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WE don't want you to criticise this paper. You subscribe ; we will do the rest.

FOR the benefit of the curious we might as well state the why and wherefore of this paper. In its present form it is not intended to be used as a bulletin, as might appear at first sight ; it is only meant to represent an embryo weekly, extremely embryonic and weakly at present, we grant ; but, with the help of a few subscribers, we intend to bloom next term into a respectable four-sheeted weekly. We are forced to be contented for the rest of this term with a single sheet printed on both sides, because our printer hasn't the necessary time to spare ; but he assures us that he will try to squeeze this little sheet into his press for the remainder of the term, and that next year he will contract with us for a paper worthy of the place.

WE have started the ball rolling. The lilly-white foot-ball which was used in the game between the Vanderbilts and ourselves is now in possession of the team of Washington University, in St. Louis. This foot-ball possesses a historic value, as the ball used in the first and second games ever played in Tennessee. The University of Tennessee, at Knoxville, plays us in Chattanooga on the 21st of November, and Clarksville writes that as soon as her team is thoroughly organized she also will challenge us. This is as it should be, and, as the Universities in Tennessee seem to have caught the foot-ball fervour, we may soon expect to hear of the formation of a State League.

We play Knoxville, in Chattanooga, Saturday, the 21st, and Vanderbilt, in Nashville, on

Thanksgiving day. All who are going to either place with the team will hand in their names to D. H. Hamilton or F. E. Shoup, that we may secure specials.

A WORD ABOUT FOOT-BALL.

It is surprising that there are men in the University who have so little University spirit, and who take so little interest in things in general and foot-ball in particular, that they are unwilling to help beat Knoxville and Vanderbilt. When one sees the number of men who are capable of playing foot-ball, and from whom next year's team must be drawn, it is shameful to hear them offering every excuse imaginable for not playing.

It is preposterous for them to expect victory from a team which has had no practice as a team. And a word as to what constitutes practice : There is no practice in playing fifteen or twenty unorganized men. What is needed is a team as well organized and as nearly equal to the 'Varsity eleven as possible. Captain Shepherd can't attend to his own team and the second eleven at the same time. Let the second eleven meet at once and elect a captain who will train his men and give the 'Varsity the hardest kind of a game every afternoon.

A word in regard to the team : What it needs at present is TEAM WORK. No matter how well the men are trained as individuals, they cannot expect to win unless they play together. Signs and tricks *must* be practiced or they are valueless.

Our best chance of victory over Vanderbilt is to beat her in running and tackling. Her men run high and are easily tackled. Let every man tackle LOW. The way to tackle, if it can be explained, is, in a few words, as follows : Run toward the man, throw your arm around his thighs, just above his knees, and drop to the ground. If this rule is followed, the man will fall immediately, without any effort on the part of the tackler.

The rush line *must* play together, each man helping his neighbor. When blocking push

your man toward the center so as to leave the ends clear for the backs to run around.

If the second eleven will come out regularly and give the 'Varsity the practice it needs, we should at least give Vanderbilt some work on Thanksgiving.

BANQUET.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Ed. Quintard, the Misses Shepherd, Miss Phœbe Elliott and Miss Safford, gave a banquet to the Foot-Ball Eleven. After being received by the ladies the team sat down to a spread such as has never been seen on the Mountain. The table was beautifully laid, the center like a foot-ball field, the goal-posts wreathed with flowers.

When the turkey was served something was said about the foul tackling of the Vanderbilts, and some one suggested that we were all doing more or less fowl tackling. When the jelly was put on the table we were somewhat shocked to overhear "Sess" whisper confidentially to it, "Quit your wobbling now, won't you." The supper was delightfully served by the young ladies. Mr. R. W. B. Elliott acted as butler. The menu was as follows: Raw Oysters, Cafe au'Lait, Cold Roast Turkey, Celery, Saratoga Chips, Chicken Salad, Oyster Pates, Claret Punch, Ice Cream, Cake, Jelly, Candy, Fruit, Nuts.

Proceeding to the parlor, the team showed that it could do something else besides play foot-ball, by singing college songs to Miss Elliott's accompaniment. Captain Shepherd gave us a solo, as follows:

We fear no Vanderbilts from Nashville,
Tho' their men be strong and tough,
With our team in good condition,
We can beat them well enough.

We will scorn all rubber noses—
We will find a match for Bolles—
We will treat them to a tackle
Such as only Cleveland knows.

With Sessus for our half-back,
And Hamilton on the end,
Jim Wilder in the centre—
We will make a touch-down then.

We will wave our purple streamers
We will shout for Sewanee—
We'll endeavor soon to place her
Where she deserves to be.

TUNE: "I Fear no Foe." Words by Miss Grace Shepherd.

On being encored, the Captain sang "Love's Old Song."

Manager Shoup was then called on for a speech. In response he made a very good speech, begging them to train and practice hard for the Thanksgiving game. The Captain, in a few words, asked for the support and aid of the

team. Mr. "Mac." called attention to the history of athletics at Sewanee, and said that this team had revolutionized things and shown that work from Sewanee boys could be something besides spasmodic. Mr. Wiggins thanked the ladies on behalf of the team, and said that if we beat Vanderbilt we could look for something—not better than this banquet for that could not be, but something at least as good. He pointed out the advantage of systematic training, and told the team not to be discouraged. After a few words from Mr. Wilson, good-nights were said, and the boys, with three cheers for the ladies and one for the Captain, went home in the wee sma' hours, all agreeing that this was the event of the term.

Those present were: Mr. Wiggins, Umpire MacKellar, Manager Shoup, Captain Shepherd, Wilder, Hamilton, Green, Cleveland, A., Cleveland, W., Wilson, E., Guerry, Blacklock, Harris, and Tobin. Substitutes: Brown, Seidell, Soaper, Wilson, F., Pickett, and Shepherd, G.

Each man was presented with a badge consisting of a purple ribbon with "Sewanee" in gold letters on it.

The team and substitutes owe it to the ladies to do their best to make our next two games successful ones.

LITERARY SOCIETIES.

JOINT MEETING OF PI OMEGA AND SIGMA EPSILON.

The last joint meeting of the term was held on Saturday evening. The meeting was called to order by President Shoup, of Sigma Epsilon, who opened the meeting with a pleasing little address.

The programme was as follows:—Readers, Mr. Strother, of Pi Omega, and Mr. Cleveland, A., of Sigma Epsilon. The declaimer was Mr. Beckwith, of Sigma Epsilon. The orator was Mr. Guthrie, of Pi Omega; subject: Dawn. It was a triumph of "Night primeval and of chaos old." Mr. Brown, of Sigma Epsilon, read a temperate and appreciative essay on the French Philsophers of the Eighteenth Century. The judges of the debate, appointed by the President, were Prof. Shoup, Mr. Colmore and Dr. Blanc. The subject was, Resolved, That England grant an independent parliament to Ireland. Messrs. Coyle, of Pi Omega, and Guerry, of Sigma Epsilon, were on the affirmative, and Messrs. Stuck, of Sigma Epsilon, and Tobin, of Pi Omega, were on the negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative.

The attendance was good, an especially large number of students being present.

Dalton, a grammar school student, had his arm broken while playing foot-ball last week.