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THE BASEBALL SITUATION

PRONOUNCED ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY BY THE COACH WHO LOOKS FOR STRONGEST TEAM IN YEARS

THE PROBABLE LINE-UP

Inside Information About the Men Who Look Good for the Premier Nine, and the Work They Are Doing—Many Old Men Back.

With the opening of the baseball season scarcely one week off, interest centers in the daily practice games on the Hanes Athletic field. Under the efficient coaching of Dr. M. T. Adkins the team is gradually rounding into shape for the opening game with the "preps" next Wednesday.

In a recent interview, Coach Adkins expressed himself very optimistically as to the prospects of the coming season. The thing which is most gratifying to the coach is the large number of candidates who are contesting for the various places on the team this year.

There will be eleven old men who will easily form a nucleus around which a very formidable team may be developed. No one of these old men, however, is having an easy time retaining his old position. Fifteen other men with splendid baseball abilities are making a neck to neck fight with them for places on the team. In view of the large number of able candidates Coach Adkins will be confronted with a difficult task when he comes to select the final line-up.

Taking up the positions more in detail, every Trinity supporter is delighted to see on the mound again Captain Bob Gannt whose fame as a baseball pitcher covers Dixie like the dew. He has never been in such great form, and promises to be a terror to many a batsman this year. In addition to being Trinity's premier slab artist, he is also captain of the team, and in this capacity, by his enthusiasm and by giving every man a square deal, is doing much to mould the team into proper shape. Captain Gannt is to be ably reinforced in the pitching department by his brother Sam, Godfrey of last year's team, and by Ivey, a promising young pitcher who made good on Trinity Park School team last year. Behind the bat the candidates are too numerous to mention and it is around this position that the greatest uncertainty now hinges. The catchers will probably be chosen from Spruce of last year's team, Marr, Brown, Maddox, Dalton, Stanback, and Howe. At present it is impossible to say who will get this place but there is plenty of ground for believing that this very important place will be well cared for.

At first base, Henderson seems to have found his job. He takes care of everything coming his way and is hitting the ball much better than ever. He has two able competitors, however, in Hines and Gaston, H. B., both of whom are showing up splendidly. Second base is being hotly contested for by Thompson, of last year's team, and Anderson, a recruit from Atlantic Christian College. Anderson is one of the most promising young infielders seen here in a

long time, being both very fast and a good hitter. Thompson is in better shape than ever and is hitting the ball at something less than the 1000 clip. Should Anderson be stationed at second, it is very probable that Thompson will be shifted to right field. For short and third, Claude West and Bundy look like certainties. This pair are gobbling up everything that comes on their side of the field, throwing unerringly and clouting the sphere at a terrific gait. Foose and Cooper look good for left and center. Both are in first class shape for this season, and their sticking and brilliant defensive work should be instrumental in bringing many a game to the local camp this year. The other field position will be filled by Spence Rose or Warlick. Spence is very fast on his feet, but the other candidates are hitting a little more opportunely. The substitute man will likely be chosen from Montgomery, Maddox, Gaston, W. G., or Rose.

Practice of the most strenuous sort has been the rule every day the weather permitted for the past three weeks and will be kept up without intermission till the opening of the season. For the first time in the history of the college the squad has been so large that a tabulated score of each individual's doings was necessitated. Careful records have been kept of every man's performances in the numerous practice games and the final selections will be made on the basis of cold figures insuring the choice of the best men for positions on the varsity nine. The outlook for a winning team is unusually bright and with another week of lively training the locals should be able to show the Yankees a thing or two when they begin coming down from the frozen North on their hunt after southern scalps.

Carter-Pinnix

The engagement is announced of Miss Isabelle Pinnix of the class of 1909, to Mr. L. J. Carter of the class of 1907. Both are well known to the college community and have many friends on the campus. The home of Miss Pinnix is in Kinston, N. C. Mr. Carter has been engaged in newspaper work since leaving college and is on the staff of the Virginia-Pilot, Norfolk. The acquaintance which has resulted so happily was formed while both were undergraduates here and it is perhaps not too much to imagine that the engagement is the culmination of one of the many romances which owe their inception to student companionship.

Meeting of the Harvard Club

At the fourth annual meeting and banquet of the Harvard Club of North Carolina, held last Friday, at Raleigh, Prof. R. N. Wilson, of Trinity College, was elected secretary-treasurer, and Dr. J. Wolfe, of the department of Biology, a member of the board of directors. The President of the Club is Mr. Albert A. Cox, of Raleigh. The banquet was a most enjoyable occasion and was enlivened by college songs and impromptu speeches. The next annual meeting will be held at Chapel Hill, Feb. 23, 1912.

