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The KABLEGRAM is published monthly by the Corps of Cadets of The Stauntan Military Academy from September to May inclusive. The object of the publication is threefold: To furnish a means by which the students of the Academy may secure training in the field of Journalism; to bring the old boys and alumni in to closer touch with the "old school;" and to create and maintain a school spirit in keeping with the reputation of the Academy with a student body of four hundred and fifty cadets, representing forty-six states and seven foreign countries.

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UR Faculty and Cadet Corps were honored just recently by a visit from Senator Thomas S. Martin, of Virginia, and Hon. Hal. D. Flood, Congressman from the Tenth Virginia Congressional District.

President Wilson once said, "the difference between America and the rest of the world is really this, America has seen visions, not visions of material wealth, but of spiritual insight, visions of men who know that higher than wealth, higher than private opportunities, are distinctions of common service." President Wilson must have had in mind men of such a caliber as Senator Martin and Congressman Flood.

The people of Virginia have recognized the truth of the President's words by electing Senator Martin a number of times to the United States Senate. This marks his twenty-fourth year in the service of the people. Not only have the people of Virginia recognized his superior ability, but the Senate recognized his qualifications by making him Majority Leader of the Senate.

Senator Martin had the distinction of introducing the famous war measure in Congress. To this measure we owe our earnest efforts to compete and abolish the Prussian influence.

It is seldom one has the opportunity of hearing two noted speakers at one time, but we were extremely fortunate. Congressman Hal. D. Flood, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the House of Representatives, was present. Congressman Flood has represented the Tenth Congressional District for sixteen consecutive years, and has been a very important factor in the Democratic party.

Senator Martin was introduced by Col. Kable. Senator Martin delivered a short talk on the present war and the duties of American youth.

In the course of his address he said:

"Out of this terrible conflict between the representative governments and the monarchies and oligarchies will emerge a different people. The leaders of today will have played their part, and these, the youth of today, must be the Democratic leaders of the future."

He continued by saying, "That we must realize that if we are allowed to participate that we are taking a part in the noblest conflict ever in history."

The speaker also emphasized the duties and responsibility of the American youth. They were now training to be men—men worthy of the standards of such an institution as Staunton Military Academy.

Senator Martin closed his talk by making a prediction as to the length of the war. He said "that the present indications are that this conflict will close during the coming year."

Congressman Flood was introduced by Col. Thomas H. Russell. Congressman Flood claimed that he needed no introduction to S. M. A.

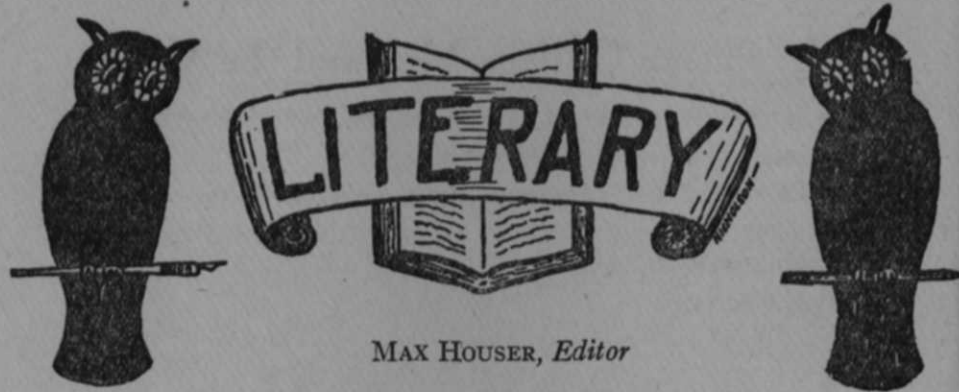
During the course of his talk Congressman Flood said, "That America had entered this contest with the determina-

tion to crush Prussianism." He said "It is our supreme privilege to defend American rights on foreign soil. Could the entry of America in this great conflict be anything else but inspiration to the Allied Powers?"

The most interesting phase of this address was the mention made of Russia and Italy: "Italy will regain her lost positions, and we have a new Russia in the making," such were the assurances given us by the Congressman.

It would be a privilege, Congressman Flood assured the Cadet Corps, to assist any S. M. A. man to attain a position which he was certain every Kable boy was qualified to hold—a position to help guide our army of citizens to complete victory.

These speeches impressed us with the fact that the die is cast—we have entered a tremendous contest. America's destiny is at stake, the world Democracy is in the balance—every man is expected to do his duty.



MAX HOUSER, *Editor*

Somewhere in France

Somewhere in France the searing shells are flying,
 In seried rows the slaughtered thousands lie,
 But the thundering roar of cannon sinks to silence
 As the sun sinks low on plains where soldiers die,
 Somewhere in France.

