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S. C. I. O. A. PRELIMINARY COMES OFF SOON

The Societies Have Elected Their Respective Representatives.

THE ORIGIN OF THE S. C. I. O. A.

Judges Will Be Selected Soon.—Contest Will Be Unusually Close and Hot This Year.

Some few years after Clemson College had been founded and had blossomed into the great technical school which it now is, the idea was conceived of holding annual oratorical contests between that institution and Furman. It seems that the idea found its inception at Furman, and that the originator is now a lawyer in South Carolina. The plan was undertaken to establish and maintain friendly and scholarly relations between the two colleges. Greenwood was selected as the most convenient and nearest neutral town at which to hold the contests, and the auditorium of Lander College was offered for the purpose.

From the beginning much interest was evidenced in the contests, and during the following years the other colleges of the State applied for admission into the organization and were elected to membership. At the present time every male institution sends representatives to Greenwood annually to compete in deciding the oratorical championship of the State. These contests have attracted growing attention, and are now attended by people from all over the State. The hall at Lander College, which is still used as an auditorium, is crowded to its limit, and the immense throng which sits for hours partaking of the oratorical feast belies the idea that old South Carolina has lost her scholarly tastes.

The University of South Carolina was one of the last institutions to join the South Carolina Intercollegiate Oratorical Association, and since becoming a member has failed to carry

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Major Sloan May Visit Carolina

A strong effort is being made to induce Major Benjamin Sloan, Carolina's beloved former president, to be present on the nineteenth when President Eliot of Harvard, Dr. Mitchell and a large number of the alumni will be the guests of the University.

Carolina owes a debt of gratitude to the major which she will never be able to pay. It was during his administration that the University entered into the present period of prosperity, and it is due to his influence that Carolina is what she is today.

The students will be delighted to see Major Sloan on the campus. It is earnestly to be hoped that he will be present on the nineteenth.

BASKETBALL FIVE UP AGAINST IT

Cannot Get a Game With a College in the State.

Y. M. C. A. FIVES CHALLENGE

Trustees May Remedy by Removing the Rule Prohibiting Carolina Playing a Professional Team Except in Columbia.

The future of basketball as an inter-collegiate game at the University of South Carolina is in the balance.

Three other colleges in this State, Wofford, Charleston and Furman, have basketball fives.

Carolina had another game scheduled with Wofford in Spartanburg, but this has been called off, as the basketball five of Wofford has played as many games as the faculty will allow. For some reason, Furman refuses to give us a game. Charleston College has offered to play Carolina at Charleston, but can give us only half of the expenses of the trip. The expenses could easily be made at the Carolina five could play the five of the Charleston Y. M. C. A. while on vacation.

It has been a rule of the University for a number of years that no athletic team from the University could play a professional team outside of the city of Columbia, and the Y. M. C. A. teams are ranked as professional. This in the main is a good rule and should be adhered to in most cases.

However, basketball as a game at Carolina is in its infancy. It needs coddling on the part of the powers that be. As has been said above, it has been found impracticable for the local five to get a trip this year, unless they are allowed to accept the challenge of the Charleston Y. M. C. A. and Charleston College.

A trip this year would put basketball on a firm foundation as an inter-collegiate game at Carolina. The trustees, if properly approached, would doubtless make an exception of the basketball five and allow them to play the Charleston Y. M. C. A. at Charleston, and, consequently, get basketball firmly rooted at Carolina.

Euphradian Intra-Society Debate

The Euphradian intra-society debate is scheduled for the third Saturday night in April. The entries so far are: J. H. Johnson, J. H. Brown, M. R. McDonald, I. F. Belser, S. J. Wall and J. H. Cooper.

The medal given by the society to the winner of the intra-debate is an exceedingly handsome one. Several more men may enter the debate in the next week or two.

Dr. Mitchell has accepted the invitation to deliver the principal address at Clemson's commencement next June.

CAROLINA DEFEATED COLUMBIA MECHANICS

The Heavy Hitting of Carolina Won the Game.