THE FEBRUARY ARCHIVE OUT

DELAYED BY POST-HOLIDAY DISBURANCES IT CAME FROM THE PRESS LAST WEDNESDAY.

FICTION AND ESSAYS LEAD

"A Violet by a Mossy Stone" Excellent in Local Color.—Mr. Jaffe's Rousseau Essay Concluded.—"A New Bard in the Poetical Firmament."

(Reviewed by "A.")

The February number of the *Archive*, long delayed in the printing, was issued on last Wednesday afternoon. As far as outward appearance is concerned there is little variation in this number from those that have preceded it; perhaps the proof-reading in the last issue may be said to be of a lower quality than usual, and this may be ascribed in part to the vacations thru which the editors had to pass in getting out this number.

The balance of fiction, poetry, and special articles is not so well kept up this time; though the editor has printed only two of the last named class of articles, one of them, "Rousseau and the Revolutionary Constitutions," takes up a total of twenty-two pages, a space far too great for the college magazine to give to any one piece. In publishing the first installment of this article, which really is a most valuable one and well worth the time anyone might spend in reading it, it was stated that it would appear in three installments. The balance of the magazine would have been better preserved if the original intention had been adhered to in this regard. This essay on Rousseau was the winner of the Braxton Craven medal last year. Mr. L. I. Jaffe is the author and he presents the subject in a comprehensive way. Would space permit, the whole of the last paragraph would bear quoting, but as it is the only last few sentences can be given; they sum up Rousseau's part in the great "light-bringing cataclysm":

"In the great literature of discontent which flooded France in the dark days which preceded the light-bringing cataclysm,—Rousseau's name stands foremost. He it was who first asserted, in homely phrase intelligible to the humblest, the dignity of man. From him the great body of Frenchmen imbibed the inspiring truth that the real sovereign is the people and not some pompous fraud 'anointed of God.' Rousseau did not teach; he lighted up, and the French people saw and arose."

The other special article which this number carries, is one on "Some College Questions," by Mr. E. J. London. This is an exceptionally sane and to a certain degree illuminating, discussion, tho it suffers from shortness of treatment as only three matters were touched upon, and only a short space given to each one.

In the matter of poetry, in which the *Archive* is usually very strong, it is hardly up to its usual standard. Miss Wescott's "The New Year" does not have the quality which she can give, as has been shown in her former work. Of the two anonymous poems which, it is taken, come from the pen of the editor himself, "Heedate," may be said to be superior

to "An Idyll in Silhouette." A new star appears in the poetical firmament in the present issue. The piece by which he is heralded is not put down in the table of contents but it is there in large figures when we come to the reading matter. Mr. Byron Conley is the bard and his production is entitled "I'm ah Ole-time Darkey." Mr. Conley has recently caught the spirit of the genius which produced "Swanee River" and "Ole Black Joe"; his poem may be said to be, despite the fact that dialect poems usually suffer in comparison, the best one in this *Archive*.

As regards fiction, the *Archive* shows up very well, in so far as the attempts made in it go. The leading story is, of course, "A Violet By a Mossy Stone." It possesses abundant local color and the color is true too. In fact this may be said to be the only fault the story has, since rather more space than is desirable is given to descriptive passages. In depicting mountain character, Mr. F. S. Bennett—for he undoubtedly is the author,—has shown peculiar skill, and the dialect is almost perfect.

In the other two stories the attempts are modest but in so far as they go they are good. "A War Reminiscence" by Miss Gorham—instead of Miss Gorman as the proof-reader left it—is in reality no short story but a narrative of a particularly exciting incident, which bears every ear mark of being the story of an actual occurrence. Its only fault lies in its brevity; some of the details should have been worked out further. "His Greatest Case," by Mr. Paul Best is a story of the conventional type, in which the hero is transformed from a worthless character to a man of power and possibilities by the love of a woman, who is herself only characterized by ambition.

The Wayside Wares Department is this month filled with allusions to the fair sex and especially to love. Possibly the department might get back to the old standard of excellence, which characterized it at the beginning of the year if the topics were more varied. "Blushing—A Lost Art" in this department, is excellent.

The Department of "Translations and Reprints" and the Exchange Department present their usual matter, with some variety achieved in the latter by quoting from several other college periodicals criticisms of the *Archive*.

