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CLEMSON WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

ELLISON WINS FIRST PLACE.

On Thanksgiving day, the annual cross country run was held at "P. C." All colleges in the state were invited to send teams, but only Clemson, "P. C." and Newberry College participated in the meet. The teams were as follows: Clemson—Sullivan, Capt., Ellison, Mgr. Morecock, Going, and Cornwell. "P. C."—Clinton, Neely, Dick, and Parks; Newberry College—Counts, Capt., Long, Epting, Shirer, and Chapman.

On Thursday morning, it seemed as if the run would have to be postponed till Friday, for it rained nearly all morning, and the running course became very muddy. However, the rain stopped, and at two o'clock the various teams put on their track suits and prepared for the race. Only four men from each school were allowed to enter the race—thus making a total of twelve men in the meet, each man running the full four mile course. Shortly after two o'clock, Coach Johnson of "P. C." made the men "get on their marks" and started them on their run. Ellison soon got the lead, and kept it thruout the meet. For the first half mile, Ellison led, with Going, Morecock, and Cornwell of Clemson, close behind, while the rest of the men were some two hundred yards in the rear. The Clemson team kept together and ahead until about the last mile of the race, when Neely of "P. C." began to gain on Ellison, and Dick, also of "P. C." passed Morecock, Going, and Cornwell. However, Morecock and Going both sped by Dick during the last hundred yards of the run. Ellison finished a strong first—a good fifty yards ahead of Neely, while Morecock came third, closely followed by Going. Dick of "P. C." and Long of Newberry came fifth and sixth respectively, while Cornwell came seventh. Each man won as many points for his team as the order in which he finished, and the team winning the least number of points won the meet. As Clemson's points only totaled 15, her team won the meet. "P. C." came second with 25 points, while Newberry came third with 38 points. Ellison and Morecock especially deserve mention for the way in which they ran, this being the second successive year that Ellison has won first place. Morecock, altho handicapped by a "bad foot" ran the race, and had several "tendons pulled" as a result. "Dick" Sullivan, the captain of the team, after six weeks of hard practice, was unable to get in the race on account of a sprained ankle which he got a couple of weeks before the meet. Going and Cornwell also ran well. As in baseball, football, and many other sports, the winning of a cross country run depends on the team as a whole, and not upon the brilliant work of just one man. Our team ran as a whole too. Ellison's time was 21 minutes—15 seconds, and this was very good considering the roughness of the four mile course. After the run was over, the winning Clemson team was presented with a beautiful trophy cup—this being the second successive year that the team has won it. Clemson has only to win the cup again next year to get permanent possession of it, and it's up to the next year's team to do it.

After the race and the football game, the visiting teams were honor guests at a banquet, followed by a dance, given by the "P. C." student body.

INDIVIDUAL TELEGRAMS TO TIGERS

NOVEL METHOD OF ROOTING AT HOME.

An idea popped into the head of a Tiger a few days ago by which we could show real college spirit to our football players that were at Charlotte waiting for the time to begin the Thanksgiving game. The idea was to send individual telegrams to each player on the team, and when it was presented to the corps in the mess hall, every right hand went up, which signified the unanimous desire for the plan to be carried out. More than enough money to send telegrams to each player was immediately collected, and as a result the following messages were sent to the team.

Bartles: "Remember that Union is the fighting county. Don't fail her and Clemson, mash that line."

Potts: "All here know that you will do your bit to make the Tigers victorious. Luck to you."

W. H. Wallace: "Victory will be ours. Clemson men in Europe and America thinking of you."

Bates: "We firmly believe the game will be ours by your efforts, we believe in you."

Lightsey: "All Clemson men are behind you. The game will be ours. The Tiger spirit rules."

Colbert: "Clemson expects every end to do his duty. We are behind you, fight like hell."

Gilmer: "Give the man playing right-gaurd what you are going to hand Kaiser "Bill" next spring—Hell."

