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Hazing Days.

The various colleges of this and other states are opening their doors for the various student bodies to enter their halls for scholastic instruction. With these opportunities to the young men and women of our state some hand in hand serious dangers. The same dangers that have confronted every young man and woman that has ever entered college. The crucial moment has arrived and time alone can prove whether or not hazing in its various forms is a thing of the past. We believe in college authority of our state and that they are exercising their best efforts to suppress the various forms of brutality that have not been suppressed in many of the institutions of our state. We have already been reminded that we are by this statement attempting to cross the stream before we reach the bridge, but a word of wise counsel timely spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver, and that ere the golden cycle shall have passed the benefactor will receive just reward for having suggested these serious dangers before they are engaged, thus saving time and money also preserving health and life unto the hope of our state and nation by encouraging, if necessary, our young men and women at all times to carefully preserve their best qualities.

Our Hospital.

From time to time we have called attention to the importance of a hospital for our county not only as a blessing to humanity but as a financial investment, worthy of the most careful and prayerful consideration of every one of our citizens. An object of charity in one phase that is so worthy of study and support that the humblest and most wealthy citizens of our county can lend their efforts. If you can conceive of any act that would be more worthy of honor and praise than the erection of a magnificent building modernly equipped for the care of the sick people of Alamance and other counties; Where a man with his large fortunes might take his own physician in an hour of sickness receive special treatment; Where the unfortunate might go at their own will and be properly cared for.

This institution will be built because the day is almost at hand when we no longer delay this important matter, because we have expended in the last ten years for hospital treatment by the citizens of Alamance County over \$55,000.00 and the ratio of increase from year to year is remarkably large. Of this \$55,000.00 a large per cent has been given to the railroad companies. For transportation of the patient, the physician in charge, relatives and friends of the unfortunate. Why, build ye, this day such magnificent temples of stone and clay for personal praise and gain that by death

will be from memory swept away, in-stead of laying up treasures in the life and love of humanity that will be transplanted in the souls of men to that city beyond the sea to adorn the crowns of the blessed for the honor glory and adoration of the judge supreme.

A gift of \$1 each from every citizen of Alamance County will build and equip this building. We appeal to the christian men and women; the morally good of our county to begin now a canvass of every citizen for this institution so that within a short time we may have this blessing within our midst so that humanity may be properly administered unto at all times and under all conditions.

Commission Government.

A few weeks ago a prominent New Yorker came to our town on business. He had been here before. He is a careful observer and has traveled much in America. He remarked among many things that our town needed, above all other things commission government. It seems that our Mayor is sincere and enthusiastic in his work, but his hands are tied by conflicting committees, unbusiness like forms of town government so that he is almost helpless in the successful discharge of his duties. As far as the board is concerned as a board, they have done worse than nothing, we mean by this that they have whiled their time away on frivolous matters and have not grated with the great problems of town government as they are now confronting us, in a business like manner. For example, our water supply has been short for a number of years and no relief is in sight. The board has one view the commission another.

The town is without proper school facilities. The Board of Education is trying to devise plans for the necessary improvements but they are helpless because the board is supreme.

The statue law of our town being daily violated with very little evidence of any effort to enforce it. This is a reflection on some one; but present conditions are such that the burden can not be properly placed. No one feels in the least embarrassed over these flagrant violations unless it is the officers who have gained authority to execute the law. The Mayor has wisely devised a plan for the building of a City Hall, but so far he has received very little encouragement and less support. These are a few items of the business of our town that should have attention not only by the board of Aldermen but by every citizen.

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