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SOCCKER TEAM WINS

DEFEATS TACONY A. C. BY SCORE OF 3 TO 0.

At last the soccer team has won a game. On Saturday afternoon, it succeeded in defeating a team representing the Tacony A. C. by the score of 3 goals to 0. But there was really very little credit in this. True, the college team came out victorious, but the score should have been 10 to 0.

The visitors originally had nine players, and the game had not progressed far before the pace proved too much for one of the forwards, who retired from the field. During the second half another man was forced to drop out, but about that time the players from the second team game arrived, and three of them were drafted onto the Tacony team. The Haverford goal was never seriously threatened. Once the visitors were given a corner kick, which went wide of its mark, and again, near the end of the game, one of the visiting forwards got away with a clear field, but was overtaken by one of the backs before he could shoot. The college forwards, on the other hand, had numerous shots. In fact, the ball was within forty yards of the goal during almost the entire game, and it was only lack of snap and poor team work that prevented a much larger score. On one occasion, when the Tacony goal-keeper had been drawn from his goal, one of the backs stepped in and made a splendid stop of a difficult shot, but he was detected by the referee, and a penalty was awarded, which went yards outside of the goal. After the new men had come into the game, however, the play grew much more exciting, and several times the visitors took the ball well past the middle of the field, but each time it was intercepted by the backs and sent to the other end of the field before they were near enough to shoot.

One of the principal reasons for the listlessness of the game was the poor condition of Merion field. Ankle deep with sticky mud, it made fast play next to impossible. It is certainly hoped that the condition of the ground will improve before the beginning of the inter-collegiate. Line up:

HAVERFORD	TACONY
Murray g	James
Baily r . f . b	T. Booth
Hartshorne l . f . b	Steiger
Longstreth r . h . b	Smith
Moon c . h . b	Ross
Smith l . h . b	Dorsey
Thomas o . r	Parks
Vanhollen i . r	Brown
Downing c . f	J. Booth
Wallerstein i . l	Eastwood
Bentley o . l	Baines

Referee—G. Wilson. Linesmen—Smith and Jones. Length of halves—45 minutes. Goals for Haverford College—Downing 2, Wallerstein 1.

THOMAS SHIPLEY LECTURE

DR. SPAETH TALKS ON BROWNING

On Tuesday evening last, Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth, who has lately become head of the department of English at Princeton, delivered the Thomas Shipley lecture on English Literature.

Dr. Spaeth chose Robert Browning as his subject for the evening and undoubtedly no more forceful and scholarly address has been heard here in this course. His own love of vigorous physical and mental activity helped him to a deep appreciation of this "greatest singer of Victorian England," and in his beautiful expression of this feeling he seemed to embody a great deal of his own philosophy of life.

He began by the reminder that this year is the one hundredth anniversary of Browning's as well as of Dickens' birth, and although it may be too early to determine his place as a poet it is not too early to inquire into his influence on the period in which he lived and wrote.

The speaker explained the spiritual idea of life which found its most complete expression in the Catholic middle ages—the ideal which Dante championed—and the worldly ideal of present pleasure typical of the ancient Greeks, and said that when these became mutually exclusive a reconciler was necessary; Browning was such a man. He was a spiritual charioteer who rejoiced in driving both the dark and the light horse; a man with a keen zest for the practical duties and pleasures of life as well as an intensely earnest conviction of the realities of the spiritual and faith in the continuation of personal development in after life.

Dr. Spaeth asked that the audience imagine Browning passing the jury of the present generation whose duty it would be to decide whether or not the poet should be allowed to live for this second century. He then took up the objections to the author which have been advanced by various persons and pointed out that the majority of them would not bear the strong light of reason.

The objection to the obscurity of the writer's works, in which every word instead of every fifth or sixth has a deep meaning, seemed to come from those of his readers who are mentally lazy and do not care to be forced to think, but desire only to be entertained. His dramatic method and the confusing way in which he backs his subject up to one, seeming to show but a section of a long train of events and ideas, was shown to be the same method taken by life in the statement of its problems; while the objection made by some to his robust physique, breezy manner and

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UNION LECTURE

DR. BAKER TELLS OF VISIT TO GREECE.

