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## S. C. UNIVERSITY II, S. C. M. A. O

The Last Game of the Season, And the Team Played Their Best Ball.

### OLD STYLE BALL A FEATURE.

Belser, Sheppard, And Legge Starred—Carolina's Line Held Fast.

In the City by the Sea, on Thanksgiving Day, the South Carolina Military Academy marched out to the field of battle to meet the warriors of the University of South Carolina. The encounter took place at the College of Charleston Athletic Park, beginning at ten minutes to four and lasting until the red disk of the sun sank behind the trees across the Ashley river. It may have been cool on the "Bottery" (as all up-countrymen delight to call White Point Gardens), but the weather on the neck was not of the football variety and the crowd of spectators which rode out to the park expected to see a slow game, or at least one devoid of any spectacular plays. The west side of the line was crowded with S. C. M. A. supporters, a large contingent of Charleston people, and the entire corps of Citadel cadets. The rooting of the cadets was a feature of the evening. They deserve much credit for the manner in which they support their team and set an example which a certain larger-institution might well follow.

On the east side of the line were about two hundred Carolina supporters, including the handful of "excursionists" who hailed from Carolina.

The game was of the most sensational variety. The Citadel started off very strongly, running the ball to the ten-yard line and carrying it over on a forward pass—only to lose the touchdown by a bonehead fumble. After this Carolina's defense was impregnable.

Probably the most prominent feature of the game, aside from the playing, was the number of penalties imposed. Carolina suffered to the extent of 180 yards, a total amounting to more than the length of the football field and which would have given the Citadel a score had the playing of the two teams been anywhere near even. Most of these penalties resulted from uncompleted forward pass. Repeated attempts were made to get off some of the long passes which have stood the team in such good stead at other times during the season. But Dargan was a new man at quarter and somehow the ball would hit the ground with no one near it and there would be the inevitable penalty. But the repeated trials were merely an evidence of the old Game Cock spirit—the spirit which does not know defeat.

Dargan ran his team like a veteran and showed excellent headwork at all

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## REVIEW OF THE SEASON OF 1908

Lack of Experience Tells the Tale of Defeat.

### 65 POINTS MADE AGAINST 103

Take Time For Carolina to Regain Her Place, Individual Players Show up Well, Good Prospects For '09.

The pigskin has been laid aside, after being booted and knocked about for two months. It will lie low and take a long rest until the season of 1909 dawns on the football world. It is truly remarkable how football attracts so much attention and college spirit for two months. All this is worked up to that climax game Thanksgiving. After this it vanishes without the least notice until the next season. The players of the game do all they can in the two months' play and are satisfied when the Thanksgiving game is over.

Carolina's prospects were good at the opening of the season and a successful season was in store for her. But after the team got down to hard work, there arose some misunderstanding in the football situation and the squad was broken up badly. The little mix-up soon passed away and the athletes got down to practice. The field was filled with men trying out for places on the Varsity and Scrub teams. The number was soon cut down and regular scrimmage started between the two teams.

On October 3d a practice game was played with Ridgewood of Columbia. The score stood 0-0 at the end of the game. The young Game Cocks had just been in training a few days, but even with this they did not show up as well as some expected them. The

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### Thanks Awarded Mr. Benet

At a meeting of the Advisory Board held last Monday night in the President's office, Coach Benet was commended and thanked for his services rendered the football team this year.

The Faculty of the college has always had the greatest confidence in Mr. Benet and his coaching ability. He is well known by all the students of the University, with whom he is always in touch. Coach Benet tried to run the football situation at the institution this season so that the team should be composed of the best possible material. Some of the players have been brought out wonderfully since the first of the season. Mr. Benet has given much time to the team, which he could have employed in his law practice. But he is one who always has fulfilled his duties to the college and was always at his post unless something unforeseen turned up.

The coach for next season has not been selected yet.

## SKETCH OF PROF. WILSON P. GEE

He Was Lately Elected Assistant Professor of Biology.

