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IN every way, except financially, this has been, by far, Georgia's most successful year in Athletics. The new constitution of the Athletic Association, which was an experiment last year, has worked to perfection. Politics are entirely eliminated from our athletic system. Every man has an equal chance at every office, and every faction in college has equal representation. No longer do men sneer when they hear that a certain man was elected to fill an office ; for they know that no political combination put him there, and that he did not have to resort to scheming and trickery to get the place. The officers are chosen by men who have the very best interests of the college at heart. This being the case, it is really an honor to hold an office. The elimination of politics from athletics has been the greatest work that Georgia has yet done in athletics. A broader spirit has spread all over the college. The question now is, not "what fraternity is he?" but "what kind of football does he play?" Members of the different teams know that the whole college is behind them: not only to celebrate their victories, but to sympathize with them in their defeats.

Under these circumstances Georgia sent the best football team on the gridiron in '95 that she has ever had. Although the percentage of victories was not as large as that of the team of the preceding years, still "bigger game" was played for. The fact that they did not win more games was not due to their lack of ability so much as to the very hard schedule they had to play. Two games with a team like North Carolina within five days is too much for any Southern team ; when, in addition to that, the fact that the last three—and, in fact, with the exception of the games with North Carolina, the hardest three—games of the season were played within eleven days, is considered, no one can be surprised that Georgia went down on Thanksgiving day before her splendidly trained and conditioned rivals—Auburn. We would not take one iota of glory from Auburn—for they played the prettiest game we have ever seen in the South—but the fact that our men were "stale" when they went into that game is undeniable. Concerning our game with Vanderbilt, the least said the better—for Vanderbilt. It resulted in a tie, and a tie that will ever remain a disgrace to Vanderbilt sportsmanship—or rather to her lack of it. Three defeats, two by North Carolina and one by Auburn ; a tie game with Vanderbilt ; and three victories, over Wofford, Alabama, and Sewanee ; form the record of Georgia's team of '95. They were all faithful in their training, and determined and fearless in their work ; and every member of the team will always be among the household gods of every man who was in college when they played.

Field day was quite a success this year. Considering the roughness of our improvised tracks, and the inclemency of the weather, the records made were very good ones. More and more interest is being manifested in track athletics here every year ; and next year we hope to have a team that will compete successfully with that of any Southern college. The condition of our finances prevented our sending a team to Nashville this year. We hope to be unembarrassed next spring.

For the first time in the history of Georgia, tennis is a real department of the Athletic Association. The generosity of the trustees enabled us to have four very good courts graded in the Northeastern corner of the campus. They are filled every evening with men practicing for the tournament, which will be held in May. The champion wins a cup, given by Professor Patterson. Tennis is good sport and enables the more timid, but athletically inclined men to get healthful exercise.

It is from her baseball team that Georgia expects most. Up to the time at which this goes to press, but one game has been played with a college. It was with South Carolina, and the score was eleven to ten in Georgia's favor. This is the first year that we have had a baseball coach. Mr. Jennings, of the Baltimore team, was with us for two weeks, and taught the boys more baseball than they had learned in all their life before.

Here's wishing everlasting success to old Georgia in all of her undertakings. May her teams always have the reputation for manliness and honor and sportsmanship which they have had in the past!

