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University Directory.

Dialectic Literary Society meets every Saturday at 11 a. m. in its hall on the third floor of south wing of main building.

Philosophic Literary Society meets every Saturday at 11 a. m. in its hall on third floor of north wing of main building.

Y. M. C. A. meets every Sunday at 2 o'clock in its hall on first floor of main building.

Glee Club meets twice a week.

Engineering Club meets every other week.

Tennis Club—Club-house and grounds in the south end of campus.

Athletic Association—Regular meetings twice a year. Executive Committee meets about twice a month.

Missionary Society meets at Y. M. C. Hall every Friday night.

FRATERNITIES.

Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Alpha, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Gamma Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Omega Alpha, Epsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon. Other Saturday night at their respective rooms in the city.

PUBLICATIONS.

HUSTLER, weekly, published by V. A. A.

Observer, literary monthly, published by the Literary societies.

Comet, annual, published by the fraternities.

The Observer.

Vanderbilt can boast of one of the best literary journals of any college in the country. In it can be found articles treating on not only literary subjects, but also scientific and political, and handled in a way that does the students and the University credit.

The first year **THE HUSTLER** was published a good deal of enmity was stirred up between it and the **Observer**, which did neither paper any good.

Last year **THE HUSTLER** announced in its first issue that its policy was one of entire friendliness to the **Observer**, and it was, in most cases, though there was a little cross-firing that was not called for.

Now we need both papers, and are going to have both, so the thing we want and must have is harmony. There is absolutely no reason why we should not have this, as the scope of each is very different.

We feel a great interest and ownership in the **Observer**, and for the sake of both papers we are going to make a suggestion. It is this: Abolish the local department of the **Observer**, throw all such matter into **THE HUSTLER**, and also raise the **Observer** to its proper dignity. Were it not for the local department of the **Observer** it would never come in conflict in any

way with **THE HUSTLER**, and of course, as the latter comes out every week, it has a great advantage over the former. The local editors of the **Observer** naturally feel a little sad when they see a joke they have carefully put down in their memorandum book come out in **THE HUSTLER** ten days before the next issue of the **Observer**. It is also a little hard on the readers to have to read the same joke twice. Again, the local department causes the **Observer** not to be read. The average student will take it up, glance at the local department to see if anything is in there on him, and throw it down.

If there were no such department he would spend the few minutes in reading the editorials or some article that would do him more good. The editors would therefore strive to have more readable articles, and the paper would be benefited. The local department, as intimated before, has become merely a stale joke department, because any local happenings, personals or announcements become too old before the **Observer's** next issue.

The members of the literary societies will do well to discuss this matter, and if they see fit, abolish the local department and throw their whole editorial force into the effort to push the **Observer** still further ahead of its contemporaries in the field of college journalism.

Fraternities.

If a Freshman shows any degree of character above the average he is apt soon to be asked to join one or more fraternities. Most that are asked join, though **THE HUSTLER** would not offer more advice in regard to fraternities than this: Take time and consider the matter, if you are asked by more than one; you can soon learn in the fraternity by association with its members. Of course some are better than others, though it is frequently a matter of taste as to which is the better of two, and above all things join the one which has the most congenial men to you.

Many have gone through the University without joining a fraternity, and at the same time held the same respect of every one, and obtained about as many honors.

It is the opinion of the writer—and most of the best men here agree in it—that if a man can join a good fraternity he had better do it. Fraternities have become a permanent part

in colleges, and a good one stimulates one to do his best in every way, for by his character is measured that of the fraternity. Men often strive for medals that their fraternity may have the glory of the conquest, and this is much better than to have no other motive for working for a medal than one's own personal glory.

Our Ball Team.

Along with the stir and bustle of getting under way in our new college year, comes a strong interest in the future of our ball nine, and many are the questions asked and the speculations indulged in concerning that organization. Undoubtedly our prospects for a successful season are very bright; much brighter, indeed, than at any previous time. We have some fine material, both new and old, most of which, however, are in need of hard, persistent work. While we have fine material we have not, by any means, a fine team yet. Everything is before us and hard work in the right direction will make us reasonably sure of a long string of victories to our credit at the end of the season.

