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FOOT-BALL PROSPECTS.

The Manager of the foot-ball team has secured a coach for next season. He is Vernon K. Irvine, Princeton '95, who has been granted a leave of absence by the Faculty, and will take lectures here. He has been playing ball for three years, but on account of his light weight has not made the team. He has substituted Trenchard, the greatest end in America, and for whose place Irvine has played.

He will be here during the entire season. He will judge of men, their sticking powers and faithful training. Thorough discipline will be enforced. No man will be given a place on the team for past reputation; he must earn it, and then work to retain it. Of course, it is well to work up the very best material in college; everybody will be asked collectively and individually to train. Two fields will be laid off, thus giving opportunity for more to train. No man will be begged, patted and coddled into playing; we have had too much of that already. If a man will not play without it, he has not the proper stuff in him to represent U. N. C.; he must have the full, loyal enthusiasm; no more half-hearted business. If there is in college a man with good physique who will not train he will be looked upon as being too lazy—not an enviable reputation to possess among your fellows, whose respect you wish now, and may hope to win in later days. If he is too lazy, he will be regarded as trifling and good for nothing—very bright prospects under which to begin life.

A Northern trip is about arranged for November 1, giving ample time to return for mending up, preparatory for the U. Va. game, which we *must* and *will* win. Dates with Lehigh, Naval Academy, Princeton and LaFayette have been secured. Several Northern teams will come South in October, and we will play them also.

The training table has been already arranged for by the manager. There will be two tables for fourteen each, one for the 'Varsity and one for the second eleven. About twelve will be allowed to start in at the table, and others taken in as they become worthy,

and dropped the minute they become sluggards.

We have gotten even with Lehigh in base-ball; now for foot-ball. All the old men have sworn to do all in their power to help—not by individual play, but by team work.

DR. BATTLE'S LECTURE.

The third of the series of semi-monthly lectures before the University Y. M. C. A. was delivered in the chapel on last Sunday afternoon by Dr. K. P. Battle; subject, "The Legal Murder of John the Baptist."

There are two kinds of stories in the Bible, those historically true and parables or allegories. The story of the death of John the Baptist belongs to the former class, and the more we study ancient history, the more we find this story absolutely true in every detail.

The four actors in this tragedy are John the Baptist, Herod Antipas, Herodias, Herod's wife, and Silome, her daughter by a former husband. John had been foretold for many years as the one who should come as the prophet of God to *speak for* God to the people. He was born of good parentage, and spent his youth and young manhood in the desert, where he supported life upon the honey of the wild bees and upon the flesh of the grasshopper or *locust*. Herod Antipas was the son of Herod the Great and Roman Governor of the province of Judea; but he was ambitious to become King of the country, and to this end had married Herodias, his brother Phillip's wife, who was a princess of the Jewish royal line. This marriage was utterly abhorrent to the Jewish mind, but was perfectly legal from the Roman point of view. Silome was Herodias' daughter by her former husband. John the Baptist had been once before driven out of the country for stirring up sedition among the people; for Rome was very ill-disposed toward any secret organization or any assemblage of the people; but the crime for which he suffered execution was that of questioning the title of Herod's wife. This is a capital crime in all countries, and is the same offence for which Sir Thomas Moore lost his head in England. John

the Baptist was probably formally tried and convicted, but Herod hesitated to sign his death warrant, because he was anxious to secure the goodwill of the Jewish populace, and John was popular with the people. So the prophet languished in prison, under the death penalty. This is by no means an unknown occurrence in modern times. Herod gave a celebration in honor of his birthday, and on this day Silome danced before the assembled guests. This dance consisted simply of graceful posturings, but Herod was pleased that the princess had deigned to amuse them, and he made his rash promise. The result was the death of John, bringing fatal results to Herod also, for he lost the favor of the Jewish people, and finally his life.

Herodias, who refused prosperity away from her husband, was involved in his ruin.

This terrible tragedy impresses upon us the evil of four things: hasty words—Herod's hasty promise to Silome resulted in wide spread ruin; drink—Herod was doubtless drunk when he made his rash promise; ambition—it was the ambition of both parties that led to the fatal marriage of Herod and Herodias; hatred—it was Herodias' hatred of John that prompted her to advise Silome to that fatal request.

Of all these persons, the first live in the memory of men in deserved obloquy, but the name of John has a high place upon the roll of the saints, and of him Christ spoke the grandest eulogy ever spoken of a man.

QUITE A crowd of 'Varsity men and alumni witnessed the games in Greensboro last week with LaFayette. The LaFayette men made a fine impression upon their Southern friends, and many incidents transpired which will long be remembered by the jolly collegians who met Wednesday in the Benbow corridors. It is desired that LaFayette and University North Carolina have a date for foot-ball next season. Their recent relations in base-ball would augur a pleasant and fair-played game. We trust that the Red and Maroon may come South again, especially in the college career of those who have known its supporters.

THE FOLLOWING, sent by a young lady of G. F. C., affords opportunity for quite a good deal of speculation:

Two "Varsity" boys, with horse so "pore,"
Hitched their beast near the College door.
While one was on courting bent,
The other back in the buggy leant.
"You've lost your way," says Dr. R.—
"I can't get out from the palace cat."
"Then I'll show you the way," was the short reply,
And "'Varsity" horse from the campus did fly.

An incident veiled in mystery.

TENNIS GAMES.

U. N. C. v. U. VA.

Messrs. George Graham, Bryson and Bridgers accompanied the ball team on their trips and played the representatives of U. Va. a set of doubles and singles. The result will show that, as "George" says, Virginia was easy fruit:

DOUBLES.

U. N. C., 6 6 6
U. Va., 1 4 3

SINGLES.

U. N. C., 6 6 5 6
U. Va., 3 4 7 3

For Virginia, Mayberry played the best all-round game; for U. N. C., Bryson took off the laurels. The Virginians entertained their visitors very pleasantly, and the players from here desire to express their thanks and appreciation for the same.

The games with Richmond College resulted as follows:

DOUBLES.

U. N. C., 6 7 6
R. C., 4 5 1

SINGLES—ONE SET.

U. N. C., 7
R. C., 5

The Richmond Club kindly extended their courtesies to our representatives on Franklin Street Court.

We trust this may not be the last of a series of contests with the racket.

The pitcher was drunk and the bases were full,

And the umpire talked through his hat,
While the spectators howled with a shriek of delight,

When the base-ball went off on a bat.

—U. of M. Wrinkle.

The lover and the gas are foes,
Without an earthly doubt,
For every time the one comes in
The other one goes out.—E.C.