

VANDERBILT LETTER.

To the THE TAR HEEL-- We received your letter sometime ago and enjoyed it. The plan that has been inaugurated is very satisfactory to us, and we hope it will give satisfaction to you all. We are glad to learn of the progress being made at your University and throughout the South. It argues well for the South and country in general.

The literary societies are in a fair state of success, but the students do not take the interest in them which they deserve. We have some good speakers in both of them, and hope to be able to get our share of the oratorical honors in the coming debates with North Carolina and Sewanee.

Our new dormitory, Kissam Hall is the gift of W. K. Vanderbilt. The foundations are laid and work has been begun. It will be a four story brick building, modeled after the new dormitory at Columbia University. When it is finished it will cost \$130,000. It will not be finished before next fall.

Our foot-ball team this year was not up to the standard of Vanderbilt, but we feel that we have some excuse for it, for when the University opened in September, the outlook was far worse than the season's playing showed up. We were beaten only twice and then at the hands of two teams that were stronger than any met by Sewanee in her season of victories. Our coach this year was James L. Crane of Princeton. He is the best coach that we have ever had and it was entirely due to his constant training and eager interest in the team that we were able to make the stand that we did.

During the holidays the Central Division of the Modern Language Association of America met here. "Hustler."

IN MEMORIAM.

John Howard Alexander.

At a meeting of the Boston Athletic Association's Olympian Team, held in Boston Saturday, December 9, 1899, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Almighty God in His all-wise Providence has seen fit to take our dear friend, John Howard Alexander; therefore,

Resolved, That we, the members of the Athletic Association's Team at Athens, Greece, desire to express our deep sorrow in the loss we so keenly feel. By his death we have lost one who endeared himself to us all, in a far-off country. We who loved him take this means of extending to his family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

- John Graham,
- Ellery H. Clark,
- Thomas E. Burke,
- W. W. Hoyt,
- Gardner B. Williams,
- Sumner Paine,
- John B. Paine,
- James B. Connolly,
- Arthur Blake.

The University of Michigan has about 3,500 students, 800 of them are in the law school.

Harvard's registration for the year '99-'00 numbers 3,927.

The December Magazine

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The Exchange Department of a college magazine is generally so far as the readers of the publication are concerned an unmitigated nuisance. but to the credit of the editor of this Exchange Department, it may be said that he seems to have a proper conception of what his department should be. His comments show originality and have some meaning for the reader. The propriety of the chronicling of college events in a Magazine when a weekly paper is also in existence, is a matter for consideration. If decided by the "College Record" in the December Magazine, we should say leave it to the weekly. The editors of this department seem to have entirely disregarded the relative importance of events. With only this department to guide, nothing would be known of the existence of a historical society; we should judge that only one man visited the University since the last issue of the Magazine and that only one member of the faculty had lectured either to "a large and appreciative audience" or to "an appreciative audience."

"Alumiana" is also open to criticism. In the roll of the Salisbury alumni, it would be a perplexing problem to determine who were graduates and who were not. These notes are supposed to be as a matter of record, and it seems to us that accuracy should be an essential quality. The "other notes" are few in number and some of them are incorrect.

Upon the Magazine as a whole, Mr. Bernard, the Editor-in-chief should be congratulated. He deserves and we hope will secure the support of the students in his efforts to make the Magazine a success.

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