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FOOT BALL.

Hard Practice. Criticisms. Class Teams and Their Work.

The zeal that has been shown for the past week in the football practices has never before been equaled. Every man has gotten to work in earnest and is doing his best to make the position he wants on the team. We want a contestant for every position, for nothing is going to make the Varsity men play harder than when they know that behind them there is some one that is pushing them hard for their places. This was well shown a few days ago in the case of one of our guards, who had a man against him who was giving him all he could do, to keep him from breaking thro, and everybody will agree that Phifer never played harder than on this particular occasion. Nothing brings out a player better than these hard contests for the positions.

The scrubs have been doing excellent work for the past few days. The games every afternoon have been fought by them very hard. In truth all of these scrub games have been, as hard, if not harder than many of the regular scheduled games. But now that we are to have a game on Saturday the whole team ought to get together better than they have been doing. One of its great faults is its slowness in lining up after each down. This is a very critical point and we will lose by it if it is not remedied. Toward the end of the half when the team is within a few yards of the touchdown line, they would give almost anything for a few minutes time and the only way to get them is by not taking up so much time in lining up. Then there is a little slowness shown by some of the backs. The ball does not move quick enough after the centre has snapped it. Time is lost both by the quarter and also in the starting of the two halves and the full. Lawson has been playing quarter on the Varsity and is doing good work, but he passes the ball too slow and seems afraid to do much tackling. Graves is still playing full. But he seem too confident of his place and is not doing the work that he otherwise would. Phifer is at right guard, but he must not lose his head so easily when a contestant is pushing him very close. Coxe is again out on the field and is trying to make one of the halves. He is a fast, heavy man and a good tackler, but he seems afraid to hit the line as hard as he is capable of doing.

There is another fault that should be remedied and that is that every man on the team should be particularly careful not to get off side on any occasion. Nothing is more disheartening to the whole team as well as the men on the side lines, than for the team to lose the

ball on account of an off side play.

Every man, who has anything at all to do with the carrying of the ball, should follow his interference as long as he is able, but if this fails him, then use his head. If there is one thing that many of our men need, it is good head work.

The following is the Varsity line-up for the past week:—

R. E.—Osborne
R. T.—Bennett
R. G.—Phifer
Centre—Cunningham
L. G.—Rankin
L. T.—Shull
L. E.—Koehler & Ferguson

The backs have been played in sets:—

Quarter—Martin
Full Back—Graves
L. H. B. Koehler
R. H. B.—Coxe
Quarter—Lawson
Full Back—Richardson
L. H. B.—McRae
R. H. B.—Bellamy

These positions tho are by no means fixed and every worthy contestant still has a chance.

Now that the Coach has offered a class banner, we want to see the class teams on the field. He must have a Varsity and a scrub team next year as well as this. Here is the place to bring out the men that are in part to compose them. This is especially true of the Freshman and Sophomore teams. So Freshmen don't be too shy, and Sophomores don't think it beneath your dignity, to come out on your class team. In this way some good material can be developed. Let every class now get its team organized as soon as possible.

Dr. Stagg Coming.

It will be good news to the students of the University to know that Rev. J. W. Stagg, D. D., of Charlotte—himself so popular with young men—will be the first Preacher to the University for this collegiate year. Dr. Stagg comes October 29th and will remain a week. He is one of the brightest men in the Presbyterian church in North Carolina, and the University is to be congratulated upon his coming among us. Dr. Stagg is now on his way home from Europe, where he has been making a short tour.

Society Work.

In the Phi Society last Saturday night, the question was "Resolved, That ancient Rome has contributed more to art and literature than ancient Greece." The decision was in the negative. Mr. Everett made the best speech. The Sophomores did good work in the debate. In the Di the question,—"Resolved, That the government should own and operate the railroads",—was decided in the affirmative. The debate was better than usual. Mr. Hill made the best speech.

A good drive will do you good.
—J. L. Hutchins.

Y. M. C. A. RECEPTION.

Short Talks by Drs. Alderman, Battle, Hume and Others—An Enjoyable Occasion.

