

Unless Williamsburg Secures Better Fire Protection, the Virginia Insurance Trust will Sooner or Later Increase Insurance Rates Here.

COLLEGIANS WORKING. Are Busy With Examinations.

(From Tuesday's College Topics.)

Examinations have broken up basketball games for the present, and everything is quiet in athletic circles. Next week however, the thread will be taken up where it was broken off, and games will be coming thick and fast. On the night of the fifth, our team will play Newport News Y. M. C. A. in their gymnasium and the Brambleton Athletic Association on the following night in Norfolk. Manager Schlossberg is also trying to arrange for a game here on the night of the fourth with the Washington and Lee squad.

The following is taken from Sunday's Times-Dispatch: "Randolph-Macon, William and Mary and Richmond College are matched in a three-cornered relay for the championship of the Virginia Collegiate Association of this state. This will be the first time that these colleges have entered together in a relay, and any one of them may prove to be the dark horse for the other two teams."

Sunday's Times-Dispatch contains the report that Joynes will be back to play on the baseball team this spring. We know not if this be true, but if so, our chances for the championship seem very bright indeed.

Professor T. J. Stubbs, of the faculty, addressed the meeting of students in the Parish house, Sunday evening. Professor Stubbs spoke of the fact that the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew was named for Andrew, who found Peter and carried him to Christ, and then read a paper upon the call of the world to the ministry. The point was brought out that whereas men who enter the ministry usually stop to consider whether such a step is the will of God, those entering other vocations do not stop to consider whether it is best for humanity that they take such a step. He spoke of the nobility of bringing souls to Christ, and of the heroism wrapped up in such work that should appeal to the instincts for heroism in the young.

Dr. Stubbs' address was interesting and a particularly one appropriate for the audience to whom he spoke.

The registrar will open up his office Monday morning for the purpose of allowing those who desire to remain in college during the second term to register.

The burning of the depot Saturday night afforded quite an exciting break in the dull monotony of taking examinations. Nearly the entire student-body was upon the scene shortly after the flames had broken out, willing and eager to lend a helping hand in the little that could be done in saving property and checking the spread of the flames.

Dr. Will H. Keeble will deliver the third of the series of monthly addresses arranged for by the faculty committee on college activities, Friday night, in the chapel. The subject of his talk will be "The Electron Theory."

Chapel services are being conducted regularly through the examinations. The time has been changed to 8:45.

Just at present, examinations hold the entire attention of the student-body, and other questions are allowed to slip in only at meal time, and very seldom then. However, as soon as examinations are over, the baseball team and its chances of victory during the coming season will be the center of thought until the last game of the championship series is played. Just what these chances are we do not know, and at this early stage, it is impossible for anyone to predict the success or failure of our team. However, we want to say here that we believe the chances of putting out a winning team are better than they have been in many years, possibly better than ever before. We have several old men back and the new material is reported to be of the best, but it is not upon these facts that we base our belief of putting out a winning team—such things as having excellent material have happened at William and Mary before and, at the same time, seasons have resulted in failure. This year however, there will exist something that has never before been known at our college—perfect harmony between the athletic association and the faculty, and the hearty co-operation of the latter. Such a spirit, which has been conspicuous by its absence at our college in the past, has prevailed in other colleges, and they have put out winning teams.

It has often been the subject of much speculation why William and Mary did not win games when they had good coaches and material of the best. The question has been debated in the past and been left unsolved, but we believe that the stand we are going to take in the athletic world in the future will prove that our failures in the past were due largely to the spirit that prevailed here and the misunderstanding between the faculty and students.

Just now these two bodies are working together and the faculty are showing their entire willingness to help out in every way possible. Already results of their activity may be seen. The proposition in regard to the financial question, a most important side of athletics, which is almost certain to be adopted, will put athletics on such a basis as was never dreamed of before at William and Mary. Already, too, ably represented in the committee of management for the league, we have shown our ability to stand up for our rights and not let the Richmond College representatives run their plans roughshod over us.

In the past, students have looked upon membership of an athletic team as an honor to be highly desired, but at the same time, a thing that would throw them into high disfavor with the faculty. No such thing will be known in the future; the faculty and students, working side by side, will henceforth strive for one great common end in athletics—victory.

And so we say that the future looks bright from an athletic point of view: We have good grounds and accommodations for spectators at the games, and we feel proud of it; we have the co-operation of the faculty, and we appreciate it, and we have for this reason at least, a good coach and good material and we believe that advantage will be taken of this fact.

The examinations are now on, and a general quietness has settled over the college, broken only by an occasional "war whoop" from the irrepressible Braffertonian Indians. The most dreaded period of the year is with us, and the burners of midnight oil are the most numerous body of students in college. To

A WEEK'S LOCAL HAPPENINGS Things You and Your Neighbors Have been Doing.

