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Base-ball Prospects.

The base-ball season of '97 approaches with brighter prospects and greater enthusiasm on the part of the student-body than has been evinced for many years.

With over two-thirds of the great and glorious team of '96 applying for positions, not to mention a great amount of raw material, and with a well arranged schedule, including many of the most prominent college teams in the country, the season of '97 will probably take the lead in our base-ball career. Capt. Stanly, the idol of college, will return to the Hill shortly, to captain the team this year and of course hold the boys together until Virginia succumbs to the White and Blue.

Bailey, the famous catcher, returned to the Hill last week. His arrival has been a source of inspiration to the old players and the college in general is delighted at his return. Fletch will probably play at short this season, while Bouldin will probably take his place at catch.

And then too, Winston, he of Danville fame—will put 'em out on first as usual. Despite his illness during the holidays he is in good trim and will hold first down to perfection.

Ferdie Johnson will play third or short. At either place he is all O. K. At short stop Johnson is hard to discount. He played this position on the Pantops Academy team for two years.

Joe Whitaker, our all round athlete, will play an out-field with Belden and probably McKee. These three will, judging from the past record, form the same big "crocus-bag," as it were, that Brem, Whitaker and Belden did last year in Danville.

And now the question as to a pitcher confronts us, a solution of which depends, in a great measure, the success of the team. There is no Stephens, no Hill, no Pearsall to come to the rescue. These have all served their alma mater—and served her well.

But as Stephens stepped in to take Lanier's place, as Hill in time took Stephen's place, and as Pearsall relieved Hill, so must our raw material come to the front and take the place of the retired. Mangum, Tate, Williams or Hines can certainly do it. There is undoubtedly skill and ability in their work and with proper coaching and practice we'll have a pitcher of the first class.

Rogers, Bouldin and Woodard are applying for the team. Woodard's playing in the practice games is well nigh faultless.

Virginia has already gone down to hard work and will certainly do all in her power to carry the championship back to Va. where Captain Stanly and his gallant boys tore it from the clutches of our friendly foe.

It behooves the applicants for the team to work with greater diligence than ever before; the student body to cheer and encourage the boys on to victory, that we may still hold the championship of the South.

The Gymnasium Contest.

The second of the series of gymnasium contests, notwithstanding the very unfavorable weather, was very enthusiastically engaged in and watched by quite a large number of spectators. The program of the evening was,—climbing the pole, broad jump, skipping the rope, running high jump, and potato race.

In the first contest—climbing the pole—Mr. Harris pulled up 24 times, won first place and scored 5 points. Mr. Wilson won second place on 17 and scored 3 points. Mr. Hearn won third place and scored one point. Mr. Harris has made for the University an exceeding high record on this point. The average college record for chinning the pole being about 9.

First place on standing broad jump was won by Mr. Faison. He jumped 9 feet 1 inch and scored five points. Mr. Roberson won second place on 8 feet 10½ inches. Mr. Belden third on 8 feet 8½ inches.

Mr. Faison won first place on skipping the rope. Made 193 skips in two minutes. Mr. Belden won second place and Mr. Wilson third.

The fourth contest, running high jump, was won by Mr. Belden, who now holds the college record on this point at 66 inches. Second place was won by Mr. Harris, and third by Mr. Faison.

The last and most amusing contest of the evening was the potato race. Mr. Harris and Mr. Roberson both showed great skill in capturing the fruit, and whether by experience or otherwise we wouldn't like to say, any way Mr. Harris won first honor and scored 5 points, Mr. Roberson second and scored 3 points, and Mr. Wilson third and 1 point.

This closes the second of the series of contests. The score now stands, Faison 17, Belden 16, Roberson 15, Harris 14, Wright 10, Hearn, Stokes, Williams and Wilson 4 each. Mr. Wright who scored the highest number of points in the first contest, on account of sickness was unable to enter the second at all, but will be in trim for the final and will give some one a close race for first prize, notwithstanding the fact that he now stands way down on the score.

The final contest will take place about the 15th of March and will consist of 30 yard, standing broad jump, running high jump, pole vault, and hop, step and jump.

The contestants enter these exercises with a great deal of spirit, and on some points have made a very creditable college record, but they all seem handicapped by the lack of practice between the contests. There are several promising athletes among the number if they would only practice enough to get the use of themselves and know how to do when they go into a contest.

Have you smoked Maryland Club Mixture? If not, get a trial package 10 cts., at N. C. LONG & BRO. It is fine.

Library Notes.

Probably the greatest improvement in the library during the last session was the addition of the collection of curios formerly kept in the history room.

The collection of old money, especially Continental, is probably one of the best in the South. Dr. Battle deserves great credit for his efforts in gathering so much that will become more and more valuable as time goes on. This collection, with the Manning collection which was previously in the library, may be the beginning of a valuable museum. Both collections are arranged in glass cases, adding much to their appearance and safety.

