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THE Base Ball season has closed, with the exception of our two games with minor colleges. With the team that we had on the diamond this year, we shall have won the championship of the South, but it is over with now, and the old adage of spilling milk rings in our ears, and we will not mourn, but hope for better results in the future. We do not mean to criticize, but we do think that the game we lost to the University of Virginia was lost by the lack of proper coaching, in base running. In that respect our team this year has been sadly deficient, with the exception of the first game with Vermont. A little experience like this should teach us better. The more experience one has, the better he is prepared for emergencies. Next year we hope this will be corrected.

THE University session is drawing to a close as is evidenced by the appearance of the annual catalogue of the institution which has just appeared. In looking over the book we are gratified to see that the attendance at the University is steadily increasing, year by year, last year the number of students enrolled was under 250, this year it is 316, truly a wonderful result of Dr. Winston's hard work for the University, which will not cease until he has placed it once more on that plane of supremacy which it adorned in ante bellum days. We predict, under the guidance of Dr. Winston, with his rare executive ability, unlimited energy and hard, persistent work in its behalf, that in few more years, the University of North Carolina will be what it formerly was, the centre of learning and education in the South. The people of the State owe an everlasting debt of

gratitude to our able, wise and energetic President for his unceasing efforts in behalf of the upbuilding of the University.

DR. PRITCHARD of Charlotte, one of the ablest divines in the State, in the last Sunday's issue of that most excellent paper the *Charlotte Observer*, says:

"Some of our journals are quite sweeping in condemning college games—base-ball, foot-ball, etc. There are two sides to this question, and if we may believe our college presidents, North and South, there is much to be said in their favor. They ought to know more about this matter than any one else, and if I mistake not, a vote of the executives of our college generally would heartily support them."

Joe Caldwell the talented and able editor of the *Charlotte Observer*, commenting on Dr. Pritchard's remarks, says the following in the same issue of his paper:

"Dr. Pritchard hits it again when he says there are two sides to the question of college athletics. It is the fashion to rail against them, yet who can deny the advantages of physical any more than of mental culture, and who would not rather see the college boy or any other boy robust, red chested, lithe and corded with muscles than to see him pale, hollow-eyed, weak and effeminate? There is an appeal to the sentiment of the "pale student," who "burns the midnight lamp," but when it comes to looking on him in the flesh there is none of us who would not rather see the other variety. Besides, it is stated as a matter of fact that those who lead in the athletic sports are as a rule the best in their classes. The college presidents generally favor the college athletic exercises and they are, perhaps, the best judges of what is best for the students. Inter-collegiate match games may be objected to with reason upon the ground that they may excite friction between the respective institutions, but not, surely, for any other reason. There is an old Latin maxim about "a sound mind in a sound body" that fits somewhere in this discussion, and evidently Dr. Pritchard has not forgotten it."

Dr. Pritchard and Joe Caldwell are both sensible men, and the people of the State will listen to their opinions of college athletics much more readily than they will to the opinions of the persons who have been so actively engaged in condemning Athletics of late.

There are, indeed, two sides to the question, and any suitable unprejudiced person will acknowl-

edge at once, after becoming acquainted with the facts in the case; that Athletics not only makes a man a better student, but teaches him to be quick, self-reliant and independent, builds up his physical being and develops what was once a young boy into a strong, healthy, hardy robust man. We recall several instances of young men who have been at the University of North Carolina that were thin, sickly looking fellows, when they came here, but were hard muscled, strong, vigorous men when they left, and they will each and every one say that it was foot-ball that made men of them. Foot-ball has been played time out of mind at Oxford, Cambridge and Rugby in England, and the statistics from those institutions show that it has always been the best students that were the crack players of their teams. Foot-ball is not brutal, not demoralizing, does not breed dissipation and the man that says it does, not only exposes his ignorance, but tells a deliberate falsehood. Before making criticisms it behooves people to acquaint themselves with facts.

Some persons deny that the men who engage in college athletics are the best students. We are not acquainted with the facts elsewhere, but here at the University of North Carolina, we do say that generally the best athletes stand higher in their classes.

Of the four men who will graduate with the highest honors in June three were on the foot-ball team last year, and the fourth is a member of our base-ball team. There has been one man viz., Eugene Harrell of the North Carolina Teacher, who has been unusually severe in his denunciations of athletics at the University, in fact he devotes much space in each issue of his periodical to his "Tale of woe," and calls our foot-ball team, a real horrid name, "A peripatetic foot-ball team." Poor fellow! he will make a glorious martyr in his efforts to stop college athletics, still he is going to stem the tide of popular opinion and have athletics abandoned, especially the peripatetic foot-ball team. The best thing he could do to make people in North Carolina happy, and joyous, would be to do like Judas Iscariot, go out and hang himself.

The Massachusetts and Worcester Institutes of Theology and Brown University will form a foot-ball league.

Messrs Jas. A. Wilson & Co., of Wilson's Mills, have been here this week making estimates on repairing the Old East and Old West buildings. The contract will be let by the Executive Committee on Monday and work will begin just after Commencement. The same style of repairs will be made as was made last year in the South building, with the addition of water works which will be placed in all the buildings. New patented seats with attachment for taking notes will be put in all the recitation rooms. This is certainly a much needed improvement for some of our recitation benches vie with the instruments of torture of the dark ages.

The Annual Committee of Visitation, consisting of Hon. John C. Scarboro, Hon. John W. Starnes, Mr. James Parker, and Rev. P. D. Gold, made their regular visit to the University last week. Rev. W. S. Black was prevented from being present, by important business. The committee took a thorough view of the property, and inspected the University in all its departments.

We know that they could not have been otherwise than pleased and gratified with the result of their investigation.

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