Hart: "Stand up just once to scare Davidson to death, then play low and hard."

Thackston: "We know that nothing will slip around your end. Take forty around theirs—watch that pass."

Williams: "All here confident that Tigers will win. Every man behind you."

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MANY APPLICANTS FOR THIRD CAMP

CLEMSON'S QUOTA THIRTY- EIGHT

A total of sixty-eight applications for admission to the Third Officer's Training Camp were received at the commandants office up until Friday night at midnight when the privilege of applying was withdrawn. Of these applicants thirty-eight men will be selected to go, and the remainder listed as alternates. An officer of the medical corps is expected to arrive here Dec. 8th, and a rigid examination of candidates will ensue. Soon after this examination the lucky ones will be notified of their acceptance. Colonel McFeeley has been giving the local applicants practice in commanding companies this week, and has been taking notes of their respective abilities. All points will be taken into consideration and men best fitted for service will be selected.

DR. GREEN LECTURES ON "OUR ALLIES"

Dr. Thos. E. Green delivered a very interesting illustrated lecture on "Our Allies" last Sunday evening. This lecture was one of our lyceum numbers. It covered the domestic life and resources of those nations that are fighting Germany. Dr. Green began with our oriental allies and then moved westward to England and then to America. Several pictures of the fighting forces of our allies were given. The lecture closed with a return to America and her fighting forces. This lecture is probably the best illustrated lecture delivered here in the last two years.

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THANKSGIVING GAME GOES TO DAVIDSON

TIGERS DISPLAY SUPERIORITY, BUT SCORE, 21 TO 9.

Displaying by far the superiority in every phase of the game except in the art of aerial attack, the Tigers lost the Thanksgiving football game to Davidson by the score of 21 to 9. We have the best team as admitted by a staunch Davidson supporter, and the result of this game is not an indication of the real playing ability of either team.

This was our most important game of the season, and it was being eyed by the entire football South because the winning team was to be next to the S. I. A. A. Champions. It was South Carolina pitted against North Carolina, and the "Tar Heels" were lucky enough to get away with the game. Every one of our men fought hard, and they deserve much credit for the wonderful game that they played.

The entire first half of the game was played in a heavy mist of rain, and the field was soggy and slippery, which was very much against fast playing, but the Tigers played a most thrilling game in spite of these obstacles.

The game started off with such a jar that it made the Davidson rooters feel even more gloomy than the weather was. Davidson kicked off, and Banks received, quickly and securely tucked the ball under his left arm, and as quick as a flash started toward Davidson's goal. He eluded almost every Davidson man, and ran 81 yards, finally to be stopped on Davidson's 4 yard line. Banks then carried the ball over for the first touchdown of the game, and only one minute and forty seconds had elapsed since the first kick off. Witsell kicked the goal.

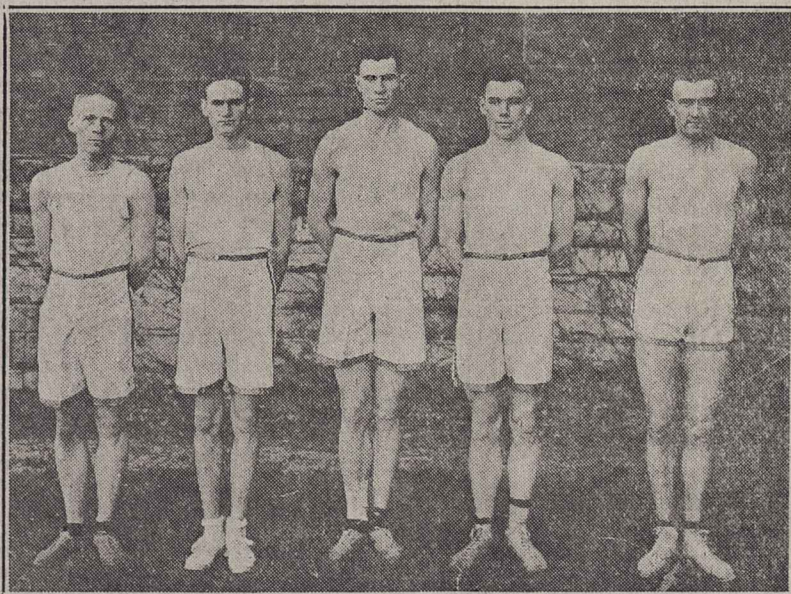
The next touchdown was registered by Davidson on a forward pass from Spam to King.

