S.C.I.O.A. PRELIMINARY COMES OFF SOON
The Societies Have Elected Their Respective Representatives.

THE ORIGIN OF THE S. C. I. O. A.
 Judges Will Be Selected Soon.—Contest Will Be Busy Close and Hot This Year.

Some few years after Clemson College had been founded and had blossomed into the great technical school which it now is, the idea was conceived of holding annual oratorical contests between that institution and Furman. It seems that the idea found its inception at Furman, and that the originator is now a lawyer in South Carolina. The plan was undertaken to establish and maintain friendly and scholarly relations between the two colleges. Greenwood was selected as the most convenient and nearest neutral ground, and the directors of both colleges, and the administration of C. I. S. College was offered the privilege.

From the beginning until now, it has been evident, in point of time and duration, the following years the other colleges of the State applied for admission into the organization and were elected to membership. At the present time every male institution sends representatives to Greenwood annually to compete in deciding the oratorical championship of the State. These contests have attracted growing attention, and are now attended by people from all over the State. The hall at Lander College, which is still used as an auditorium, is crowded to its limits, and the immense throng which sits for hours partaking of the oratorical feast boils the idea that old South Carolina has lost her scholarly tastes.

The University of South Carolina was one of the last institutions to join the South Carolina Intercollegiate Oratorical Association, and since becoming a member has failed to carry (CONTINUED ON PAGE 113).

Major Sloan May Visit Carolina
A strong effort is being made to induce Major Benjamin Sloan, Caroline's beloved former president, to be present on the nineteenth when President Eliot of Harvard, Dr. Mitchell and a large number of the alumni will be the guests of the University.

Caroline was old enough to see the major which she will never be able to pay. It was during his administration that the University entered into the present period of prosperity, and it is due to his influence that Carolina is what she is today.

The students will be delighted to see Major Sloan on the campus, it is earnestly to be hoped that he will be present on the nineteenth.

BASKETBALL FIVE UP AGAINST IT
Cannot Get a Game With a College in the State.

Y. M. C. A. FIVES CHALLENGE
Trustees May Remedy by Removing the Rule Prohibiting Carolina Playing a Professional Team Except in Columbia.

The future of basketball as an inter-collegiate game at the University of South Carolina is in the balance.

Three other colleges in this State, Wofford, Charleston and Furman, have basketball teams.

Carolina had another game scheduled with Wofford in Spartanburg, but this has been called off, because the basketball five of Wofford has played such games as the faculty will not allow. For some reason, Furman refuses to give us a game. Charleston College has offered to play Carolina at Columbia, but can give us only half the expected capacity of the Columbia teams.

It has been true of the County for a number of years that no athletic team from the University could play a professional team outside of the city of Columbia, and the Y. M. C. A. teams are ranked as professional. This is the main rule that should be adhered to in most cases.

However, basketball as a game at Carolina is in its infancy. It needs coddling on the part of the powers that be. As has been said above, it has been found impracticable for the local five to get a trip this year, unless they are allowed to accept the challenge of the Charleston Y. M. C. A. and Charleston College.

A trip this year would put basketball on a firm foundation as an inter-collegiate game at Carolina. The trustees, if properly approached, would doubtless make an exception of the basketball five and allow them to play a powerful team from the Charleston Y. M. C. A. at Charleston, and, consequently, a basketball firmly rooted at Carolina.

Euphraphian Intra-Society Debate
The Euphraphian intra-society debate is scheduled for the third Saturday night in April, the entries as far as are known are: J. E. Johnson, J. H. Brown, M. R. McDonald, I. F. Belser, S. J. Wall, and J. H. Cooper.

The medal given by the society to the winner of the intra-debate is an exceedingly handsome one. Several more men may enter the debate in the next week or two.

Dr. Mitchell has accepted the invitation to deliver the principal address at Clemson's commencement next June.

CAROLINA DEFEATED COLUMBIA MECHANICS
The Heavy Hitting of Carolina Won the Game.

NEW STARS ON THE HORIZON
Most of the '93 Aspirants Given a Try-out.—Carolinas Cranes Bat Again With the Mechanics Next Saturday.

Carolina defeated the Mechanics in the first '93 game of the season last Saturday by a score of 13 to 1. The game was played on a heavy, slippery diamond.

The University's heavy hitting won the game. Gresham, who played first base, got four hits out of six times up, two of which netted two bags. McMillan hit well and played an excellent game at short. Desports allowed only three hits and pitched a steady game with a sixth inning, when he was pulled to make way for Izlar.

It is believed the team will be strengthened now and its efforts will be better form.

Well and spaced Carolina on second, Gresham threw wild to third and thus scored Carroll. The Seniors attempts to score afterwards were all vain. The game was not very interesting, being characterized by the heavy hitting of the Freshmen and the many errors of the Seniors.

For the Freshmen, McMillan and Gresham did the star marking, getting four hits each, thus making two-thirds of the hits. McMillan seemed to be champion of the infield, making some speedy stops of hard-hit grounders and one extraordinary catch. Gresham, the Senior twirler, did not appear to be in as good condition as he was the day before, and was compelled to give way to Sheepard, who was entirely out of place.

FRESHMEN CAPTURE THE FLINN CUP
Series of Games Hard Fought from Start to Finish.

FRESHMEN NINE STRONGEST
First Year Men Handled the Lime to the Upper Classmen.—First Time Since 1905.

The Freshmen have won the baseball cup. This is the first time the Freshmen have attained any distinction in athletics since they won the football cup in 1905. Friday afternoon the '93 freshmen played two games, the first of which went to Carolina, but the second was won by the freshmen. They played several close games, the first was won by the seniors, then the Juniors and the Juniors played the Seniors. The freshmen seemed to get the best of the game.

Since 1905, the upper classmen have had the Flinn cup. However, the freshmen did not appear to be in as good condition as they were the day before, and were compelled to give way to Sheepard, who was entirely out of place.

Several additions were made to the Library.

Five hundred dollars' worth of new books have been ordered for the library and will come in soon.

Many of the books consist of the latest scientific works and will be very useful to the students in the department of science. A larger supply of reference books is badly needed in the department of biology, but this deficiency will be remedied in part when the recently ordered books arrive.

The new books will be of great value to the students in the department of science. Among the new books which have been ordered are old Charleston Gazettes, printed about 1700. They were purchased by Dr. John Bachman. Although very old they are by no means the oldest newspapers in the possession of the library.