As a whole the magazine this month shows, to a slight extent, the effects of the Christmas holidays and the disturbing times immediately following. It is also characterized by excessive modesty as there are three anonymous pieces. But while not quite up to the standard of the previous issues under the present management, the magazine is not to be condemned, for in reality it is one to be proud of. The slight falling off in quality was entirely unavoidable under the peculiar difficulties in the way of such work, that conditions in the college community for the past month have brought about.

We are all grieved to know that the S. I. A. A. has at last decided that "Pooch" Flowers cannot hold Big "Bob" for us this spring.

FORTNIGHTLY'S IN MEETING

HELD MOST INTERESTING MEETING OF THE YEAR LAST FRIDAY EVENING.

READING BY MR. C. M. DANIEL

Discussed "The Development of the Liturgical Drama" in a Highly Entertaining Manner.—Paper Showed Strong Grasp and Sympathetic Interpretation of the Subject.

The best attended and the most enjoyable meeting of the Fortnightly club this year took place last Friday evening in one of the lecture rooms of the new academic building. The particular feature of the evening was the reading of a paper by Mr. C. M. Daniel, of the graduate school, on "The Development of the Liturgical Drama." It was one of the best executed pieces of work ever listened to by the club, and showed a remarkable grasp and sympathetic interpretation of the subject.

Mr. Daniel began with a short sketch of the drama of the late Roman period showing how it was degraded in the later empire until it became little more than a coarse farce in which women were made to lose their virtue and men to lose their lives. The drama seems then to have completely dropped out of sight, and from the beginning of Christianity until about the time of the Norman conquest in 1066 dramatic history is almost a perfect blank. But about this time a new impetus was given to it by the elaborate ceremonial of the mediaeval Catholic church, which rapidly began to acquire more and more the nature of a dramatic presentation.

It was with this period especially that Mr. Daniel dealt. He showed the gradual development of the earliest "Quem Quasier" liturgical dramas, in which the characters were few and the dialogue entirely in Latin, and hardly more than a simple series of questions and answers, to the elaborate mystery plays of the thirteenth century, in which there were numerous characters and in which the lines spoken by the actors began to assume the character of modern drama. Confined at first strictly to the Catholic church festivals, and portraying such scenes as the crucifixion, ascension and birth of Christ, it gradually broadened out and included the incident of the foolish virgins and other New Testament miracles. From this it was only a step to the presentation of the stories of the Old Testament, and the story of Noah and the flood, the Sacrifice of Isaac and the Fall of Man furnished abundant material for the mystery plays. Mr. Daniel's readings from several of the better known mysteries were selected with the intention of showing the rough humor which our early English ancestors delighted so much in, and it was a feature of his paper that was greatly enjoyed by his audience.

Dr. James Cannon, retired president of the Blackstone Female Academy, Va., now superintendent of the General Assembly of the Methodist Church, South, has been visiting his son, Mr. James Cannon, Jr., of the Freshman class.

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BASEBALL—THE SEASON OPENS

WAS there ever a college in the wide world which, at the beginning of the season, did not have the most promising team in its history? That college, if there was one, has not swum into our ken. For colleges, being thoroughly human, are endowed in common with the rest of mankind with a generous capacity for seeing the peculiar excellencies of themselves, and are only moderately provided with the faculty of detecting the good points of others. It is therefore an elation, softly tempered by what the future may have in store, that comes over us at the announcement by the coach that Trinity is to have the strongest team in years. As loyal Trinity men the news fills us with pride and hope. If betting were not so wholly reprehensible we would gladly stake our loose change that it will be the best team we have had in the last half dozen years. Everything points that way.

And yet despite our complete confidence in the team, the modicum of reasoning to which we have attained and a vagrant little gob of philosophy which will not hence cause us to ruminate a little after this manner: we are not the only college claiming a winning team this year. All of them cannot be winners. Some will lose. Fortune has ever been a whimsical spinster who, true to her kind, smiles fully as often upon the undeserving as she does upon those who woo her most assiduously. Not once or twice in our long baseball story was the path of excellence, not the way to glory. Our best teams often lose.

It is just this uncertainty which ought to rally every Trinity man to the support of the team. It would require but little moral faithfulness to support a team which was fatally certain to win. Fairweather friends come easily and as easily go. The friends of our poverty often forget us when

they prosper. It is the friends that stick to us in the hour of uncertainty—when the issue is in the balance—who are the ones really worth while. If a man's college loyalty is a variable something, rising or subsiding as the team wins or loses it is a mistake to class it as a college spirit. To do so would be to malign the noblest emotion attendant upon college life. It is only another phase of the higher selfishness.