Dr. Baker, who spent a large part of last year in Athens and the surrounding section of Greece, gave a good resumé of his trip in the Union last Wednesday night. His first-hand account of the present intellectual, social and religious conditions of the country was most interesting, especially as one is prone to think that there is little left to the twentieth century Greek but relics of the past. It is quite true that Greece of the fifth century B.C. exhibited the "greatest biological variation ever known in the history of European peoples," yet the Greece of the present day is quite worth visiting.

The two periods have much in common. The Athenian of 1912 enjoys the same deep blue sky: he walks by the same "hard-worked Iliissus" and the same "fair-flowing Sepsisus" by which Plato taught and Euripides wandered; he is mercilessly attacked by shepherd dogs of equal ferocity to those which assailed the home-coming Odysseus, and he is inspired by sunsets similar to those of 570 B. C. Moreover, he is plagued by mosquitoes exactly like the ones which annoyed his forefathers of old. So much for the mere outward environment with which our modern Greek is surrounded. But what of his intellectual and social nature? To a very large extent we find they are much as they used to be. The Greek still insists that all foreigners are veritable "Barbaroi," talking in a continual bar-bar-bar or babble. They still think that their own pronunciation of classic Greek is the only true one and if you try to correct them they exhibit their racial excitability in fine form. You can well imagine an army of panic-stricken Greeks killing their leader on one day and on the next striving to weep their murdered chief back to life again. Though so excitable by nature, they cannot be called fickle in their patriotism. They still retain that spirit-bond which defeated the Persians at Thermopole, which made possible their many city-republics and inspired Æschylus, Socrates, Themosticles, and Phidias to greatness. Though the modern Athenian falls short in philosophy and art, he not infrequently expresses his patriotism by presenting his country with a small dreadnought or endowing a library or equipping a public school. Some even go so far as to hope for a revival of the great Byzantine empire which would exterminate the Turk and return the Greek to his rightful power.

In religious matters as well there has been little variation from the

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CONCERT A SUCCESS

THE CAP AND BELLS GIVES FIRST PERFORMANCE

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs of the Cap and Bells gave their first performance before a "large and enthusiastic" audience on Friday night. The concert was held at the Merion Cricket Club and was followed by an informal dance of ten numbers.

The entire programme was a decided success and great credit is due the leaders of the clubs: Falconer, '12, of the Glee Club, and Porter, '13, of the Mandolin Club. The excellence of the numbers could easily bear comparisons with those of past years despite the fact that both leaders had practically all new material to mold into shape. In this connection the work of Lathem should also be mentioned; for, as accompanist to both clubs, and piano soloist, he has proven himself to be absolutely indispensable.

The Glee Club started the evening with its rendition of the "Tragic Story," and was followed by the Mandolin Club giving "In the Shadows." The third number, "Ciribiribin," by the Glee Club's double quartette, was received with much enthusiasm. The next number, "Cavatina," and its encore were very well rendered, and were the best received selections of the Mandolin Club. Lathem's piano solo was heartily applauded, and he gave the "Dying Poet" as an encore with his usual technique and artistic interpretation. The instrumental quartette then closed this half of the program with the "Melodies of '61."

After a short intermission, the Glee Club gave a medley of popular songs beginning and ending with a quaint German melody. This was sung with much enthusiasm, and the spirit of the singers seemed to reach over the footlights, for this was the best received of the Glee Club's numbers.

