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## VARSIITY IN DEAD EARNEST.

### BASEBALL PRACTICE ALREADY IN FULL TWING.

#### Several of Last Year's Playeys Back—Every Place to be Hotly Contested.

Although it is very early in the season baseball practise has already begun in dead earnest, Captain Thompson and Coach Simmons having taken advantage of the open weather to give the squad some preliminary polishing on the diamond. While it is too early to draw definite conclusions as to Carolina's chances in baseball this spring, her prospects have never been brighter. Many of last year's team are back on the Hill and there is an unusually large amount of new material to draw from. In addition the Advisory Committee has succeeded in securing the services of a Coach who is both popular among his men and efficient.

Of the old men, Freddie Stem, captain of last year's team and star first-baseman, Romy Story, whose heavy hitting and good team work marked him last year, and "Bull" Thompson, captain of this year's team, head the list. Story and Thompson were Carolina's heaviest hitters last year and were regarded the surest outfielders in the State. The other men of last year's team are: James, third base; Montgomery, shortstop; Hanes and Whitaker, fielders; and Rogers and Raney, catchers. This nucleus is almost sufficient in itself to form a strong team as all of the men are in prime condition.

The new men who have come out are Fountain, Davis McArthur, Nixon, Smith and Wadsworth, candidates for infield; Rawlins and Groome, catchers; Orr, Thomas, Sutton and Coffin, outfielders. As all of these men have had experience the competition will be hot for every position on the Varsity.

In pitchers Carolina is well fixed for the season: Captain Thompson, who has already proved his ability in the box, and Story are the twirlers among the old men. Three new candidates for pitcher have presented themselves, Hamilton, Morrow and Trevillian, all of whom promise to do effective work. Both Hamilton and Trevillian are left-handed while Thompson and Morrow are right-handed, so the batteries are pretty well divided. Dr. Lawson, gymnasium instructor and coach of the baseball team for the two past seasons, will take especial charge of the pitchers.

In speaking of the situation Coach Simmons says: "I have never had better college material to work with, and I don't think that Carolina could have ever had better prospects for a winning season. The men are all eager to work, and each one is going to get a square deal for his place. I will state right at the

outset that my object is not to develop a team of stars, but a team that will work together as one man to win for Carolina."

Captain Thompson, also, is sanguine as to the University prospects. He is himself in better shape than he has been in for several years, indications pointing to some fine work from him in the box. Manager Robinson has not completed his schedule yet but it promises to be a good one. Among those slated are games with Cornell and Harvard.

## THE ODD NUMBER CLUB.

### LOCAL ORGANIZATION BECOMES INTER-COLLEGIATE

#### Joins Movement to Encourage Production of College Literature in South.

At a recent meeting the Odd Number Club of the University, organized last year, decided to enter an inter-collegiate association in which several of the other larger Southern universities are interested, the aim of the larger organization being the same as that of the Odd Number Club—to encourage original literary work among students. The ultimate object of the larger organization is to publish an inter-collegiate short story magazine.

During the year of its operation at the University the Odd Number Club has met with some little success in achieving its purpose and it joins the inter-collegiate association in the belief that it offers still more effective means. The meetings of the club have always been informal, the reading of selections by the different members being voluntary and the criticism of the club tending to be friendly rather than destructive. In this respect the local organization will remain unchanged. The only change to be effected is the widening of its scope by keeping its members in touch with other college men interested in similar work throughout the South.

Six Southern institutions are affiliated in this movement, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Georgia, Randolph-Macon, the University of Virginia, and the University of North Carolina, being the charter members. The plan originated with the Sophomore, of the University of the South, and joins that organization with the Calumet Club of Vanderbilt, the Round Table of Georgia, the Owl of Virginia, the Odd Number Club of North Carolina and a similar society of Randolph-Macon, in a larger organization, the name of which is to be agreed upon later.

#### Sensation in Mary Ann.

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E. H. Kloman has had a shave.

