker punted. After some see-sawing in the middle of the field, Georgetown gained on an on-side kick and Sitterding raced down the field to our 3-yard line. On the kick-out the ball was placed at a good advantage, but Sitterding failed on an easy goal.

Score:—W. & L. 6; Georgetown, 11.

W. & L. kicked off, Shea returned the kick but "Billy" was there to get it, and on the next play Izard did his old stunt of skipping through right tackle for a 20-yard gain. On a beautiful forward pass from Alderson to Carey—which "Dutch" sent sailing almost the entire distance from one side-line to another—the latter raced down the field for 40 yards, reaching the 5-yard line before he was downed. Again Alderson hit the line, again the ball was behind the Georgetown goal-line, and the score was tied up. But "Dutch" soon untied it. Here it was that, instead of resorting to a kick-out, the nifty captain sighted for the goal at more than a forty-five degree angle, and booted it squarely between the posts.

Score:—W. & L. 12; Georgetown, 11.

With only three minutes to play the two teams see-sawed up and down the field, the odds being slightly in favor of Georgetown, but neither team getting within striking distance.

Line-up and summary:

Washington and Lee:

Thixton, Blake, l. c.; Blackburn, l. t.; Pipes, l. g.; Woodhouse, e.; Pelter, McCord, r. g.; Osbourn, r. t.; Carey, r. e.; Fuerstein, q. b.; Barnard, Earwood, l. h. b.; Izard, r. h. b.; Alderson, (c). f. b.

Georgetown:

Lowney, Wyman, l. e.; O'Rourke, Carter, l. t.; Dailey, l. g.; Eager, e.; Cummin, r. g.; Munhall, r. t.; Miller, r. e.; Sitterding, q. b.; Pallen, l. h. b.; Shea, r. h. b.; Maher, Fitzgerald, f. b.

Summary:

Touchdowns—Alderson, 2; Fitzgerald, 2. Goals—Alderson, 2; Sitterding, 1. Referee, Mr. C. R. Williams, University of Virginia. Umpire, Mr. E. J. Donnelly, Trinity.

Field Judge, Mr. S. J. Gass, Lehigh. Head Linesman, Dr. Bell,

The Great Celebration.

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of as dramatic a struggle as was ever waged on the gridiron. That fearful and narrow margin of one point so far from dimming the glory of the victory only enhanced it in the minds of the students. To win a game like this was worth more than any walkover could have been. And Washington and Lee won! And "Dutch" kicked both goals! Whoopie!

There was very little attempt at an organized celebration. One fairly large crowd followed Cheerleader Witten in a procession around town, but the great majority of the students celebrated each in his own fashion and the streets were crowded with small bands passing and repassing, singing, yelling or dancing, as the fancy struck them. From some mysterious source freerackers were produced in what appeared to be an almost inexhaustible supply, and the town rang with fusilades from one end to the another.

Bonfires sprang up as if by magic and fantastic dances were executed around them. Until the wee sma' hours of the morning the inspiring strains of the singing proclaimed to such good citizens of Lexington as were not deaf that Washington and Lee had won again another time.

Sissy Stevens made a speech of congratulation.

Selah!

It was Capt. Alderson's last football game, and he played to win, but he played clean—the way he always does, but just a little harder this time. The Washington papers were loud in their praise of his great work, and he deserves all the plaudits he gets. "Dutch" went in the game with a badly injured knee, but that didn't stop him from smashing up the Georgetown line. He has been picked for all—South-Atlantic fullback, and there is not a player anywhere who has a clearer title to the honor.

Mr. Geo. W. Nichols, of Spartanburg, S. C., died recently at his home. Mr. Nichols is very pleasantly remembered here as a member of the class of 1907 at V. M. I., where he was a most popular cadet, successful student, and proficient athlete.

John Izard's shoulder was still in bad shape, but he played as if he never knew what pain meant.

Always on the ball, always gaining when called on, always stopping the opponents, "Johnny" played a game the like of which he never played before. Somebody said something about a little matter that would have been decided that night at dinner but for "Carey's" absence. Well, "all good things come to them who wait."