Our old telescope, exhumed by Prof. Cobb and fully described by him in the *Popular Science* for October, is another addition to our collection.

The following is a partial list of books added last fall:—

Prisoner of Zenda, Sir George Trevelyan, Stevenson's Works, The Reds of the Midi, March Hares, Mark Twain's Joan of Arc, The Cruciform Mark, The Seats of the Mighty, Shakspeare's Hallinshed, The Mabinogion, translated by Lady Charlotte Guest, Burton's History of Scotland, Life of the Duke of Marlborough, Life of L. Q. C. Lamar, Longfellow's Cyclopaedia of Works of Architecture in Italy, Greece and the Levant, which is a beautiful specimen of the book-maker's art. White's Warfare of Science, History of "Punch," Courtships of Queen Elizabeth, Perry's History of Greek Literature, Shaler's Domesticated Animals and American Highways, Schrieber's Atlas of Classical Antiquities, Sainte-Beuve's *Causeries du Lundi*, Woodrow Wilson's Mere Literature and Other Essays, Curzon's Problems of the Far East, Chemistry of Daily life, several volumes in Modern Reader's and Expositor's Bible Series, Stephens' History of English Thought in the 18th Century.

A number of new copies of more popular books were added, such as Lorna Doone, The Refugees, David Copperfield, Monte Cristo, *Les Miserables*, Westward Ho!, Adam Bede, Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, The Wrecker, Under Two Flags, Romola, Thaddeus of Warsaw, Scottish Chiefs, Days of Bruce, Charles O'Malley, Henry Esmond.

Following books received in library Feb. 2:—

The Devil's Pool, New Arabian Nights, Kate Carnegie, The Gray Man, Little Men, Little Women, Ambrosius' Palms, *Quo Vadis*, King Noanett, The Prince and the Pauper, My Summer in a Garden, A Gentleman Vagabond, Marm Lisa, Fadette, Francois the Waif, Master of Mosaic Makers, Iceland Fishermen, Florida Sketch-book, A Singular Life, In Bohemia with DuMaurier, Stories of Georgia, Majorie Daw, History of the German Struggle for Liberty, Evolution in Art, American Fishes, Harper's Classical Dictionary, Structure of Man, Wilson's George Washington, Grote's Plato, Maria Mitchell, Religion of India, Hamerton's Autobiography, Ziegler's Pathological Anatomy, Mechanics of Materials, Guderman's Tacitus, Webster's International Diction-

ary, Relation of Literature to Life, Pollock and Maitland's History of English Law.

The following books have recently been given:—

Stories from the Harvard Advocate given by W. G. Peckham; from Dr. Ball, Harvard Graduates' Magazine, complete set; from Prof. K. P. Harrington, Greek and Roman Mythology by K. P. Harrington and H. C. Tolman; from J. K. Bruner, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, North Carolina and Its Resources. This book, as its title suggests, is devoted to the resources of North Carolina. It is a book of some 400 pages and is beautifully illustrated.

Through the efforts of Mr. W. T. Usry, and the kind gifts of students, some eighteen volumes of new books on Missions have been added to the religious alcove.

The Library's report for the year just closed shows that over one thousand volumes were received by the library. Nearly twelve thousand were drawn, about three-fourths of which were fiction. About 100 periodicals and newspapers are received by the library and reading room.

The Legislative Committee.

The regular biennial inspection committee of the Legislature came up to examine the University property on Thursday night and remained until Friday afternoon. At prayers on Friday morning the boys were regaled with short speeches by the different members, except the Honorable Walter Murphy, more commonly known as "Pete." He evidently "did'nt need it," and force of habit even made him absent himself from prayers altogether.

The members of the committee were Messrs. Utley, McCarthy and Scales from the Senate; Messrs. Dockery, Nelson, White, Cathey, Currie, and Murphy from the House. Messrs. Dockery, Murphy and Scales are alumni of the University.

Swiss Bell Ringers.

The "Swiss Bell Ringers" will be here on Monday night for the benefit of the Athletic Association. Everybody ought to come out, as this famous performance is well worth seeing. Admission will be 35 cents for reserved seats, and 25 cents general. Children will be admitted for 15 cents.

Former students of the Davis Military School now attending the the University have organized a club. The officers are—President, C. G. Hill; Vice-President, F. A. Gudger; Secretary and Treasurer, B. L. Edwards.

All those students now enjoying the University curriculum who were prepared at the "Canada High School," will please take notice! In accordance with "recent custom," a club will be organized under the caption of "The Canadian Club." Freshmen are eligible.

Those prepared at the "Buzzard City Co-educational Institute of Technology" will also take notice to the same effect.