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THE students of the University who attended the Thanksgiving game, wish to express their thanks to the Virginia Alumni Association at Richmond, for the excellent provision made for their entertainment on Thursday night. A large number of students attended both the theater party and the german. These entertainments form a most pleasant feature for the Virginia and Carolina men who attend the Richmond games.

WITH the football season a thing of the past, and with baseball several months in the distance, what better time could be found for arousing interest in basketball and for placing the game permanently among our sports? It has such a place in nearly all institutions like ours. Judging from the college papers, it is a popular game wherever instituted.

Many times has basketball been discussed as a game we ought to have; more than once attempts have been made to establish it; resolutions have been written setting forth the desirability of the game; but, so far, the basketball team has not become a reality. There seems to be only one reason why it has not, viz., the inability of those interested to secure a suitable place to play. Are we really under the handicap of not having a fit place to play a game of basketball, or are we simply neglecting the places that we do have?

Certainly no one could wish a better place for basketball than the gymnasium. Of course the gym is primarily for other uses, and basketball could not be allowed to interfere with the regular gym exercises. But the gym is used for nothing at night, and basketball could be practiced then, if no day period could be allowed. With the players wearing gym shoes, as of course they would, the building would not necessarily be damaged any more by a game of basketball than by the daily gym work.

However, if for any reason it is impracticable to have the game in the gym, there is another possible place. What would be the objection to playing in Memorial Hall? At present, the building is used only on two or three occasions each year. To play there would not conflict with any other use to which the building is put. Owing to the purpose and associations of Memorial Hall as a kind of monument to distinguished alumni and benefactors of the University, as well as a

place of assembly, it is, perhaps, regarded as being of a more sacred character than the other buildings on the campus, but surely it would be no desecration of the place to play the innocent game of basketball there.

It only remains to get a place where the game can be played; with enthusiastic basketball men, eager to play, and with Coach Cartmell ready to train the team, nothing else stands in the way of basketball now. Several colleges and universities have already sent challenges for games; if we are to play basketball it is time we were beginning.

There are at the University about eight hundred students. For the use of these students there are sometimes five, but often two, hot water shower baths. Is it not, then, rather trite to say that bath service is inadequate at the University? It is deeply logical, however. A student goes to chapel in the morning. He hears a talk on sanitary conditions. In the afternoon he goes to the Gym for a bath. After standing around in the cold air for fifteen minutes, he finally gets a place. The water one moment trickles slowly down in tantalizing cussedness; the next it gushes forth deliciously—but nine times out of ten cold. The sides of the bathing booths are covered with a foul, greenish brown fungus of an unknown species. It may be harmless, but it doesn't look so. And when gracefully balancing yourself on one foot you tip over against it. We are told to be clean. We have no objections, but we would like to be given half a chance to get clean once.

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