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EDITORIAL

R. E. GONZALES.

The first number of THE GAMECOCK herewith makes its appearance. It consists of Editorial, Athletic, Y. M. C. A., Current Events and Local departments, and has on its staff an editor from each of the literary societies, whose duty it shall be to publish the society news and their programmes. They shall also incorporate in their departments a sort of miniature alumni department, in this way fulfilling the purpose for which that department was made a part of the magazine. There will be a column or two of clippings, humorous verse, etc.

Now, the paper will be a small affair at first; moreover, it won't be anything pretentious, or anything to brag about; but it is, and will continue to be, the official organ of the Athletic Association of the University, the Young Men's Christian Association, the two societies, and the whole student-body. It will represent the spirit of Carolina as emblemed by THE GAMECOCK; the spirit of "stick-at-it-iveness," of fighting against odds for the sheer love of the thing; the spirit of '03, that out of a student-body of one hundred and seventy-five men produced a football team

that defeated two of the best in the South, and gained glory for its college; the spirit of "never say die" that for a generation has been called alike on campus, diamond, gridiron and track,—the Carolina spirit.

THE GAMECOCK will be another example of that spirit, because we are convinced that no University in the United States with an enrollment of three hundred now publishes and maintains a weekly newspaper. There is nothing so conducive to the fostering of friendliness as common ownership of common property; in that respect, at least, THE GAMECOCK will be useful. It will bring professor and student in closer touch; it will promote better feeling between the Normal, Academic and Law schools—which, in passing, is sadly needed—and it will cause everybody to realize more fully what University life should mean.

The editor-in-chief will deal with college conditions fairly and squarely as he sees them; this paper was not established to further the interests of any college organization, but the interests of the college. The editorials will be discussions of the various questions that we raise among ourselves from day to day, and that bear upon our campus life.

Current Events

VICTOR E. RECTOR.

The General Assembly of South Carolina is now in session. A straight prohibition bill has been introduced by Mr. Nash, of the Spartanburg delegation. The people are quietly waiting to know the result. Many believe that South Carolina should seize the prohibition wave that is now sweeping the entire South, and pass the law along with her sister States. Georgia has prohibition; after June the first the sale of liquor will be illegal in Alabama; in Mississippi only one dozen places now sell liquor; in Tennessee only Memphis, Chattanooga and Nashville remain as cities that license the sale of whisky; North Carolina is practically certain to adopt prohibition at the next session of the Legislature; Texas and Kentucky have a large majority of their counties dry. South Carolina has always been in the lead. Surely she cannot afford to wait longer for a more opportune time for prohibition. The people want the law.

Senator B. R. Tillman is now at work in Congress trying to get the interstate commerce laws so changed that it will be unlawful for a liquor dealer to ship his goods out of a wet State into a prohibition State.

When this measure has passed, and South Carolina goes completely dry, even the poor victims of drink, who may have voted to keep the bottles in their places, will, in their hearts, take part in the general rejoicing. And what class of people will be sorrowful?

The students of the University of South Carolina are now making a hard fight to secure the aid of a Y. M. C. A. Student Secretary for next session. The only thing that can possibly bring failure to this movement is for the Legislature to refuse to appropriate the six hundred dollars that the Trustees have recommended for that purpose. The students, faculty and alumni are doing their part towards getting the right man, so much needed; and it is sincerely hoped that our lawmakers will not strike the death blow.

A few weeks ago, at a ministers' conference in Greenville, South Carolina, a resolution was passed, expressing the sentiment of that body that the Legislature should pass a marriage license law for this State. This action was taken with a view of protecting our mill population against too early and too hasty marriages. Such protection is needed. Love, with all of its accompanying blessings or woes, as the case may be, is too sacred a thing to be turned over entirely to the flashy, whimsical wishes of immature minds.

For the want of some such law, homes are being wrecked and one of the mudsills of civilization is being shaken from its place.

Dr. Joynes Resigned

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pus. The many years that he carries so gracefully seem to bind him more tightly to that old institution for which he has done so much—the last conspicuous service being leadership in the successful movement to have restored the proud title 'University.'

