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WASHINGTON AND LEE GETS NEW DIRECTOR

Dr. Pollard, Now at Alabama University, Will Supervise All Athletics at Lexington After September—Will Also Be in Faculty.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lexington, Va., March 12.—It has been officially announced by the athletic authorities of the university that Dr. John W. H. Pollard, for the past three years director of athletics at the University of Alabama, has accepted the same position at Washington and Lee, the term of his office to begin next September.

Dr. Pollard is eminently qualified for the work before him, and Washington and Lee is to be congratulated on choosing so able a man to fill this important position. It is the unanimous opinion of those who have followed athletics at Washington and Lee for the past four years that the erratic work of her teams is due to the lack of competent supervision. Dr. Pollard is fully qualified, both as a medical director, instructor and coach. He graduated at Dartmouth in 1895, and received his M. D. from Vermont in 1901. He has also taken post-graduate work in medicine at Harvard, and was for two seasons a student in the

WEEDING-OUT PROCESS BEGINS ON V. P. I. TEAM

Candidates Are Working Hard to Make Nine. Putting Diamond in Shape—First Game Will Be Played March 25.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Blacksburg, Va., March 12.—The "weeding out" of the baseball squad was begun early last week, and the fight for the vacant positions will be faster than ever from now on. Several freshmen are showing up in great style, and members of last season's nine are redoubling their efforts in order to retain their positions. The infield on the new diamond is still rough, and fast work is almost impossible, but Graduate Manager Worthington has a force of men at work and in a few days it will be in better shape. The main bleachers are now being overhauled, and wire netting covering the front for fifty feet has been added, which will be a great improvement. The practice has been of such a nature as will enable Coach Bockock and his assistants to get a line on the best men and note the

little defects that are bound to appear. Captain "Pret" Hicks will be a fixture in left field. He is a fast fielder and handy with the stick, and this, coupled with his knowledge of the game, makes him a strong man in the outfield. Equally leading all the contestants for his old position at right field, and as he headed the batting list last year, and is a fast, heady base runner, he will undoubtedly "clinch" his position. Centre field is still open and the fight for that position is extremely close between Anderson and Snyder, of last year's "nubs," and four freshmen. Billups, the star left fielder of last year's eleven, and centre fielder of the '08 nine, is away from college, on account of sickness, and should be unable to return his loss will be severely felt, as he was the most promising candidate for the centre garden. Hurt will undoubtedly cover short again this year, as his reputation of last year caused the number of applicants for this position to be small. He is a flash in the field, has a good arm, and is a fast man on the bases, and should develop into one of the best short stops in the State. Second base, made vacant by the absence of Lee, will be well filled, as Holzman, a new man, is setting a great pace, but Stuart, of last year's "scrub" team who will be out after examinations, will make a strong bid, as he has shown excellent form and is a heavy hitter. Kenner and Hughes are the pick of the applicants for third base, and both are showing up exceptionally well. It will be a difficult task to choose the better of the two. Hughes has not had the opportunity to show his batting eye, while Kenner was one of the surest hitters of last year's team. Hobbie, from all indications will be seen on the initial bag this season, as his work is far above that of any of the other contestants, and his ability to hit the ball when his count will make him a valuable man. Stoneburner, Steele and Legge are a trio of catchers hard to beat. As yet no one seems to have it on the other. Their work behind the bat last year was very good, and it is a difficult matter to get the "dope" on any one of them. Hodgson and Jones, last season's slab artists, are again on the field, and their work this year should be far above their last year's excellent record. Both these men have already regained their old-time form, and the burden of the pitching will probably fall to them. T. McFraw, a freshman out for pitching honors, is showing up very well, and his speed and curves, coupled with his ability to hit the ball, should land him a place on the team. The heavy schedule which V. P. I. has this year will necessitate three or

CHAMPIONS AT BASKETBALL



STAUNTON MILITARY ACADEMY BASKETBALL TEAM. (Manager), Corrothers, Humphreys, Hite, Krebs (coach), McNeill, Gwynne, Kyle (captain), Klaus, Stevenson.

Staunton, Va., March 5.—The Staunton Military Academy basketball team has completed the most successful season in its history, and claims the championship of the preparatory schools in Virginia. This claim is based on its record against colleges, universities and preparatory schools. The strong Virginia Polytechnic Institute team, which has not lost a single game, defeated the academy team by a score of 21 to 16, and Washington and Lee was victorious by 23 to 10. Staunton defeated the Washington and Lee class team, 35 to 14; Randolph-Macon Academy, 34 to 9; Hampden-Sidney College, 13 to 10; Bridgewater College, 64 to 11, and Virginia Military Institute, 30 to 15.

MARTIN SHERIDAN TO DROP SPORTS

World-Renowned Athlete Intends to Retire From Game for All Time.