Now, let us see what is necessary to insure our success. First of all let every Vanderbilt man take a strong interest in our team and back it up in every possible manner. A nine with an enthusiastic college backing is very strong to start with, but poor support and lack of interest will kill any nine. Let a position on the nine be considered a place of great honor, as it surely is, and something worth striving for. Come out to watch the men practice, and be on hand at the games to cheer our men on to victory. Join the Athletic Association, if you have not already done so, and in every way consider yourself personally bound to make Vanderbilt foremost on the ball-field. Let every man who can play ball try for the nine. There is not a single place on the team that is assured to any one man, so there is plenty of chance for all to try, and the best man will win. We should have thirty men try for the nine this year. Of course they can not all obtain a place, but it may pave the way for next year, and considerable talent is sure to be developed. Two nines should be formed and practice-games played every day. Now, how can this raw material be developed into a fine nine? Simply by hard,

systematic training and practice in the gymnasium when the weather is not suitable for field work. There is but one way of learning to play ball, and that is to play ball. The importance of this has never been fully understood at Vanderbilt, and in consequence we have never had a really good nine. A little loose practice has been indulged in by a few men, and that more in the way of recreation than anything else. This occasional practice consisted of catching a few flies or stopping a few grounders, batted directly to the men. Batting and base running, two great features of the game, were entirely neglected and games were few. The consequence was that when one of our men faced an opposing pitcher he felt strange and without confidence. If by good luck he reached first he never knew what to do next, so runs were thrown away by stupid base-running. Anyone who saw the second game we played with Lebanon last year, will appreciate the force of this remark. So, by all means, let us practice batting and base-running. Combinations of play occur in games that are never seen in mere practice, and it is only by playing many games that team-work, that indescribable confidence in each other and close-work playing can be acquired. Of course the battery is a most important part of a nine and the candidates for that position should be given lots of hard work. Every candidate for the nine should determine to regularly devote part of his day to good hard work under the direction of the Captain. There must be good discipline and a willing obedience to orders, and the whole College should show their strong disapproval of any shirking or disobedience in this line, no matter how great a reputation as a player he may have. Of course we are counting on the moral effect of having the Faculty with us.

At present we are heavily handicapped by the want of a ball-field, as the only place we have is actually dangerous in handling ground balls. Class-games would be very useful in showing what we have to start with, and class nines should be organized at once. With the co-operation of the whole college, and hard work on the part of the nine, there is no reason why Vanderbilt should not be victorious everywhere this season.

Where He Busted.

"Though a Soph, he could handle the chalk,
And never be disgusted;
But he couldn't keep still and hear 'Sap' talk,
And there is where he busted.

"Of Latin Grammar he had a command,
And had a mash adjusted;
But he wouldn't pop and hold up his hand,
And there is where he busted.

"He studied hard, as hard can be,
And never for once mistrusted;
But he failed to bootlick 'W. M.,'
And there is where he busted.

"He talked to 'Old Doc' with fine effects,
About volumes old and musty;
But he couldn't give th' exact words of the text,
And there is where he busted.

"He depended on learning and looks
And in his knowledge trusted;
But he bragged to 'Old Vaughn' on Wentworth's books,
And there is where he busted.

"He handled 'Old Thorny's' instruments,
He did every thing to make amends,
But there was where he busted."

Open the University Earlier in September.

There has been some discussion of the matter of opening the University a little earlier. Every thing seems to favor the adoption of an earlier date. It gets too cool at the summer resorts for the professors and they have to come home, and hence their summer recreation is cut shorter than it would be if they could leave earlier. The first of September is the regular time all over the South for the opening of schools, because then the extreme heat of summer is over.

This, we think, the main reason, however, for a change: it is nearly always too hot for a student to do well on final examinations that are held after the first of June, and at the same time retain his health.