An ideal arrangement would be to admit every student free of charge to all the games. Such an arrangement would insure the presence of every student and give free scope to the best college spirit untrammelled by associations of the more material sort. The millennium will probably bring such a state of affairs to pass. At present college athletics are rudely submitted to the same economic laws which limit other mundane activities, railroads and hotels being no respecters of humble seekers after truth. It takes money to maintain a college team and the best plan so far discovered is to permit the spectators to contribute it.

Now, one can be an entirely respectable college man and not care a rap for baseball. And one can be a loyal Trinity man without interesting in a season ticket. There are things far more important in college than baseball and the student who is not able to spend five dollars for a ticket ought not to do it. If one can't, one can't—that ends it. If it is a question of paying one's board or buying a ticket, it is vastly more honorable to pay the landlady and read the account of the games carried in the Chronicle—provided one pays for the Chronicle. But if one can, and a very few of us really cannot, lay our hands on a \$5 bill once a year, there is hardly a more loyal or patriotic thing that one could do than to get one.

By all means, then, if you can, buy a season ticket this spring, and come out to every game. Your presence will lend spirit to the rooting and will help the team to win. And your contribution will materially lighten the burden of a manager who is giving unselfishly of his own time and labor for no other remuneration than the consciousness of having done his best by his college. To do your best by the college is enough. You can't do more.

THE COLLEGE PAPER

THE "Tar Heel" (U. of N.C.) had the temerity on Feb. 22, to print an adverse criticism of a dramatic performance given by a student organization. It was at once taken up as an act of college treason by aggrieved parties and reported to the President who rightly washed his hands of the matter.

The incident brings to light an anomalous state of affairs that obtains at colleges which publish student papers. While misstatement, exaggeration, or unlimited praise would be by most students condemned in any reputable newspaper, they are all but demanded in the college paper. If a thing was punk the student paper must call it perfect, or be accused of disloyalty to the college. If the team went to pieces, it must shriek "hard luck." If a particular performance was only fair, the college editor falls short of patriotism if he does not describe it in glowing superlatives. In short, the student paper must be one long, unflinching panegyric singing the manifold praises of heroes in the embryo and clothing in vacuous superlatives every

mediocrity which the fertile brain and brawn of the undergraduate body has been able to execute.

We commend the stand taken by the editors of the "Tar Heel." If the student paper cannot make good by sticking to the truth, let it die. Its presence can only be a source of mischief. If the editors of student papers cannot print the truth about college activities, something is wrong with the college. They are under peculiar obligations to support and give publicity to the doings of the student body, but they are under no obligations to do their lying for them.

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Being Serious and Frivolous Facts About Trinity Men, Women and Things

Mr. F. S. Bennett has been elected track captain of the junior class team, and Mr. L. A. Puryear, captain of the junior baseball team.

The all-senior versus all-junior basketball ball game which comes off tomorrow night promises to furnish one of the hardest battles of the year. The first team men will be about evenly divided; Hedrick, Kiker, and Brinn, J. E., playing with the seniors and Jones, Brinn, C. E., and Moore with the juniors. The remainder of the places on the senior team will probably be filled by Gaston, Hunter and Bell. Puryear, Houston, and Cherry will line up with the juniors. A more evenly matched contest can hardly be imagined and it promises to be a battle royal. The date is tomorrow night at 7:30, and the admission is 15 cents.

The discussion that followed the reading of Doctor Gates' paper brought out several interesting points in regard to the origin and strength of this epic myth.

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At the regular meeting of the Classical Club, Doctor A. M. Gates of the Latin department read a re-

SENIORS WALLOP FACULTY

Fourth Year Men Win from the Professors by the Score of 33 to 21.

The faculty-senior game last evening was both a pleasant surprise and a severe disappointment, a surprise because the game was so well played and a disappointment in that only two real, sure enough members of the faculty had the courage to face the determined senior five. All hail to Professors Wilson and Spence! If they will just pass Freshmen like they did that basket ball there will be less weeping and gnashing of teeth amid these academic shades. And ah! could those seniors always feel the protecting arms of the faculty thrown around them so solicitously how—but we must go to the game.

Play opened with the faculty fussing as to choice of goals; objections were raised to flipping a coin and the matter was at last settled by radical compromises on both sides. The usual halves were divided, making quarters of fifteen minutes each and Professor Spence, who disputed for the faculty, retired to his corner exultant over his strategy. At the opening of play the seniors were a little too deferential and Cap. Card was permitted to pass the ball twice to Professor Wilson. The latter, however, hesitating to take precedence over an elder member of the faculty, promptly handed the ball to Prof. Spence who threw it at the seniors goal with a fetching air of monoclinalism. One member of the faculty team fell down during this quarter and play was considerably delayed while the seniors rushed to his assistance—senior rooters as well as players shared in this exhibition of good sportsmanship. Assistants to the faculty, Messrs. West and Fancett, starred in this quarter much to the disgust of the freshmen. At the end of the quarter the score stood 7 to 7.

