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## The Foot Ball Situation.

It is with some degree of hesitancy that we are brought to treat of the present unsatisfactory situation in foot ball circles. It can be regarded in no other light than that of an unpleasant duty and as a mere reflection of every day comment.

At the beginning of the year, - as we have before made mention in other issues, - the team was encouraged in every possible way. A liberal subscription was obtained and the work of the team was inspired by a large attendance and the exhibition of an unusual interest in its training and progress. And so for a time the work was good, the attendance upon practice games enthusiastic, and all the signs of the time pointed to a successful season.

This condition of affairs, however, was too satisfactory to prove lasting, and has been succeeded by a re-action. The team was somewhat demoralized by the game with Guilford. The score was not what it should have been. Since this game and for some time past the practice has been feeble and dispirited, and thoroughly characterized by a general laxity of effort. The men, with few exceptions seem wanting in confidence and are content with a mere semblance of activity. The team has shown a decided tendency in the direction of 'beer and skittles.'

We have, moreover, been more than usually unfortunate in the games scheduled for the season. And for this it should be clearly understood that the management is in no wise to blame. It is simply an unfortunate contingency against which it was impossible to provide. The cancelling of several of the games has been merely the result of a lack of good faith and honest treatment on the part of the teams with which the games were scheduled.

Still it is doubly unfortunate in that it has had a dispiriting effect upon the team. While it is true that the men ought not to allow themselves to be affected by such a consideration, still the result is natural and hardly to be avoided. They have had little to which to look forward; the stimulus to effort always afforded by the nearness of a game has been wanting. They need and should have the practice of the games with college teams.

It is not too late to mend. Let

the team pull itself together. It owes to the University and to its supporters for the encouragement it has received a more determined and more sincere effort. And as for the matter of practice, it is understood that arrangements have about been completed for a Western trip including games with Sewanee, University of Tennessee and the University of Nashville. So that it is barely possible that the team may yet get all the practice, and perhaps a little more, than it wants.

## Athletics in the University, Muscular and Vocal, Forty Years Ago.

Our apparatus was primitive in those days, but calculated to do much good. Only a few of the students took part in the performances. There was no gymnasium, of course; but each seeker for health put up his own bar or parallels at his own room. And whenever any repairs were going on in the college grounds that required a ladder, advantage was taken of it.

I remember, once, that a ladder containing about sixty "rounds" was found leaning up against the Old South on the southern side. A half dozen of us, at once, essayed the trick of going up "hand over," on the under side, and coming down by "jumps," the two hands together. I challenged Zeb Vance to a trial. His characteristic reply was: "Nobody but a fool would attempt such a thing." I knew how he disliked such performances and therefore felt safe in throwing down the gauntlet. I went up to the top of the ladder and came down according to rule. I turned to see how Vance would take it—he had gone.

It was considered quite an accomplishment to draw up the body and put the chin over the horizontal bar as many as twenty times. I never could make more than ten times successful pulls up. But Vance was an expert at this and could go up twenty-five or thirty times. He could pull up with one hand and place his chin over the pole,—the only person I have ever seen do it. When he challenged me to chinning the pole, I would say: "O any up-start can draw up twenty times, but a true gentleman is always satisfied with ten."

Bandy was the favorite game, (K. P. B. was an expert at this), though the warm days of Spring were frequently spent in playing marbles. The present football ground was the scene of many a fierce encounter. Once in a while a boy with a broken arm would seek the rear, and once a broken jaw bone was one of the casualties. These contests were more ferocious than foot-ball—and that is saying a great deal.

The lungs of the students received much exercise; for they called to one another over wide intervals of space and from the windows of one building to those of another. The boys, when they wanted groundpeas which they often did, would call from their windows to Dave Barham, the college servant and bell-ringer, to fetch them. One night, when all the peas had been sold, a Di from the West called to Barham, "Pease! Pease!" At once came a stentorian voice, ignoring grammar, from a Phi in the East, "The gentleman may cry 'pease!' 'pease!' but there is no pease. The next gale—" "Shut up," yelled the Di, "the pun is worse than the pease."

Vocal gymnastics got in its work especially when, at the beginning of the session, the freshmen began to arrive. Once the vocal powers of Little of Alabama gave my leg

muscles full exercise, by calling to me, a green freshman of fifteen years age: "Stop there, fresh—you with the Mississippi river running all over your waistcoat, I want to swap with you." But I staid not to argue. This was my pet waistcoat; a new marseilles of whose ornamentation I was specially proud. I looked not to the right, nor to the left, but sped onward like a cannon ball, 'till I reached my room. I afterwards found that Little had not stirred a step.