Three or four five-hour examinations, on as many consecutive hot days, is enough to break any one down. Now is the time to consider the matter, that the change may become well known by next year. The catalogue was out before the matter was thought of this year.

Nashville has seen a good deal of base-ball during the Summer, mainly through the City Athletic Club; their nine played Sewanee two games, one here and one at Sewanee, and Sewanee was strictly "not in it." Sewanee will have to stop boasting of never having been beaten on her own grounds.

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REALIZING the fact that the paper had been of great good to the Athletic Association, and being urged to it by a number of students, there was called a meeting of the Executive Committee on the twelfth day of June last, when it was unanimously decided that the Vanderbilt Athletic Association would take charge of THE HUSTLER. Three years ago some enterprising students formed and carried out the plans to publish a weekly newspaper at Vanderbilt. This was the beginning of THE HUSTLER.

At the end of that year these students tried to get the societies or classes to take hold of THE HUSTLER, but nothing definite was done, and so the publication of the paper lapsed for one year.

When we did not have THE HUSTLER it was seen that it was hard to do without it, so several other enterprising students last year again backed it personally, and its success as a supporter of new university enterprises was seen by all.

The Athletic Association acknowledges its debt to it by taking charge of its publication. At the same time it may be said that the V. A. A. not only tries to develop track athletes, but tries to further, as in this, all the enterprises of the University.

The V. A. A. doesn't expect to become rich, of course, off the publication of THE HUSTLER, and at the same time we don't want the association to lose any money by it.

The paper looks to the association to "back it," to you students it looks for support, which should be liberal. You will find it very interesting to keep a file of the paper as it comes out, and it will save you writing if you send a copy home. Some may say that they do not have any particular interest in athletics, and therefore do not care to subscribe. The V. A. A. only intends to regulate the *spirit* and *tone* of the paper, and by no means does it want the columns to be given up to its interests alone.

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LAST year the THE HUSTLER made some attempt to get the Medical department less alienated, but it was not attempted in a very good way and entirely failed.

THE HUSTLER intends to try another time to bring all Vanderbilt students together. We will endeavor to get editors from the Medical and Dental departments, and also subscribers in those departments. The same will be done in the Law department, though that is already more closely affiliated with us.

You will all notice the enlarged size of THE HUSTLER. We expect to have regularly a four page, twenty column paper, and an extra sheet on special occasions.

We think the report of the affairs of the University demand this space, but to have the paper interesting and newsy we ask all to help us in gathering things of interest. If you have a good joke on "California" Hardin, don't tell it to everybody, but save it for THE HUSTLER.

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Nine old Vanderbilts, two of the graduates, have entered the Law Class.

Dr. Dudley spent the summer abroad, mainly in Berlin. He also attended the Convention of Industrial Chemists at Dublin. German diet seems to have agreed with him.

Dr. Safford spent the summer chasing fossils upon his native heath in Ohio. He also spent several weeks in Washington in attendance upon the International Congress of Geologists, and other conventions.

F. S. Brockman ('91) made us a short visit just a few days ago. He stopped long enough to subscribe for THE HUSTLER.

W. M. Taylor's smiling countenance and loud pants were to be seen among us on Sunday last. Down on business, we suppose.

Dr. Bemis spent the summer roaming around up North, in Boston, and perhaps other places.

Drs. Smith and Kirkland attended the Philological Society in Philadelphia.

J. K. Parr and Halliburton have stopped from their work long enough to write for THE HUSTLER. Everybody must have it.

Dr. Garland has taken his usual trip to Virginia.

Dr. Vaughn was seen outside of Nashville this summer, even down in Mississippi, but he didn't remain away long.

Dr. McGill was the campus beau for the summer, Prof. Rodriguez being in Mexico.

Mr. Gwathmey considers Dr. Erwin, of Tulip Street, the best preacher in town. He also likes the music there.

Ed. Mims and Jim Robins spent Sunday last in the classic town of Bell Buckle. James went down to see his girl, but we can't imagine what carried Mims down there.