Last night beneath the stars a lad stood watching,
 A bright-eyed youth, a mother's only joy,
 Now the moon a silent watch is keeping
 O'er the unmarked grave where sleeps her soldier boy,
 Somewhere in France.

It seems but yesterday we saw him marching,
 As he with his companion filed away,
 Across the sea a mother's heart's near breaking
 Now cold he lies this soldier lad so gay,
 Somewhere in France.

O'er one sad home the evening winds are wailing,
 Within a mother weeps, a father sighs
 For one who'll never more be homeward turning
 Who silent sleeps beneath the foreign skies,
 Somewhere in France.

CADET HOUSER.

American College Men and the War

The first of a series of articles entitled "Facts Southern College Men Should Know About the War."

C. FLETCHER QUILLIAN, A. M.



AM not sorry, but proud that 40 per cent of Harvard University has gone into the war." President Lowell expressed this feeling last night in speaking of Harvard's depleted fall registration. His sentiment is no doubt shared by many other college presidents all over the country.

The loss of over half of the two upper classes at Yale, Princeton and Harvard is duplicated in many colleges. The professional and graduate schools other than engineering show even heavier losses. The Harvard Law School and Graduate School of Business Administration register only 32 per cent. and 34 per cent. respectively of their normal numbers.

On the other hand there is a larger attendance at many military, engineering and medical schools, as illustrated in an increase of 8 per cent. in the Harvard Medical School.

The large number of Freshmen entering the colleges of all sections shows the willingness of men under 21 to be drafted to go to college in accordance with President Wilson's expressed wish in his letter of July 20th to the Secretary of the Interior.

The often repeated criticism that college men have little sense of responsibility has been given the lie in the facts shown by the present war. Of the 62,000 men in the officers' Training Camps held this summer a large percentage was composed of college men. Of the men at Fort Benjamin Harrison training to become officers, 80 per cent. were

from the colleges. At Williams College 95 per cent. of the student body was in military training within two weeks after war was declared. At one State University 1950 men out of 3600 left for service before commencement, at another 1,000 out of 1800 left, and in yet another only 100 men remained out of 580.

The colleges have also given the best brains of the faculty to the use of the nation. President Garfield of Williams heads the new Department of Fuel Administration, while hundreds of professors are engaged in the work of various boards which are conserving our national resources.

Much physical equipment of many institutions is taken over by Uncle Sam. Wofford College turned over its dormitories to 200 Plattsburg officers pending completion of the Spartanburg camp. Harvard has given to 1500 naval radio students the exclusive use of six buildings, including the gymnasium and the largest dining hall, and is soon to start another government school—this time for ensigns. The War Department ordered 550 picked men from the Officers' Training Camps of the country to report to Cambridge to be instructed by the French officers whom Harvard brought over last spring to teach its own students. This "Iron Battalion" went from Harvard to pass on to others the methods of French warfare learned at Cambridge. The important "ground school" for aviators at Princeton has taken possession of several buildings and Brockow Athletic Field.

Athletics of American colleges have been made subservient to athletics of the American army and navy. Driver, the former star half-back at the University of Virginia, is Director of Sports at Camp Jackson, South Carolina. Football Coach Bender, of the University of Tennessee, is mak-

ing physically fit the soldiers at Greenville, S. C. Walter Camp, Jr., of Yale, directs athletics at Camp Hancock, Ga. Eddie Mahan, Captain of Harvard's champion football team of 1915 is in charge of sports of the sailors at Philadelphia. It was at Princeton that former coaches gathered last month at the meeting of Directors of Camp and Cantonment athletics of the country. Every athlete who had won his letter at Columbia has enlisted in some form of government service. In Canada and in many colleges of the States intercollegiate competition has given way to interclass and interdepartment contests. This allowed the vast amount of energy and money formerly devoted to the "big" games such as attracted 82,000 spectators last fall to the Yale Bowl to be directed to many forms of war activities. It also enables many more individuals than formerly to develop themselves as athletes, and helps to make "the real contribution to the national defense" which President Wilson says will justify sports in war time.

Hundreds of college men have gone into the army Y. M. C. A., ambulance and Red Cross work. Cornell's ambulance corps of 32 men were the first Americans to get into active service in France after we entered the war.

College men of America were asked for \$150,000 for Y. M. C. A. prison work in Europe and responded with \$157,000. Many colleges have already indicated their willingness to do their full share in raising the \$35,000,000 Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund decided upon in New York last week.