WOULD GO TO GREECE

Has Represented America in Three Olympiads, and Starred in Each.

Martin Sheridan, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, the world's greatest athlete, hero of three Olympiads and many times a world's champion and record holder, says that he has made his last appearance as a competitor. "Yes, it is right that Martin says he is out of the game for good. I can't bring myself to believe it, however, and think that sooner or later he will be induced to don his togs again. You have seen champions retire before. Most always the call of the game has won them back. That's what I hope will happen in Martin's case. I hope the champion is in his prime and should have many grand years ahead of him. I am hoping that we can induce the big fellow to come back."

Washington and Lee Gymnasts



Ashley, Bunting, McCall, Von Neisenberg, Williams, Wood, Miller, Fritchett (manager), Lloyd, Chichester, Tucker (captain), Moor, Wood, H. Robbins, Larrick, Brudenbach.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Lexington, Va., March 12.—The annual exhibition of the Washington and Lee gymnastics team was held last Tuesday night in the college gymnasium before a large audience, and an excellent program was successfully carried out. The work of the team has been greatly due to the efforts of Captain Tucker and R. B. Lloyd, who have very creditably filled the place left by the loss of the instructor. "Red" Robbins won the championship boxing a five-round bout against Both men showed fine form, but Robbins' quickness seemed to place his

four steady pitchers, and much time will be given from now on in instructing the pitchers as to the correct methods. Coach Bockock hopes to have the men in good condition for the opening game on March 25, with Rutgers, at Blacksburg, and from then on the games come almost daily until the Northern trip, and ends with two games in Lexington with Washington and Lee.

time that I can loosen up and enjoy myself. "I have been in the game for ten years. I will not say that it has hurt me any. I have had a chance to travel, and in my mind, traveling, when one is an observer, is better than a college education. I have made hundreds of friends, and no one can gainsay that that was not a benefit.

"The game, however, has cost me a great deal of money and much time. To be a champion one has to take a great deal of time that might be devoted to business purposes. I repeat that athletics has cost me a great deal of money. For instance, just before the last Olympic games in London I had a few hundred dollars in bank. I drew it all out and spent it on the other side. You know I did a lot of traveling at my own expense while abroad, particularly when in Ireland. I brought home lots of gifts to my friends besides.

"Athletics has kept me broke most of the time. I know the game has done a lot for me, and my advice to all youngsters is to go in for athletics. A man, however, should know when he has enough. I think I have had enough and think it is about time to drop athletics and get down to business. The game has given me all it can give me. Now I have got to get my nose down to the grindstone. I want more time for business. It is about time that I used all my energies toward making a decent living.

"Of course I am sorry to drop athletics. I love the game, and I never should have been in it as long as I have. It is particularly hard for me to bid my athletic friends goodbye. But I have done a deal of thinking on the subject, and the only thing it seems for me to do is to drop athletics now, for once and all. Unless I feel Sam wants me to go to the Athens Olympiad the game has seen the last of me."

Martin is the present holder of the world's all round record and the world's record for throwing the discus, three times from the seven-foot circle, from a stand and an extreme style, and throwing the discus. Olympic weight and Olympic style. He also holds the American forty-two pound stone record of 27 feet 1-2 inch. Martin's all round athletic record is 7,385 points, and was made in Celtic Park last Independence Day. His world's record for the seven-foot circle discus throw is 139 feet 10 1-2 inches; for the Greek style discus throw, 115 feet 7 1-2 inches, and for the Olympic weight discus throw 142 feet 10 1-2 inches.

Sheridan never has been extended in an all round athletic competition; or he would have hung up even a greater total than his present world's record. Experts say that with good competition Martin surely would have exceeded the 8,000 point mark on last Independence Day.

Martin was the world's highest point winner in the Athens Olympiad, and was beaten out only a quarter of a point for the point honors in the last Olympiad in London. Fearless Mel Sheppard shaded Martin a quarter of a point, Mel Fickins up an extra point by competing on the Yankee team that captured the relay race. Despite that, Martin would have won the point honors but for a mistake by an official in the standing broad jump contest. Martin was born on May 23, 1881, in Bohola, County Mayo, Ireland. He came to America in 1900, and in 1901 was induced by his brother, Dick Sheridan, then a champion himself, to go in to the game. Martin's first appearance was in the games of the Union Settlement

ment A. C., in 1901. He won the discus throw with the help of his handicapper. In his next appearance at the games of the Nickerbocker A. C., a week later, Martin, with the aid of a ten-foot handicap, again won, scaling the discus 115 feet 2 inches. John Flanagan, the scratch man that day, scaled the 118 feet 9 1-2 inches, smashing the world's record of 118 feet 3 inches, made by Charlie Henneman of the Milwaukee A. C.