The members of the faculty who had gathered to see the game bore their representatives in triumph to their dressing room where they stayed so long that those seniors who had fouled during the game were in a state of stupefaction hard to imagine. The delay was found out later, however, to have been occasioned by Prof. Spence changing hose with Prof. Wilson in order to deceive his opponent and to further secure his reputation as a strategist.

The second quarter was much like the first. This time, however, the seniors showed less deference and Adams once snatched the ball when Prof. Wilson was reaching for it! Prof. Spence frowned at him, however, and Adams retired in abject confusion to his corner. Bell, secure in his high general average, put several in the basket. Professor Spence fell down during the interval between the next quarters and the assistants were severely lectured by the entire faculty. The playing of West and Fancett was a feature of the third quarter. Cap Card showed the effect of retrospective coaching and guarded his man to a standstill. He got one shot at the basket and urged on Prof. Spence's flagging spirits.

The last quarter was easily the senior's. Gaston hid from Cap Card behind Bell and managed to sneak in six goals. Adams apologetically threw one and Hunter got two. Bell added four to his previous two and the whistle blew with the score thirty-three to twenty-one and with Prof. Spence again on the floor. The faculty team was at once surrounded by the as-

sembled faculty and the scene which followed was touching in the extreme. The seniors retired to the rear of the campus to give their class yell and when the Co-eds could be induced to stop cheering the faculty team, the crowd dispersed.

THE "TOMBS" OFFERS CUP

To Be Awarded to the Class Making Best Record on Track and Field.

As an incentive to the development of a track team at Trinity College, the "Tombs," a secret order of the junior class, has decided to offer a silver cup to be awarded annually to the class scoring the most points in the inter-class track meet. The cup is now on display at the Snider Co.'s store, this city, and is a fine production of the silversmith's art. It is eighteen inches high, measures four inches across the top, and is suitably engraved with words setting forth the object for which it was awarded. It is a most unique and beautiful trophy and cannot fail to arouse a healthy competition for its possession.

The class winning the cup will have its numerals engraved upon it and will retain possession of it until it is won from it by another class. It will be on exhibition during the year in the trophy room of the library where it will be permanently located.

The purpose of the "Tombs" in giving this cup is to awaken a wide-spread interest in track athletics at Trinity, to the end that an increasing number of men will try for events not only in the inter-class meets but also in the varsity teams. It realizes that the students of this college really want track athletics and has set itself the task of encouraging the sport as far as possible. The present movement had its inception in the relay race between the classes which took place last fall, and which demonstrates beyond all doubt that Trinity had abundant material from which to develop a track team the equal of any in the state. Interest has steadily increased since then, and the movement is now on a firm footing.

The announcement that an inter-class meet would be held some time this spring, has met with enthusiastic approval by the students and an increasing number of them are on every day trying for the different events. The committee in charge of this branch of athletics is greatly encouraged by the response of the men and hope to have Trinity represented in the interstate track meet, if not this, certainly next year. The date of the inter-class field day has not been definitely settled, but it will be between the first and fifteenth of April. Announcements of further arrangements, and a review of the candidates who are trying for the events, will probably appear next week in the Chronicle.

PRGF. PEGRAM TO Y. M. C. A.

Spoke on "The Value of Personal Effort" at the Meeting Wednesday Evening.

On last Wednesday evening the Y. M. C. A. had the privilege of hearing Prof. Pegram, of the Chemistry Department. Prof. Pegram is vitally interested in the religious life of the college, and always has a message of great worth for the students. His theme this time was "The Value of Personal Effort." Especially did he emphasize the value of personal effort in attaining the Christian life. He began with the exhortation "Ex-

ercise thyself into Godliness," and in part said:

Ideals rule the world. It is this desire of men to become more like the Son of Man would have them be, which makes them establish the asylum for the insane, hospitals for the sick, and orphanages for the fatherless. Godliness is the highest ideal in the world, and while you are catching glimpses of better ideals make this your greatest.

No man attains to anything excellent without great personal effort. Therefore a man should begin early and keep the effort up. When one thing is done once let the next time see it performed better. The first things in the Christian life are the simple things.

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