The Intercollegiate Intelligence Bureau at Washington is a voluntary organization of college men which utilizes the information secured through the recent census taken by 200 different colleges. This plan enables various government departments to know who are the available picked college men of the country who are trained for various kinds

of special service. Already 2500 men have been located for government work through the agency of this Bureau. There are 41 southern colleges actively cooperating with the Bureau.

The service of college men of the United States promises to be worthy of the example set by the great universities of England, Canada and France. The world will see that American college men are ready to make the supreme sacrifice, and that those who are to do their bit at home will be mindful of their obligation to those who have gone.

The words of Henry W. Grady at the University of Virginia in 1889 are today invested with new meaning. This prophet of the New South spoke for the nation when he said "The university is the training camp of the future; the scholar the champion of the coming years. Waterloo was won at Oxford, Sedan at Berlin. Napoleon overran Europe with drum tap and bivouac. The next Napoleon shall form his battalions at the tap of the schoolhouse bell and his captains shall come with cap and gown."

Failures at S. M. A. and Some Suggestions on How to Succeed

BY MAJOR ACKER



ADETS may be divided into two classes, those who were sent and those who came. Let us contrast the two. The one was sent to be acted upon; he throws the responsibility for success or failure upon the school; he views his teacher as one who would extract some of the pleasures out of life; he sees all school regulations as restrictions upon his free activity. The other came to act; he takes the responsibility for success or failure upon himself; he considers his teachers as his counselors and friends; he sees the school regulations as provisions necessary for the attainment of a definite and desired end. Thank goodness the sent ones are in the minority, and their number is diminishing.

It is not surprising that the sent ones fail. If our equipment included some kind of transformer especially designed for the purpose we might work them over and change their attitude so that some whose first intention was to run wild and disrupt might remain perfectly domestic and willing to co-operate. Unfortunately we have no such transformer. There is a magic wand, it is true, but public sentiment is against its use especially on boys over fifteen years of age. As a substitute we have found that the frequent and prolonged contact of the feet with asphalt has a reformatory effect. It is conducive to meditation and reflection. And then there are certain words of warning and counsel that are sometimes effective. But when all of these fail there is nothing else to be done.

I wish something else could be done. I wish that we

had some kind of hyperdermic that we could use on some fellows I know, so that we could give them a generous injection of good old "Ambish," and next to that I should like to give them an injection of some kind of serum that would make them sick at the stomach every time they heard reveille and didn't get up immediately, and every time they were called in class and failed to recite perfectly. Some people never come to themselves until they get awfully sick. It seems to be one of the appointed ways of bringing people to their senses, and I'd like to use it. So, if some of the "sent" ones go away from S. M. A. failures it is not our fault, we are willing to do anything at all but our means are limited.

But even of those who came, some fail. Why is this? Why does the earnest student fail to get his credit? or the ambitious soldier his chevrons? or, the social aspirant the honors his fellows might confer? The reasons are many, but one of the greatest, I believe, is this, some habit or vice that takes the heart out of their efforts. I will not mention any one thing, there are many possibly, and they all throw the nervous system out of gear and cloud the intellect. And most of all they rob one of his sense of self-possession and power. The boy who has failed and is failing should be sure that his steam is not escaping and that he is not throwing water upon his fires. It takes lots of steam when one is on the up-grade.

Next to personal habits I believe that the most common cause of failure is ignorance of the qualities necessary for success. The Cadets who crave success should make a study of successful men. They should analyze his qualities. I don't mean his peculiarities or mannerisms; I mean the qualities any one might copy and yet be unaffected and true to himself. These qualities are easily discerned; they stick out. One is plan, system, organization; another, the

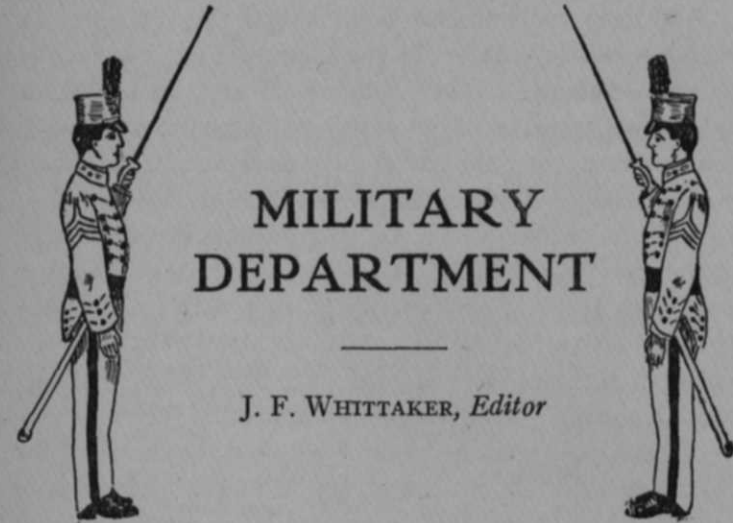
power of concentration; another, thoroughness. A cadet may be a good likeable fellow without these qualities; but he will never be worthy of much responsibility without them. So if you, friend Cadet, would succeed here, cultivate these qualities.