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The Work of Four Years

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John Izard and Fort Pipes. These men, with addition of such brilliant youngsters and Ed Brown, Waddill and Morales, and "Dutch" Alderson and Larriek, Coach Brown made into the greatest football team in the South Atlantic States. Certainly no other aggregation had such a defense. The stars he developed were Alderson, Izard, Larriek and Waddill.

This year a train of unfortunate and unforeseen difficulties have hindered the team. Ed Brown, Streit and White failed to return, though all of them were expected. Waddill, whose punting would have counted for so much was injured during the summer and was kept out of the game and Wilson was unable to play. Furthermore, with the acceptance of the assistance given by "Monk" Moomaw for a week, and Wilson's help with the scrubs, Brown has had no real assistant coach. Then, any team, even when it is composed of the very best material is bound to have its off years. Harvard has had them, Princeton and Michigan both had one this year; Carolina was likewise unfortunate; Virginia was weaker than usual last year; and for two years Tulane didn't win a game. Yet all of them had excellent coaches. The country over acknowledges that Yost, at Michigan, and Roper, at Princeton are the best in the business, but what have their teams done this year? Nevertheless, they had many able assistants.

Now, Coach Brown has undoubtedly done a great work for W. & L., and he has done it almost single handed. Above all things are we proud of the clean sportsmanlike tactics he has always displayed on the field and instilled into his men. This is the first year he has had an experienced assistant, and then Capt. Roller's services were not secured until the season was nearly over. The point we wish to make, together with the above, is that Mr. Brown has developed strong teams out of mostly green material, and that he turned stars out of that material. In these four years, only two men, to the best of our knowledge, have come here already developed as crack football players—Streit and Fuerstein.

The stars Brown has developed are as follows:

Ends: Bagley (Shack), Dow and Waddill.

Tackles: Osbourn and White. Guards: Pipes and Dinges.

Centers: Hogue and Larriek. Quarter-Backs: Bagley and Izard.

Half-Backs: Bagley, (Shack), Brown and Izard.

Full-Backs: Moomaw and Alderson.

There, in itself, is a great team; a team which would be an equal match for any in the South; and a team which Coach Browne developed from practically green material. Isn't that a work to be proud of? Isn't it a work to praise a man for; isn't it a work that you know to be unequalled?

It is true that Coach Brown was

in 1906 and 1907 ably assisted by "Pat" Krebs, and to that kind, self-sacrificing friend of W. & L.'s we doff our hats and extend our heartiest thanks. And for the last three weeks of this season we had one of the most capable coaches in the South working with Brown. Undoubtedly Krebs and Roller have done a wonderful work for the White and Blue teams, and their services are more appreciated than we can express. While not for one instant doubting this, we cannot refrain from expressing our admiration for the man who has guided our teams so well for four years, and our very best wishes will attend him always.

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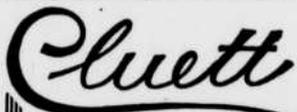
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REVENGE IS SWEET.

The spirit which has been manifested by some men in college since we were defeated by the V. P. I., is indeed regrettable. It is hard for any Washington and Lee man—who loves this old place—to realize that there are men guilty of open disloyalty to a White and Blue athletic team. There are men here, though, who have by their shameful conduct and speech shown that they are the kind who are loyal only when flushed with victory. Such spirit on the part of new men, who have not been here long enough to realize what the White and Blue means, is in a measure excusable, but for those men who have been here longer—some of them for four years—and yet show this cowardice and meanness, we can find no words really expressive of our own contempt.

Fortunately, there are not many—when we think of the scores of loyal, true-hearted men here—of these little short cowardly fellows, but there are a few. For those men who have sung and yelled—not only in reality but also in spirit—through defeat and victory alike, we have the highest praise, and their assistance has been more appreciated by the team than they themselves knew.

were such quitters as they; suppose the men on the Varsity pose they had stopped playing when those knockers stopped yelling; suppose they had worked with as little spirit as those men had—what would Washington and Lee's team have been?