Elliston Farrell is thinking somewhat of coming back to the University. If so, he intends to make a specialty of gymnasium and Y. M. C. A. The only drawback, he thinks, is the fact that he might have to go into a sub-class of the Y. M. C. A.

Eugene Crockett is in Chicago working on the World's Fair, and studying architecture.

Prof. Baskerville spent the summer at Montegale.

Dr. Martin and Prof. Rodriguez are still absent. The former is in New York City, the latter in Mexico, and is expected home about October 1.

Paul Jones spent part of the summer at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Wood's Hall, Mass., and part taking in New York, Boston, Washington and other cities.

Of last year's Senic Class in the Literary Department, all but five returned to the University again this year. Some in Law, and some in Post-Graduate work. As to the five who did not return, Bemis and Ford are with the lumber firm of J. H. Bemis & Co., in Jefferson, Texas; J. K. Parr is in Covington, Tenn., teaching; Brockman is in New York, engaged as Chairman of the American Inter-Seminary Missionary Alliance; Miss Johnson is teaching mathematics in Howard County College at Fayette, Mo.

Halli Burton, of the Engineering Department graduates, is attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, at Boston.

Bowron and Dyer are at work in their chosen professions.

Scarritt, Mims and Brockman spent a couple of weeks at the Y. M. C. A. Summer School at Lake Geneva, Wis.

H. B. Bond was seen on the campus on Monday last.

Most of our old co-eds are back again. Miss Witt, sister of W. H. Witt ('87), is among the new ones.

June—Hollingshed intends not to come back, co-eds intend to board at their old place near West Side Row. September—Hollingshed back, co-eds change their minds and boarding-place. Result: Hollingshed is somewhat sick; Browder is all smiles.

Since Prof. Magruder's expulsion Dr. McGill is "old lady" for the I. V. Club. The Club is now reduced to the number proper to its name. As each member drops out he wills to the others his share in their joint-possessions. They say Dr. Dudley intends waiting until the last so that he will have to go to no trouble and expense to get ready for house-keeping proper.

HUSTLER Agent (at the florists)—I called to see if you would not give us an ad. Florist's Wife—No, Sir, I think not. Florist's Wife—Yes; give them an add. Our flowers got a wife for Prof. Magruder, and if some of those other professors out there had their attention called to our establishment, they might be more successful.

The University Courier, of Kansas State University, has begun to come to us again. It is a weekly and one of the liveliest of our exchanges last year. We are glad to see it again, and will gladly exchange again. The Courier represents a live university.

Most of Ben Lander's friends have already heard, and with much regret, that he was so unfortunate as to have his arm severely strained something over a month ago. He has been unable to pitch since, which has been much to the loss of his club. He had won seventy-five per cent of his games last year, and was not always supported as well as might have been expected. Many papers in the country had a great deal complimentary to say in regard to Landers both as a ball player and gentleman. We Vanderbilts agree with them in all they say, and we await with impatience his return to our midst.

Announcements.

There will be a meeting of the Athletic Association in the gymnasium, Thursday, Sept. 24, at 4 o'clock. Important business will be transacted, and all the old members are urged to be present. The new students are also earnestly invited to attend the meeting.

Dr. Denny will address the members of the Y. M. C. A. next Sunday at 2 o'clock. All students are cordially invited to come to hear him. A talk worth hearing may be expected.

The Dialectic Literary Society will offer the following program at 11 o'clock on Saturday: Essay—John Wall; Declamation—L. C. Renfro; Debate—Resolved, That it would be best for the public at large to have the World's Fair open on Sundays. Aff.—Mims & Crockett; Neg.—Park & Craig.

The following is the Philosophic program: Declamation—W. T. Walker; Debate—Resolved, That the convicts should be allowed to work in the mines. Aff.—Clawson & Trawick; Neg.—Ritchie & Blond.



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Answers to Questions.

Specimens of answers to questions in the Entrance Examinations:

Who was the author of the Declaration of Independence? Ans. Jeff. Davis.