Then the Tigers carried the ball to Davidson's 1 yard line only to be given over to Davidson because, as 'twas said, we lacked two inches of making 10 yards on a fourth down. Gray attempted to punt, but "Mutt" Gee broke thru the line and blocked the kick, the ball bounding backward past the goal line with Gray and Gee hotly in pursuit. Gray fell on the ball, and Gee fell on Gray, which netted us two points, by what is termed in the football language a safely. Neither team scored during the remainder of the first half, but Clemson entirely out played the Presbyterian team.

Davidson received the kick off at the beginning of the second half, and in this period two forward passes coupled with misunderstanding of the blowing of the referee's whistle netted the winning points for Davidson. This ended the scoring.

The superior stanira of the strong South Carolina team was readily recognized by the Davidsonians, and when the final whistle blew, tears of ecstacy began to trickle down the quivering cheeks of the North Carolina lads. They were bubbling over with joy since fate had accomplished such a feat for them, and now since it is over, they will alude in a blissful reverie until the next Turkey day rolls around, when they will be awakened to

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The Champion Cross-Country Team

THIS IS THE STURDY CREW THAT "MOPPED UP" AT THE STATE CROSS-COUNTRY RUN, AND BROUGHT BACK THE CUP FOR CLEMSON THE SECOND TIME.

THE CHAMPION CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM. READING FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CORNWELL, ELLISON (Mgr.), MORECOCK, SULLIVAN (Capt.) AND GOING.

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EDITORIAL

In the last few years Georgia Tech has risen to the first place in American football. This rapid rise is the sporting sensation of the country. Nobody can deny that J. W. Heisman is one of the greatest coaches of the day, and that his wonderful ability is Tech's greatest asset. Then too, having the city of Atlanta to draw crowds from has proved a big aid in a financial way.

But there is another factor that is often overlooked, and without which Tech could never have put out the team she has. We refer to publicity. The Atlanta newspapers, especially the "Journal," have consistently and constantly "written up" Tech. They have made Tech football the leading feature of the sporting page of every Sunday edition. The advertising which they have thus given Tech has caused, and will cause, dozens of husky young fellows, who have a liking for football, to select Tech as the school where they will complete their education. Such help is inestimable benefit to any college, and no team will prove of championship calibre unless they have some such aid.

Clemson is apparently handicapped somewhat by being in the country and not in a city which has a big newspaper. But we maintain that every daily newspaper in South Carolina should give us its hearty and unreserved support. 97 per cent of the students at Clemson College are from South Carolina, and they are not from any particular section of South Carolina either. More than 5 per cent are from Charleston County, more than 5 per cent from Spartanburg County, and the Counties of Greenville and Richland have between 3 and 4 per cent each. We venture to assert that there is as many Charleston boys at Clemson as at Carolina and the Citadel put together.

Of course it is to be expected that all the Charleston and Columbia papers should boost their local teams, and this is just. But they can still do this, and in addition boost the Tigers as THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEAM which is considered in Inter-state football. Clemson is the only team in South Carolina which ranks as a "Big Leaguer"—all the others are minors.

We feel certain that all the papers in the State will be glad to give us space, provided we get the "dope" and send it in. We think that it would be a splendid plan to find one of the students who can write sporty news, and to see that he makes it his special business to act as Athletic press-agent. In this way he would be serving his college in a great and necessary way.

