

was ready to purchase land for its purpose, and gave half of the tract which it had decided to buy. This field has been partly graded, affording excellent baseball and football grounds, and a good grand stand has been erected. It has been appropriately christened 'McCook Field'".

I quote next from a pamphlet published in 1894, a short history of University athletics by J. V. May, secretary of the athletic association at that time.

"One of the first enterprises undertaken by the new organization was the purchase of a suitable athletic ground and the building of a gymnasium. Col. J. J. McCook, of New York City, who delivered the commencement address of 1890, presented the Athletic Association before leaving the city, with fifteen hundred dollars, and afterwards added another thousand. Early in '91 ex-Gov. Chas. Robinson offered to donate to the association one-half of a twelve-acre tract west of the University on condition that the other half was bought at \$200 per acre. This offer was accepted and McCook Field is the result. The deed is held in trust by the University Endowment Association. With a good athletic field at its disposal, the success of the association was assured and its prosperity has been uninterrupted."

I may say that Mr. May was mistaken in saying that Colonel McCook delivered the commencement address that year. The address was delivered at commencement time but was An Address Before the Literary Societies.

In the Graduate Magazine of May, 1905, I find an article entitled "A Historical Survey of the Campus", by Professor W. C. Hoad of the engineering school. I quote from his article.

". . . the first addition to the University grounds made after North College campus was completed was through the generosity of Colonel John J. McCook. While on a visit at the University, in June, 1890, Colonel McCook witnessed a game of base-ball between the University nine and a visiting team, a game well