[We would appreciate it if you will call phone 24 and give us any personal or social news you may know. Or write it out and we will send for it. In this way you will help make The Gazette more interesting.]

Mr. Marston Christian spent Friday here before making a third trip to Cuba on the transport "Summer."

Dr. Charles E. Bishop was out of town the latter part of last week, recuperating from a slight spell of sickness.

The warm weather of the first of the week had some of the early fruit trees dangerously near the blooming point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Proctor wish to thank all who lent their kindly assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of Mrs. Proctor's mother, Mrs. Mariah Long.

All oyster dealers, peddlers or otherwise, have been made to pay regular license. Dick Roberts says we'll "S-s-oon h-h-av-g t-to-ppay a license t-to-d-d-i-e" in Williamsburg.

Charles E. Lipscomb, a former student of William and Mary, who was recently united in marriage with a niece of the late James G. Blaine, is now a successful and wealthy New York publisher.

Next Saturday at 1 o'clock P. M., Mrs. M. Larson will sell household goods and kitchen furniture, buggy, cart, harness, etc., at B. Larson's harness shop. Here is a chance to get some useful articles.

IS NOW BEARING GOOD FRUIT.

Bill Already Introduced for Jamestown-Yorktown Boulevard.

Mr. Jno. L. Mercer's resolution passed by the City Council, relative to the building by the federal government of a great boulevard between Jamestown and Yorktown, is already bearing fruit as the following telegram from Washington shows:

Washington, D. C., January 25—A bill providing for the construction of a military road from Yorktown, Va., to Jamestown, Va., passing through historic Williamsburg, was introduced by Representative Lamb, of Virginia, to-day. The road would be built by order of the Secretary of War, but the office of public roads of the Department of Agriculture, would make the necessary surveys and superintend the construction, according to the bill. The measure appropriates \$100,000 for the work.

The special committee of Council is endeavoring to secure the co-operation of the Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, and will ask the local branch A. P. V. A. to secure the assistance of the state organization in interesting our representatives in congress in the movement. These organizations throughout the country would exert a great influence in behalf of the movement.

Mr. John Stewart Bryan, editor of the Richmond Times-Dispatch writes to Mr. Mercer, chairman of the committee: "I am in receipt of your letter of January 14th, and will take great pleasure in doing all I can to further the excellent object you have in view of connecting the

Mr. J. Paris Goodbar has advertised the sale of all his household goods at public auction, beginning at 10 A. M. Saturday next. Mrs. Goodbar and child will visit relatives in Ohio, while Mr. Goodbar will seek a location elsewhere.

Deputy sheriff R. C. Lawson has succeeded in recovering a valuable drugget and a sum of money stolen from Miss Geneva Mullen Dec. 14, by a small negro boy employed at the house. The boy had buried the drugget and it took some good detective work to locate it.

Messrs. C. C. Branch and C. B. Martin returned to Toano last Saturday from Lynchburg where they attended a meeting of the stockholders of the American National Life Insurance Co., and were much pleased over the election of Mr. H. N. Phillips, of this city, as a director. A large block of stock is owned here and at Toano.

Dr. J. S. Wilson spent several days in Charlottesville, last week, attending the Poe memorial exercises. Dr. Wilson delivered an original poem composed for the occasion before the Raven Society. The following is taken from a report of the proceedings published in the Times-Dispatch: "The poem was by Dr. J. S. Wilson, of William and Mary College, and attracted general attention by its unusual excellence. Dr. Wilson treats Poe as the incarnation of 'Israfel;' and calls his poem 'Whose Heartstrings Are a Lute.'"

Jamestown Island and Yorktown by a macadamized turnpike."

The hearty cooperation of the board of supervisors of York, James City and other Peninsula counties will be enlisted, as well as that of commercial bodies in the neighboring cities.

Fell in Love with the Town.

Mr. T. H. B. Jones, of Ironton, Ohio, was a Williamsburg visitor last Friday and Saturday, and to say he fell in love with the town is to express it mildly. Particularly was he impressed with the historic church and the college.

Mr. Jones, being an acquaintance of relatives of the editor in Ohio, it gave us great pleasure to show him about the town. Besides he is an interesting and entertaining gentleman. And withal he is a Bryan Democrat.

Mr. Jones' popularity in his home county is attested by the fact that he was elected sheriff in an overwhelming Republican stronghold. Last fall he led the fight for Congress in the tenth Ohio district, reducing the majority of his Republican opponent, Hon. A. R. Johnson, by 3,000.

When he goes back to his Ohio home Mr. Jones will carry with him pleasant recollections of the Old Dominion and will not forget to speak a good word for the people, the climate and the possibilities of investments here.

RECORD HER MANY VIRTUES.

