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FOOTBALL.

Last Sunday night, the 8th inst., the managers and captains of the company football teams held a meeting in the guard room. This meeting was for the purpose of discussing the advisability of playing the company games this winter term as originally intended.

Most of the company representatives were of the opinion that the games should be permanently suspended until next session; but nothing definite was decided upon. The motion was made and adopted that the meeting adjourn until the members could talk to their respective companies concerning the intended move. However, one result of the meeting was that next Saturday the corps will be able to witness a game of football between companies A and B vs. C and D.

Boys of the corps, we hope that you, one and all, will advise the managers and captains not to suspend the company games. If this move is allowed to mature it will hurt very materially our football team next year; and, in fact, will injure football years to come.

It is useless to enumerate the various ways by which the playing of company football games, in the fall, rather than the winter term, will affect our College team. But the principal effect of it would be to prevent the less confident boys from trying to make their College team.

The students should think well before deciding to cancel the games already scheduled. There are arguments, and good ones too, both for and against playing in the winter term; but if the matter is carefully gone over I am confident that you will agree with us and not cancel the games.

BASEBALL.

Prospects for a winning baseball team this year are growing brighter and brighter as time goes on. When the opportunity comes we should be able to have a record that will outshine all other College teams in the South.

Among the many good applicants for the team this year there are Wesendorph, for catcher; Smith, Huff, Crooks and Lane for pitcher. For the outfield, there are—Kelly, probably the best fielder and base runner in any College team in the association; Hackney, the old reliable, who has stood the test of time, having played with our team for the past three years; Lipscomb, Reese, Noble and others. In the infield, besides our already proved heavy and hard-to-catch players, Hanna and Church, there are many A1 applicants. Guenther, Williams and Huff are plum good ones.

With the above material there is no reason why we should not turn out a winning team. With the proper training and coaching which they will receive—and Platt is the man to give it to them—we should be able to make a record that could be compared with none other.

Manager Kyle is figuring on giving our boys a Southern trip. We hope that he will succeed in his efforts. We know that it will act as an incentive to good, hard labor from the boys, and will lead to such results as any College would be proud of. Capt. Hanna says that he is confident that such a trip would be beneficial to this year's team, besides leading up to better results in ensuing years.

THE ALL AMERICAN TEAM.

Walter Camp has completed his selections of the all American team. The West has two representatives, Heston, Michigan's halfback, who has made more touchdowns than any man of the season, and Eckersall, Chicago's brilliant player. The line up is as follows:

End—Shevlin, Yale.
Tackle—Cooney, Princeton.
Guard—Piekarski, Pennsylvania.
Center—Tipton, West Point.
Guard—Kinney, Yale.
Tackle—Hogan, Yale.
End—Eckersall, Chicago.
Quarter—Stevenson, Pennsylvania.
Half—Heston, Michigan.
Half—Hurley, Howard.
Full—Smith, Pennsylvania.

HOLIDAY NOTES.

The examinations closed on Thursday, December 22, 1904, and the boys at once began to leave for their homes in different parts of the state. The I. and G. N. ran two special trains to accommodate the students. By Friday morning there was only about two dozen boys left out of four hundred students. The student body had vanished in the night.

Out of the two dozen that were left here only four were seniors and the remainder were under classmen. Nearly all of the students who remained at College are young men who are paying their way through school and who have to take advantage of every opportunity to make a little money to help pay their way through school. The student labor fund renders a great deal of assistance to the young men who are struggling hard to get an education.

Every student that stayed here during the holidays tried to get work in the branch that he was studying, but if he could not, worked at what he could get. Several of the students were busily engaged helping Prof. Weir to place the machinery in the Textile building; some were wiring some of the building for the electrical engineering department, while others were looking after the stock at the barn, and others were out doing some surveying with Profs. Nagle and Speece.

But during the holidays there were other things going on besides work. The people of the campus had a Christmas tree for the little children. About 7:30 o'clock on Christmas eve everybody gathered in the chapel where a pretty Christmas tree had been arranged by the ladies. The children, sixty or seventy in number, came in last, marching in couples, one going to the right and his partner going to the left of the tree, and forming almost a complete circle around it, then they sang and recited suitable pieces for the occasion. The children were then seated on the front row. Old Santa Claus appeared at this time in the form of Mr. George Bittle and began to take the presents off. He did not take many things off before he caught fire and was soon enveloped in flames. If it had not been for the quick work of Captain Sargent, Prof. Nagle and Dr. Latham, Old Santa Claus, I fear, would have been burned up. As it turned out no one was hurt much, but Santa Claus' rig was not in a suitable condition to appear before the people any more.

After the presents had been distributed to the little folks each cadet was called up and given a sack of fruit.

The campus people were very kind to the students and tried to make them have as pleasant a time as possible.

COMPANY FOOTBALL.

To the regret of many the company football games were not played last fall, as they generally are and should be, by all reason evident to all. But they were not, and the sacrifice was right and proper. Now, since they yet remain to be played or not as the dispositions of the different cap-

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tains determine it, a step for the right should be taken.

The salvation of the '05 team is in our company teams. From the players developed here in these games we get the College team. If the new men do not come out in these trial games we do not see their ability and consequently many a man of great value is ever lost. Look at Haltom, the captain for '05; he started in the company team; it was here that he showed what he could do. Woodman, Street and many others who have started in these games are now or have been at the head of the list. Let the games be played, for here lies the salvation of our College team. It does not furnish men alone, but creates that enthusiasm without which no team can make a winning eleven. This College needs such work if any school does. Not that we are void of it now—such is not the case, but we need more of it.

There are no out-door sports of any kind in the winter term. Why not have these games? We need them to stir up the campus, to keep ever the spirit of football before us and to encourage all such sport. There is goal to make; we are on the road, though it seemed as if fate was against us last year. There is a hope for us if we work. There is a time to try, this is now. Let the company teams come out this term and we will have made a good beginning for next season.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

There is no short cut to happiness. Virtue is not a matter of vocabulary. Nothing succeeds where the soul fails. A little silence may save a lot of sorrow.
With God life and love are synonymous.
A sharp man always cuts his own fingers.
Repentance cannot tear up the roots of the past.
No man reaches the stage of triumph but by the steps of trial.
The man who takes life as a dose always finds it a bitter one.
A man makes no particular progress by patting himself on the back.
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