NEW STARS ON THE HORIZON

Most of the 'Varsity Aspirants Given a Try-out.—Carolina Crosses Bats Again With the Mechanics Next Saturday.

Carolina defeated the Mechanics in the first 'Varsity game of the season last Saturday by a score of 13 to 1. The game was played on a heavy, slippery diamond.

The University's heavy hitting won the game. Gresham, who played first base, got four hits out of six times up, two of which netted two bags. McMillan hit well and played an excellent game at short. Desportes allowed only three hits and pitched a heady game up to the sixth inning, when he was relieved by Carroll, who pitched the last two innings. Carroll pitched well and was credited with several stolen bases. Washington made a couple of star catches in left field. As this was his first game for this season, Williams was not in very good form, and this accounts for the ease with which Carolina landed on him.

Coach Dick Reid expressed himself as well pleased with the way the individual players showed up. The team work will improve as the season advances.

Carolina undoubtedly has a better nine than last season's championship aggregation, but Gibbes, Davis and Perrin will be badly missed on the team.

Carolina's lineup was as follows: Gresham, Herbert, first base; McMillan, shortstop; Izlar, Klugh, Jones, left field; Belser, catcher; Rembert, centre field; Havird, Carroll, third base; Hamlin, Herbert, right field; Trippett, Gresham, second base; Desportes, Jones, pitcher.

The Mechanic's players were: Woodley, second base; McPherson, catcher; Washington, left field; Roche, third base; Girardeau, right field; Smith, centre field; McCoy, first base; Seal, shortstop; Williams, pitcher.

The score by innings was as follows:

Carolina. . . 3 1 0 2 0 0 2 0 5—13
Mechanics. . . 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0—1

Summary—Carolina: Hits 15; runs 13; errors 1. Mechanics: Hits 6; runs 1; errors 4.

Umpire—Bob Thackham. Time, 1:55.

Carolina meets the Mechanics again next Saturday and both teams will be in much better form. A very close game may be looked for.

FRESHMEN CAPTURE THE FLINN CUP

Series of Games Hard Fought from Start to Finish.

FRESHMAN NINE STRONGEST

First Year Men Handed the Lime to the Upper Classmen.—First Time Since 1905.

The Freshmen have won the baseball cup. This is the first time the Freshmen Class has attained any distinction in athletics since they won the football cup in 1905. Friday afternoon the "fresh" downed the Seniors for the championship by the score of 11 to 1.

After the first inning it was evident that the Seniors were clearly out-classed. Smith, the Senior twirler, did not appear to be in as good condition as he was the day before, and was compelled to give way to Sheppard, who seemed to be entirely out of place, as Carroll fields the team in the second inning.

In the first two innings of play the Seniors had a lead of 2 to 0. In the third inning the Freshmen scored and placed Carroll on second, Gresham threw wild to third and thus scored Carroll. The Seniors' attempts to score afterwards were all in vain.

The game was not very interesting, being characterized by the heavy hitting of the Freshmen and the many errors of the Seniors.

For the Freshmen, McMillan and Gresham did the star mauling, getting four hits each, thus together making two-thirds of the hits. McMillan seemed to be champion of the infield, making some speedy stops of hard-hit grounders and one extraordinary catch of a fly back of short.

In the outfield, Lipscomb and War-

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Additions to The Library

Five hundred dollars' worth of new books have been ordered for the library and will come in soon.

Many of the books consist of the latest scientific works and will be very useful to the students in the department of science. A larger supply of reference books is badly needed in the department of biology, but this deficiency will be remedied in part when the recently ordered books arrive.

Two valuable additions were made lately to the already bulky files of old newspapers in the possession of the library. The newly acquired papers are old Charleston Gazettes, printed about 1790. They were purchased by Dr. John Bachman. Although very old they are by no means the oldest newspapers in the possession of the library. It has two or three which date from 1735. The first newspaper in America appeared in 1730.