Clemson has a great coach in E. A. Donahue, and a great team composed chiefly of men who will be back again next year. Prospects have seldom been brighter for a championship team, and with a little help from the newspapers of the state we will have one which will rank with the best in the country.

Why cannot all the papers of South Carolina "hitch their wagons to a star" and help the Tigers of 1918 win the championship of the U. S. A.? For when we beat Tech that's what we'll be—and of Tech we can only say "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

J. B. F.

PRESS ASSOCIATION ENJOYABLE MEET

The various delegates representing Clemson at the S. C. C. P. A., which was held at Winthrop College beginning Wednesday, Nov. 21 until Friday, Nov. 23, returned to the campus Sunday afternoon.

The efficiency of the publications here will no doubt be greatly increased by the valuable information gained at the meeting. A very interesting and instructive program was carried out under the leadership of Miss Lucretia Baker, of Winthrop, President of the Association. A few of the most valuable features of the program are given here.

Wednesday: The first meeting was held and the general plans outlined.

Thursday: Various discussions representing the Editorial, Business, Exchange, and Fun Departments were given by Mr. Henry Williams of Charleston College, Miss Lorena Humphries, of Columbia College, Miss Helen Morgan of Greenville Woman's College, and Miss Marguerite Devore, of Winthrop College. An address was given by Mr. Robert Lathan, Editor of *The News and Courier*. The members of the Association were given a formal reception by the College Faculty. At 8.30 P. M. a play was given by the Students, entitled: "The Man who Married a Dumb Wife."

Friday: In the morning the following men gave addresses: Prof. J. Thompson Brown, the head of the English Department at Winthrop, "College Publications" Mr. E. P. Hodges, University of S. C. "A Combination Weekly and Monthly Publication," and Mr. B. H. Stribling of Clemson, "Should a college Publication take any Political Standing?" In the afternoon the Prize Story, Poem, Essay, Sketch, and Drama were read. It was also decided at this meeting that the next place of meeting would be Coker College, Hartsville, S. C. In the evening a lecture was given in the auditorium by Colonel S. S. McClure, Editor of McClure's magazine, after which the Annual Banquet was held at the Carolina Hotel. Several very entertaining toasts which lauded every phase of modern life—from the Queenliness of Winthrop's daughters, to the "Only Star of Hope—Woodrow Wilson" were given at the banquet. It was with sad hearts that most of the delegates bade good-bye with each other.

The people of Rock Hill certainly gave all the members of the Association a royal entertainment. The Clemson delegates especially received that love-for-Clemson attention from all the old students and alumnae. The people of Rock Hill are very anxious to have the Oratorical contest held there next spring, and there is no doubt, but that the same hospitality which is always characteristic of Rock Hill people will be shown our boys, if the contest is held there.

MAJOR TURNBULL AT SANDY SPRINGS

LECTURES FOR RED CROSS.

Our assistant commandant, Major Turnbull, is to give a lecture at Sandy Spring next Wednesday for the benefit of the Red Cross. All those participating in the famous hike to Anderson in 1915 well know where Sandy Springs is situated, and many would like to attend, if it were possible to get off from college work.

Below is quoted the Anderson Daily Mail on this event.

"Major A. R. Turnbull of Clemson College will lecture in the Methodist church at Sandy Springs at 8 o'clock, Wednesday evening, December 5th. This lecture is given for the benefit of the Sandy Springs Red Cross.

Major Turnbull is an officer in the Canadian army; with his regiment he was in France for three years and spent 18 months of that time in the trenches. He was wounded, captured, and condemned to be shot by the Germans, but made his escape. This will doubtless be a lecture of much interest. The public is cordially invited. A small admission fee will be charged."

This is but the first of many such addresses which Major Turnbull will doubtless be asked to give by the nearby authorities. Any one with such an interesting record and experience, so many exciting "turns of war," is bound to prove a great attraction to the patriotic public, and will be heartily welcomed by the various surrounding civic centers.