The programme was varied by a number entitled "Margaret Was a Lady" (all four verses). This sounds deadly, but proved to be one of the hits of the evening. An operatic travesty is as near as we can come to it in a single phrase, but words parodies fitted music taken from sources as varied as "Faust," "Trovatore," "Carmen," "Lohengrin," and even "Pinafore." Falconer was chiefly responsible for the plot and idea of the thing. The lyrics were written by Murray, with some assistance from Poley, and the audience was indebted to Lathem for the arrangement of the music and several improvisations. Individual hits were made by nearly all the performers. Murray made an imposing

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EDITORIAL

FOOTBALL

The subject of football at Haverford is one which has often been discussed in these columns. In view of the recent decisions of the rules committee, however, and certain other data which have come to hand, these remarks may not seem out of place.

The chief argument against the game is that it is supposed to injure the player physically in such a way that even though he may seem to escape at the time, his health is bound to suffer in after life. In fact, it is a general and wide-spread belief that college athletes, especially football men, are exceedingly prone to early death from tuberculosis or derangements of the heart, or some other form of disease. In this connection an article which appeared in this month's issue of the "Medical Times" is of great interest. It is called a "Symposium," and contains the opinions of thirteen medical men all intimately connected with college athletics, the list embracing such names as Dr. Anderson, Dr. Ross, Dr. Babbitt, and Dr. Sharpe. Dr. Anderson gives statistics proving that the mortality in after life of Yale Varsity athletes is much lower than that of the other graduates of the University. Some of the other physicians did not quite agree with him as to the infrequency of deleterious effects resulting from football, but the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the sport is at least not more dangerous than many others. On the other hand, psychologically the game is of great benefit, as it furnishes excellent training in self-control, manliness, co-operation, and loyalty or college spirit, and thus seems to be worth while not only for the players but to a less degree, for the spectators.

We believe, therefore, that intercollegiate football is a unique and in many ways a very excellent thing. It accomplishes results which could not be accomplished by any other means. At some colleges it may be carried on under conditions which

make it undesirable from the point of view of sportsmanship, but at Haverford this is certainly not the case. Once more the rules have been amended, this time rather to make the game more interesting than to eliminate the possibility of injuries, and we are waiting to see how these changes will work out. We can only hope that our next year's team will have as successful a season as this year's eleven has experienced.

FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Babbitt spoke at the University of Pennsylvania Washington's Birthday dinner, which was held at the Hotel Roosevelt. Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth also gave a very brilliant address.

At a Tea Meeting held last Friday in the Haverford Meeting House, President Sharpless spoke on "The Church in its Relation to Neighborhood Work," and Dr. Babbitt on "The Ardmore Y. M. C. A."

THE BROWN MEET

ONLY HOME CONTEST OF SEASON

Next Saturday evening our gym team will meet the Brown University gymnasts in the Haverford College Gymnasium. This is the only dual meet of the season which is scheduled to take place on our own floor and will be the last chance to see the team in action before the intercollegiates. The meet has an added interest from the fact that Haverford has never before met Brown in any branch of athletics, and both colleges are eager for a victory in the first contest. This is the first year that Brown has taken part in regular intercollegiate gymnastics, although the different classes have had teams for some time. The Haverford team this year is strong in most of the events with Waples, Wallerstein and Baily are almost sure first place winners.

SHUSTER ENTERTAINED

Mr. Morgan Shuster, ex-treasurer of Persia, lectured in Philadelphia last Saturday night and was afterward entertained by Walter Wood, Haverford, '67, and Stuart Wood, Haverford, '70, at their home.

HAVERFORD SONG BOOK

A new edition of the Haverford College Song Book will appear shortly. Some of us have heard this story before, but this time our informant seemed so sure of his facts that we are almost convinced. It is further rumored that the new book will be much better than the earlier editions and will contain all the latest songs.

A very large and interesting Tea Meeting was held on February 23d at the Haverford Meeting House for the purpose of discussing the social work being done in this neighborhood. Charles T. Moon told of the work which is being done by the College Y. M. C. A.

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FOURTH AND CHESTNUT STREETS

PENN CLUB RECEPTION

PRESIDENT SHARPLESS AND DR. GUMMERE GUESTS OF HONOR.