Name the countries of South America. Ans.: Chille, Europe, Asia, Nebraska, Mexico, Peru; and I have forgotten the others.

How would you sail by water from Chicago to Louisville, Ky.? Down the Ohio, up the Mississippi, and through by Indianapolis.

What part of U. S. is opposite England? Ans.: Mexico.

What was the greatest thing Geo. Washington ever did? Ans.: He commanded at Bull Run and Bunker Hill.

Where is Pike's Peak? Ans.: In New Hampshire.

Law Items.

Judging from the many intelligent faces that were seen in the lecture room last Thursday morning, it is safe to say that the law department will share fully in the general prosperity of the University during the term of 1891-2. A number of those faces are well known to the readers of THE HUSTLER, some as junior law students of last term, and others as members of the literary department. There are also a number of men who enter into our midst for the first time, and we hasten to extend to them a hearty welcome.

The class of '91 has scattered all over the country, and it is encouraging to have them write back that they are not yet starved to death. Several of the boys have combined and resolved to get a client or starve together. You will find Davis

and Murchison, together in Texas, while Cherry and Moore will await their fate in this city.

It is hard to ascertain at this early date whether we are to have any freaks in the class this year or not. Hogue has not returned, and Collins is said to be prospecting for the Garden of Eden in Northern Florida. True, Hardin is on his way, but we understand the grape crop in California was not so fine as usual, some of the branches being so small that two men could easily carry them.

Mr. Baxter has already fired a few shells into the ranks of the new men, and as a consequence they tremble and "bust" whenever he speaks to them. Don't be afraid of him, boys; he will work you hard and look right into your mind to see if you know the lesson,

but his heart is in the right place, and you will find him a true friend to the law student.

Col. Malone told us all about the dogs and horses and Tom, Jr.; but he is also going to tell us more about "contracts" and "commercial paper."

Of course we are glad to hear once more the cheerful "Quare de hoc" of Judge Reese, and we trust he will explain its meaning to Mr. Stahlman once more.

Wedding Bells.

The Summer campaign has proved very successful for our Professors.

On the 18th of June last, Prof. William T. Magruder was married to Miss Nellie Malone. Miss Malone is the daughter of Col. T. H. Malone, the Dean of the Law School, and sister of T. H. Malone, Jr. our great "sphere twister." She has already many friends among the ladies on the Campus, who are glad to welcome her to the University circle, as she is con-

sidered by all who know her to be one of the most pleasant and cultivated of ladies. They spent their honeymoon in the Catskills and have now returned for the Professor to take up his regular work.

Prof. Magruder is certainly to be congratulated on his success in getting such a lady for his life companion.

The ninth of the present month is put down by Dr. Waller Deering as one of the happiest in his life, on which he was united to Miss Jossie Winn, of Kentucky. Miss Winn comes from one of the best of the old Kentucky families, and brings with her a reputation for worth of character that any one might be proud of. Dr. Deering is considered one of our best instructors and is one of the most popular Professors on account of his kind and respectful manner to all the students. THE HUSTLER joins with their many friends in extending heartiest congratulations and wishes for long and happy lives to both couples.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE!

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THE HUSTLER CAN PROVE IT,

And Sewanee, Lebanon and All Others will Have to Acknowledge It!

The Game has Commenced to Roll.

Manager Porter is on the Lookout for Base Ball Material,

And Manager Knapp is Getting a List of All the Strong-Looking Men.

Malone, Thompson, Waterfield, Barr, Robins, Jones, Knight and Smith of last year's ball players are back with us again, and Sanders is expected soon to be here. O, that Bemis were coming back, too!

McKenzie has accepted the scholarship given by the Athletic Association and is with us, and will be of great help to us in our sports.

Our foot ball team is not so fortunate as the base ball. Both half-backs and our quarter-back and Alex Allen, the great left-end, are with us no more.

Never mind! we will be ready to meet anybody that wants to tackle us on Thanksgiving Day.

'Tis reported that Knight knocked a home-run this summer, and also that Richard Barr caught a fly in center-field.

