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WE would recommend to the careful observation of the persons who, through the medium of the press have assailed foot-ball in all its forms—as a brutal and barbarous game, the articles which appeared in the last issue of the *Forum* from the pens of the distinguished presidents of leading Universities, and one from the pen of a leading physician of New York. The views of the University accord fully with those expressed by these gentlemen. There is a certain element of danger attached to all athletic sports, and this has increased in regard to foot-ball of late more than any other game. The features of the game that have caused this increase are mainly the mass system of flying wedges and interference. These can be abolished as easily as they were instilled, and they should be. If this is done and the foot-ball that was played five years ago, be played in the future then we see no reason why any fault should be found with the game. The game is not brutal any more than tennis; it is rougher and requires greater powers of endurance, but there is nothing brutal in the game, nor anything that savors of brutality. Of course sometimes men are hurt, but this is liable to occur in swimming, gunning, base-ball, running or any other out door sport. There is no reason to stop these amusements simply because there is an element of danger annexed to the enjoyment of them.

PROBABLY no question has excited the attention of the students of the University of late years more than that of compulsory society going, unless it be compulsory attendance at prayers. The Dialectic took a step a few nights ago that will have need to do

with setting this vexed state of affairs which has existed so long, and only by precedent. The society passed a resolution which will enable any member of the Society to withdraw. The University authorities say that a man must join one of the two Societies here, it is immaterial which, just so he joins. This should have been abolished long since, and now since the Dialectic has made it optional with its members, whether they remain as such or not, remains for the Trustees to abolish that clause of University regulations, compelling the students to join the Societies. If it were optional with the students as it should be, then only those students who had a desire for such work as the society encourages, would join. They would join from a desire to better themselves, and for their improvement. Such men as they would make the societies what they need to be—a credit to the University.

SINCE the attendance at the University has increased so rapidly, the need of new dormitories becomes more evident. We have over four hundred students and there is room for only 325 of them in the buildings. This makes it necessary for a number of students, who would rather be in college—to room in the village. We have no doubt that Dr. Winston recognizes this fact as much as any one, and what we want him to do, is to go to work at the next legislature and get what the University needs and at present it needs nothing more than dormitories and a decent appropriation.

THE Staff of the TAR HEEL rejoices in the fact that after so long a time the editors of the *Annual* have been elected, and they in turn have perfected the organization of the editorial board. Let them go to work in earnest, and get out an *Annual* that will be a credit to the University and her fraternities.

The faculty at Cornell have decided to abolish final examinations and the knowledge of the student will be decided by his daily recitations and short examinations during the term.

Instructor—Mr. Graves, give an example of the expansion of heat, and contraction of cold.

Student—The days are longer in summer than in winter.

The *Hellenian*, the annual of the University of North Carolina, gotten out under the auspices of the fraternities, has not been able to pay its debts. It seems that this has been the case for the last three or four years. — *Crimson and White*.

This is no enviable reputation to have amongst other colleges—It's a fact however as above stated —It's a shame and reflects much discredit on the fraternities that such be the case. Now we have an editor-in-chief of the *Hellenian*, let's have the *Hellenian*—and at once too. There was too much delay last year. Get a hustle on you, you editors.

Princeton football men strongly favor a reconstruction of the football rules, and fear that unless some step is taken to eliminate the more objectionable feature of the game the faculty will take a hand in the business. It is pretty well understood that at the suggestion of Princeton, the University Athletic club will issue a call to the leading colleges to meet in convention. It is believed by Princeton students that Yale is in entire sympathy with the plan of a convention to be held under the auspices of the University Athletic club Harvard is an unknown quantity, but Princetonians believe the Cambridge men will really agree to take part. The opposition of the University of Pennsylvania to the management of the affair by the University club does not seem reasonable to the authorities at Princeton.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Nine of the fraternities of the college have organized themselves into the Pan-Hellenic Tennis Association with the purpose of giving an annual tournament for a silver championship cup to be won three seasons in succession by one fraternity team before becoming its property. The first tournament of the Association began on Monday, when the following games were played.

Won by K. A.
D. E. K. Myers & Gatling, } 6-3, 6-3, 4-6,
K. A. Vass & Hampton, } 1-6, 1-6.
Won by A. T. O.
A. T. O. Little & McRae, } 6-0, 6-0, 6-0
K. A. Wittson & Braswell, }
Won by Beta Theta Pi.
Beta Theta Pi. Bingham & Smith, } 6-4, 6-4
Sigma Nu. Bridgers & Emry, } 9, 6-4.
Won by Zeta Psi.
Zeta Psi. Graham & Mangum, } 6-2, 6-1
S. A. E. Patterson & Atkinson, } 6-2.

On Tuesday the K. A.'s & A. T. O.'s play, also the Beta Theta Pi.'s and A. T. O.'s.

The growth and present status of Foot Ball in Southern colleges is admirably presented in the January number of *The Southern Magazine* by J. Breckenridge Robertson, of the University of Virginia. The article is well illustrated with portraits and instantaneous photographs of men in play, and views the game as played by the leading colleges of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Only one Southern college team has yet crossed Mason and Dixon's line to try conclusions with their brothers of the North; yet, from the progress the Southern college boys have made in the past three years, we expect to hear from them next season.

Among the contributors to this number are John Fox, Jr., Robert Burns Wilson, William Baird, S. J. Shields, Robert G. Toombs, and Frank M. Bjcknell.

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