## DIALECTIC DEBATERS WIN.

### SOPH-JUNIOR DEBATE GOES TO AFFIRMATIVE.

#### Cuba Should be Ours—The Contest Interesting from Start to Finish.

The annual Soph-Junior debate between representatives of the Dialectic and Philanthropic literary societies of the University took place in Gerrard Hall Friday night at eight o'clock, Messrs. J. W. Hester, '08, and S. V. Bowen, '09, appearing for the Phi and Messrs. T. W. Andrews, '08, and C. E. McIntosh, '09, for the Di society.

The question for debate was: Resolved, That the United States should take the island of Cuba and hold it as a colonial possession. Messrs. Andrews and McIntosh, for the Di, had the affirmative side of the question and won the decision of the committee. Dr. C. L. Raper, Dr. George Howe, and Mr. M. H. Stacy served as judges. Mr. J. J. Parker presided over the debate, and Mr. I. C. Arledge served as secretary.

The representatives of both societies presented good argument, but the Dialectic's speakers did better team work. The debate was close, however, and there was no positive expression of opinion as to which way the balance lay before the judges rendered their decision. Both of the literary societies are to be commended for the training in debate that they afford, as exemplified in the speakers whom they placed before the student body last Friday evening.

#### Student Conference.

The Y. M. C. A. organizations at the different schools and colleges throughout the state will send delegates to the student conference to be held in Durham February 15-17th. The conference purposes to make a thorough discussion of the religious problems of college life and to seek means of unifying the Association work in the State.

Addresses will be made by Drs. H. F. LaFlamme, of Toronto, Canada, A. L. Phillips, of Richmond, Va., W. L. Potat, of Wake Forest College, J. C. Kilgo, and Edwin Mimms of Trinity College, and C. Alphonso Smith of the University. Messrs. G. C. Huntington, interstate secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the Carolinas, R. M. Harper, assistant traveling secretary for the South, and C. D. Daniel, student secretary for North and South Carolina.

#### Columbian Halves.

A great number of Columbian half-dollars of the coinage of 1893 are now in circulation. Prior to the opening of the current year it was an unusual thing to come across one of these coins but it has now

come to be an ordinary occurrence. About the first of January the demand on the treasury for subsidiary coins exceeded the supply and the department was forced to issue several hundred thousand Columbian halves that were being held in reserve—such is the reason assigned for their frequent appearance today. The coinage of 1893, to which all of these reserve halves belonged, bears no premium. Coins of the 1892 issue are worth fifty-five cents each.

## TENNIS SEASON TO OPEN.

### CLASS TOURNAMENT SOON TO BEGIN.

#### Prize Contest Now On — Purpose and Needs of the Tennis Association.

The spring tennis season is to open in the near future. The officers of the Tennis Association had hoped to get the spring work in full swing during January but the weather was not such as to permit. The prize tournament, with about forty contestants, has been posted for over a week, but few of the matches have been played as yet. Arrangements have not yet been finally made in regard to the class tournament but it is hoped that all of the teams may be selected by the end of the week in order that the contest may be begun by the middle of February.

The history of tennis at Carolina is not a glorious one, the students not entering the game seriously, as it has been considered a nullity by the college authorities so far as its being a branch of athletics is concerned. This year, though, considerable local interest has been aroused in the game, through the perseverance of the officers of the Tennis Association in establishing prize tournaments. Nothing has been accomplished towards bringing about thorough training for Varsity meets however.

To effect the stringent training necessary for Carolina to put out a winning tennis Varsity it is necessary that tennis be recognized as a branch of University athletics and that our representatives who win inter-collegiate meets be given the right to wear the N. C. monogram on their sweaters. If such recognition were given to tennis the interest in it would cease to be desultory and Carolina would soon have some records of tennis victories for the trophy room. The material is in college; all that it needs is the proper stimulus.

—A number of applicants for service on the diamond presented themselves at the gym last Thursday and went on the pledge, which is more stringent this spring than it has been for some years.