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With this issue THE GAMECOCK begins a new year. It is the purpose of the editors to make this one of the foremost weekly publications in the South. We can do this only by the co-operation of each and every student in the University.

Last year THE GAMECOCK was started at a very inopportune time in the year. For that and other reasons it made only three appearances. These three issues were very creditable ones, and they contained all of the life and zest in them that it takes to make a good, healthy college weekly.

THE GAMECOCK is made up of the Athletic, Alumni, Y. M. C. A., Local, and Society Departments. It will be remembered that these departments were taken from *The Carolinian* in order that *The Carolinian* could be devoted entirely to literary work. This is an excellent division and gives each publication a wider scope.

Let every student make it his or her duty to hand in anything of interest to the University, any little jokes on his or her fellow-students, and help us to set a pace for the other weekly publications in the South.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The present membership of the Athletic Association is about one hundred and fifty, out of a possible three hundred. Only one-half of the students! This is a deplorable state of affairs. Let us increase the number of members until every student is enrolled.

Last year the baseball team won the State championship. We should do everything in our power to climb to the top rung again; not only in the State, but in the South.

The football prospects are fine, considering the fact that we have been without this form of athletics for practically two years. A basketball team and a track team will be organized later. All of this takes money, and the Athletic Association will need funds in order that this might be a successful year for athletics. Every new member means that much more money. The more money means better and more up-to-date equipment for the several teams.

Get together now, boys, and let's whoop 'em up. Fair week is coming and so is Davidsop. Make the Athletic Association as large as the student body, and then we will all join in and sing with one accord:

"Ere the sun is sunk to rest,
 In the cradle of the West,
 Oh, we'll proudly, proudly float
 our banners gay."

CLARIOSOPHIC

W. B. KLUGH, Editor.

The Clariosophic Society reopened its doors on September 26th for the session of 1908-'09, President Jeffries presiding. There were a goodly lot of vacant chairs, but the new men more than filled them. The Society lost several good men in the graduating class last year, but from the present prospects, their places will be capably filled by the new-comers.

Professors Keith, Gee and Freeson were elected honorary members of the Society.

Messrs. J. H. Sullivan and J. O. Allen were elected as contestants from

the Clariosophic Society in the Rodney Medal Debate.

At the joint meeting of the Euphradian and Clariosophic Societies in the Clariosophic Hall on October 3d, Mr. B. S. Beverley was elected Assistant Business Manager of THE GAMECOCK and Mr. H. L. Izlar was elected Secretary of the joint assembly.

On Saturday night, October 3d, the following query was debated:

Resolved, "That the State Legislature should reinstate fraternities in the University of South Carolina."

Affirmative—Messrs. Wyche, T. K. Vassy, and Smith.

Negative—Messrs. Riddle, M. L. Marion, and Miller.

The committee decided in favor of the negative.

QUERY FOR OCTOBER 10TH.

Resolved, "That it would be beneficial to South Carolina to have two political parties."

Affirmative—Gonzales, McCleod, and Chitty.

Negative—Hutchinson, Adams and Buie.

To the new men it may be said that it is the duty of every one of you to join one of the two Literary Societies. You came to college to complete your education, and no matter how hard you study your education is incomplete unless you take some part in society work. Some of you may follow a profession which requires little or no speaking in public, but at some time you will be at a disadvantage simply because you cannot appear with ease and speak fluently before an audience. This can only be acquired with more or less persistent practice before a small audience. The Societies need you and you need them. They are here for your personal benefit, and it is your duty to join them.

IN SOCIETY DEBATE.

Webster—"Mr. McDonald, did I understand you to say that Mr. Biltmore was an uneducated man?"

McDonald—"No, sir, I said Mr. Vanderbilt, otherwise known as Mr. Biltmore, because he built more houses in North Carolina than anybody else, was an uneducated man."