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FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1912.

Another week gone, how was it spent?

Soon we can count the remaining weeks of the school year on our fingers, and if we have not done all those noble things we set out in the beginning of the term to do, better get to work—for time is getting short.

At last the Sphinx has spoken and the Colonel has "fessed up." What next?

If the poetical pure-food progenitor is as pure in politics as in food, then this must be the messiah long since promised the political world, and "His own" would do well to "receive him."

Recall of judges, recall of Court decisions, votes for women and fat jobs for men; "T. R." seems the most politic politician of them all.

While "T. R." explains his recall to the nation,
We wish he would explain his explanation.

The planets all may go their run,
Earth from her course may stray,
Yet after all her wanderings she
Swings back to Oyster Bay.

'Modest—'manly—'musing—T. R.

New York's greatest problem—will hobble skirts be widened or running boards lowered?

The next breeze that blows from the Sunny South may bring us the poopings of smokeless powder. Their upholstered cots are already posted on the plains of Texas; their golf links have been forged; their baseball paraphernalia has arrived and their bathing suits have been supplied for swimming the Rio Grande, and care not what place others may choose, but as for me, give me Texas or Coney Isle.

Speaking of baseball reminds us that we expect to put out the best "All Elon"

team in the history of athletics on the Hill. The January 30th rule, which says no man shall be eligible to play on any baseball team or represent the college in any branch of spring sport unless he shall have been here in person, registered and taken up full college work by the 30 of January, together with the clause excluding all professionals or those who have at any time received a money compensation for their playing will insure clean sport at Elon this spring.

It may seem folly to the outside athletic world that such drastic measures have been taken by one of the smaller institutions in the face of such strong adverse conditions in practically every college which our team shall meet, yet we believe and feel sure it is only a matter of a very few seasons until all our sister colleges will adopt the same measure and intercollegiate athletics will assume the proper aspect of pure sportsmanship, pleasure and recreation intended and we don't propose to be the last to adopt the custom.

Hitherto any given athletic contest, especially baseball, has not been the students of one college versus the students of another, nor the athletic association of one college versus the athletic association of another, but has been the finances of one crowd versus the finances of another, to a great extent at least. That party who had the most coin landed the best players for his institution which players did college work as a side line and preventive of nostalgia while those paying him for his idleness were digging hard in an effort to win back lost money.

We believe such times have passed. We believe the idea of gentlemanliness and sportsmanship has superseded the idea "to win at any cost" and that the tendency in college athletics is upward and forward toward the ideal which friends and admirers hold up for it. We also believe that in coming years any college that insists on indulging the laxities of former times will be branded as unfair, deceitful, unsportsmanlike and dropped from the schedules of self-respecting colleges.

Our idea is college ball for college men and representative men at that. Men who when off with any particular team of our institution represent the college as well as the athletic association. What business has any man on our (or any other college team, for that matter) baseball team who does not know the number of hours required by his college for graduation and who would have to call time for fifteen if asked who was dean of the faculty of his college?

The college world is tired of such folly and misrepresentation and we take pride in announcing that such practices are a thing of the past with us for reasons stated and hope that any others of our sister institutions who may have been indulgent along this line will see to it that every man who goes out with their team shall be a full-fledged, bonafide student, taking full work, making a passing mark (or better still, 80 per cent., as is the case here) and receiving no money compensation whatever for his services.

Then, and not until then, can we have clean, respectable and wholesome rivalry between our several colleges and judge

an institution, in a measure at least, by the men who pose as representatives thereof.

WITH THE CLIOS FRIDAY EVENING.

On the night following the night the Clios gave their Annual entertainment in the College chapel, they executed a very interesting program in the hall. The items that were intensely interesting were an oration, a humorous selection, and the debate. The oration was delivered by Mr. J. A. Dickey, Jr., his subject being, "History As Taught By the Lives of Great Men." His speech, however was extemporaneous because of his recent return to the college after having been absent for several days. He gave to us the lives of several great men in order that he might show that history is taught in that way. Among the lives which he considered were some of our greatest statesmen.

The second item which is mentioned above was a humorous selection. This was delivered by Mr. Clifford Morgan. He, in his characteristic manner, showed good work on his selection.

The third item of great importance was the debate. Query, Resolved, That the Senators should be elected by the direct vote of the people.

The affirmative argued that the masses are more capable of electing a man to this high office than the few. Further more they argued that the few could work a scheme of bribery and place in office any one they wanted to.

The negative argued that if the masses were allowed to elect the senators, there would be bribery through and through. They gave instances showing wherein many a man's vote had been bought for a paltry sum. They also argued that the few men who elect are all educated and know their business, and that they are not so easily bribed as an uneducated man. Furthermore they argued that the present system of election is very successful and has proven so up through the ages.

The question was won by the negative. Best speaker of the affirmative was Mr. D. F. Parsons. Best on the negative, was Mr. C. W. Rountree; oratorically, J. A. Dickey. C. S.

PSIPHELIAN SOCIETY.

In the Psiphelian Society Friday evening we spent "An evening with Longfellow."

The program consisted of a biographical sketch of Longfellow's life, some readings selected from his works, stories of the poems Evangeline and Hiawatha together with essays and music.

The first paper deserving special mention was an essay, "The Fountain of Youth," by Miss Mabel Farmer. She told us how that on the discovery of America the tradition was spread throughout the Old World that there was a fountain in this country whose ever-flowing waters would restore to old age its youthful vigor. She then told us how that if we should live to become old we might retain the same cheerfulness, patience and kindness that we had in youth. She said there was a fountain of youth.

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not necessarily in Florida, but secretly hidden away in the hearts and lives of men. And to obtain this fountain like the kingdom of heaven, it must be sought.

Miss Lillian Johnson gave the "Wreck of the Hesperus." She always recites well, and was at her best on this occasion.

The third item deserving special mention was "My Favorite Quotations," by Miss Lillie Dalrymple. She had some choice selections from our best poets and read them in a very entertaining manner.
Myrtie Lawrence.

Y. W. C. A.

We had a very good meeting in our Y. W. C. A. last Sunday afternoon. Miss Sallie Foster, being the leader, selected as her subject "Thankfulness." The attendance was unusually large and several of the girls told for what they were most thankful. Others gave Scripture references on the subject.

Miss Winnie DuRant sang "The City of Surecase." It was very sweet and impressive. After the solo came the sentence prayers, and I think every girl offered a few words of prayer.

The Y. W. C. A. has taken on new life it seems, since our recent revival and the attendance is about twice the number before the revival. We hope the girls will continue to attend and remember their pledges.
Mabel Farmer.

— Both houses of the South Carolina Legislature have passed the bill requiring railroads to pull mileage on trains instead of having them exchanged at ticket windows as heretofore.