As it is, we have met two decisive defeats. For some reason, we will admit something was wrong with the team. The men worked doggedly the whole season yet they were defeated by two

teams, one of them no better certainly than ours should have been with the strong material. But thank God, Washington and Lee's team was not made up of a set of quitters. Men played on that team—every one of them men. They lost and they lost again, but they were ready to go at the A. & M.—the hardest proposition of the three. When the A. & M., game could not be played they were anxious to meet another strong Tarheel aggregation—that from Davidson. But in this they were disappointed, and Georgetown was left. What did they do with Georgetown? They did something no Washington and Lee team has ever before done—they defeated that Blue and Gray aggregation! They played on, knowing that victory would come in the end. The coaches worked as men never worked before, and by clean, hard sportsmanlike tactics that team finished strong. Wasn't that spirit? Have you got it?

No, some of you little knockers have even now got your little hammers at work, because the score was not larger! Do you think that's square? Do you think it was square to throw every derisive epithet in your vocabulary at the team?

And you men who displayed your wit and genius in making those parodies on the football songs—you know that was a dirty deal. It was weak—the weakest thing we have ever seen displayed among college men—to stop yelling when the team lost. You sneered at the team—your fellow students—because they lost two games. You "low-rated" the coach, you said the team lacked nerve, and you did everything that was contemptible. Did any of you have the manhood to go and talk to the coach and the players that way? Why didn't you do it, it might have helped!

The men that played against Georgetown have the stuff in them that makes citizens the country is proud of. Some men that can't make the team, but worked on the scrubs throughout the season, have it too. And some men who are not football players have it. We can all get it if we follow the example of the men on the team. And we can fill ourselves with such a spirit that nothing, either in the college world or out in life can keep us from winning battles in the end.

SOME R-A-A-H-H, R-A-A-H-H
R-A-A-H-H-S.

Three good long ones for two men that never say die; one of them, a man, who worked for two months, almost unaided; a man that performed the almost superhuman effort of developing a football team out of a squad of forty men, when he had no experienced head to advise with him; a man who put his whole soul into the work, and did everything in his power to turn out a good, clean, fast, sportsmanlike team, and a man who has for four years given us the best teams we have ever had—that man is ROBT. R. BROWN; and the other man is CHARLES S. ROLLER; the man who, when men had been injured, and Mr. Brown had a great task on his hands—that

of developing almost a new team for a big game only a week off—came to the rescue; the man who made sacrifices to help Washington and Lee; the man that helped instill those hard playing, fast playing qualities into the men; and the man, who by his wonderful knowledge of the game, and his ability as a coach helped Washington and Lee to win a great game Thanksgiving. We wish we had some way of expressing to him the appreciation of the student body for his services, but we believe he will understand. To both of these men—by all odds the greatest coaches in the South, we owe our most deep-felt gratitude for giving us an example of the spirit that wins and winning with it.

Then, there are good 'rahs for W. & L.'s plunging, dashing, line-smashing full-back—the redoubtable "Dutch;" the man who always gains when called upon; the man who is always "there" on the defense; and the man who never gave up. Captain Alderson is a great player and he captained a great team.

There are those 'rahs for the team and every man on it—space forbids us to call them by name, but we all know them and the game they have played—played it hard and played it to win, but played it clean.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, Death has invaded the home of Mr. Melvin E. Cruser, and deprived him of the loving care and ever intelligent counsel of his father, Mr. James H. Cruser, a most distinguished citizen of Norfolk, Va., and

Whereas, We feel that Mr. Melvin E. Cruser has sustained an irreparable loss in his father's demise, and

Whereas, Mr. Melvin E. Cruser has proved himself to be a worthy member of the Graham-Lee Literary Society; now, be it therefore,

Resolved: 1. That we, the members of the Graham-Lee Literary Society, hereby extend, to our friend and brother, and to the other surviving members of the bereaved family, our deepest sympathy in this, their hour of sorrow.

Resolved: 2. That we pray the friends and loved ones, while mourning the loss of a devoted husband and loving father and an esteemed friend, to rejoice that they may meet him again in that life made eternal through the blood of Jesus Christ.

Be it Further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Ledger-Dispatch, for publication, a copy be spread upon the minutes of the Society, and a copy be printed in the Ring-tum Phi.

