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THE managers of the class football series have informed us that no games have been arranged between the freshmen and the other classes for this fall. The freshman team, we understand, is to have a schedule of its own and is to play such teams as the Bingham team which they downed University Day. For some years past the powers that be, in athletics, have realized that it is a rare occurrence for varsity material to be developed out of any class team except the freshman. This explains the partiality toward the freshman team that has been growing for sometime. The class series has its usefulness and does a great deal of good but it does not help much in developing men who may represent the University on the football team. A great many men get fine exercise on the sophomore, junior, and senior teams but it is nearly always the freshman team that sends men to the varsity and scrub squads. It generally happens that the men on the freshman eleven are too young and inexperienced to make first-class football players altho they have the physical ability. To make these men fit material for the varsity it is necessary to give them more experience than may be afforded by the three or possibly four games of a class series. Thus the schedule with the leading prep school elevens is being arranged for them. Most of the games will probably be played on the Hill but it is expected that the team will also take several trips. The first game of the series went to the freshmen easily but some of the games are going to be rather stiff and hard-fought. If the freshmen wish to win all their games they will have to work hard, and there is no excuse for their not working hard. Having such a coach as "Farmer" Moore and being allowed to use the varsity field and to line up against the varsity teams, they ought to develop.

EVERY year the authorities of the University see to it that, during the days of vacation, all the walls of the buildings here are cleansed of all the unseemly marks and writings on them. Every year some of the students of the University see to it that, during the days of recitation, all the walls of the buildings here are covered with these same marks that have just been taken off. This fall the ravagers who are always possessed with the unconquerable desire to write that well known couplet about fools' names and monkeys' faces on every clean wall they can discover in any public place—have been unexpectedly listless in beginning their work. The partitions, in the

southwest corner room of the basement of the Alumni Building, seem to be the most popular places for the display of such wit—so called—and of class spirit. So far as we know the only marks on these walls that have been made since the walls were repainted are certain hieroglyphic scratchings evidently intended for 1913. If there is a freshman in the university who thinks that these aforementioned walls are fit places for him to erect a monument to the memory of his class he ought to keep his thoughts to himself. His classmates wont appreciate his position in the matter. The walls of college buildings are evidently very unsuitable places to commemorate one's class—there are so many classes that one class cannot hope to keep a prominent place before the public stare for more than two years. As for the wit that is expended in decorating these walls, we have other uses for it. The editors of the Yackety Yack and the magazine grow pale to their teeth when they think of all the sparkling, mirth-pulling wit that is every year pointed out and lost to the human race. The strange part about these witticisms and outbursts of class patriotism is that the geniuses who accomplish so much in this line are not proud enough of the master pieces to let their authorship be known. It really seems to us that the walls might remain clean if all the embryonic humorists in college could get it into the cavity of their head that public places are not for the display of obscene wit, nor for the erection of monuments to some fool's outbursts of class pride.

FROM the account of the V. M. I. — William and Mary game, which we have reprinted in this issue, it would seem that V. M. I. has not a very strong team this year. We may expect then that Carolina will not have much trouble in winning the game this evening. However, there is always a grave danger in going against these seemingly weak teams. The stronger team nearly always becomes over-confident and does not do its best. Last Saturday we beat Tennessee and the Tennessee team is considered a right strong aggregation. Today we play V. M. I., a weak opponent, and we must win again or else where do we show up in comparison? We have got to get all these apparently unimportant games to make the season satisfactory. What satisfaction will there be in going home and telling about, how we downed Tennessee if we can't answer the question, "Why didn't you beat V. M. I.?" One year not long ago, even in the memory of men here at school now, we had quite a successful baseball season, but we were beaten by a very weak team just one time. You could not mention that year's success to any man except a Carolina man without that one lost game being recalled. If we should loose to V. M. I. and yet win the big majority of our other games it would be that game we lost that would attract the most attention. The public seems prone to remember those unfortunate occurrences that happen now and then and to forget that these are not the real test of ability. We have got to have the game this evening. We intend to go through this season with a goal line uncrossed. Let us also make up our minds to have no tie scores, they are entirely unsatisfactory.

Lexington, Va., October 9. — The cadet eleven of the Virginia Military Institute defeated William and Mary College this afternoon on the parade grounds of the former by a score of 6 to 0. The only scoring was done in the first half after some strenuous playing on the part of the cadets,

showed up weak on defensive work. Both teams were very light, and showed lack of systematic playing. In the second half neither team was able to score, although the cadets had the ball on their opponents ten yard line. The star players for the cadets were Caffery, Mosely, Kinsolving and Dashiell, and for the college, Barnard, Driver and Parker.

Something Doing

It was about time for the dinner bell, and we were in the print shop putting on the finishing touches before leaving. "Mack" and Charlie were in the press room hurriedly straightening up things in general, and we were concluding a little spiel for the copy box, when unexpectedly the place was lit up by successive flashes of light. It had been a gloomy day, and at first we thought it was lightening; but a glance through the window at the pale blue sky dispelled that idea. A continued sputtering overhead caused us to look up. The light above the table was flickering and snapping as if it would burst on the instant. We thought this peculiar behavior for a light in daytime, but we resumed our story without further comment. In a few seconds we heard a shout in the press room, and ran to the doorway just in time to see Charlie and "Mac" scampering out of doors with frightened faces. The cause of their sudden departure was plainly evident. The light connection in the middle of the ceiling was on fire, and a flame over half a foot long was shooting downward, scattering charred pieces of wire, insulation and wood over the room. In a few seconds the wire connection was burned in two, and fell to the floor in flames. The ceiling was on fire and burning brightly. Then the sputtering blaze ceased, and we boys hurried to put out the fire.

In the power plant the new dynamo was being tested, and its 2300 volts had been switched on the 16-candle power light of the print shop. Naturally there was something doing.

Dean Graham at Harvard

Professor E. K. Graham spent last week at Cambridge as the representative of the University at the inauguration of Dr. Lowell to the presidency of Harvard. The exercises lasted throughout the week and were participated in by representatives from 30 foreign universities and 216 institutions of learning in our own country.

To Prof. Graham, the most impressive part of the celebration was the solidarity of the educational forces of the world. The greatest and most famous universities of both hemispheres were there met together through their representatives, primarily to do honor to Harvard and to show the place of distinction that this institution holds. But a person seriously looking for the real significance of these exercises could not fail to perceive that it lay not in pointing out Harvard's position in the educational world, but as giving expression to the spirit of co-operation, of unity that exists between the great universities of the world.

A secondary but to many a surprising impression upon the visitors to the celebration was made by the display of power that the state universities offered. The representation which 216 American institutions had sent furnished an exhibition of strength, that gave our state colleges a much more important place in the estimation of all who witnessed the ceremonies.

The two most notable utterances of the week of oratory came from the mouths of Presidents Lowell and Schuman. Both of these men made forceful pleas for a stronger and more unified undergraduate life in our American colleges.

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