And Mr. Flowers—? Yes, he's a dandy but he is not a perennial—and has already bloomed this year.

SERVICE FLAG.

Why can't Clemson have a service flag? All the other colleges in the land have them, and Clemson ought to have one too. Such a flag would have way up in the hundreds of stars on it, for there are perhaps more men proportionally from this institution in the service than from any other college in the South. Let's get behind this proposition, for a service flag in chapel with several hundred stars on it would certainly be a source of great pride to us all.

The foot-ball season of seventeen is listed with the past,

But praise the glorious Tigers that were winning fame so fast.

The Tigers are young, but sturdy and strong, they belong to the Clemson fold:

They played the strongest teams of the South, and hit the line like the Tigers of old.

Mr. King of Davidson—ch? These are awful bad times for kings. If you don't believe it ask Mr. Nick Romanoff, Mr. Constantine, Mr. Peter of Serbia, or Mr. Manual of Portugal.

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THANKSGIVING GAME GOES TO DAVIDSON.

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the fact that the Tigers are demanding a higher place in Southern football.

Every man on our team might well be proud of his playing.

This was "Mutt's" last game, and he left enough impression for the "Tar Heels" to say "Gee" about for along time to come.

"Stumpy's" sensational playing raised another "Bank"-s for Clemson's fame to jump from.

Witsell leaves us this year, and his playing gives us a burning desire to go "Fish"-ing again.

To name the other stars for Clemson would mean to give the line-up, and will appear at the end of this write-up; so take it from us, team, you played a game for which we are all proud of you, and more than that, you have made it possible for Clemson to put on its record a successful football season for 1917.

Flowers, King and Spann played a good game for Davidson.

Clemson		Davidson
Gee	Cen.	D. Crouch
Lightsey	R. G.	McMaster
Gilmer	L. G.	Gray
Cannon	R. T.	Elliott
Potts	L. T.	Shaw
Kay	R. E.	Flowers
Thackston	L. E.	King
Bartles	R. H. B.	Thomas
Banks	L. H. B.	McAlister
Armstrong	F. B.	Bevins
Witsell	Q. B.	Spann

Officials: Referee, Major (Auburn); Umpire, Williams (Virginia); head line-man, Pitts (Auburn).

Score by quarters:

Clemson	9	0	0	0—9
Davidson	7	0	14	0—21

INDIVIDUAL TELEGRAMS SENT TO PLAYERS AT CHARLOTTE.

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Elliot: "You are little, but, "All Guts," go to it."

Owens: "We hope you got in the game, jump their line."

Allison: "We look for you to buck a hole thru Davidson's line straight to a touchdown."

Armstrong: "We are looking for you to bring home the pigskin."

Banks: "We are banking on Banks for four touchdowns. Make your last game a hummer, and make All-Southern."

Kay: "Show that old time pep and ginger that you have, and we will beat them today."

Gee: "Fight as you have always fought before, and you will give them something to say "Gee" about."

Witsell: "Guide your team to victory, and make Davidson wish that they had gone "Fish"-ing too."

Finley: "Fight hard, it is a battle between the two "States."

Cannon: "We know that you can do it, make your last game a happy reminiscence."

The above telegram were signed by the "The Corps, and they truly represent the Tiger spirit here. We didn't win the game, but our team knows that we stand behind them to a man.

COLLEGE MEN AND THE WAR TAX LAW.

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patroitic Societies, Southern Bldg., Washington.)

By Daniel C. Roper. -----

Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

College men can perform a practical patriotic service in connection with the War Tax Law. If the Government is to obtain the full amount of revenue authorized by Congress it is essential that every taxpayer shall know how to compute the amount of taxes he must pay and

the time, place, and method provided for its payment.