A reception was given by the Penn Club last Monday evening in honor of President Sharpless and Dr. Gummere. The affair was a most successful and brilliant one and was attended by many prominent Philadelphians. Among the guests who greeted the president and Dr. Gummere were numbers of Haverford graduates as well as most of the college faculty.

CALENDAR

Monday—Soccer practice.
Wednesday—Y. M. C. A., 6.30.
Cap and Bells Concert at Coopers-town.
Thursday—Civics Club, 6.30.
Cap and Bells meeting in Union at 8.00.
Saturday—Soccer. First team vs. Moorestown (here). Dual Gym Meet with Brown University at Haverford.

The Junior Tea which was held in the Y. M. C. A. last Tuesday appears to have been a pronounced success.

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general enjoyment of life seemed trivial and even ludicrous.

Browning was pictured as a man, frankly the champion of passion, who believed rather in a life of vigorous action with its attendant chances of mistakes than in inaction and passive purity, and expressed his belief when he said: "Low aim is worse than failure," and "That which man wholly hopes to be, that he is." Consequently the most serious charge is brought against him by those who have failed and believe life a failure and tragedy. They cannot understand his sunny optimism, for there is no poet who has realized more truly the existence of evil and who has written on phases of life more likely to chill poetic instinct than he who makes little Pippa sing "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world."

In summing up, Dr. Spaeth dwelt upon the author's genius for knowing what intellectual food he needed and where to get it; the grotesque element in his works, above all his conception of love in the human heart, which was the basis of his incurable optimism,—and closed his address by saying that although Browning may seem silent to the coming age on certain very fundamental questions, he must live as an artist and prophet who has spoken vitally to his own generation, and a dramatist who has asserted the right of the human spirit to refuse to be measured by any standard outside itself.

CIVICS CLUB LECTURE

H. G. WELLS, SPEAKER

Last Thursday evening the Civics Club had the pleasure of hearing Mr. H. G. Wells, secretary of the City Club of Philadelphia, deliver an interesting informal address on "Social Unrest and Its Causes." Mr. Wells defined social unrest as a condition resulting from the struggle of the "downmost" man to obtain his rights. He said that this condition was a comparatively new thing and had been practically unknown ten years ago. Mr. Wells then went on to show what the conditions were against which the "downmost" man was contending and what were the rights which he was endeavoring to obtain. First of all he discussed the financial situation in this country, giving some statistics which were rather surprising. Fifty per cent. of the country's wealth is in the hands of one per cent. of the population, whereas seven-eighths of the population has to get along with only one-eighth of the money. Then too it appears that an ordinary laboring man needs over five hundred dollars a year to maintain himself and family at his greatest efficiency, yet millions of men receive much less than this. Again even in prosperous years appalling numbers of workmen in this country are unemployed. Mr. Wells then took up the question of vice in our large cities and showed that much of it is directly dependent upon the low wages which working girls receive. He also stated that the lives of employees are often endangered by the carelessness of American employers, while we have over twice as many railroad accidents as England. He further stated that the efficiency of our working men was low and that much ill feeling existed between employer and employee.

Mr. Wells then went briefly into the remedy for these conditions and though he did not take the matter up in very great detail he made it evident that much could be accomplished by a thorough understanding of these matters by our business men and rather suggested than stated the desirability of corrective legislation. The talk as a whole was interesting throughout and at times almost dramatic. The central idea seemed to savor rather strongly of the socialist, but at all events the lecture was honest and well worth listening to.

PITTSBURGH ALUMNI TO DINE

On Wednesday, February 28th, the western alumni are to hold a dinner in Pittsburgh at which President Sharpless expects to be present.

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SCORE

The second soccer team's game on Walton Field last Saturday was with Vincome A. C., of Philadelphia. The visitors showed some good team work, but their forwards could not do very much work against the Haverford backs.