ELMER W. SOMERS,

JNO. H. JOHNSON,

JAMES H. PRICE,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Whereas, It has pleased the Power which is greater than ourselves, to remove from this earth, the father of our fellow-classman, J. W. Heath, therefore be it,

Resolved, That the class of 1912 of Washington and Lee University,

do express its most sincere regret at his loss, and our heartfelt sympathy for his family in their hour of bereavement; and, be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Mr. Heath, that a copy be sent to The Ring-tum Phi for publication, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this class.

R. R. WITT, Jr.,
W. L. WEBSTER,

Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

Lexington, Va., Nov. 25, '08.

Whereas, Divine Providence has seen fit to remove from this earth, the father of our fellow-classman, S. H. Williams, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Freshmen Class of Washington and Lee University, deeply conscious of Mr. Williams' loss, do extend to him and the bereaved family our sympathy and condolence; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Mr. Williams, that a copy be sent to The Ring-Tum Phi for publication and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of this class.

R. R. WITT, Jr.,
W. L. WEBSTER,

Committee.

And the way "Pat" Osbourn and Fort Pipes went down on those punts! Oh, but those two played a game worth seeing. They both got in some good tackles.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Anna Rose Cohn, of Norfolk, Va., is the guest of Miss Anna Howerton, on Jackson Ave.

Miss Brockenbrough left Thursday for Natural Bridge, to join a house party for several days before going to Governor's Island, where she will visit friends for some time before returning to Lexington.

Miss Moores, of Staunton, is the guest of Miss Robinson, on Main street.

Miss Lewis, of Harrisonburg, is visiting the Misses Gassman, on West Main street.

Miss Virginia Barclay, who is a student at the State Normal School at Farnville, Virginia, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Lexington and while here was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Barclay, on Jackson Avenue.

Miss Margaret Robinson, of Mary Baldwin Seminary, spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Lexington.

Miss Jennie Hopkins, of Hollins Institute is at home for the holidays.

Miss Katherine Rogers, who has been visiting in Baltimore, has returned to Lexington.

Miss Sarah Barker and Miss Harris, of Bristol, Tenn., Miss Alice Izard, of Roanoke, and Miss Gladys Heald, of Lynchburg, Va., are the guests of the Misses Graham, on Washington street, East.

Miss Duval, of Stuart Hall, was the guest this week of her sister, Miss Florence Duval, on Lee Ave.

Miss Nellie Smith, of Staunton, Va., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thomas L. Preston, on Washington street.

Dr. Geo. H. Denny, after a few days trip to New York, returned to college last Wednesday night.

Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Smith have returned from their wedding trip, and are making their home with Dr. and Mrs. White.

Mr. E. D. T. Myers and his daughter, Miss Anna Myers, of Richmond, spent the week-end with Mrs. Wm. Preston, on Lee Avenue.

Miss Sadie Tucker, of Bedford City, is the guest of Prof. and Mrs. M. P. Burks.

Miss Gwendolen Howe has returned from Washington where she witnessed the game between Georgetown and Washington and Lee.

Mrs. L. W. Smith left on Friday to spend a short time with her mother, Mrs. Richard Catlett, in Staunton, Va.

Mr. Robert Withers, of Bedford City, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. Josephine Withers, on Washington street, West.

Dr. W. S. Currell was out of town for a short time last week.

The Misses Gassman entertained at a beautiful tea on Monday afternoon in honor of their guest, Miss Lewis, of Harrisonburg, Va. Delightful refreshments were served and many called during the afternoon.

Miss Anna Howerton entertained charmingly on Tuesday evening last in honor of her house guest, Miss Cohn, of Norfolk, Va. Many interesting games were played and enjoyed by all present.

Miss Susan Currell was the charming hostess of a very delightful, though informal party which she gave Friday evening at her beautiful home in University Place in honor of Miss Anna Rose Cohn, of Norfolk, Va. An evening of music and pleasure was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Louise Shields left last week for Lynchburg, Va., to attend the Sale-Quinn wedding.

Miss Thomas and Miss Starke, of the Mary Baldwin Seminary, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. R. Long, Jackson Ave.

Miss Davis, of Lynchburg, is visiting the Misses Davidson, on Main street.