Several new men come with the reputation of being ball-players. Let them get to work and try to get on the team.

Think of the great free trips and the glory of doing Sewanee. Sewanee! We are going to try to get Yale to come down next spring and play base ball, and we are scheming to play Washington University, of St. Louis, foot ball on next Thanksgiving Day.

You are fortunate if you get on the team—work for it.

Medical Y. M. C. A.

There has never existed any organization of Christian students in the medical department of the University. Notwithstanding the fact that many of them have come from religious families and surroundings, they have thought they were in the minority, and consequently have made no efforts along the lines of Christian organization.

The first year medical students are now engaged in their preliminary work, and it was thought that now would be the best time to reach them, so on Sunday afternoon, September 6, a meeting of the students was called at the Vanderbilt building. The members of the faculty had been asked to co-operate in the work, and there were present on this occasion Drs. T. A. Atchison and G. C. Savage, who made interesting talks. It was in every way an enthusiastic meeting, and at the close many signified their desire to organize a Y. M. C. A.

On the next Sunday afternoon another meeting was held, at which sixty were present. Mr. Brockman, one of the college Y. M. C. A. secretaries, and a graduate of Vanderbilt, spoke very forcibly about Y. M. C. A. work, and called upon the students to rally to Christian work. At the close forty-six agreed to go into an organization, and the organization was completed with Geo. M. Brown as President and Dr. Chapman as Secretary. On the same evening a Y. M. C. A. was organized in the medical department of the University of Tennessee, with thirteen members, and Dr. Giles as President.

This movement, just as the publication of THE HUSTLER, as the representative of all the departments, is a step in the direction of bringing all the departments together.

The Comet.

Last year's *Comet* will be found very amusing and interesting to the new students, especially those that are contemplating joining one of the fraternities. A number of copies were left over from last year, and will be found for sale in the Secretary's office.

Speaking of the *Comet*, right now is the time for the fraternities to select their editors and let them get to work.

The editors have every year been handicapped by the lack of time.

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Join one of the Literary Societies and learn something outside of your text-books.

Athletic Association tickets are now for sale. Get one now from P. M. Jones, or P. H. Porter.

The shower baths will soon be completed in the gymnasium, tickets can be had by members of the V. A. A. at One Dollar for the year.

Knoxville wants to play us this Fall; the ball team must not fail to give them a chance while they are in the notion of playing.

Farrell and Ellis went up and played Sewanee at tennis during the Summer, and were quite badly beaten.

The gymnasium is now open, and the students will find our genial instructor at hand during class hours to take measurements and give general instructions as to the proper exercise for each one.

Query—How many hours would there be in each day if each Professor had as much time as he wants? Dr. Denny has already commenced to complain of lack of time for his Moral Philosophy.

Two more of our old bachelors have become tired of single life and have taken unto themselves a better half—who next?

We think that the matter of excluding Law students from West Side Row has been arranged in about as satisfactory manner as possible. On account of its convenience the club is most properly for the students who recite on the Campus, but at the same time it would hardly be right to exclude an old student of the Literary department who is back taking Law, as he has all his furniture, which he would have to sell at a great sacrifice. It is a great pity that any have to be excluded as enough reason now exists for the alienation of one department from the others.

A. Riley Hardin, of California, and Leach, of Missouri, came in on Tuesday. Our reporter called on Mr. Hardin, but as we wish to publish only that which has a semblance of truth, we don't give the interview.

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR

McEWEN'S LAUNDRY

Glee Club.