First, plan your work, then work your plan, and then systematize and organize your results. I want to emphasize this thing of systematizing and correlating the things you learn. A mass of unorganized information is not worth much. Facts gathered at random and without any relation to other kindred facts are of little value. When you learn something new, stand off from it, mentally, and see where it belongs with relation to the facts you have learned before on the same subject. A house is not a pile of lumber. A jumble of dates and incidents is not History. A mass of definitions and axioms and theorems is not Geometry. These are materials, they must be correlated, and arranged in their natural order. You can best learn details by getting close to them, but to get the relationship between details you must detach yourself from the whole mass and view them from a distance.

But first get your material. To do this you must concentrate. Now, concentration is an acquired habit. It requires effort. You must learn to shut yourself in. The senses not in use must become dead. Witness the marvelous achievements of Mr. Edison. His deafness has been an actual blessing to him, because he is not annoyed by the noises that surround him. Because of his deafness he is all the more able to concentrate his faculties of reason and perception. So if you would master your problems you must learn to lose yourself with them; you must shut everything else out.

And keep yourself shut in until you find a solution or reach a result. What would you think of a hen which after sitting on her eggs a few hours should give up in despair and leave her nest? You would be disgusted with her. You would say that she hadn't mastered the first principles of incubation, and you might even go so far as to say that she was a worthless hen. And there would be some justification for your opinion. But how about that Algebra problem? Did you give your mind time to get warm over it? Or, did you say in a sort of resentful way, as if the author of the text were at fault, "Shucks, I don't understand this stuff." Well, if you did, remember this, ideas are like chicks, they must be hatched out, and that some of the greatest ideas of the greatest minds have been matured only after a prolonged period of incubation. Drive your work to a conclusion.

Finally, let me say that there are no flowers "born to blush unseen" at S. M. A. Clean habits, and thorough work are bound to bring recognition. But remember, if you crave honor, do not spew responsibility out of your mouth.



ONE of the most important events in student life at S. M. A. is the annual appointment of officers to serve in the school battalion through the term. The appointments are made by Lieut. Col. T. G. Russell upon the recommendation of Col. John Conklin, U. S. A., and tactical officers.

At "retreat" Friday afternoon, October 12th, the following members of the student-body received their commission in the Cadet Corps:

Staff

Lieut. Adj.—Whittaker
 Lieut. Q. M.—Taylor, W.
 Sgt. Major—Ingalls
 Ord. Sgt.—Rowan, W.
 Q. M. Sgt.—Ledbetter.
 C. F. Sgt.—Granger
 Hospital Sgt.—Armstrong, C.
 Color Sgt.—Walker, B.

Signal Detachment

Lieut.—Brooks
Sgt.—Clark, F.

Company A

Capt.—Lummus
1st Lieut.—Bishop
2nd Lieut.—Curry, F. J.
1st Sgt.—Sutton
Sergeants—Robinson, E., Wehrly, Shore, Stock, D., McQueen
Corporals—Coles, H., Holman, Berger, C., Mave, Drake, Bunting, Sheridan

Company B

Capt.—Skinner
1st Lieut.—Starr
2nd Lieut.—Gates, H.
1st Sgt.—Ogden
Sergeants—Carr, Tamenbaum, Herring, Tilden, Hahn
Corporals—Williams, A., Coburn, Crossland, Graham, Dennett, Young, A., King, T., Deakin

Company C

Capt.—Wedum
1st Lieut.—Hutchings
2nd Lieut.—Bolton
1st Sgt.—Morris, F.
Sergeants—Cadmus, Nicholson, S., Johnson, A., Ferris, Hutchinson
Corporals—Wilkinson, Bellinger, Zacharias, Jones, C., Montgomery, Spilman, Gonzales, P.

Company D

Capt.—Wright, L.

1st Lieut.—Heughan
2nd Lieut.—Wagoner, B.
1st Sgt.—Enslow
Sergeants—Robinson, W., Jacques, Leshure, Reagen, Young, W.
Corporals—Walsh, Sparhawk, Stevens, W., Carter, J., Rowan, F., Belaunde, Lund

Company E

Capt.—Browinski
1st Lieut.—Walters
2nd Lieut.—Wright, S.
1st Sgt.—Striet
Sergeants—Ball, Barrett, Snyder, K., Brantley, C., Schenk
Corporals—Fickinger, Bromley, T., Hammond, A., Perelstrauss, McLean, S., Warren

Band

Capt.—Eagles
1st Lieut.—Ballou
2nd Lieut.—Curry, F. D.
1st Sgt.—Sherman
Sergeants—Hulshizer, Carter, W., Stock, F., Underhiel
Corporals—Beaston, McDougal, Williams, D., Hood, O., Robinson, K., Amos, E.

