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V. M. I. vs. Hampden-Sidney.

The game between the Cadets and Hampden-Sidney last Saturday was a surprise to every one. Eighteen to nothing was about the score we anticipated, judging from comparative scores, but before the ball had been in play many minutes we knew there was a big score to be piled up before the forty-five minutes of play was over. The play of the Cadets was very fast, while that of the visitors was sadly lacking in this respect.

Captain Stuart won the toss, and took the south goal, giving the V. M. I. the ball. The V. M. I. kicked to the ten-yard line. H. S. was unable to make its yards in two downs, so was forced to kick. After one or two downs Shaner took the ball for sixty yards and a touchdown. Meem kicked goal. It took nine minutes to make the next touchdown, the ball being carried over by Marshall. Shaner made the next one, time four minutes; and Marshall made the fourth, after two minutes play. The half ended with the ball on the H. S. 20-yard line.

In the second half Otey, Shaner and Marshall made touchdowns, and the Hampden-Sidney was forced to a safety. The features of the game were Shaner's and Marshall's end runs.

Cadets. 42.	Positions.	Hampden Sid 0.
Neels	left end	Caldwell
Harding	left tackle	Murray
El-w	left guard	Osborne
Crump	center	Bakridges
Carroll	right guard	Williams
Leuby	right tackle	Hudson
Beece	right end	Douglass
Montgomery, B.	quarter-back	Stuart
Shaner	left half back	Ku Ken-tall
Marshall	right half-back	Blake
Otey	full back	Earheart

Touchdowns—V. M. I. 7. Goals from touchdowns—Meem 6. Safety—Hampden-Sidney 1. Referee, Mills; umpire, Spillman; linesmen, Stewart and Morton.

Thanksgiving Games.

The game between Pennsylvania and Cornell was quite a surprise, the score being 4 to 0. A much larger score was expected, but Cornell has a way of giving surprises. The close score is attributed to the near proximity of the Pennsylvania-Harvard game, but the Cornellians must have played a fine game at any rate.

The Virginia-Carolina game turned out to be a victory for Virginia, the score being 12 to 0. If comparative scores are to count for anything, this looks bad for Virginia's Vanderbilt game, as Vanderbilt piled up a score of 31 to 0 against the Tar Heels.

The Institute was defeated by St. Albans at Lynchburg, the score being 4 to 0. The defeat is attributed to tough luck and the referee. Five times the V. M. I. got the ball within five yards of the goal and was unable to gain. The decision which created the most excitement was a try at a goal from the field. Steger kicked and missed the goal, but a V. M. I. man got the ball. V. M. I. claims a touchdown, while the decision called it a touchback. Shaner did the star playing for the V. M. I., while Bronson did the best playing for St. Albans.

We have not heard from the Vanderbilt-Sewanee game as yet.

Local Jottings.

H. S. Dixon spent Thanksgiving in Staunton.

Messrs. Hamner and King were in Lynchburg Thanksgiving.

Miss Rosa Tucker is at home for Thanksgiving.

Miss Mildred Myers has gone to Charlottesville to visit friends.

Miss Bettie Wilson is home from Hollins' Institute for a short visit.

Mrs. J. R. T. Carmichael of Charleston, W. Va., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Carmichael.

Watson Gooch came up last week from his home in Staunton. He left Tuesday for Roanoke.

Jim Mason and Ewing Sloan left Tuesday to attend a province convention of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity in Roanoke.

Mr. Kuykendall, who attended W. & L. U. during the sessions '94-'96, was here with the Hampden-Sidney football team.

Mr. Harry Myers, accompanied by Miss Pattie Myers and Mr. A. N. Myers, left Thursday for Lexington, Mo., where he will be married to Miss Field on the 29th. After the

wedding Mr. Myers and his bride will leave for Japan.

On Thursday, Nov. 18th, Miss Pratt gave an informal reception to the cadets and sub-professors of the Institute, in honor of her friends, Misses Jennie and Louise Hullihen, of Staunton. Miss Pratt was assisted in entertaining by Misses Nettie Preston, Dimple Carmichael, Lulu Semmes, Lucy and Anna Smith, and Susie Leyburn.

