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ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES.

The athletic activities were the first to be resumed, when the students assembled for the coming year. Much enthusiasm is being manifested, and all are of the opinion that when the seasons arrive for the respective teams to take the field Guilford will be able to uphold her past reputation, and make a creditable showing against all opponents. Although we are reminded by the unusually large number of vacancies to be filled on the various Varsity teams, we have every reason to believe that the available material will be able to meet this demand. And in the future the improvements now in progress will better conditions and stimulate interest in athletics in general.

Base Ball.

Under the competent direction and coaching of Prof. A. W. Hobbs the base ball squad may be seen daily in its afternoon practice. The boys are hard at work, and by the time the weather prohibits playing many of the new men will have acquired much that will be invaluable to them when the season opens next Spring. The quantity and quality of the new material is reassuring and gives the promise of substantial aid in the various vacant positions. Manager Brown is now busy arranging a schedule which has the indication of being very good, and with Captain Futrell, Short, and Stuart as mainstays there seems to be no reason why a winning team cannot be built up around these men.

Basket Ball.

Manager Wood, of the basket ball team, is bringing near completion a schedule which promises excellent games to the students at college, and pits our team against some of the fastest and strongest college teams. Thus far the warmth of the weather has permitted only light practice in the gymnasium, but a greater activity along that line will be noticed soon. Captain Short, Jones, and Hinkle, of last year's Varsity squad, are back, and with the aid of promising material already exhibited Guilford should look forward to a successful season. The improvements on the floor and galleries of the gymnasium give a larger seating capacity and make a much faster floor.

Tennis.

The Tennis Tournament for the Varsity team is now in progress, and from the number and ability of the contestants the race will be close. An awakened interest in this form of sport is evident from the construction of four courts behind Cox Hall, which are now nearing completion. Manager

THE OPENING RECEPTION AT GUILFORD.

The annual opening reception was given by the Y. M. and Y. W. Associations to the new students of Guilford College on the evening of the 12th of September, 1914, from 8 until 10:30 o'clock at Founder's Hall. Each new student was escorted by an old student through the receiving line of our faculty, at the head of which stood the president of the college, Dr. L. L. Hobbs.

After this each student was presented with a Y. M. and Y. W. memorandum for the purpose of exchanging names. This proved a splendid method for getting the students acquainted.

To the new students this occasion was one of welcome and introduction into the social life of Guilford.

Each old student and alumnus felt inspired with new zeal and enthusiasm to be back at old Guilford and to behold again the familiar faces of class-mates and friends.

The punch-bowl snugly hidden in ferns and flowers at the rear of the hall was next resorted to, while Brockmann's orchestra furnished music for the evening.

Price will soon set in motion the annual prize tournament in which many of the students and faculty will take part.

Track and Soccer.

Within the past few years the interest in track work has been on a gradual decline, but under the management of E. A. Moore we look for an awakening of activity in this phase of athletics so that we may in a short while develop a creditable team, or at least arouse inter-class rivalry.

Two years ago Soccer was introduced by Prof. Downing, and since that time has been gaining ground steadily. Many of the boys adopt this form of exercise, and we hope to arrange a couple of games in the near future with a college within this State.

As a whole, athletics accomplish here the purpose for which they are intended, namely, the encouragement of some form of athletic exercise among the whole student body. Practically every man takes some form of exercise, and encourages this phase of our life. The spirit of the athletes, and athletics in general is good, and we may expect a year of fast, clean, and wholesome sport.

Misses Rhoades, Dawson, Gaine, Edwards, Ayer, Taylor, Tut-hill and Geslain attended a concert given by Evan Williams at the State Normal Thursday night.

Y. M. C. A. ON A BOOM.

A goodly number of young men assembled at the Y. M. C. A. on Sept. 10th for the first meeting of the year. President Perry talked on the purposes of the Y. M. C. A. His talk was followed by short speeches from members of the cabinet and others. After the meeting adjourned, a room to room canvas was made and all the young men of the college, with a few exceptions, were enrolled as members.

Keen interest has been taken in the weekly Thursday evening meetings, the hall being crowded at each gathering.

Bible study classes have been organized and the students are getting into the work very rapidly. The college men have been divided into three classes; the faculty having taken over the preparatory students. The subjects taught in these classes are "The Manhood of the Master," "Studies in the Life of Christ" and "The Life of St. Paul." All students are expected to attend. Devotional exercises are held at chapel every Sunday morning just before the Bible study classes convene.

We were very fortunate in having Dr. W. D. Weatherford, International Field Secretary for the South, with us about the middle of the month. He came in the interest of the Blue Ridge Association. He made an interesting talk at chapel one morning and in the evening a splendid address upon his travels in the Orient. He is the great Christian statesman of the South. After his address a canvas was made and a considerable amount was pledged by the students toward helping to improve Blue Ridge.

Dr. C. G. Hounshell, Traveling Secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, was with us on October 7th and spoke at a joint meeting of the two Associations in behalf of the foreign field.

Several young men are attending the Inter-state Conference at Elon College, where they will no doubt be benefited and return home better prepared for their work.

Bishop Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, gave a very interesting lecture on the conditions in Europe, Saturday night. He was touring Europe when war was declared.

D. D. Carroll, former professor of History at this place, has gone to Columbia University to do some advanced work in History and Economics.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Blair, of Fall Creek, Va., visited Miss Benbow recently.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES.

Owing to the delay in the first issue of the GUILFORDIAN there has been no report of the Association work this year. Consequently a brief survey of what has been done since school opened is desirable.

Professor Carroll spoke at our first regular meeting on "Drifting." He impressed us with the need of having a definite purpose in mind and of living up to that purpose—not drifting with the tide. Especially did he say to the new girls to form right habits in the very beginning of their college career.

Our next meeting was a "Word of Welcome" to the new girls. The president made a short talk, after which several girls told what the Christian Association had meant to them; what an influence on their own lives and expressed a hearty welcome to all new members. Practically every girl in the dormitories is now a member of the Y. W. C. A.

Blanche Dixon had the subject of Friendship one evening, in which connection she read the story of Ruth's loyalty to Naomi, and showed how sincere and sacred our friendships should be, that we should use discrimination in choosing our friends and have few confidants.

On the first of October Mr. J. M. Pardie made a very interesting talk on "Missions." He gave some of his own experiences in foreign fields and told of some of the practices of the non-Christian religions.

The devotional meetings have been very well attended, yet all girls have not become interested enough to attend each time. We want to have special meetings and thus arouse this lagging interest.

The meeting of Thursday, Oct. 8, was given over to the report from the Blue Ridge Conference. There were only two delegates and only brief reports were given, but we hope the girls got an idea of it and that we may send a large delegation next June. After this a little time was given to distributing the pledge cards for systematic giving. Most of the girls were very generous in their pledges, and we are planning to double our usual amount for missions this year by this system.

J. O. Fitzgerald, of Richmond, Va., a member of the class of '05, visited his brother Paul last week. Mr. Fitzgerald is bacteriologist for the State Board of Health of Virginia.

The new home of Prof. and Mrs. White is nearing completion and they expect to occupy it by the first of November.