Col. John Conklin, who succeeds Maj. L. D. Green as head of the Military Department, has reported for duty and is busy perfecting the organization of the battalion. We feel that we are particularly fortunate in getting so distinguished a soldier detailed for duty at S. M. A., Col. Conklin being an honor graduate of the U. S. Military Academy and having an enviable service record. Four years ago he was retired at his own request, but has recently been recalled to

active service and expects to see service in Europe before very long.

First Sgt. Edward Flynn, who has been detailed to S. M. A. as successor to Capt. Kelly, was born in Ireland. He has been in active service for 33 years, in which time he has been in three branches of the service, Cavalry, Artillery and Infantry. Sgt. Flynn was serving as 1st Sgt. in Co. G, 21st Infantry, when he was retired from active service. He served as 1st Sgt. for 16 years. We are proud to have at S. M. A. a man who has served his country so faithfully, and we know he will fill the office as Assistant Instructor in Military Science which Capt. Kelly has resigned on account of being called back into active service.

The War Department has detailed to S. M. A. Sgt. Joseph Lees to act also as a Military Instructor. This shows undoubtedly that the government is taking an interest in military training here, as they have detailed to us one colonel and two sergeants.

The Patriot's Military Creed

(From "PRIVATES' MANUAL" by Capt. James A. Moss, U. S. Army)

I believe in Peace, but in Peace with Honor and Self-respect.

I believe that War is a terrible thing that should be avoided, if possible, but I also believe that there are things in this world worse than War, and Peace without Honor and Self-respect is one of them.

I believe in what the Flag of my Country stands for—Honor, Justice, Truth, Civilization, Democracy, Liberty, Humanity.

I believe it the duty of every American to uphold the Flag and what it stands for, and I believe it the duty of every able-bodied American to prepare himself in a Military way for this Responsibility.

I believe in Personal Preparedness, by which I mean if I am ever needed to defend my Sister, my Mother, my Home, and my Country, I will be Prepared to do so.

I believe in National Preparedness, by which I mean my Country being Prepared to uphold what the flag stands for and to defend itself if attacked.

I believe that Citizenship carries with it Obligations as well as Privileges, and I believe that Military Service is one of the most important of these Obligations.

I believe in the benefits of Military Training; I believe that it strengthens the body, benefits the health, improves the mind and teaches obedience, respect for law and order, patriotism, courtesy, honor, loyalty, manliness, cleanliness, thoroughness, system, organization and team work. In short, I believe in Military Training because it makes for Efficiency and better Citizenship.



Monget Elected Captain of the Football Team



WING to the fact that Captain-elect Jack Covington failed to return to school this year, it became necessary to elect another to take his place.

Coach Tarr called a meeting of the Letter men who were in school and Monget was elected to fill this position.

Captain Monget hails from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Joe as he is familiarly known by his teammates played for three years on the Baton Rouge High School before entering S. M. A. in the fall of 1916. On last year's team he was selected as the best half back in the State, and he will sure-

ly win even higher honors this year. His team so far has scored in the six games played 475 points. The opposing teams have not only failed to score, but during the six games played only 10 first downs have been made.

The first game of the season was played on October 7th with the Chatham Training School, of Chatham, Va. Very little was known of the Chatham team, but soon after the whistle blew, it was seen that S. M. A. would have a walk-over, and such was the result the final score being 84-0.

There were no particular stars in the game but every man was doing his part to win. Coach Tarr used four full teams before the game was over.

The second game, that with the Randolph-Macon much to the disappointment of the fans was as easy a game as the first one, the final score being 81-0. As long as the Varsity was kept intact, the team worked like a piece of machinery, but as substitute after substitute was sent in the team work was destroyed to some extent.

Long runs were made by all of the back-field men, and the line held like a stone wall. Only one first down was made by the visiting team.

The third game, that with the Baltimore City College, proved more of a disappointment even than the first two. It was expected that a School having fifteen hundred boys to select a team from would bring to Staunton a first class team. Coach Tarr was expecting a hard game, and was more than anxious for his team to make a good showing as the visiting team came from his home, Baltimore, Md.

S. M. A. more than lived up to the expectations of their coach as they trounced the visitors to the tune of 130-0.

Again did S. M. A. present an impregnable defense, as only two first downs were made by the visitors. They were a plucky, gritty team, but were out of their class.