Saturday night Miss Martha Campbell entertained the Hampden-Sidney boys at a reception in honor of her guests, Misses Margaret and Sallie Lane of Hampden-Sidney. Miss Campbell was assisted in receiving Misses Nettie Preston, Susie Leyburn, Evelyn Nelson and Mildred Myers.

On Friday Miss Pratt entertained her student friends at a most delightful party. Her beautiful home was a scene of gaiety until the hours grew very small. The reluctance with which the guests departed was evidence of Miss Pratt's success as a hostess. The affair was a most delightful one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The young ladies present were, Misses Jennie and Louise Hullihen, Daisy Yarborough, Lucy Smith, Mildred Myers, May Ross, Mary Barclay, Margaret and Sallie Lane, Sarah and Nettie Preston. Among the men were Prof. Fay, A. N. Myers, E. D. Sloan, R. G. Campbell, C. F. Myers, R. T. Shields, C. R. and J. F. Robinson, L. W. Smith, J. T. L. Preston, H. C. McNeill, J. R. Tucker, Greenlee Letcher, Mr. Anschutz, A. G. Snyder, S. L. Crebs, G. B. Capito, J. W. Johnson, H. L. Martin, L. C. Barrett, G. R. & H. Houston, N. S. Fitzhugh.

Mass-Meeting.

There will be a mass-meeting of the students in Newcomb Hall on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock to consider the feasibility of getting out a Calyx '98; and, if we are to get out one, the way in which we will go about it. It is hoped that the whole student body will be present, so that any actions taken at that meeting will be the actions of the

whole body and not a small fraction. The getting out of an annual is a matter of great importance, and one that means the outlay of a good deal of money, so that if it is to be a success it must be backed by every student. Come and be on time. NEWCOMB HALL, 4 o'clock Monday afternoon.

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Legislation Against Football

In taking up our pen for a few words on the much discussed subject of football we feel that no apology is necessary, for almost every editor has taken his stand either for the sport or against it.

Legislation against football seems to be the great subject of discussion just now, but we are pardonable for suggesting that this cry of "away with it" comes almost altogether from those who are not familiar with the game as it is played. Their acquaintance with the game is limited to the vivid accounts which the reporter gives his paper about the brutal slugging or the serious injury which he follows up with the prospect—almost hope—of chronicling as the immediate cause of another death. We do not wish to be understood as taking a position against reform in the game, but we are strongly opposed to any action which prohibits a sport which affords such an unlimited means of cultivating all that is strong and manly.

Quite recently the over zealous advocates of football have published a statement of the "fatal accidents in different branches of sport since 1894." The table brings up some interesting facts. For instance, there have been 1,350 deaths in swimming, while only 11 have occurred in football. Of course this table fails in that it offers nothing comparative. Had these figures been reduced to percentages there could be some conclusion to draw from them.

It is a noticeable fact that almost all of the deaths that have occurred have been among those who were not connected with colleges. Some one has charged that the danger in-

creases directly in proportion to the training, but this statement is quite contrary to the facts in the case, as is manifest to any one who is acquainted with the game.

It is an undeniable fact that many injuries do result from football playing. We grant further that deaths occasionally occur. But we deny that they are a necessary part of football. We deeply deplore the fact that the injudicious conduct of a few players seems to have brought down upon the game the anathema of the country at large. What can be more foolish than to take an extreme view on either side? Let us go guardedly about our decisions and condemnations.

Our plea is for the retaining of football in full credit as an athletic sport but we wish to urge with equal force a plea for reform in the playing of the game. If properly played it is a splendid way of developing the whole man physically, and in itself it possesses nothing harmful to his moral welfare. Affording as it does training of the muscles for quick and ready response to the wishes of the player it is even more beneficial in that it gives him an excellent opportunity in the cultivation of his self-control in the midst of circumstances which are well calculated to make one not so thoroughly disciplined a cause of reproach to his team. The careful dieting and judicious training which accompany the fitting of our best teams puts the body in a condition to bear the hard strains which a diligent student's mind makes upon it.