Barnes, a classmate, Comptroller of the state of Florida, six years my senior, used to pat me on the back at early morning Chapel roll-call, (sunrise then), and tell me, when my name was called, "Let them have it strong now, Lewis, and come down on the bass." My voice was "in the gosling." When I began to pronounce the word "Here," the first portion would be with the note of a key bugle and the latter a deep bass. It always "brought down the house,"—raising a smile from the placid countenance of Dr. Mitchell, but ridging up a frown on the face of Prof. Brown, the roll-caller, who thought it was a put up job.

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## Meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society met Tuesday evening Oct. 19th, Prof. Gore presiding.

Prof. Gore gave a very interesting talk on the Determination of the Velocity of Projectiles by the aid of electricity and polarized light. He also called attention to the marvelous feat of engineering skill displayed in removing an old bridge between Philadelphia and Camden and replacing it by a new one within 2 minutes and 23 seconds.

Prof. Cobb, in an interesting manner, gave us the results of his summer work on the Triassic and the discovery of a new area near Rockingham. The dip in this Rockingham area is north-west, making a syncline with the Wadesboro area. The Wadesboro Triassic rests in a syncline of the Monroe slates, and there is evidence in a cut at Peachland that the deposition of the sandstones began before the folding of the slates was completed.

Dr. Venable lectured on the Diffusion of Gases. He made a beautiful experiment showing how a lighter gas, as amonia, may sink into a heavier, as hydrochloric acid. As the gases combined heat was generated and a snow of salammoniac deposited on bulb of thermometer enclosed in the hydrochloric acid.

Dr. Baskerville described the work of Dervey and Maisson in the liquification of fluorine at a temperature of 185 degrees C, by means of liquified air, as one of the great gains to chemistry and the loss to the Science through the deaths of so many eminent chemists during the present year.

## Schedule.

Fresh. vs. Soph.,	Sat. Oct. 16th.
Junior vs. Senior,	Mon. Oct. 18th.
Med. vs. Law,	Wed. Oct. 20th.
Fresh. vs. Senior,	Mon. Oct. 25th.
Med. vs. Soph.,	Wed., Oct. 27th.
Law vs. Junior,	Sat. Oct. 30th.
Senior vs. Med.,	Mon. Nov. 1st.
Junior vs. Fresh.,	Wed. Nov. 3rd.
Soph. vs. Law,	Sat. Nov. 6th.
Med. vs. Fresh.,	Mon. Nov. 8th.
Senior vs. Soph.,	Wed. Nov. 10th.
Law vs. Fresh.,	Sat. Nov. 13th.
Junior vs. Soph.,	Mon. Nov. 15th.
Senior vs. Law,	Wed. Nov. 17th.
Junior vs. Med.,	Sat. Nov. 20th.

Mr. Rufus King a well known Quaker preacher was on the Hill this week, in the interest of the Friend's Orphanage near High Point.

The fire in Durham last week could be easily seen from the roof of Memorial Hall and other college buildings.

## The Soph-Fresh Game.

The first game of the Inter-Class Foot Ball championship contest was pulled off last Saturday, the Sophmores winning from the Freshmen by a score of 26 to 0.

The day was by no means an ideal one for foot ball. The gridiron was parching dry and the hot sun soon took from the ground the little moisture left by the night before. Every play caused the dust to rise and this took life out of the players. The Freshmen were lined up against opposition for the first time and the majority of them were green at the game. The Sophs were in fair condition and had the advantage over the Freshmen in that they had played against the other class teams and the Varsity. Their supporters however, were greatly disappointed in their work, which was slow and without life, the backs repeatedly fumbling the ball.

The Freshmen had poor interference, but their defensive play was fair when the circumstances are considered. Bellamy, H. and Eskridge playing at Left Half and Full Back respectively did the star work for '01 and Tate J. and Woodard for '00.

The line up was as follows:

Soph's	Position	Fresh.
Jones (Myers)	R. E.	Makely
Shaw (Lynch)	R. T.	Harris
Reynolds	R. G.	Hudson
Gant	C.	McIver
Clark	L. G.	Garrett
Winstead	L. T.	Kirby
Adams	L. E.	Stephens
Guion (Berkely)	Q. B.	Qettinger
Tate J.	R. H. B.	McRae C.
Woodard (Person)	L. H. B.	Bellamy H.
Glenn	F. B.	Eskridge

Attendane 150. Time of halves 15 minutes. Score: First Half Sophs 14, Fresh 0. Second Half Sophs 12, Fresh 0. Umpire, Dr. Baskerville; Referee, Mr. Williams; Time Keeper, Mr. Graham.

The Faculty (and they will no doubt appreciate the opinion) took a wise step when they abolished undergraduate honors. We do not happen to know the reasons that had weight with them; but from a student stand point the system as in force lately was rather farcical than otherwise. Some honest effort may have been stimulated but for the most part it was skill in divining "puds" and counting hours that won the laurel.

We trust that the new plan will prove successful; successful enough to justify the abolition of marking altogether, which has no place in a full system of Electives.

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