Our next opponents, the "Scrubs" from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute proved a much stronger aggregation than had any previous team. Although easily winning by the score of 56-0, S. M. A. had to fight for every inch, as the visitors at times presented a very strong defense although they failed to advance the ball.

By far the best game played was the one with the John Marshall High School, of Richmond. They came to Staunton expecting to defeat S. M. A., and thus continue their claim for the state championship. Their expectations were certainly doomed to a sad, sad disappointment, as Captains Morget's warriors ran up a score of 75-0. John Marshall presented the best tackling team seen on the S. M. A. grounds this year. At times they presented a very strong defense, but could not advance the ball when they did get possession of it.

A fumble gave John Marshall the ball on our ten-yard line. This was the first time during the season that an opponent had come so near the S. M. A. goal. The team fought like fiends to keep the visitors from scoring. Failing to advance, the ball by straight rushes or end runs the forward pass was resorted to, which was either broken up, or else incompleated. Col. Kable had promised the Boys a "Feed" if they should win by a good score. They must have been thinking too much of the good things to eat in the first half as only 27 points were scored, but they came back with a vengeance scoring 48 more points in the second half.

The sixth and last game before Fishbourne is played on Thanksgiving was with the best team S. M. A. has encountered this year. The Greenbrier Presbyterial School came to Staunton with the reputation of having defeated Marshall College and Morris Harvey College by big scores. They surely lived up to their reputation in the first quarter,

as they held our team for downs time and again. S. M. A. scored only three points the first quarter. Story made a beautiful place kick from the 48-yard mark. This kick establishes the longest on record for the season of 1917.

S. M. A. came back strong in the 2nd quarter, scoring 27 points and in the second half brought the total to 51 points. Captain Monget at left half was in his old time form and along with Havre as new man on end, made easily the stars of the game.

In the second half the Greenbrier boys resorted chiefly to forward passing, failing to gain through S. M. A.'s line or around her ends.

They were successful with some of their passes, but could not get any nearer to S. M. A.'s goal than the 21-yard mark.

For the visitors Captain Florence at Center, Phorr at Quarter, and Montgomery, Left End, played stellar ball.

S. M. A.'s goal line has not been crossed this season, nor has a score been made against them. They have scored a total of 475 points a record score as no other team in the country has scored this number.

Two more games remain to be played. Rollers will be met at Ft. Defiance on the 19th, and Fishburne at Staunton on Thanksgiving Day.

Coach Tarr and his able assistants will devote every effort to get their Boys in the very best of condition for these two games.



UNDER the leadership of the new cabinet the association has taken hold of the work here at S. M. A. this year with renewed zeal. The work is now well under way, although there have been a great many interruptions. The membership is keeping pace with the rapid growth of the student body. The records show a membership of 300 cadets.

Our General Secretary, Lieut. Chandler, has been absent from the Academy a good deal assisting in the War Work. In his absence our Assistant Secretary, Lt. Mann, has had charge of the building. Lt. Mann comes to us from Davidson College where he took an active interest in the Y. M. C. A. work.

Following the policy of our association to bring to the Academy during the year a number of speakers of large calibre, we had with us on October 4th, Dr. S. K. Tompkins,

of Cincinnati. Dr. Tompkins spoke to the corps at Chapel exercises, his topic being: "Life Lessons from a Locomotive." After hearing this talk there are very few boys in the corps who will not remember these lessons as he waits at the railway station or travels on a railway train. "Don't be a switch engine with all the fuss and flurry that goes with it, but never gets beyond the yard limits," said Dr. Tompkins; "but be a modern type locomotive that draws a long train of cars over miles and miles of track without any fuss or flurry. Get the long, steady pull of the big drive-wheel." Dr. Tompkins spoke to the girls at the Mary Baldwin Seminary at 12:00 M. and to the Cadet Corps again at 2:30 P. M.

WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

In connection with the other schools and colleges of the South we have put on a campaign here at S. M. A. to raise our share of the \$100,000 fund to be turned over to the War Work Council to help carry on the work of the association among our troops here and abroad.

We feel that we as students owe a debt to the thousands of our fellow-students who have gone out from our schools and colleges, prepared to make the "supreme sacrifice" if need be in order that the principles for which we stand and the ideals that we hold dear may not perish, but live on to the glory of America and unborn Americans; and that they may rightly expect us to do our part in this great cause. We also feel that students can help more, and show their appreciation of the sacrifice others are making better, by contributing to this cause to the extent of sacrificial giving, than by any other means now offered them. S. M. A. has done well. We have already contributed in pledge cards \$800, and cash \$400, with a number of cadets and faculty

yet to be heard from. Yet we have not begun to do our share when we see what others are doing.

