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It will contain a summary of all occurrences in the University and village of Chapel Hill.

Space will be assigned for a thorough discussion of all points pertaining to the advancement and growth of the University.

A brief account each week of the occurrences in the amateur athletic world, with especial attention to our own athletic interest, and progress of Football, Baseball, Tennis, etc.

All society news, personals and every subject of interest, both to students and citizens of the village, will be treated each week.

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THE SOPHOMORE'S ANSWER.

"Mr. Flunk, will you solve me this problem?"

"Don't think I can do it," said he.

"I shall credit you, then, with a zero;"

Well, sir, that is nothing to me!"

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If smile is longer than a mile,

And a kiss is good for a miss,

If a miss is as good as a mile,

Is a smile, then, more than a kiss?

W. C. T. U.

We hear that there has been a branch of the W. C. T. U. established here in the past few weeks.

This W. C. T. U. (Winston's Card Temperance Union) may be a step in the right direction, but pledges and punishment are not always efficacious.

That a thing is forbidden has been since the days of Adam and Eve, one of the strongest inducements to contrary human nature to have or to do that very thing.

Thus against such an evil as gambling it is not enough to put a few men on pledges to abstain from it, still leaving the seeds to spring up in "Fresh" ground, but the college sentiment must also be educated so as to frown down upon it. Our university has a bad enough reputation among the good, religious people of the state, who claim that it tries to lead young men from the "cohorts of God" etc., without giving them another stone to throw; that the university includes gambling in its curriculum.

This seems certain, that if gambling in the university is to be stopped it must be by the general sentiment of the students being against it, and active sentiment at that, not the passive sort of intolerance that says nothing.

The vice is one of the most fatal that man ever saddles on his shoulders. Gaining possession of body and soul, and having, generally, drinking and debauchery, attendant satellites in its train.

It is an example of the brute nature in man. Your neighbor has something you want, viz—his money—and in this era it is not right to knock him senseless and go through his pockets. The moderns, therefore, have invented a much better way. One that not only empties the pocket-book, but tends to draw on the check-book too—mangling him into a "little game"—accomplishing the same thing in a gentlemanly manner. But this is skill against skill, luck against luck, and the statement made recently that gambling leads to stealing—well we may be pardoned for saying we take it *cum grano salis*. Gentlemen don't steal, and a man may gamble and yet retain the

name of gentleman, not the name only, but the reality.

If the president is going into the pledge system he should take pattern from some of the military schools of the state that make the students sign pledges before entering, to abstain from all drinking, gambling, etc., and as a consequence, in such places a pledge in "an airy nothing and a name."

Such will be the result here also if the system of pledges were to prevail to any extent, for there is but very little difference between the boy at a military school and the same boy three months later in college, or any other boy for the matter of that, and the sure result would be the tearing down of the general standard of morality of conduct to a much greater extent than the presence of ten or a dozen men who would gamble openly would do, if gambling were permitted.

During the formation of the union quite an amusing little incident is said to have occurred. The occasion being the questioning of Mr. A— on his poker playing.

Dr. W.—Well, Mr. A. suppose Dr. Battle, Dr. Hume, and myself were to indulge in a little game, what would you think?

Mr. A.—Well, doctor, I think you'd skin 'em.

A GOOD MOVE.

Last Saturday morning a motion was passed in the Dialectic society whereby members are allowed to resign when so desiring. This we think a good move toward solving the society problem which has been puzzling every one for the past three or four years.

The societies have been on a decline—fast retrograding. Interest has been lost in them and the work done by them in a literary way, has amounted to nothing of real worth. Perhaps one of the chief causes of this trouble has been compulsory membership. Men have been driven, so to speak, into an organization for which they have no desire nor taste and these men after their connection with the society, have done nothing in the way of literary progress. They are hardly to be blamed for this, but are culpable inasmuch as they have,

in some cases engaged in conduct derogatory to the society's dignity. These are the men who would like to resign.

It seems that they should have the right and by exercising that right, the best would result both to them and to the society. Those who remain will remain for the sake of the society and its work.

All will have a common object and can proceed without discouragement caused by lack of interest and respect on the part of the dissatisfied members.

This seems to us the only way by which a strictly literary atmosphere can be secured in the Di hall. Few will resign and they can easily make satisfactory arrangements in regard to the privileges of the library and other institutions governed in a measure by the society.

THE MAGAZINE.

The Magazine for January has been received, and we have enjoyed reading it. The contents are interesting. The leading article is by Edward Graham Daves, on "The North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, 1783." He has collected a vast deal of interesting documents, facts, etc., and condensed them in a paper which cannot fail to instruct and entertain while stirring up a further study of our heroic past. We hope the spirit of research and impartial investigation will grow until it has brought out the full facts of our history.

Robert W. Winston contributes an appreciative article on "Woodrow Wilson's Division and Reunion." He reviews this able and impartial history of the critical period of 1829-1889. Prof. Cobb writes a critical review of Goldwin Smith's book. It is well written and shows a careful consideration of the merits and defects of the work reviewed. Mr. Kenan, '94, contributes a very interesting paper on "The Artificial Production of Petroleum." The book notices and magazine reviews are good. The college record and alumni notes give some leading items of interest for University men. On the whole, the Magazine is very good. We look forward with interest to each issue.

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