A feature which has perhaps done more to bring discredit upon football than has any other single thing is that of playing hired men and outsiders on the teams. Just so long as the student uses the game as a legitimate recreation and exercise he is violating none of the provisions which nature requires but when he becomes filled with an inordinate desire for victory and seeks outside help he degrades the game and naturally so; for the team ostensibly from college deceives and cheats its opponents.

Let football be played with all the enthusiasm possible to arouse but let us have actual students to compose our teams; let us condemn without stint the low and cowardly habit of trying to injure an opponent at a time when he cannot defend

himself; let us cultivate an observance of the rules and not laud a man for violating rules without being caught. With such conditions we believe football will again be relieved of the temporary ban which rests upon it and will receive the enthusiastic support of lovers of a game which can be played with the utmost fairness to all concerned.

It is no wonder that men of the world laugh at college education when the college student shows such ignorance of the topics which are of importance to us in everyday life. We come here and study about squares and sides of triangles, bodies sliding down planes; we pore over all of the 'ologies and spend hours with one irregular verb, book in hand, yet we are unable to answer the simplest of practical questions. For an instance, take a question over which you have thought more than once: "Why is it that a hole in your stocking, which is at your big toe when it is on your right foot, is still at your big toe when you change the stocking to the left foot?" That is a question which has troubled you and us on more than one morning, and yet we have never looked deep enough into the matter to find out the cause of it. If some way could be found by which we could turn our stocking so as not to have our first pedalian digit protruding from a foramen in our hose, it would make us more content with bachelorhood, and thereby prevent the extravagance of marriage; which is, without a doubt, the most expensive luxury a man can indulge in.

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Prof. Graves Entertains the Law Class.

On Friday evening, Nov. 19th, from 7 to 10, the members of the law class were pleasantly entertained at the home of Prof. Charles A. Graves.

The members of the class were received by Prof. and Mrs. Graves, who were assisted in entertaining by their daughter, Miss Mary Turner Graves; also by Miss Wilson, Miss Carmichael, Miss Quarles and Miss Annie White. Mr. Tucker and Mr. Vance were also present as invited guests of the evening.

Talking about stamps—have you heard that the postoffice department is getting out some very neat stamps, printed in white and blue? We feel sure that the designer must have had our college in mind when he chose his coloring, and it seems an insult that the students of the institution should not show their appreciation of this favor by using these stamps, especially as they only cost half as much as the uglier red ones, which have a soldier's profile upon them, while the white and blue stamp carries the portrait of a statesman and scholar.

Speakers for Feb. 22nd.

On last Saturday night the Washington Literary Society elected orators and debaters for the celebration to be held on Washington's birthday. The Graham-Lee has a like celebration on Jan. 19th in honor of Robert E. Lee. These celebrations are two of the most interesting events of the college year, and are always looked forward to with great pleasure. We are much gratified to see that orators instead of declaimers were elected this time. This is a farward step for a declamation is beneath the dignity of a great University.

The following gentlemen were chosen by their fellow-members:

Orators—John Preston Allan, Va.; Geo. Cuthbert Powell, D. C.
Debaters—Thomas J. Farrar, Va.; A. Walter Webb, Md.; Mosby G. Perrow, Va.; William Kyle McClung, Va.

The Institute put up a rattling good game against Hampden Sidney. Their playing had improved greatly since the Columbian game. They played fast ball and their fumbles were very few. Every play was played with a snap that showed careful training. The end runs were brilliant at times.

Joint Debate.

Tonight the joint debate between the two Literary societies will be held in the Wash. hall.

The debaters are Messrs. Webb and Burr from the Wash., and Messrs. Faulkner and Paneake from the Graham-Lee.

The students and faculty are cordially invited to be present. The joint meeting will be called to order at 7:45.