On Martin's next appearance in the games held at Willard Park, New Jersey, he hurled the missile 120 feet 10 inches, smashing Flanagan's record to smithereens. That was Martin's last performance in 1901. It is interesting to note that Sheridan captured first honors in his first appearance, and smashed a world's record in his third time out.

CARTMELL WORKS HARD TO DEVELOP GOOD TRACK TEAM

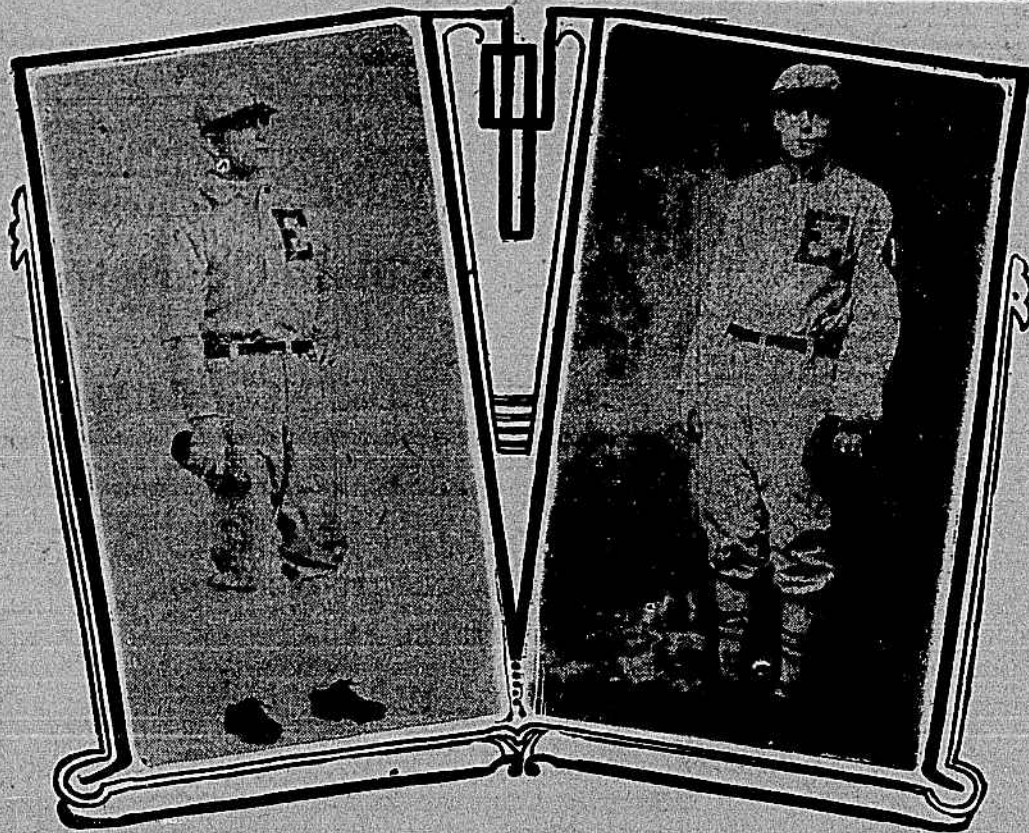
Noted World Champion Has Candidates at University of North Carolina in Training

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Chapel Hill, N. C., March 12.—Coach Cartmell came quietly to Chapel Hill two weeks ago. A world champion, he had no interviews for newspapers. A record-smasher, he had no trophies to parade. A track coach, he had work to do. He arrived Saturday night, called his men out Monday, and has had them hard at work ever since. His theory of success is work, hard work, and plenty of it. The runner of the furrows says he has no wind. Cartmell replies, "Acquire it." The runner of the mile complains that he has no endurance. Cartmell says, "Then get it." He will get it, and with him forty other young, inexperienced, undeveloped candidates for the track team.

It is not hard to understand how this man of will and work fought his way to the top. A winner of American amateur honors, he went with the American team to the Olympic games in London. Some days before the meet he was rendered unfit to run by sores and boils. He was advised not to run, but he ran and was liked. He retired from the public eye—to work and to win. And he worked and he won.

He won the world's amateur furrowing championship, defeated Walker, the holder of the world's title to the 100-yard dash, and wrested from the mighty Postle the world's professional furrowing championship in the record-breaking time of 21.2 seconds. The man that is seen every morning and every afternoon on the track at work is not Cartmell, the champion, but Cartmell, the coach. The same qualities that made him a champion runner will make him a successful coach, successful in bringing out the possibilities of Carolina's undeveloped and untried track material. Work may work wonders with this unworked material. Cartmell's working rule of three is: To run, run again, and then run some more.

IN CHARGE AT EASTERN



C. E. SPARROW, Coach. Applicants for the baseball nine at Eastern College, Manassas, Va., were a mass of the first players to take the diamond this spring. A long schedule has been arranged, including games with a early every college in the State.

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