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BASE BALL PROSPECTS.

Six of Last Year's Players are Candidates for the Team.

It is a great pleasure to be able to say that at this season of the year the prospects for having a victorious base-ball team are unusually bright. With six of last years players trying for their old positions on the team and with a long list of new men and last year's "scrubs" to draw from to fill the remaining vacancies we can not hope for any thing less than the Southern Championship.

Work has for the most part begun under the most auspicious circumstances. In the first place we have a good captain. For by reelection R. A. Winston (capt. '98) will again captain our team and by his own example of good playing and hard work do much for the success of the team.

In answer to Captain Winston's call for candidates thirty men presented themselves on the field and went to work. Cold rainy weather prevented practice for two afternoons during the past week but the remaining days were warm and clear and this allowed the men to get good practice at batting and was not too cold for the pitchers to begin to get their arms in shape.

Capt. Winston can be depended upon to hold his old position at first and be up to his usual high standard as a batter.

Graves will be hard to cut out of his position as catcher. He must work hard and improve his batting.

Rogers will bring in the balls from center field and return a few there when he comes to the bat.

Lawson our star twirler will puzzle our opponents from the north as well as from the south. He is constantly trying to improve his present good condition and that means success.

Woodard will try for his old position at short stop and will give trouble to other candidates for that position.

McKee can be depended on in left field.

Belden and Hume will be missed at second and third respectively.

Alston is a promising candidate for second. His fielding is good but his weakness has been in his batting. He must improve this. Get to work, that is the only way.

Lambeth who played on the Oak Ridge team last year will try to fill the vacancy at third base.

Allison who played on the Davidson College team last year is getting in some good practice at batting and fielding.

Gregory of '96 team is with us and we are glad to welcome on the field another old player Walter Brem of the '96 team.

Donnelly (scrub '98) is in the field

and may be counted on for some good hard work.

Then something may be said of other '98 scrubs, Bennett, Woodson, Harkins, Kerner, Davis, Cunningham, Carr, Stevens and Graham.

Other candidates are R. Brem, Elliott, Worth, Henderson, Battle, Brown, Harrington, Ottinger, Alexander, Brooks, Atwater, Hoover, Cheatham and Allison.

It has often been noted that where our prospects for a good team are poorest we often have a most victorious season. Let us now be careful and see that the converse of this does not turn out to be true also. It is likely to be so however if we are not very careful to remember that we can only win by hard work. We must have good individual playing and we must have good team work and this can only be had by constant practice conscientiously done.

Carelessness and poor playing on the part of a single player may ruin our record for the whole season. This fault of laziness and carelessness is one to which old players are more liable than the new men. It ought not to be so.

The highest motive for exertion should not be simply to hold a position on the team and then because there is no one who stands any chance of getting your position you are satisfied to do just enough work to hold your position. Our motive should be to win every game we play whether it be with Canada High School or Cornell and so let us only be satisfied when we have done our best.

This matter is mentioned because such a tendency to loaf and talk and joke instead of working has already shown itself during the past week. Perhaps it may be because things have not yet got into smooth running order. But let us be careful. If we shirk our work now what will we do when spring comes with its sleepy, lazy days so productive of "spring fever"?

NOTE.—Each week the Athletic Editor of the Tar Heel (after having consulted Capt. Winston) will give a criticism of each player. Mercy is not found in the make up of this critic, and he will plainly tell each man of his faults. The criticism will go into details and each player will be sure to find his faults mentioned for the best of us have faults. If any one objects to these criticisms as the athletic editor of the Tar Heel is a little man the man objecting will be referred to a committee of three which shall be composed of "Judge" Buckwell, Jim Corbett, and the colored man who takes care of Dr. Whitehead's cadavers. This committee will receive all complaints and give satisfaction, if desired.

All subjects for Senior theses must be given to the Professor of English for his approval before the first of February.

Gynasium Items.

Before taking up the proposed plans of work during winter and spring in the gymnasium a brief retrospect of last term should be taken.

