

LETTERS TO THE GUILFORDIAN.

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WHY DID BASKETBALL FAIL?

The most discouraging basketball season that Guilford has ever experienced came to a close last Wednesday night when we lost the fourteenth consecutive game to Carolina at Chapel Hill. The students at the college, most of them at any rate, know something about the whys and wherefores of such a disastrous season; but the old students and alumnae, who do not know so well the existing conditions, are wondering and asking why Guilford has come down from the proud and envied position which she has for many years held in the realm of basketball and has assumed the place at the bottom of the table of reckoning. The fact that we have not won a single game the whole season should be, and I believe it is, one to which every true and loyal Guilfordian should and does look with horror and disgust.

The question may be asked, and rightly asked, is it the fault of the boys who have composed the team that our record has been completely devoid of victory? In answer to this question I am expressing the sentiments of the student body, I verily believe, when I say emphatically that they have not been the cause of such a complete failure. But on the other hand, the lack of coaching has had more to do with the results than probably all other things combined. We know that some of our best players left college not long before the season began, but there was enough good material left from which to select a fairly representative team. Only a few days before the season opened the Athletic Cabinet, at its own expense and without the aid of the trustees of the college, decided to employ Luther Stuart, an old Guilford athlete, to coach the team for most of the season. Stuart probably did the best he could under the circumstances, but no man can build up a good, strong, winning basketball team in a week or less. What we needed and what we badly needed, from the close of the football season on Thanksgiving day until the opening of the basketball season on the 19th of January, and on through the season, was a good, wide-awake, energetic efficient

coach, who possesses dynamic force and magnetic power.

If we had had such a coach I believe, along with the men and women of the college, that the basketball season would have closed with some victories to our credit rather than fourteen overwhelming defeats staring Guilford College squarely in the face.

Will the friends and supporters of Guilford College, old students and alumnae stand aloof and allow her athletic reputation to flow at such an extremely low ebb? We believe that those who have seen and have helped Guilford snatch victory from the leading colleges and universities of the South will not stand idly by and see her proud record trampled beneath the feet of those who only a very short while ago were her victims. It is the consensus of the students that in order for us to regain our former, proud record in basketball and other phases of athletics it will be necessary for the trustees of the college to employ a man for the whole year who knows athletics and in whom the boys put confidence. Until the trustees, or somebody, takes such action we cannot hope to see Guilford rise to her former prominence and take her proud place in athletics among the leading Southern colleges and universities.

SCIENCE CLUB.

The Joseph Moore Science Club held its regular meeting on Wednesday evening, February twenty-third. Miss Benbow, Miss Papworth, Lyndon Stuart, and Lawrence Grissom were elected as members of the club. The general topic of discussion for the evening was that of Pure Foods and their relation to the Public Health. Sara Richardson read a paper on the necessity of Pure Food laws in which she showed that the general public, having the labels on the packages as their only guide in the purchase of food, has a right to know exactly what they are getting. Caroline Yates then told of the methods by which the Pure Food legislation is enforced and gave an outline of the scope of the whole law. Mr. Downing spoke of some of the commoner adulterants of food and showed tests by which a few of these could be detected.

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LITERARY CLUB.

The last meeting of the Literary Club was held in East parlor, Founders, February 16.

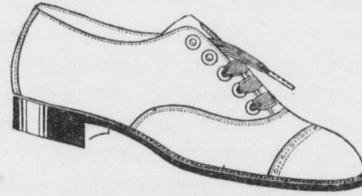
Miss Benbow, who was first on the program, gave the story of Hecuba as found in the tragedy of Euripides.

Miss Osborne read a paper reviewing the characters of the Troades, chief among whom is Hecuba, who with the chorus laments the fall of Troy.

Miss Gainey read the beautiful myth upon which Euripides based his Alcestis.

Mrs. Hobbs read a paper on the Alcestis of Euripides, showing how Euripides exhibits through this, and others of his plays, a remarkable insight into the follies and faibles of his times.

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