The new Income Tax Law will reach more than 7,000,000 persons who have never before paid a Federal Income Tax. Every unmarried person who had a net income in 1917 of more than \$1,000 and every married person whose net income was more than \$2,000 is required by law to make a return to the Collector of Internal Revenue for his district. He must not wait for the Collector to call on him or send him a notice. He must voluntarily apply to the Collector for the Income Tax Form. If college men will familiarize themselves with the War Revenue Act and point out to their parents and others with whom they come in contact what the law requires them to do they will be rendering a patriotic service.

The purpose of the War Tax is identical with that of the Liberty Loan. Its patriotic appeal is even stronger for instead of an investment it calls for a contribution. The bond buyer loans—the taxpayer gives,—to the cause of Liberty. The splendid success of the Liberty Loan was achieved through the cooperative effort of patriotic leaders everywhere in the dissemination of information and the fostering of patriotic sentiment.

As we press forward in this great war struggle, sustained by the hope of a victorious peace, we must bear in mind that only by meeting in the fullest degree our individual responsibilities as citizens can we ensure ourselves against the unthinkable consequences of defeat. The War Tax Law imposes an obligation which no loyal American will seek to evade. College men can serve their country by giving expression to this thought at every opportunity.

Mr. Dabbs Addresses Corps

Mr E. W. Dabbs for sometime President of the State Farmers' Union was on the campus Sunday and Monday of this week. He delivered an address to the Christian Endeavor on "The Country Church" on Sunday evening. At the chapel exercise Monday morning, he spoke a few words to the corps. He urged the students to enlist their families in the various activities connected with the war. The South, the speaker said, can do much toward ending the war by uniting in a great effort for food production and conservation. His brief address ended with a plea for the students to put business into their religion and religion into their business. Both of these points, Mr. Dabbs said, must be taken into account if God is to be treated right.

ADVICE FROM THE "SERGT.

Maybe He Meant It That Way, Maybe He Didn't—Who Knows.

A recruit was trying very hard to hit the bull's-eye at 200 yards and was dismally failing. An old sergeant happened along, and taking the boy's rifle from him took quick aim and fired. The result was a perfect bull's-eye.

Turning to the lad he exclaimed: "That's the way I shoot." Then, emboldened by his first success, he fired again, this time missing the target entirely. There were several loud guffaws in the immediate vicinity and, observing the smile the old fellow pulled himself together and said: "That is the way you shoot," and then serenely walked on his way.

Such men as this in the ammunition trains will soon get the kaiser.

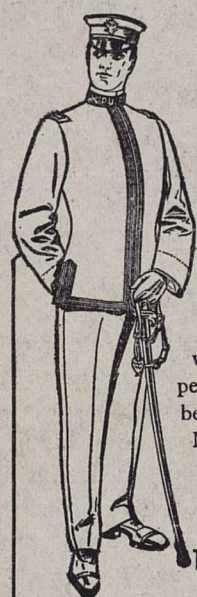
My heart goes out to scrambled eggs
And steak with onions too;
And all my soul with anguish begs
For meat instead of stew.

And if my wishes were gratified,
And I for steak were booked
I think I would be satisfied
Providing it were cooked.

—The Battalion.

"DON'T"

Don't drink.
Don't swear.
Don't tell a lie.
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LOCALS

Cadet G. H. Aull spent Thanksgiving in Walhalla with Rev. W. B. Aull. G. H. was pleased with the number of young ladies he met.

Cadets H. F. L. and H. G. G. Hoffmeyer spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Walhalla with their grandmother.

Cadet D. A. Sanders spent Thursday, Thanksgiving day, in Walhalla.

Cadets R. W. Webb, C. M. McCue and W. K. Snelgrove spent the week-end in Anderson.

Major Turnbull and a party of cadets visited the city of Anderson Sunday, via automobile.

Cadet S. C. Gambrell spent Sunday at home.