One college man who is working his way through college by waiting on tables in one of our smaller colleges gave \$100 in this campaign. Another college fellow who is working his way through college, and whose parents are missionaries, gave the largest subscription made in his particular college. One young woman in college told the secretary she was in debt and could not give any money, took off her diamond ring and said she could not wear it when people were suffering, and handed it over to be sold. In another college a young fellow who is just ready to volunteer for the army, gave over a very high grade musical instrument to be sent to the prison camps. Two college girls who had a Victrola in their room gave this to be sold and the proceeds to be used.

In an Alabama college one man who had scraped together enough money to buy a Liberty Bond turned that over to the cause. The seniors in one girls' college gave up their senior rings, giving the proceeds to the fund. The whole student body in another girls' school voted to give the amount of money they were planning to put into their annual. In some colleges the clubs are going to give up serving refreshments at their club meetings, and in others they are washing in the laundry in order to be able to make a pledge.

But the following story from Miss Fairbanks, on furlough from work in India should stir us to the very depths of our souls:

"I wonder if it would help the campaign any for me to tell of just two among the many things which the little girls in my school in India did for Belgian and Armenian Relief last year, and are still doing now as a regular contribution.

They have absolutely no spending money, most of them being supported entirely by the school. A large majority never knew what it was to have enough to eat or more than a rag to wear before they came to school, and in the cold, damp, rainy weather they had suffered untold misery in their dingy, leaky, hut houses. These children were so moved by the story of the cold and starving Belgians and Armenians that they decided to give up their meat once a week (they only had it twice a week) for the Belgians, and to set aside for the Armenians the handful of fresh grain that each girl would otherwise have ground in her own little stone mill. Both contributions, from all the girls, amounted to only \$5 a month—or three times that much, according to the purchasing power of the money in India—but it was a tremendous sacrifice, although a joyous one. It actually meant less bread each day, and once a week a meal of dry bread and water—regulation prison fare! This was done by eighty girls from the meanest homes in the world—children between the ages of five and fifteen!"

When we think of such sacrifice as this we must need feel that we have fallen far short of our duty, and have as yet failed to do our part in this great work.

Through the efforts of our Secretary we had with us on November 10th, Dr. John A. Rice, of St. Louis. Dr. Rice is pastor of one of the largest churches of St. Louis, but is now making a trip through Virginia visiting a number of schools and colleges. From here Dr. Rice went to the University of Virginia.

In speaking to the corps Dr. Rice emphasized very strongly the fact that the world is turning for leadership to America—That what the future of the world will be

depends to a great degree upon our American boys between the ages of 12 and 21. Aftr this terrible conflict is over—after the God of War has drunk his full of human blood—and has strewn the fields of Europe with the graves of those who but for this war would have been leading useful, happy lives; when in the period of reconstruction the world is looking for men of character and leadership—our boys of 12 to 21 will have to step up and answer the call for MEN. Not of our own choice, but because of the mysterious moving of an unseen power, we are called upon to furnish the men who are to remold the world. What a great opportunity for Americans and for America. The world is looking to us. We must not fail. But in order to stand the test and to fill the need every American boy must see to it that HE is fitting himself to do his part in this great work.



ALUMNI NOTES

B. M. BROWINSKI, *Editor*

OUR ALUMNI—WHERE THEY ARE

The alumni news in this issue will be devoted entirely to the boys of the class of 1917. There being no standard form of keeping touch with our graduates, we are forced to depend upon the men themselves to notify us of their whereabouts, and to the faculty and cadets with whom they correspond to keep us informed as to what our boys are doing. If you know of any graduate with whom you can put us in touch we will greatly appreciate your doing so. Call at the office of the Post Adjutant and give him full information.

We are very proud of the class of 1917, or the baby class as they may be called. Many of these boys have gone into the service and are now doing their bit, some in the states and some across the seas. Of course there were many of them who would have entered the service, but could not because of their youth. Be it said to the credit of these boys

that they have carried out the expressed wish of our President and have entered the colleges of their choice.

Our Senior Captain of last year, W. P. Driskell, attended officers' training camp at Fort Meyer, and has received his commission as a provisional Second Lt. in the U. S. Army. He is now serving with his regiment at Chattanooga, Tenn. Frank O'Conner also attended one of the training camps and has received his commission in the same grade as Lt. Driskell. Clifford Alexander has been commissioned Second Lt. in the National Army after a course in an officers' training camp. G. W. Johnson, a former captain of company "B" is now serving with the 1st Regt. U. S. Engineers in France. Sam D. Rambo is soldering as a cadet in one of the present training camps.

