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THE debating season of the University is about to open. For several months the men who are to represent Carolina in the approaching debates have been toiling at the problems with which their questions have confronted them. Now these men are to expend all the fruits of their labor in their final efforts to bring honor to the name of their University. These men represent the University; although the nature of their work does not bring them into equal prominence with our athletes under the lime-light of the college stage, the result of their work means, nevertheless, just as much to the welfare of the institution as does the prowess of its athletic teams, if not more. Therefore it is incumbent upon the students of the University to bear in mind at this time the significance of our inter-collegiate debates, to remember the self-sacrifice and labor that they mean to our debaters, and to give our representatives all possible encouragement that may count for much towards speeding them on to victory.

It is a pity that the boys are going back on themselves on the "rooting" proposition. During the Georgia and Oak Ridge games the bleachers were as quiet as they could possibly have been had there been an injunction against speaking above a whisper. It is true that these games have not been big ones and that they have not been replete with plays bordering on the sensational even, but they have merited more applause than they have elicited from the onlookers. At the game this afternoon the fellows on the sidelines should give the team some good hearty yells. It is the last chance that we will have to back the boys before they leave on their Northern trip, and it is absolutely essential that they depart on their journey with the feeling that the whole college is behind them.

MUCH of the success of Commencement depends upon the music furnished for the occasion. Heretofore there has been no objection to the music—what there was of it. Its quality has been all right, but its quantity has been sadly lacking. Music, and plenty of it, is absolutely indispensable -- to the budding

alumnus who is given to sentimentality it will be invaluable in calling forth an extra tear at the parting; to the merely sentimental Senior who is taking the opportunity of finally bewildering his best girl it will suggest adjectives innumerable; in the veins of of the one who is braying—ah, pardon the insinuation!—*crying*, we should have said, to be let out at the world it will inspire new ardor. Then, too, it will act as a soothing balm on the conscience of "Cephas" Woollen for the abstraction from our rolls of numerous ten-dollar bills in payment for fifty-cent diplomas, and will aid in banishing from the minds of the faculty the horror of the ordeal that they must face again in September. Music, more music, is what we want—and we are bound to have it.

ACCORDING to the Cornell ball players Carolina has the reputation of being the scrappiest nine on the Ithacans' Southern schedule. They ought to have seen that Georgia game!

Preliminary Debate.

For the George Washington and Georgia debates this year Carolina has the same query, "Resolved, That the ownership and operation of inter-state railways by the government would subserve the best interests of the United States." As we have the affirmative side of the question in the George Washington debate, and the negative in the debate with Georgia, it was decided to supplement the regular scrub debates with a preliminary debate between the two Varsities. This debate took place Tuesday night, and was in all respects an interesting one. Messrs. Day and Stacy, the George Washington team, had their speeches more thoroughly committed to memory than Messrs. Katzenstein and Matthews, naturally, as their debate comes Friday, while the Georgia debate is still some days ahead, but both sides advanced good argument. Carolina's chances seem fine for winning both debates, judging from the preliminary contest.

Messrs. Day and Stacy leave for Washington City this afternoon. They will meet the George Washington speakers in one of the city's principle auditoriums tomorrow afternoon. The date of the Georgia debate has been changed to April 19th, and the Virginia debate has been moved up to the 23rd.

The Societies.

The contest for the selection of the representative of the Dialectic society on the scrub team which is to polish up our Virginia debaters came off in the Di Hall Saturday night. There were five contestants: Messrs. M. S. Peam, J. L. Hathcock, W. P. Grier, C. B. Spicer, and C. E. McIntosh, Mr. McIntosh being chosen for the place.

The Phi society had for discussions the query, "Resolved, That the system of capital punishment should be abolished." The affirmative won and Mr. L. C. Kerr made the best speech.

Dartmouth had 1,019 students last year, 16 fraternities and 579 fraternity-men. Lehigh had 657 students, 16 fraternities and 261 fraternity-men.

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