"Our hope is that in retirement from the routine of the classroom Dr. Joynes will remain in Columbia and more frequently indulge the reading public by the use of one of the few fascinating pens that we know. And we may come to selfishly rejoice, if it transpires that the University's loss is to enable the friends hereabouts of the retiring professor to have for themselves more of that charming presence."

Euphradian

At the opening of each session a contest is held in the Euphradian Society to develop the promising new material of the Freshman Class. On December 19th this contest was celebrated and a large and encouraging crowd was present. This contest is open to first and second year men only, and on this occasion the classes were equally represented by Messrs. M. R. McDonald, '10; M. F. Bush, '10; R. H. Hughs, '11, and J. S. Palmer, '11. After four spirited and well chosen declamations the committee awarded the medal to Mr. M. F. Bush, of Aiken. R. Murdaugh, chief marshal; J. B. Davis, presiding.

Mr. Roy Webster, a graduate of Wofford College, and a member of the Euphradian, as a student in the Law department of the University, has the most hearty congratulations of his fellow-members in his recent success as a debater in the Roddey Medal Contest. We are assured that we have gained an able man in Webster.

Hon. J. J. Hemphill, a former president of this society, and now a prominent lawyer of Washington, D. C., was one of the speakers at the recent meeting of the State Bar Association in this city.

Judge J. H. Hudson, one of our most distinguished and loyal alumni, was also a speaker on this occasion and the retiring president of the Association.

Mr. J. Halstead McLure, '87, of Ashland, Va., was in the city during the week and visited the campus.

There are quite a number of Carolina men in the city attending the Legislature at this season, and among them a goodly portion of Euphradians.

Soon after examinations the Intra-Society Debate will be held in the Euphradian Hall. The members of the third and fourth year classes are only eligible for this debate. And it seems that this year the medal will be well contested. Among the prospective contestants are: Messrs. C. A. Ashley, '08; J. M. Hemphill, '08; Jas. Woodrow, '08; B. J. White, '09; J. D. Lee, '09, and W. H. James, '09.

As the next meeting of the Euphradian will be the regular time for election of officers, literary exercises will be dispensed with until March 7, 1908.

GENERAL NOTES

The Roddey Medal Contest was held in the chapel on the evening of January 10th, and the societies were pleased to have a large audience at their first public celebration of the session of '07-'08. The query was: "Resolved, that the United States should relinquish all possession of the Philippine Islands, except as a coaling station." The debaters representing the Euphradian Society were Roy Webster, '09, Law, Cherokee, and J. F. Epps, '09, Law, Anderson. For the Clariosophic Society were A. M. Lumpkin, '08, Law, Richland, and M. S. Whaley, '09, Law, Charleston. The question was ably discussed, and by a committee of competent judges the medal was awarded to Mr. Roy Webster. The presiding officer was Mr. W. H. James, '09, Euphradian, and Mr. J. B. Reeves, '10, of Clariosophic, chief marshal.

The annual contest in debate and oratory between the Euphradian and Clariosophic Societies will be held soon after examinations, and close after this the preliminaries for the State Oratorical Contest and the Southern Contest will be held. In the Intersociety Contest the orators are B. J. White, '09, Euphradian, and D. B. Peurifoy, '09, Law, Clariosophic. The query is: "Resolved, that the Legislature of South Carolina should enact at its next session a State prohibition law." The Clariosophics are represented by Messrs. C. L. Shealy and V. E. Rector on the affirmative, and the Euphradians by Messrs. C. A. Ashley and J. S. Reynolds on the negative.

And, here, permit our saying that could the legislators attend our contest they would be convinced very forcibly of the need of an auditorium at the State University.

FOOLISHNESS

BASEBALL APOLOGIES

Baseball! Baseball! in the air, Baseball! Baseball! everywhere. Baseball suits once more are seen, Baseball's played on every green, Baseball fans their jobs will shirk, For Baseball teams are again at work.

Football 23!
Skidoo Track!
Get out Gym!
Baseball's back!

—C. T. G.