One evening in December, 1890, about fifteen Vanderbilt boys gathered together in the cosy little parlor of Mr. and Mrs. John Ashford, their object being to form an organization to be known as the "Vanderbilt Glee Club." Truly their object was neither selfish nor mercenary. They were all loyal to our University, and sought to establish at Vanderbilt an organization which is recognized at every other university as one of the chief features of college life, and at the same time to cultivate their voices that they might sing our college songs as is done elsewhere. With this laudable purpose in view they began to study and practice music under the thorough and always patient instruction of Mr. Ashford and his wife, the one wielding the baton and the other presiding at the piano. The officers elected for the year were A. R. Hardin, President, and R. K. Morgan, Secretary and Treasurer. The club met regularly twice a week for practice and devoted an hour to the study of music and practice of college songs. They made their first bow to the public on the night of Feb. 22, 1891, introducing for the first time the new Vanderbilt song. The club immediately became popular, and received numerous invitations to sing at entertainments in the city. During our commencement exercises the Glee Club was very kindly hired by the authorities instead of the band, and the assistance rendered by the money that was received was much appreciated by the members, as the expenses for instruction had been paid by the individuals up to that time. The list of members was as follows: first tenors, Vreeland, Morgan and Knapp; second tenors, Black, Powell and Watterfield; first bass, Washburn, Hardin and Perry; second bass, Sanders, Cromer and Meadows. At the last meeting last year the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: N. Powell, President; Bradford Knapp, Vice President; John Perry, Secretary and Treasurer.

Such is in brief the history of the Vanderbilt Glee Club up to the present. The club is

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now on a firm basis, with money in the treasury and bright prospects for the coming year. New music will be purchased with the money appropriated for that purpose, and practice will begin at once. The club needs, and is very anxious to get, some new members. Let all those who wish to join hand their application to the President, Mr. Powell. They will then have their voices examined by the leader, and, if recommended, can become members. The initiation fee, which helps out our general expenses, is two dollars. Boys, while we are booming every thing else in college, let's boom the Glee Club. Harvard and Yale have their glee clubs, and why can't we? Don't let the Glee Club fail for want of support.

Lines Descriptive of College Boys.

The half-grown Fresh with self-important air,
At home renowned for wit and talents rare,
Steps on the stage and is surprised to find
Another youth of quite as good a mind.
But still he frowns at all the world beside,
For none can fill the measure of his pride.
Ah! then the Soph, the wisest fool of all,
With classic lore doth all his friends appal;
Each little thing by technical name he knows;
Quotes Latin verse and writes florid prose.
Oh! great Junior, what shall I say of thee?
If I applaud, thou wilt but yainer be.
If I upbraid, my chiding will be met
With arguments in logic firmly set.
Thus in silence I can only meekly pray,
May he in future find a better way.
With all due honor to a Senior's name,
Oft I've wondered on what he based his fame.
Those showy arts by which the Soph is known,
Have long since from his rapid memory flown.
His Greek is gone, his Latin too has sped,
And naught has entered in to fill their stead.
But what he lacks in learning, he through pride,
Strives to conceal by being dignified.
For when tried with questions of simple lore,
Stale dignity is all he has in store;
But these are youth's follies and will decay
When common sense shows the heart a wiser way,
And then the soul that walks to reason's rule
Will think how foolish were his ways at school.

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Even more than a week before the date for the opening of the University the old students began to come in, and every train brought some more Freshmen.

The summer has been spent in various ways; some have whiled away the sunny days with their summer girls at the resorts; and some have engaged in the less hazardous but none the less hazardous business of introducing good literature into the homes of the country; not selling books, O no! No matter how the summer has been spent, all are back full of zeal for Vanderbilt. It is surprising to note in the catalogue how many of the old students are with us still. All but four of last year's Senior class of the literary department are still at the University, some in law, and some taking post-graduate work.

Considering this fact, and that there are more Freshmen than usual, it is seen that we are going to have a much larger enrollment than any previous year.

There certainly never was so much enthusiasm among the old students. As the fellows would come in from the train you would hear yi! yi! yip! from them.

And every one was discussing the prospects of the year, both in regard to the college work and the sports.

The professors, too, seem to feel like there's going to be a booming year, and they meet the students, it seems, with even more than their usual cordiality.

We are glad to say ours is a University where the professors have something to do with the students.

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tion just by being able to see big men, but they know us by name and give us a hearty shake of the hand and welcome us back, and then come into the recitation rooms and give us directly the benefit of their knowledge by personal instruction. Our professors may not be paid quite as much as some, but they are as competent and do as much work in the way of instruction as any, and some do a great deal outside, too. We've got a great University, and we are going to have a greater one.

