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Just before we go to press the manager of the foot ball team tells us that Trinity has notified him of her intention NOW not to keep the agreement for two games, and, if necessary, three.

We regret this very much, on the part of our manager as well as the University. Our manager had promised us a game here with Trinity and now he is unable to keep his promise because Trinity has failed to keep her's with him.

According to our manager, the agreement made between him and the captain (acting as manager) of the Trinity team, was that the first game should be played in Durham on October 28th, and the second in Chapel Hill early in November, and a third, if necessary, place and date to be decided later on, to determine truly the superiority of the two teams. Our manager stipulated since we played on Trinity's grounds last year, that, if there was to be but ONE game, it should be played at Chapel Hill this year, and thus alternate.

Trusting thus to agreement, our manager refused to cancel last Saturday's game, though the team was in a very crippled condition, saying that he and Capt. Avery had agreed upon the second game and it was best to stick to the agreement, even if the second eleven had to go over in place of the first. Maybe he was right, but we are inclined now to think he was unwise, for we were beaten only by a very close score with our crippled team, and realizing this, Trinity refuses point blank to play the second game, saying she

has everything to lose and nothing to gain. Quite right, but at the same time, though she may not realize it, we feel also that SOMETHING else may be lost than a foot ball game by failure to keep up to an agreement only partially carried out.

We regret this very much, solely because it doesn't look like true amateur athletic sportsmanship not to toe the scratch when there is evidently no other reason in the world why she should not, but a fears of not being able to hold the position she has won.

One thing noticeable on the part of the student body and of the faculty is the utmost confidence they have in the team. They recognize now, as they never have before, how a team may lose a game by occurrences over which the team have no control. There is not a man in the University who is not satisfied with the work of the team; there is not a man who does not recognize the fact that our team Saturday played the best game of ball of the two teams in the contest, and there is not a man who does not feel and know that the team was seriously handicapped by the absence of Snipes, Ferguson, Hickerson and Murphy. We have the best team we have ever had, and our efforts in the future will prove it, when the regular players recover sufficiently from their injuries to take their places on the team.

The report that the University team had disbanded is erroneous. We are still here and intend to remain until the end of the season. It is true we are badly broken up, but we no doubt will mend. Of the players on the regular team Ferguson, Steele, Hickerson, Barnard, Baskerville, Tulle, Booth, Snipes, Whedbee and Murphy are laid off on account of injuries, but we have not disbanded; we are not that kind. We have a scrub team here that can play ball,—at least they did it Saturday against Trinity, and if the 'Varsity team cannot fill its dates intact the scrub team will.

Much credit is due to the hard, efficient work that the substitutes, Sharp, Little, Denson, Booth, Rankin and Tull, did in the game Saturday. They all played like veterans, and held the Trinity team far beyond the anticipations. The substitutes played good ball, and the way they forced Trinity back proved them better offensive players than Trinity's men.

The first game of the series to be played with Trinity College was played last Saturday in Durham. The University was defeated by a score of 6 to 4. It was a very hard fought game, and was played with unusual vigor by both teams.

The umpiring and refereeing was not satisfactory; at least, Mr. Turner made one decision that did not meet with our approval. Of course he was the judge, still we think that the time he called a foul on us and gave Trinity twenty-five yards, he did wrong; but we will not discuss that point—the game is over. We will have one and possibly two more games with Trinity, and in these games the relative strength of the teams can be more accurately determined. The University team went into the game Saturday in a badly crippled condition. Of the eleven men on the team, six were substitutes.

THE TAR HEEL has in the past been very severe on the student body for not having enough of college spirit. It will not do so in the future, for we realize now that the University men are united as one man. They have all the college spirit now that is needed. This is as it should be. It is of great encouragement to the team and to all who are interested in the welfare and upbuilding of the University.

The editors of THE TAR HEEL feel very grateful to Dr. William James Battle, '88, late of Harvard, now professor of Greek in the University of Texas, for the kind words he has said about the paper. In his words—"It is the best, brightest, newsiest college weekly in the Union. We thank him for his kind criticism, and hope the paper deserves it.

Subscribers to THE TAR HEEL are requested to hand their subscriptions to the Business Manager at once. We must have the money to run the paper, or it will have to stop.

The University of Tennessee play the following games in this state this week and the next: Friday, at Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina; Saturday, at Durham, Trinity College; Monday next in Raleigh, Wake Forest College.

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