Of the various colleges and universities which have received our boys the University of Virginia leads with four of the graduates of 1917, namely, R. W. Barnes, R. P. Barnes, D. M. Croghan and J. R. Sheahan. Paul W. Gundry and L. W. Pritchard are at the Ohio State University; Hall Walker at Dartmouth; S. B. Brown at the School of Applied Science; John H. Dennis at the Rice Institute; J. A. Holman at the University of Alabama; H. N. Mulford at Lehigh University; F. B. Llewellyn at the Steven Institute of Technology; B. W. Partlow at Washington & Lee University; A. M. Snyder at Michigan Agricultural College; E. Varney at University of Detroit; R. S. Worlina at Oberlin College.

D. B. Howe is attending the Army and Navy Preparatory School at Washington, D. C., preparing to enter one of the government academies. "Patt" Waters and C. B. Brooks are back at the "old school" doing post graduate work. From reports that have reached us we understand that L. C. McAlister is now in business in Detroit.

We were pleased to have with us for a few days E. C. Sanderson who is now First Sgt. Signal Corps, U. S. A., stationed at Camp Little, Silver New Jersey.

FORMER S. M. A. BOY GETS WAR CROSS

Obadiah P. Armstrong, a former student at S. M. A. has been decorated with the war cross by General Grazier. He is a member of the American Red Cross Ambulance Corps, and is one of seven Americans in the corps to receive this award for bravery.

He was decorated for displaying great coolness and daring in removing wounded under a heavy bombardment of high explosive and gas shells.

Young Armstrong has been on the Verdun front in France, where some of the most terrific fighting of the war has taken place. A short time after he entered the service he was made commander of a section of the Ambulance Corps. On many occasions he has won distinction for bravery, and the decoration with the war cross is a fitting climax to his splendid record.

S. M. A. should feel proud of this distinguished son.

Social

A. DEAN EAGLE, *Editor*

President Frank N. Westgate
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HE first informal dance was given by the Social Club in the gymnasium on Saturday, September the twentieth. Many cadets and quite a few out of town guests were present and enjoyed dancing from nine o'clock to twelve. The music was furnished by the colored orchestra.

The second of the series of informal dances was given October the sixth. The music was furnished by the S. M. A. Orchestra, which made quite a hit with the dancers. One of the features of the evening was the "Moonlight Dances."

The first formal dance of the year was the Hallowe'en Hop, given October the thirtieth, in the Mess Hall. The hall was decorated in palms and flags. Dancing was enjoyed from nine o'clock to two. Music was furnished by the S. M. A. Orchestra. A few selections were rendered during the intermission by Cadets Wragg and Beaston. Delicious punch was served.

The corps is now looking forward to the Thanksgiving Hop, which is one of the most enjoyable dances of the year.

The dancing classes have begun by Mrs. Logan, assisted by Mrs. Myrtle. They are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Owing to the increasing number of cadets, the classes are much larger this year.

On the night of October 16th, Lt. Chandler called a meeting of fifty boys over in his quarters for the purpose of organizing them in teams to help raise the money for the Y. M. C. A. War Fund. Lt. Chandler spoke of the great and urgent need of money to carry on the work of the "Y" in the camps in our country and in the trenches across the seas. The boys were divided into teams under captains and were asked to solicit the cadets. Sandwiches and punch were served during the evening by Mrs. Chandler, Miss Tyler and Miss Hancher.

The cadets rooming down at the city Y. M. C. A. enjoyed a delightful banquet on the eighth of October.

The members of the football team were given a banquet at Cohen's Restaurant by Col. Kable on Saturday, November 3d. At the time O'Hearn, an all-American man of Cornell, spoke concerning football to the boys. Coach Tarr also made a talk. Lt. Manning and Lt. Tomassie were present.

Thanks to Mrs. Timberlake and the girls of Staunton a most enjoyable dance was given at the Virginia Hotel for the cadets.

Mrs. Thos H. Russell gave the Home Club a Hallowe'en Party on Saturday, November 3d. The library and pool room of the Y. M. C. A. were decorated; the old witch was on hand to tell fortunes; and great fun was had in playing games. About sixty boys and girls were present. Ice-cream, cakes and candies were served.

We had with us for a few days Captain Thompson, a former cadet of S. M. A. now in the U. S. Army.

We were glad to welcome back for a few days Dike B. Howe, of last year. Howe is now attending Army and Navy Preparatory in Washington.

Joe Williams, of Williams, N. C., now in training for commission on the Aviation Corps, was a recent visitor to the Academy.



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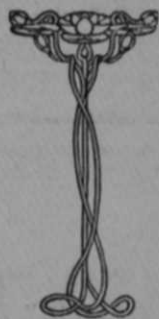
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