Importance of "Outside Things."

Now is the time every student, new and old, is making out his schedule of work for the coming year. While you are studying over the catalogue and determining which studies you will pursue, don't fail to give yourself some time for what is known as "outside things." It is in these things even more, we might almost say, than in the routine studies that one makes himself felt in the college.

If you come here simply for your own good and not at all for that of the college and the other students, you will not get the same benefit as otherwise.

To be more explicit about the outside things, you have a chance to improve yourself by writing for the *Observer* or *Hustler*; you have a chance to make a good debator and parliamentarian in the literary societies, or even an orator. On the other hand, you can reap glory in the base-ball field for yourself and the University, or in the foot-ball games.

It may not be considered so meritorious to have the best record in the base-ball nine as it is to have it in Greek or Latin, nor is it the intention of this article to try to raise athletic ability too high nor lower scholarship at all, but what the University needs is well rounded men. To develop either the physical or mental to the neglect of the other is wrong, and it is hard to tell which is worse. It is certainly a laudable ambition for each man to try to place himself in such a position that he may have large and good influence. To do this he must be no book-worm. An especially fine athlete is better known while here than the finest student, and is longer remembered than the founder's medalists.

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students would want to attend a college where there would necessarily be such a lack of enthusiasm.

It is, in the main, such things as base-ball games that make a college known to other colleges and to the world, and hence make it progress. If by our enthusiasm we can make ours seem one of the biggest institutions in the land, and thus get a large attendance, we will do a great deal of good. Our faculty will see to it that we do not get so cranky on the subject of athletics that we cannot think of anything else. As long as they continue to keep up their present high standing there need be no fear of the students running wild on other things. If any one can play foot-ball or base-ball well, let him consider that he owes it to the University to give it the advantage of his talents in that direction.

Your health requires you to take some vigorous exercise, so take it in the way you can do the most good to Vanderbilt.

Under the Pump.

Class spirit is a good thing, if not carried too far, for it promotes college spirit. There is no better way of getting one attached to the University than by getting him especially attached to some part of it as his class.

Last year's senior class was the first class to go through the University as a class, that is, as Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior, and that was the largest class ever graduated from the literary department.

Inter-class base-ball games and the like are good things to promote this class feeling but when this feeling goes into enmity and petty warfare it is a bad thing. At Vanderbilt the Freshman has always had the same rights as the Senior and nothing like hazing is practiced. Last year, however, the Freshman seemed to think that they were not noticed enough, so they compelled attention to themselves by ducking several upper classmen. The result was that fifteen or more Freshman bathed their countenances under the West Side pump about 4 o'clock one morning. There were some threats among them to join with this year's Freshman class in ducking those that put them under. It is probable, however, that their intentions are now changed, and we hope that they will not even be inclined to get revenge by initiating any of the present Freshmen into the early morning bath. If something of the kind is needed to draw the class to-

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gether something a little better might be adopted. At Bethany College, in West Virginia, the Juniors have a custom of planting in secret a tree somewhere on the campus. If the Freshmen find this tree within three days after its planting they have the right to pull it up, but if the three days are passed without their finding it, then it is decorated with flags by the Juniors, and is thenceforth allowed to remain.

Things of this kind get up a distinctive class feeling without enmity connected with it.

It seems to some, especially to the Freshmen, very hard that men who have come from a long distance and just failed by a few points to get into the University to be sent back home. Some of the answers to examination papers given elsewhere in *THE HUSTLER* ought to show that some at least, did not know enough to understand the course here. All may rest assured that if any are sent home it is done for their own good. A student who even just manages to get in generally has a hard time getting out of the University successfully; so it would do great injustice to anyone to tell him he could make up several subjects and try to continue here. Failure and consequently more loss of time and money would be the result. The faculty's invariable advice to all who fail is, go to some good preparatory school until they are better prepared, and then try again.

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