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Base Ball

While it is universally conceded that the programme offered at the Festival this day by the exempt societies of Columbia No. 5 and Perseverance 13, at the Fair Grounds, is not behind any of its predecessors in point of interest and attraction, it will probably be admitted that the match of base ball between those two celebrated clubs, the Southernns and Lone Stars, as at the head of the programme, is the main feature of the great attraction.

We have read the course of reasoning – preamble and resolutions – by which the R. E. Lee's proclaimed themselves champions, and their apparent tacit recognition by the base ball fraternity.

We are aware that a series of games was played between the Southernns and Lees for the championship, and that the Lees were defeated in two straight games, the victory being announced: "The Southrons (*sic*) win the championship." Still, the title of champion has not been awarded by the association, and it is expected that the Lone Stars will challenge the Southernns for a series of games for its possession.

But for the match of this day – a purely friendly one, secured by the committee of arrangements, without any challenge between the two clubs – elicits an interest second to none ever played in the Crescent City. Both clubs are confidently backed by numerous friends and, in our opinion, the members of Columbia No. 5, the staunch supporters of the Southernns, are no more enthusiastic than the admirers of the Stars – of Perseverance No. 13.

We have listened attentively to the many discussions on the respective merits of the two clubs, and have sifted them to this conclusion, which we give for the benefit of our readers. One of the clubs will certainly bring home a beautiful blue silk flag; and it is very confidently asserted that the superior fielding of one club will be more than counterbalanced by the splendid batting of the other.

In our opinion the betting has been in favor of the Southern, but has dropped to about even, owing to the accident last evening disabling their captain, Mr. Holtzman.

One or others of the two clubs will make a Northern tour in the next four weeks; and the victors in this match will have a strong point to urge in their appeal to the generosity of our citizens, who cannot but feel some pride and great interest in the matter.