The work exhibited marked enthusiasm. The attendance upon the regular class drills probably reached its high water mark.

The demand for individual work upon the apparatus after class was more than our present facilities could supply. Dozens of chest weights and other like machines would be necessary in order to give each man an opportunity to exercise.

A strong factor in the success of last fall was the address made by Dr. Alderman to the students in the gymnasium.

The introduction of basket ball was an important feature in the gymnastic work. A work of enthusiasm took hold of those participating in the game and this has continued till now better work is being done by a small number.

'99 has started auspiciously. We are glad to note the attendance upon the gymnasium classes is satisfactory. There some men however, whose spots are seldom or never occupied. What to do in such cases is a puzzle in all colleges where the regulations and general management of the gymnasium is similar to our own.

It is hoped however that this difficulty will soon be obviated by these men attending daily.

On Saturday 28th inst. the Basket-ball teams of the different classes will be organized and a series of games arranged.

The number of players on each team will be limited to eight, five regular players and three substitutes.

The usual gymnastic and indoor athletics contests were not held last fall but about March 1st an inter-class contest will probably be held, and if possible prizes offered.

Our aim, however, is not to train a few men to accomplish difficult tricks, but to improve the largest number by a systematic course of training. Through wise measures to ensue, the general health of our students and at the same time pleasant recreation to them, will be effected.

The University Men in Public Life.

The University Record for January contains some very interesting articles. Among the more important is: "The University in Public Service." This article goes to show that, "The facts submitted below testify very eloquently to the commanding part borne by the University in the toil and political life of North Carolina and a proportional part in the Union. This long list of Alumni who have rendered notable public service is an impressive illustration of the value and necessity of the higher education. While necessarily but a very small fraction of adult population of the State

have attended the University, it is instructive to see that a greatly disproportionate per cent of the makers of the State have come from that small fraction and so it will ever be.

President of the United States, 1. Vice President of U. S., 1. President of U. S. Senate, 1.

Cabinet Officers of U. S. A.—Secretary of War, 1, Secretaries of the Navy, 4, Secretaries of Interior, 3, Attorney General, 1, Att'y General of Confederate States of America, 2.

Ministers to Foreign Courts, 17, United States Senators from 1810—1898, 11. In the Confederate States Senate the University had 3 Senators.

Members of House of Representatives of U. S., 1810—1898, 52.

Members of the Confederate House of Representatives, 7.

Governors of North Carolina, Alumni of the University, 20, or 58 per cent. of all our Governors since 1810.

Speakers of the Senate of N. C., and Lieutenant Governors, 1810—1898, 17, or 59 per cent. of the whole number.

Speakers of the House of Representatives of N. C., 1810—'98, 23, or 50 per cent.

University of N. C., Secretaries of State, 1810—1898, 3.

State Treasurers, 1819—1898, 14, Alumni 5, or 36 per cent.

Attorney Generals of State, 1810—1898, 26, Alumni 18, or 70 per cent.

Supreme Court Judges, 1810—'98 31, Alumni 16, or 51 per cent.

Superior Court Judges, 1810—1898, 129, Alumni 51, or 40 per cent.

Comptrollers and Auditors, 1810—1898, 14, Alumni 5, or 36 per cent.

Reporters of Supreme Court, 1810—1898, 17, Alumni 10, or 59 per cent.

Graduating Thesis.

Communicated.

The requirements of the faculty that subjects for graduation theses must be given in by February 1st. is rather a hard one. By February 1st, of his senior year a student is just beginning to feel himself capable of selecting his subject. Work done prior to that date by the average student is not generally of a grade worthy of the crowning work of a man's college life. The graduating thesis is the result of four years of conscientious work. A man does not feel himself capable of even selecting the subject for that work until at least half the term of his senior year has passed. So that he has only three weeks in which to do the preliminary work to see that his subject is worthy his best efforts. At least they should be allowed to change their subjects if they find that they do not suit.

Signed, Senior.