Manning & Napier, Inc. Form 8-K December 18, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 18, 2015

MANNING & NAPIER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

001-35355 (Commission File Number) 45-2609100 (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

Identification Number)

290 Woodcliff Drive, Fairport, New York 14450

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(585) 325-6880

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 18, 2015, Manning & Napier, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing that it had signed an agreement to acquire a majority interest in Rainier Investment Management, LLC, a Seattle, Washington based, active investment management firm. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release issued by Manning & Napier, Inc. on December 18, 2015

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Manning & Napier, Inc.

Date: December 18, 2015

By: <u>/s/ Patrick Cunningham</u>

Name: Patrick Cunningham

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Title: Chief Executive Officer