### WAS BORN IN UNION COUNTY

Graduated With Highest Honors at Clemson College Last Year.

Mr. Wilson P. Gee, assistant in biology, was born in Union County, Sept. 18, 1888. He is the son of Mr. Reuben T. Gee and Miss Gertrude Gist. On his mother's side he has a large number of relatives who attended the South Carolina College. After attending the country schools for several years, Mr. Gee entered the graded schools of Union, where he received his preparation for college. In September, 1904, he entered Clemson College upon a scholarship which he had won through a competitive examination. In June, 1908, he received the degree of B. S. in the Agricultural course, having stood first in a class of eighty-five. He was at the same time awarded a medal for the best general average in scholarship for a period covering the last three years of his course.

During his college course Mr. Gee was active in all matters pertaining to college life. He was president of the Palmetto Literary Society and served on the staff of all college publications. During his Senior year he was chairman of the Bible Study Committee of the Y. M. C. A. and the enrollment for this work was larger than ever before in the history of the institution.

Mr. Gee is full of enthusiasm and has taken up his work with great energy. He comes from a family of teachers and gives every evidence of becoming a successful teacher himself. His sister, Miss Minnie W. Gee, has for a number of years held the chair of Latin in Converse College, and his brother, Mr. Gist Gee, was at one time professor of Natural Science in Columbia College, but is now connected with Soochow University, Soochow, China.

Mr. Gee's former teachers speak in the highest terms of him as a man and as a student. In addition to his work as assistant to Professor Moore, he is doing graduate work in the University.

### Evolution of a Mess Hall Turkey

Thursday (Thanksgiving)—Turkey (with dressing, surrounded with biscuits inlaid with molten butter, garnished with sprigs of mint. Oh, what bliss!).

Friday—Turkey (warmed over).  
Saturday—Turkey (cold).  
Sunday—Turkey (hash).  
Monday—Turkey (soup).  
Tuesday—Turkey (fricassed bones).  
Wednesday—Burial of the dead.

## HIGH SCHOOL OF SUMTER WON

Scrubs Unable to Score, and Sumter Scores 6.

### CREDITABLE VICTORY FOR KIDS

Scrubs Showed Poor Form For Their Experience and Weight Against the School Boys.

It was a most creditable and praiseworthy victory that the football team of the Sumter High School won from the second team of the University of South Carolina at the Ball Park yesterday morning. When it is considered that the city school team had scarcely enough practice to keep the boys in good trim, and that the team from Carolina has for months past been pitted against the varsity in daily practice, and were hard and seasoned for the fray, and, moreover, the fact that the Game Cocks were out-weighted fifteen pounds to the man by the visitors, the victory may well be regarded a glorious one. Wynne and Gresham, two of the regular University varsity team, and Izlar and Herbert, both of whom have participated in varsity games, were also in the line-up against the school boys, being disqualified by the rules of the S. I. A. A. from participating in the game played yesterday between the Citadel and Carolina.

The High School boys took the visitors off their feet in the first few plays of the game, and sprung such a surprise in the way of ground gaining and breaking up of plays that the victory was won before the collegians realized what had happened. In line-bucking and forward passes the Game Cocks far excelled the visitors. Green's two perfect forward passes to Smith being largely responsible for the touchdown scored. Carolina never pulled this play off successfully, though it was attempted a number of times. Duffie came off with the honors in a punting duel with McNair in the second half. His splendid boot-work was a great factor in the victory. During the halves of 20 and 15 minutes, the

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### An Illogical Conclusion

The Carolina Scrub team defeated the Carolina Varsity on Tuesday afternoon; on Thursday the Sumter High School team defeated the Carolina Scrubs 6 to 0, from which the logical conclusion might be drawn that the bunch of Sumter Kids can defeat the Carolina Varsity team, but the "Kids" are not puffed up, neither have they the big head and they are not making extravagant boasts. They put up a beautiful game yesterday and by heady, scientific playing and clear grit put it all over their big and confident opponents.—Sumter Item.