The annual reception to new students, given by the Y. M. C. A., took place last Friday night in Commons Hall and was quite an interesting occasion.

Mr. Francis Osborne, President of the Y. M. C. A. welcomed all and especially the new men. He told the purpose and the object of the Association and invited any of the new students to become members. Mr. W. S. Bernard, representing the Literary Societies, talked of the general good that a Christian Association does, and especially in colleges and universities. He said that there are three forces the Y. M. C. A. wants to help you cultivate mental, moral and physical, and the Association offers to you this intellectual education through the Dialectic and Philanthropic Literary Societies.

Dr. Hume, who was one of the first promoters of the College Y. M. C. A., talked of the Christian side of a young man's life. While there are many temptations make up your mind to stand for the right and against evil. "Be a man, a Christian man, a decided man, and stand for right and truth."

Dr. Meade of the Episcopal church indulged in a few reminiscences of his life at the University of Va. and of his connection with the Y. M. C. A. at that place 45 years ago.

Dr. Battle welcomed the new students and told them anecdotes of things that had happened at places around Chapel Hill.

Rev. Mr. Wilson of the Methodist church, on behalf of the churches in the village and the towns-people welcomed the new boys.

Dr. Alderman then closed the address with a short talk. He testified to the good the Y. M. C. A. was doing and gave some advice to the students about different things.

After all were through, Mr. Osborne invited every body to "keep their seat." Soon delicacies and cake were brought in after which the reception was closed.

The occasion was much enjoyed and it fulfilled well the purpose it was called for, that is to let the students meet each other and greet the faculty and to mingle in with the residents of the town.

Last Summer shortly after College closed Tulane University, of New Orleans, one of the largest Universities in the whole South and a representative Southern College, conferred the degree of L.L.D. on our talented President Dr. Alderman. This University deeply appreciates the honor Tulane has conferred on our President and heartily congratulates Dr. Alderman on being the recipient of such an honor.

Our First Game.

Saturday we have our first game of the season, with the A. & M. College. This will doubtless be one of the best games played on the Hill this season, for the "farmers" have a strong team and confidence in themselves, something that they have hitherto lacked. They have had the benefit of an experienced coach and may be expected to play hard, fast ball. As for the Varsity, we all know the stuff that it is made of, and none of us fear the result. But the game promises to be worth seeing.

The following concerning a young alumnus of the University who has attained considerable prominence in his chosen field, is clipped from the *Wilmington Messenger*. Mr. Thomas the subject of the notice entered the University in 1890 remaining however but a short time. He afterwards pursued theological studies at the more prominent seminaries of the country and in 1895 reentered the University to pursue a special course of study, remaining for more than a year. In 1897 he was licensed to preach and the following year was ordained to the full work of the ministry.

"The Rev. John Stanly Thomas, the able young Presbyterian minister of this city, has been called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian church of Suffolk, Va., and last evening he informed a *Messenger* representative that he had accepted the call. Mr. Thomas returned yesterday from Suffolk, where he preached on Sunday. The Suffolk correspondent of the *Norfolk Virginian Pilot* of Tuesday says, under the head of "An Eloquent Preacher:"

"Rev. John Stanly Thomas, of Wilmington, N. C., preached two forcible sermons at the Suffolk Presbyterian church Sunday. He will be back here again the first Sunday in October and the church should be congratulated on getting his services."

Mr. Thomas went to Wilmington March 1st and has been extremely successful in his work.

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Senior Class Election.

The Senior Class met in the Chapel last Saturday at 2.30, P. M. and elected the following officers:

Pres.,	W. F. Bryan.
1st V. Pres.,	G. N. Coffey.
2nd V. Pres.,	C. F. Hoell.
Sec. and Treas.,	J. G. Murphey.
Historian,	E. L. Neville.
Orator,	D. P. Parker.
Statistician,	A. J. Barwick.
Prophet,	J. W. Greening.
Essayest,	C. E. Thompson.

Mr. S. J. Adams was elected Capt. of the foot ball team and C. L. Miller Manager.