Early in the first half two corner kicks in succession kept Tatnall busy for a while, then the ball was taken to within shooting distance of Vincome's goal, but the forwards failed to score, one of their number being called off side. After the teams had changed goals for the second half Thomas kicked up to Ferris who headed the ball in to Durgin, the latter shooting the first goal of the game. When the ball was again put into play the visitors ran it down the field for a goal by Hayden, tying the score. Toward the end of the game a series of good passes put Durgin in position to score the second goal for the college.

All of the Haverford backs played a good game, Elkinton being sure on his kicks and Thomas playing especially fast and accurate.

The ball was passed up well to the forwards, but they did not seem able to get away with it very often.

Durgin did good work in the line, frequently getting away for a good gain.

FRENCH PLAY, "LE BOURGEOIS GENTILHOMME"

TO BE GIVEN IN UNION.

On Tuesday, March 5th "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" will be given in the Union. The cast is made up largely of undergraduate talent, but the girls' parts will be taken by ladies of Dr. Spiers' Thursday French class. This drama is one of the most humorous ever written by Molière. A feature of the play is the original music which Dr. Spiers has secured from Paris for the production. Rehearsals have now been going on for some time and no pains are being spared to make the premiere a grand success.

Last Saturday evening several of the members of the gym team took part in the Y. M. C. A. circus at Ardmore.

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past. Paul in this day might say with equal truth: "In all things I perceive you too superstitious." Now instead of a hundred and one altars to gods and goddesses there are as many shrines to as many Christian saints. The peasant woman who bewails a lost son addresses a saint instead of an attic divinity, but her formula of worship is the same and her grief unchanged. Here, as in social and intellectual matters, there has been no advance and this lack of progress explains the place which modern Greece now occupies.

INTERCLASS SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP

SENIORS WIN FIRST GAME OF SERIES

On Tuesday afternoon the Seniors won from the Sophs by a score of 2 to 0 in the first of the series of three games which is to determine the College soccer championship.

On a field in such condition as Merion was that day no exhibition which would closely resemble soccer was to be expected.

The Sophomore line, being light, could do nothing in the mud with the Seniors' heavy backs. Especially valuable to the latter was Moon—a tower of strength that could seldom be overthrown. The others in the backfield, and Durgin in the line, played well.

F. C. Stokes did some excellent work for the Sophomores at goal, especially in the second half, while Downing showed up well at half, as did Elkinton and Thomas in the backfield and Bentley in the line.

A number of frosted fingers and toes and at least one heavy cold resulted from the game.

CRICKET PRACTICE

The schedule for practice in both first and second nets in the cricket shed has been filled out and according to Coach Bennet the fellows are coming out pretty regularly, a few of the Freshmen who have been working in the nets are expected to make a strong bid for the first team when the crease is opened up in the spring.

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Nobody, Porter an amusingly exacting Stage Manager, while Rhoad and Beebe made love to each other in a most entertaining manner. Thomas was capital as Francois the villain, and Falconer did good work as the Irate Parent. Froelicher as the Female Chorus was truly lovely to look upon, and he and L. P. Crosman, as the Male Chorus, made hits in the exacting roles of trees, brooks, and wild animals feeding. The Concert was then ended by the joint rendering of "For Haverford" by the full Glee and Mandolin clubs.

The Program was as follows:

PROGRAMME

1. A Tragic Story.....Metcalf
The Glee Club
2. In the Shadows.....Ginck
The Mandolin Club
3. Ciribiribim.....Pestalooza
The Double Quartette
4. Cavatina.....Raff
The Mandolin Club
5. Piano Solo....By L. B. Lathem, '12
6. Melodies of '61.....Arr. by Odell
Instrumental Quartette
Intermission
7. The Mill Wheel: a Cycle,
Arr. by Falconer and Lathem
The Glee Club
8. Humoreske.....Dvorak
The Mandolin Club
- 9-10. Margaret was a Lady (all four
verses).....Anon.
The Double Quartette
11. Eternelle Ivress.....Ganne
The Mandolin Club
12. For Haverford.....Seiler
The Combined Clubs
Dancing

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