Joe Blackburn "put up a peach of a game" at tackle, so some of the players and rooters say.

A SLIGHT MISTAKE.

In the last issue of the *Ring-tum Phi* it was stated that the Albert Sidney crew attribute their defeat in annual Regatta last June to the fact that they were handicapped because they had to race in an old worn out shell against the better boat of the Harry Lee's. For the benefit of those who don't know the circumstances we simply wish to say that the racing shells were not used at all in the race last year. At the late request of the Albert Sidney crew, the Harry Lee's consented to abandon the previous custom, and have the race in the two training boats, which were bought at exactly the same time, and were in practically the same condition. We say this merely to remove all appearances of an unfair race.

—The article referred to was written, not with the intention of making an excuse for the defeat of the Blues, but rather to infuse some spirit into the efforts to get a new racing shell. We regret that we overlooked the fact that the training shells were used for the race, but since the error has been corrected, our purpose is even better served, and the need for the new shell shown to be imperative.—**ERROR.**

"Billy" was always "right there with the goods" and he ran the team better than he has yet. His playing was great.

SECOND ANNUAL CROSS-COUNTRY.

Anderton Wins—Men Finish in Good Form—Some Promising Material Shows Up—Bad Condition of Roads Prevented Records.

The second annual cross-country run of the 'Varsity track squad from Buena Vista to Lexington, was held last Wednesday afternoon. The race was a great success, judging from the good time which was made and from the great amount of interest shown in the event. G. M. Anderton, of East Orange, N. J., won first place, his time being 51 minutes, 58 seconds. R. Bryant, who won the race last year, was second, being only four seconds behind Anderton. Dew ran a game race and finished third, his time being 54 minutes 4 seconds.

The men left Buena Vista promptly at 3 p. m. Dew took the lead at the start, holding it for about three hundred yards, when about three hundred yards, when Bryant forged ahead. At the two mile post Bryant lead, Anderton was a close second, while Dew was third. After this Bryant and Anderton gradually increased their lead on the rest of the men, first one taking the lead and then the other. About two miles from Lexington Anderton once more passed Bryant and held the lead until the finish, though Bryant, running hard, fought gamely to pass him. Anderton finished in fine form and bids fair to make a good addition to W. & L.'s track team. Bryant ran a good race but showed the lack of training. Dew, who finished third, came in probably stronger than any of the other men. With more training he will make some one work hard for their place on the team next spring.

The other men who entered the race were, B. C. Moomaw, Rinehart, Hodgdon, Larriek, Taylor, Barclay, De Armon, Hart and Miller.

The time made was exceptionally good considering the bad condition of the roads. In some places the mud was particularly bad.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were awarded to the first, second and third men respectively.

Dr. T. J. Farrar and Prof. D. C. Humphreys acted as time-keepers and judges of the finish while Capt. McCown and Manager Sullivan of the 'Varsity squad, were judges of the course.

The following is the time of the men who finished:

Anderton	51 min. 58 sec.
Bryant	52 min. 2 sec.
Dew	54 min. 4 sec.
B. C. Moomaw	55 min. 41 sec.
Rinehart	57 min. 26 sec.
Hodgdon	58 min. 24 sec.
Larriek	62 min. 1 sec.
Taylor	62 min. 11-5 sec.
Barclay	65 min 4 sec.
Distance	7-8 miles.

Thixton, for his weight and experience, showed up in fine form. Blake, who took his place at the second half, also played some good ball. Both these boys have all kinds of nerve and will make good before they leave here.

WASHINGTON LITERARY SOCIETY.

The last meeting of the Society was well up to the high literary standard which it has been accustomed to follow during the previous meetings this session.

The Society was honored by the presence of a number of visitors, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Enbree, Miss Pearsall, Messrs. Willis, Robertson and Strickler. Mr. Willis entertained the Society with a very interesting and pleasant talk which, though sparkling with humor, contained much that was practical.

Mr. Skaggs gave an interesting talk on the "Common Misinterpretation of Natural Laws," followed by a very creditable oration on "Night Riders of Kentucky," delivered by Mr. H. B. Stanley.