THE CAROLINA

A mirthful crowd gathered into the Carolina Society Hall on Friday evening and altho some of the men on duty were absent and others were not properly prepared the program proved to be an enjoyable one.

Mr. Adams, the essayist, was absent.

Mr. Barker, the orator, was also absent but his place was filled by W. M. Sanders, who volunteered, and talked on "Ownership." His speech showing that he lacked preparation.

Mr. Tenhet read a sketch from Mark Twain which was greatly enjoyed by all. Mr. Stanford volunteered to take Mr. Worley's place as declaimer and delivered a very good declamation but of course not as well as he might have.

The jokers Messrs. Tamten and Heiss pulled some good jokes and kept the society in an uproar.

The Debate "Resolved, that Messrs. Barker and Worley should be elected vestrymen on the African Methodist Church Board" was upheld on the affirmative by Messrs. Henriques and Darby; on the negative by Messrs. Mathis and Goner. Mr. Henriques had a splendid debate which showed that much time had been spent in preparing it. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

PALMETTO

The meeting began with the installation of the newly elected officers. Mr. Howell, the out-going president and Mr. Stribling, the in-coming president both gave the society interesting as well as encouraging talks. The regular order of exercises was then taken up. The query for debate was: Resolved, "That setting-up exercises here should be abolished," Messrs. Eskew, and McKenzie upheld the affirmative, and Messrs. Smith, and Clemmons, were appointed to uphold the negative, as both the regular debaters were absent. Considering the circumstances, the debate was very good. The judges, Messrs. McIntyre, Edwins, and Barnette, decided in favor of the negative. Mr. McFall then gave a stirring declamation, his subject being "Under the Southern Flag" Mr. Tarbox gave an instructive as well as interesting oration on "The Relation that Brazil Bears to this Present War." Then Mr. Scruggs gave the society a good declamation on "The South and her Problem." Mr. Smarr read an excellent essay on "The Origin of Our Flag" Mr. Robinson, the second orator, then gave an appropriate and interesting talk on "Neatness." Next came the joker, Mr. Sittton, dragging a long line of jokes behind him. Everyone looked so serious that the president had to ask the society to laugh at a few of Mr. Sittton's jokes. The last number on the program was an extemporaneous speech by Mr. Smith. Several distinguished visitors from other societies were present. Mr. Watkins noti-

fied the society that our quota, \$4.50, was due the State Oratorical Association. Mr. Faust asked the society for \$2. to help pay for a page in the Annual to be devoted to last year's intercollegiate debaters, as Mr. Dick represented this society in the debate. The treasurer was authorized to pay these sums. Mr. Faust then exposed his nerve by challenging our society to open debate with his society, the Calhoun. The Palmetto gladly accepted this challenge. Mr. Snelgrove and Mr. Bowland, the other visitors, gave short but interesting talks. Mr. Felder, H. was elected chaplain, this being overlooked during the regular election of officers. There being no further business the society adjourned.

LYCEUM NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

The next lyceum attraction will be given in the college chapel next Saturday evening by the Davenny Festival Quintette. This organization rendered "The Bohemian Girl" here last season. The coming program will be a straight concert. This attraction is one that should be anticipated with pleasure.

AMERICAN CHARACTER IN WAR (Quotation from Maurice Thompson, in "Alice of Old Vincennes" 1900)

It is well to bear in mind this distinction by which our civilization separates itself from that of old times. Our heroism has always been of life—our heroes have conquered and lived to see the effect of conquest. We have fought all sorts of wars and have never felt defeat. Washington, Jackson, Taylor, Grant, all lived to enjoy, after a successful war, a triumphant peace. "These Americans," said a witty Frenchman, "are either enormously lucky, or possessed of miraculous vitality. You rarely kill them in battle, and if you wound them their wounds are never mortal. Their history is but a chain of impossibilities easily accomplished. Their undertakings have been without preparation, their successes in the nature of stupendous accidents."

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