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On our return from the Christmas holidays we find ourselves in the beginning of the new year with our good new year's resolutions to keep us working hard for the coming mid-year examinations. The fellows all enjoyed their long vacation and do not seem any the worse for the good times they had while at home.

Delmar Warner, another one of last year's cadets, has also returned. Mr. Warner is popular among the cadets and we are all glad he is with us again.

Cadet Benzing has entered one of the schools in New Jersey and is very much missed by the fellows. Mr. Benzing was one of the most popular of cadets before Christmas and we hope that he will keep his good nature and winning ways in his new school.

Editorial

All but six of the boys returned and these six have entered other schools or are working at home. We wish them much success in their future undertakings.

Keyser Price of Washington and Lee University was with us for a couple of days this month; this making the second time Mr. Price has been with us since becoming a student at Washington and Lee. The "old boys" as well as faculty and principal appreciate these visits by the former students and we hope that those for whom it is convenient may visit us as often as possible.

George Cook, who did not begin work in September on account of sickness, has returned, and we are all glad to see him back. Mr. Cook was Orderly Sergeant of A Company last year, but this year holds the Captancy of B Company. He is most deserving of this honor and makes a capable officer.

QUEER HOW THINGS HAPPEN

Things never happen to keep truthful people from doing the things they say they are going to do. Things always happen to prevent the other kind of persons from doing the things they say they are going to do.

This matter of truthfulness is a

queer thing: You can always expect promptness and scrupulous care from truthful people. Somehow things always work out that way, and the thing comes to pass; while there is a class of people, who profess of course to be acting sincerely, yet who are always in the attitude of explaining why they were unable to do just the thing they had promised, and they go on from day to day and from year to year making the same old explanations with an air of sincerity as if they expected to be believed, possibly not realizing that people long since have taken their exact measure, and never expect anything to come around just as they promise: they know, in fact, that it will not come around and they know the ready explanations that will be made of the failure.

This is a pitiful state for any one to put himself in and yet how many there are who have allowed themselves to drift into it, until life with them is all a fiction. It requires decision of character to be truthful, but the habit once acquired gives such strength that one would not part with it at any price.—*Staunton Dispatch and News.*



The holidays are over, get busy.


..Athletics..


FIRST GAME WITH W. & L.

On January 14th our basket ball team left the Academy for Lexington, where they were to play the Washington and Lee team.

Some time before the time was called the hall was well filled with spectators. At eight-thirty the play was started and both teams were in for victory from the start. In the first half Krug and Gardner M. played good ball for us but were outclassed in goal throwing by Boyde and Barker of the opposing team. The first half ended with the score greatly in favor of W. and L.

In the second part Gardner M. took his old place at guard and Gardner W. went in as forward against Streit. Gardner W. played a fast and progressive game and got four field baskets. We had our opponents beat on team work but their forwards were fast and very accurate shots. All the boys played hard ball and the game was a good exhibition of basket ball. The final score was 44 to 17 in favor of W. and L.

The line-up was as follows:

W. and L.	A. M. A.
Boyde	rf. { Gardner, M.
	{ Gardner, W.
Barker	lf. Krug
Osburne	c. Spencer, Capt.
Smart {	rg Venable
Izard }	
Streit	lg. { Frankenb'ger
	{ Gardner, M.

BASKET BALL

A. M. A., 29 ----- S. M. A., 21

At Ft. Defiance, January 18th, our team defeated S. M. A. in one of the most interesting games that has so far been played here. A. M. A. was anxious to beat their opponents to "even up things," and to hold up their end of the game this season. S. M. A. was as equally determined and the game was fast and snappy throughout.

Thompson, Maxwell and Straun played an excellent game for S. M. A., while all of our team did fine work.

In the first half S. M. A.'s centre, Apgar, was hurt and was some

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time recovering. He was, however, able to continue the game.

When the whistle blew for the end of the first half, both teams showed the effects of the game they had been playing and seemed to need a rest. Our boys were in the lead.

The second half started out lively, as both teams knew that this one would decide the game. Kables tried again and again to bring their score even with ours, but their efforts were in vain and our team kept the lead, scoring 29 to Kables 21.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.		S. M. A.
Krug	lf.	Maxwell
Gardner, W.	rf.	Thompson, Capt.
Spencer, Capt.	c.	Apgar
F'kenberger	} lg.	Straun
Gardner, M.		
Venable	rg.	Liggett

SECOND TEAM WINS AGAIN

On Friday, January 24th, the A. M. A. Second Basket Ball Team triumphed over the Y. M. C. A. Second Team of Staunton by the score of 24 to 12. The visiting team was crippled, as one of their players was sick, but the visitors

showed good team work. However, they were simply outclassed and outplayed from start to finish.

The first half ended 14 to 5 for A. M. A. In the second half Captain Spencer shifted the team a little, giving Burdett and DeWitt a taste of the game.

The line-up was as follows:

A. M. A.		Y. M. C. A.
Pole	lf.	Loeb
Spencer	} lg.	Fifer
Burdett		
Clarkson	c.	Brewer
Gardner	rf.	Landes
Churchman	} rg.	Vollers
DeWitt		

Referee—Captain Spencer.
Timekeeper—Captain Wonder.
Time of Halves—20 minutes.

BASEBALL

ALREADY the lovers of the national game have begun to "loosen up," and it surely looks good to see the ball being passed between calls. It shows enthusiasm, and where there is enough spirit there's going to be a winning team.

Our season opens very early this spring and we must get down to regular practice just as soon as the weather permits. The schedule is