Mr. Gassman rendered Anthony's famous speech over the dead body of Caesar. Mr. Lippincott's oration on "American Idealism," showed careful preparation and was forcibly presented.

"That the Term of Office of the President of the United States should be increased to Six Years," was debated affirmatively by Messrs. Rand and Potter. The negative side was supported by Messrs. Turnbull and Bussard. The judges, Messrs. Barton, Bowman and Jones gave their decision in favor of the negative.

The first important speaker of the evening, Mr. McGavock, held the attention of his hearers to a "crackin'" talk on "Royalty," treating especially King Edward VII as a representative of this title. Mr. Lloyd's extemporaneous speech was on the "Regulation of the Trusts."

The result of the election of officers, debaters and orators for the annual celebration, resulted as follows: President, Potter; Vice-President, Smith; Secretary, Rand; Chief Marshal, Bumgarner; debaters, McGavock, Lippincott, Moreland, and F. R. Ruff; orators, Caldwell and Bridenback.

Barnard was playing a good game when injured, and, Earwood, who went in in his place, put up great ball, especially when we remember the few scrimmages he has been in.

Y. M. C. A.

The usual meeting of the Y. M. C. A., was held on Tuesday night, with a good crowd in attendance. We were very sorry not to have the appointed speaker, Dr. Howerton, with us, but he was prevented from coming because of sickness. However, Mr. S. B. M. Ghiselin took charge of the meeting, and a very enjoyable song and prayer service was held. A part of the Sermon on the Mount was read, and the rest of the time was given to the singing of familiar hymns and to a number of brief prayers.

Remember the meeting comes on Tuesday night, and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The good work goes on else where: Dartmouth will soon have a new gymnasium, to be erected at a cost of \$125,000.

GRAHAM-LEE SOCIETY.

The Society was called to order on the 21st at the usual hour by President Ware. After the roll call the minutes were read and accepted.

The President then read a section from Roberts' Rules of Order to settle a discussion which arose at the last meeting.

The regular program was then taken up.

The first orator of the evening was Mr. Moore, whose subject was: "Christian Martyrs of the Early Centuries." He told of the persecutions of the Christians under the Roman emperors, and showed how bravely they stood them.

The next orator was Mr. Matthews, whose subject was: "Misguided youths as Future Men." He showed the faults of the education of those who are children now—that they are taught things which need not be, and very important things are omitted, and that this will show in the character of the men when these children grow up.

The first declaimer was Mr. Dawkins, whose subject was: "The Pied Piper of Hamelin."

The second declaimer was Mr. Johnson, whose subject was: "The Invisible Monarch."

Mr. Delaplaine gave a voluntary declamation, "The Contest in the Arena," from Quo Vadis. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That Stricter Immigration Laws Should be passed by the U. S."

As Mr. Randell, for the negative, was absent, the president appointed Mr. Morales in his place.

The first speaker for the affirmative, Mr. Adkins, devoted his time to showing the low class of immigrants now coming into this country.

The first speaker for the negative, Mr. Leach, admitted the low class modern immigrants, but claimed that the present laws are sufficient to keep out the worse ones.

The second speaker for the negative, Mr. Beddow, discussed the quantity of the immigrants.

Mr. Morales, the second speaker for the negative, showed the great need of laborers in this country, and that the present laws kept out most of the undesirable ones.

After the rebuttal, Mr. Bunch and Mr. Moomaw gave good voluntary speeches.

The judges decided in favor of the negative by a vote of two to one.

Mr. Somers, the temporary critic, spent most of his time on the debate, which he said, was not as good as usual.

Mr. J. H. Price resigned his place as orator on January 19, and Mr. Ware was elected to take his place. Mr. Caldwell resigned his place as debater on that occasion, and Mr. Deleplaine was elected to succeed him.

Several amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were laid on the table for one week.

There being no further business the Society adjourned.

"Carey" punted better than he ever did in his life and stretched one out for fifty yards.

Pelter played the best ball he has played this year, and McCord, who went in in his place, also did good work. These are both first-class line men and it is a pity to lose them after this year.

Woodhouse showed up better than he has this year, and with some more coaching should make a good center.

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