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We notice that *Topics* says, "Mr. Stephens is President of the G. A. A. at his institution, and was for a short while identified with the athletic interests at this place by being one of the pitchers on the famous World's Fair aggregation of ball players from the University of Virginia."

That strikes us as strange. Who were the other pitchers, *Topics*, and how many games did they pitch and win?

We have heard nothing lately of the tournaments of the Pan-Hellenic Tennis Association or the University Tennis Association.

We hope they will come off at an early date for it would be a blow to our Tennis to abandon them as they have undoubtedly given spirit and advancement to the sport and have induced many men to keep up their healthful exercise who would not otherwise have done so. Let the Association take the matter up and arrange the tournaments as soon as is practicable.

We are living in an era of progress. In every department of the University many needed improvements have been made. These improvements have been made not only along lines of culture but also many conveniences have been added to the student's daily life.

Would it not be well to remedy another existing evil? There is a need of a walk leading from Gerard Hall to the West Gate of the Campus.

All those who walk that way are forced to go back and forth across the drive. And in wet weather this a great inconvenience. There is more passing to and from meals through this gate than through any other. But no walk; all are forced through one narrow pass way.

A walk could be very easily made which would enable all to keep out of the mud caused by the passage of vehicles. Let the walk begin at Gerard Hall and run directly to the exit at the West side of the campus.

An opening could be made in the wall at this point. We would then have the advantages offered by all other walks in the campus.

For some time past there has been a spirit of disorder and carelessness pervading the University.

It has broken out in such things as painting signs, shooting lamps, disorder on class and at entertainments.

It has gone too far to be pleasant and is sadly different from what should be the conduct of University students. That should be such as would indicate stability and in some degree, at least, inspires respect.

But the actions indicated above show none of this. Instead they show a poor spirit for the University,

and an utter lack of appreciation for the advantages which we have. They are boyish and foolish in the extreme and deserve the condemnation of all good men in the University. They not only fail to excite any admiration or applause but they bore, annoy and inconvenience the authorities, the student and the town. They deserve applause from no one and condemnation from all. We hope that those engaged will become aware that they are boring the whole college and desist.

Any one who witnessed the debate on Friday night and noticed the interest and patriotism shown by all society men will see that the old Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies still have some life. But was this interest a genuine expression of Society love or was it a just recognition of noble efforts on the part of some of our fellow students?

We are inclined to think that it was the latter. The Society love has in a measure waned but there yet exists among us that spirit which gives "honor to whom honor is due."

The spirit shown on Friday night was merely an expression of this principle.

Any one who witnessed a similar debate four years ago would have seen at a glance a difference in the feeling exhibited. There existed at this time a genuine love for the Societies. Men cheered their representatives not only because they had done a piece of good work but because they were fighting for some of their own ideas. The Society feeling at this time is similar to that shown at present, during an exciting athletic contest.

There is no reason why this Society interest should have fallen so low. There was need for a modification but not for total extinction.

Several years ago the Societies stood at the head of the University life. Everything of importance had to obtain their sanction before it carried much weight. As the University advanced its life became greater than two literary societies.

The executive power was moved and with its removal came the decided decrease in society work. Men would not see that the function of the society was literary, but decided that as its real power had been removed it no longer answered a need in the University's life.

This should not have been the result. The removal was intended only to intensify the aim of the Society. By it they were left free to exercise their powers in training rather than governing.

Had the transition been lead by men who had a real feeling for the principle involved the decrease in interest would never have attended the expansion. It would have been seen that the Societies were only a part of the University.

There is yet time to put our Societies on the upward move. We have a class of men who are willing to do society work and cooperation on the part of these men will again put a genuine life into the semblance of life which now exists among us.

Men who do not want such training as is offered by the Societies will do more to advance the movement by remaining on the outside.

If you do not intend to work do not put yourself in the way of those

who are ready and willing to work. If this is done the Societies will perform their mission.

Some are seeing the needs and are doing everything possible to remedy the evils. The only way to increase the benefit is by an increased effort.

### Communicated.

MR. EDITOR—In a recent issue of *College Topics*, of the University of Virginia, the Athletic Editor, Mr. M'Caleb, in one of his "talks" enters into a discussion as to the merits of the claim of the University of Texas—that they are the Champions of the South, this season on the Gridiron.

Of that claim I have nothing to say further than, that Texas seems a little wild in its enthusiasm, but the Editor does not stop there—he says, "I wish to say that University of Virginia has not been defeated by a southern college in the past four years, being defeated but once in the history of the game and that by North Carolina. I mean by this that North Carolina has been the only Southern College that has ever beaten Virginia."

Now, as to that, permit me to recall to the memory of the Editor the game played in Richmond, on Thanksgiving 1891, when the Virginia lads, captained by Catchings were defeated by the Trinity College boys of North Carolina, captained by myself, by a score of 20 to 0—the last half lasting only 30 minutes, the game being called 15 minutes before time was up, because of the entreaties of Catchings, who did not like for any larger score to be made against his team. And let me recall another occasion, at Atlanta Georgia on Nov., 30th., 1892 the Virginia lads again under Catchings, acting Captain, were taken into camp, and a beautiful punch bowl taken home, by the University of North Carolina, captained by Mike Hoke, to the tune of 26 to 0.

Catchings, I am sure has not forgotten that game.

I offer these few facts only that the erroneous statements of the Editor of the *Topics* may be made a right and in the future, I ask that the Editor in fairness, investigate thoroughly his statements, so that his articles may do justice where it is due.

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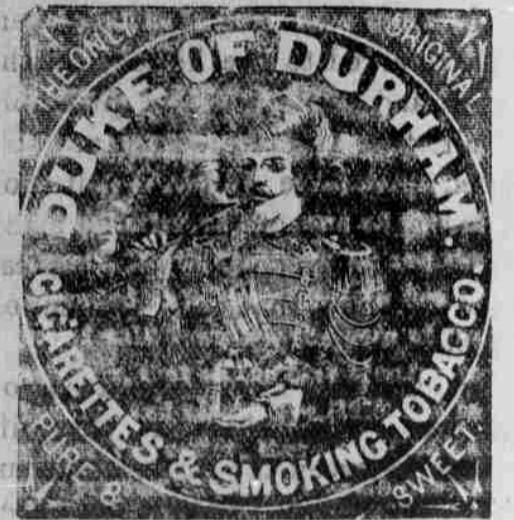
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