A. P. V. A.'s Tribute to Memory of Mrs. Cynthia Coleman.

At a meeting of the the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, held November 3, 1908, in the city of Richmond, Virginia, the following action was taken upon the death of our late honored officer and friend, Mrs. Charles Washington Coleman, of Williamsburg, Va. "To those who were privileged to know Mrs. Coleman personally little need be said. They will long recall that gracious and cordial personality. But for those less fortunate, and those who shall come after us, we desire now to place on record our grateful appreciation of her services, to us, our generation, and our state.

"A Virginian of the Virginians; born of a family long illustrious in the annals of our history; richly endowed with beauty and charm; a heart-full of tender sentiment; a mind of uncommon order, and blessed with abounding health and activity; she gladly laid all under tribute for the benefit of her state. The past appealed to her with an insistent voice, which could not be ignored, and to preserve the history and traditions of her people she applied herself, assuming it as a most sacred duty.

As early as 1883 she organized a band of youthful workers, whose first care should be the restoration of the graves in Bruton churchyard. Among those graves neglected and forgotten, was discovered one to "Mathew Whaley." The brief and pathetic inscription reads: "Mathew Whaley lies interred here, within this tomb upon his father's grave, who departed this life, the 26th of September 1708, age nine years, only child of James Whaley and Mary his wife. A legacy was given for the purpose of establishing in Bruton Parish a school to be the memorial of this loved child. This legacy was transmitted through the Parish to the College of William and Mary, and used by the college to build the 'Mathew Whaley Practice School' on the foundation of the Colonial governor's palace, in the city of Williamsburg. The school had been continued all these years, but the reason of it had long disappeared, until once more brought to light by her efforts.

After years of loving labor, the churchyard was put in order, and she then turned her attention to Jamestown for it "died her to see it in the dust." This it was, that while many had pondered with affection and distress over this desolate ruin, she took active measures for its relief, by calling a meeting at her own home, to consider what was best to be done. Then and there in Williamsburg, the ancient capital of Virginia, with Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee (the wife of the governor of our state) as president, on Jan. 4, 1888, was duly organized the 'Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities,' and the work of rescue at Jamestown began.

For many years she was one of our chief officers, and always a most willing and enthusiastic worker, until of late, when failing health caused her to withdraw from active service.

An earnest Christian, a loyal Virginian, a true patriot, a staunch friend, a worthy daughter of her house, and a fond mother, what more can be said—or desired?

Among her "own," she lived and died—full of years and honors. She "rests from her labors, and her works do follow her." Williamsburg will appear strange to us without her well known and compelling individuality. We shall miss her in the future, but we shall remember the past with gratitude and long be inspired by her example.

OLD DEPOT DESTROYED.

Other Buildings Threatened.

A fire, that for a time threatened to become very serious, destroyed the old freight depot of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock. At the height of the fire it looked like the handsome new passenger depot would surely go, but the "bucket brigade," seemingly the best fire-fighting apparatus Williamsburgh has, saved it from destruction. The residence near the burned building, and occupied by the family of Capt. G. R. Smith, was also in great danger. It was also saved by the "bucket brigade."

Besides the depot building one freight car filled with hay was destroyed, together with most of the freight in the building. Mr. M. T. Shipman, agent for the Adams Express Co., succeeded in saving all the express, books and valuable papers.

The first alarm of the fire was sounded by the whistle of the knitting mill. Hundreds rushed toward the mill thinking that building was afire.

The fire company turned out after some delay, but did no effective work. There was practically no water, it being impossible to get into the well at Capt. Smith's. Then there was trouble with the hose—a general mix-up due to lack of practice and system, although the boys worked as hard as they could to do something. Everybody did all they could to save the property of the railroad and the new depot and the section master's house were saved by an improvised bucket brigade.

The building was insured, and the greatest loss was the freight car. Above insurance the loss is said to be about \$1800.

The railroad company will rebuild, but in the meantime a temporary structure will probably be put up to hold the freight.

There were some exciting incidents at the fire. A freight train ran through the fire at great risk to its safety. In trying to flag down the train while holding a wire that had fallen across the track, Engineer W. A. Gore was caught by the wire and tarrown some distance, fortunately from the train. Chairman R. L. Spencer of the committee on streets, light and police, had a heavy iron safe to fall on one of his feet, mashing it so badly that he had to be taken home in a buggy and a physician called. Then a small fight occurred between a student and fireman. No one hurt.

The A. D. S. peroxide twirls (tooth powder and tooth paste) are having a remarkable sale everywhere and are guaranteed to whiten the teeth without being injurious.

Jas. H. Stone.

It was resolved that this brief tribute to the memory of Mrs. Coleman, should be placed upon the minutes of the "Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities," and a copy sent to her family, to attest the regard and sympathy of the whole Association.

Mrs. Joseph Bryan, President.
Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson,
Associate President.