The Sigma Nus.

On Tuesday night of this week the Sigma Nu Hall was the scene of a merry gathering. The Sigs, prompted by the desire to maintain their reputation for hospitality, gave in honor of their young lady friends a progressive jinks party; a person having merely a hearing acquaintance with this game would, in all probability, pronounce it rather namby-pamby; but no such characteristics were visible on this occasion.

We regret the occurrence, but feel it our duty to say, that while the game was in progress considerable "underhand" work was detected. Perhaps, however, the peculiarities of the game rendered this conduct to some extent justifiable. Miss Nettie Houston demonstrated herself the most progressive young lady present; while Miss West captured the honors at the other end of the line; each were presented with appropriate souvenirs.

While refreshments were being served, operatic music was rendered by Sousa's Grand Concert Band (thanks to Mr. Edison). Flash light photography was also indulged in; some very "touching" scenes were obtained.

Among the young ladies present were: Misses May and Elizabeth Ross, Miss Preston, Miss Pratt, Miss McCrum, Miss Harman, Miss West, Misses Bruce and Nettie Houston, Miss White and Miss Myers.

Mr. Wilson Enjoys His Surroundings

A dispatch from Washington on Saturday says: Ex-Representative William L. Wilson of West Virginia, is in the city, attending a meeting of the board of regents of the Smithsonian Institute. Mr. Wilson is now president of the Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va.

"I am perfectly contented and delighted to be out of politics," said Mr. Wilson today, "and have no desire to enter politics again. I am interested in the work which is now engaging my attention and enjoy my surroundings."

Mr. Wilson was questioned as to his interpretation of the recent elections but excused himself from replying on the ground that he intended, now that he is out of politics, to keep out of even a discussion of the subject.

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DECLAIMERS:

Robert Glasgow, C. K. Winn.

DEBATERS:

Affirmative—C. W. Guthrie, J. P. Allan, T. J. Farrar, W. K. Graves.

Negative—C. N. Roark, W. R. Vance, E. D. Ott, Wm. McCoy.

Question: *Resolved*, That the use of machinery displaces and degrades labor.

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TO ORATE:

Hammat, Hamner, Capito, Herold.

TO DECLAIM:

Burke, Watson, Harlow, Liggett, Wilson, Bouldin, Dulin, Stuart.

TO DEBATE:

Martin, Lind, McCluer, J. C.; McCluer, J. S.; Oberlin, Pancake, Anderson.

Open Affirmative—Martin.

Open Negative—Anderson.

Question: *Resolved*, That there is no future for the Negro in this country.

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Death of Dr Jacob Henry Smith

Rev. Dr. Jacob Henry Smith died on Monday at his residence in Greensboro, N. C., after a long illness. He was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Greensboro, a position he had held for nearly forty years, and was one of the most prominent divines in North Carolina and widely known in that and surrounding states.

Dr. Smith was a native of Lexington. He was the oldest son of Samuel R. Smith and Margaret Fuller, his wife, both highly respected residents of this community a generation ago, and was born August 13, 1820. He received a good classical training under his uncle, Jacob Fuller, and afterwards he clerked in the store of Mr. George White for a time. He then became a student of Washington college and graduated there with distinction in 1843. He was for a time principal of the Samuel Davies Institute in Halifax county. Later he studied for the Presbyterian ministry. He had but two pastoral charges. From 1854 to 1859 he was pastor of the church at Charlottesville. Since 1859 he has been pastor of the church at Greensboro. He was a useful man and acquired a well established reputation for talent and learning. Throughout his life he paid periodical visits to his old home in Lexington and was here for the last time four years ago.

Dr. Smith was twice married. His first wife was Miss Catherine Miller, daughter of Hon. Thomas Miller of Powhatan county, Va. She died in 1854 and on January 8, 1857, he married Miss Mary K. Watson, daughter of Judge E. R. Watson of Charlottesville. She survives him with seven children. Dr. Smith was buried at Greensboro on Tuesday.

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