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Once the ball is started rolling it's a cinch to keep it going; once growth and development begun, you can't always tell just where it will end. If The Bird can keep from clipping the extra wing that has been added, there is no valid reason why it should not be an eight-page publication before the close of this session. Let's keep it going. Subscribe at once and send extra copies to your friends. They will appreciate it and it will help The Bird.

### The Affair at Charleston.

At this writing, the particulars of the trouble that marred the Carolina-Citadel game in Charleston are too meagre to base extensive editorial comment upon. But they do make it plain that some new material is available for the in and out of season opponents of intercollegiate football, and that the athletic relations of the two institutions have become strained overnight, perhaps to the breaking point.

We do not need to congratulate ourselves that there was no misbehavior among the Carolina students that witnessed the game—that was to be expected. What concerns us is the assault upon Mr. Driver, who was acting as field judge.

According to the dispatches, Mr. Driver penalized the cadets in the last quarter for off-side play when they had the ball near the Carolina goal line. Thereupon, it is charged that "one officer of the cadet corps led the attack upon Mr. Driver with the remark, 'You have been giving us a dirty deal through the whole afternoon.'" The officer is said to have seized Mr. Driver around the neck and struck him in the face, while several cadets rushed in and aimed blows at him, precipitating a small fight, which raged briefly to the dis-

advantage of various eyes, noses, and other facial appendages.

All that know Mr. Driver know that he brings no partisanship to an official duty, and for this duty of field judge he was chosen by the Citadel itself.

The exhibition of hoodlumism at Hampton Park cannot be too vigorously condemned. Whether or not it shall have the effect of severing our hitherto amicable athletic relations with the Citadel, it redounds to the distinct credit of the Carolina men present that they comported themselves as Carolina men should, at home or abroad, and to the honor of the great University that calls them sons.

### From the Captain of Carolina's 1909 Football Team.

To the Editor of THE GAMECOCK:

Again the football season has closed with some disappointment to many of the friends and supporters of the team and University. That Carolina has a light team is not disputed, but considering the material she has not shown all she is capable of. There must be a reason. Of course, the S. I. A. A. restrictions have hampered her in the games with teams of the association, still in the non-association games, Carolina has not come up to what is in her. All of us have our opinions as to the cause and the proper remedies, and as an alumnus of the University and one greatly interested in the welfare of the team, I ask that you consider my observations. In every one of the games of the season, from beginning to the ending, our offence has been marked by a series of costly fumbles. There can exist nothing which demoralizes a team more than a rapid succession of fumbles. In the Clemson game especially was this noticeable. Fumbles are caused by unfamiliarity with the ball. Its remedy, in my opinion, can only be brought about by continual handling of the ball. A coach cannot be held responsible for that. Men should be accustomed to throwing, receiving and shifting the ball while running, as a second nature.

Now, how can we overcome this defect? My idea is simply to keep handling the ball. Class teams will now be of interest to those not on the 'varsity squad, and they should be encouraged as much as possible. After they are over, then what? Are the football men to simply wait till next season to prepare themselves again? I think that a great amount of good sport and needed training can be had by keeping an ample supply of footballs on the athletic field all the rest of the year, so that men may have advantage of throwing and kicking them as they please, and thus familiarize themselves with the art of holding and receiving the ball. I have noticed that much pleasure and enthusiasm has always been shown in playing with the balls, as I

have described, before regular practice in the afternoons, and men frequently come out earlier to get a chance to do this.

It appears to me that this idea is worth weighing, and that should the advisory board provide a few footballs to be used all the year round by those who care to kick them in the afternoons, that many new football men would be drawn out, and that more familiarity with the ball would result.

Very truly,

James H. Hammond.  
Columbia, S. C.

### Among the Magazines.

The attention of the students is called to some striking articles in recent numbers of current magazines.

In the last number of The Intercollegian is an interesting account of "What Chinese Students Are Reading," by J. S. Burgess. In The Outlook for Nov. 25th is a fine account of the life and work of John R. Mott, the best known college man in all the world, written by Joseph Odell. Every American student should be familiar with Mr. Mott's wonderful and inspiring career. He is still a young man in the very prime of life. Finally the December "Piece Number" of the World's Work should have careful attention, for it is replete with articles of interest to the college man.

All the above magazines and many others too numerous to review in this issue can be found on the tables in Flinn Hall.

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