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THIS issue of the TAR HEEL comes to you with two new editors. Messrs. Harding and Webb have been elected to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Messrs. Murphy and Pugh. The TAR HEEL realizes its great loss in these two gentlemen and regretfully chronicles that they be no longer connected with it. They have worked faithfully, and we may say truly that whatever success the paper may have had, it has come about mainly through Mr. Murphy's untiring labor. For him, as he now leaves us, we wish every success and happiness in life. Mr. Pugh remains at the University, but his duties limit him in his outside work. We are glad he will still be connected with the Magazine, where every month much of his good work may be seen. As for the new editors and the new chief, we beg kindly criticism and trust that by the faithful performance of our duty, we may become worthy of your consideration.

A subscription list for the baseball team is now being passed around. Every body should contribute as liberally as possible. We have the best material we have ever had and the best schedule of games and we must win. A trainer will come about the middle of March to be here a month. Now let's show our northern friends that we can play ball. Let's get even for that 30 to 0—and let's have the championship of the South. The team is going to work faithfully, but they'll do much better work if they know that the entire University, every single student, has contributed something to aid them in meeting the expenses they must necessarily incur even with the greatest economy. Help the team—show your loyalty.

SEVERAL long communications in reply to the article in our last issue headed "W. C. T. U." have been received. The articles all possess more or less merit. We insert one only which deals with the pledge system. Lack of space prevents our making use of the others, as well as a desire to refuse to make a mountain out of such a tiny mole hill.

A gentleman may commit an act unbecoming a true man—a true gentleman—and still remain a gentleman—but we must say that by the continuance of such commissions, he may cease to be a gentleman. It not a necessary result, but a great risk run. Many commit these things unwittingly and require checking if not by one method by another. It matters not what the method be, if good results.

WE scarcely pick up a college paper these days but we see something of inter-collegiate debates. We flatter ourselves with being "up with the times," when in fact we are dreadfully behind. Pennsylvania and Cornell meet for debate, Yale, Harvard and Princeton, Michigan and Wisconsin, Purdue and Chicago, and many other colleges. These colleges have their athletics, we hear, carried to an extreme, but they also have their debates and other literary work. The University's place amongst institutions of learning in the State is at the head. We should promote the advancement of everything in which there is good. We should take the initiative in this as in other matters. The societies should discuss the matter and then communicate with the various colleges of the State and learn of their willingness or not for a debate. If they answer in the negative, you will have done your duty, which you will not have done if you make no effort to promote this, for it is good. It is the societies' duty. What will you do?

## ON ATHLETIC LINES.

We clip the following from the January *Wake Forest Student*. Its pretty rough on the "old sport" isn't it?

"Conductor Eugene G. Harrell of Teachers' Excursion fame, and minister-plenipotentiary of that deity that guards and watches over the educational institutions of the country, has squirted out a fresh supply of dirty ink. We cannot but appreciate the fatherly

interest manifested in us and the kindly admonitions so graciously bestowed. A debt of gratitude we can ne'er repay.

"Students from Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina met in Raleigh on Saturday to play a game of ball. A gentlemanly, courteous game of ball was played. The best and kindest feeling existed. There was no kicking on rules or quarrelling with umpires. The men who engaged in the game were students of the above institutions—a sufficient guarantee that they were gentlemen. Mr. Harrell, however, calls them 'pugilists,' and that the game was simply an encounter between the 'pugilists' of two institutions. Furthermore, he says that each institution has its 'chairs of Pugilism.'

"Mr. Harrell has an oriental imagination and is gifted in 'rounding his periods.' When it suits his purpose the molehill appears a mountain.

"True, football is rough and is not unaccompanied with risks, but this does not prove that the players are not gentlemen, do not belong to as good families as any of their censorious critics or self-appointed guardians.

"To argue with Mr. Harrell would be to argue with a man who seems incapable of discussing a matter fairly.

"When Mr. Harrell intimates that this institution supports a 'chair of Pugilism' he simply 'rounds his period.' True, there is a gymnasium, and it happens that the director plays the game, but is not that the place for him if he wishes? CAPTAIN."

## MEETING OF THE SENIOR CLASS.

At the meeting of the senior class held on last Saturday, Bishop Capehart of South Carolina was chosen to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon on next commencement. It was further agreed that there should be class-day exercises during the first week in June and that the class place an album containing the portraits, name, degree etc. of the individual members in the University library. A motion was brought forward to adopt caps and gowns but after some discussion it was lost.

All communication for the TAR HEEL must be sent to the Editor-in-chief by 4 o'clock Monday afternoon before the week's issue.

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. Bicknell.

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