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THE TAR HEEL lays down these rules for its guidance and does not intend to depart from them. It greatly regrets if it has made any deviation from these in the past: 1st. It will publish nothing that is scurrilous, or profane, or in any way merited to the refinement to language and thought which should obtain at the University. 2nd. It shall not be a means of publishing the abuse, or factions of one side or both sides in any party fight in the University. It does not deeam it wise to publish family quarrels. 3rd. It does not deem it to be its mission to enter into warfare with the management of this institution. Friendly criticism is helpful and we will not fear to give it but carping fault-finding does no one good.

We have heard from good authority that there was to be a new weekly started at the University. We have also heard that this new paper was the result of the refusal of the TAR HEEL to print certain articles submitted to it.

The present board of editors wish to reiterate that so long as they have control of the paper, the columns shall not be used as a medium for the airing before the people of the State the petty jealousies or spites one person, or party may hold against another person or clique.

The TAR HEEL will extend the new sheet a most cordial welcome to our limited field of journalism, and will feel gratified to have, unintentionally to be sure, stimulated more students into undertaking to "shove the quill." If properly conducted, this should be but the beginning of a School of Journalism in the University, and we will congratulate our contemporary for thus augmenting the progressiveness of the University. Regarding the matter from a financial standpoint, we question the advisability of having another paper. But if we do have two, let them be but a stimulus, one to the other, and work for the University's good and maintain a dignity as only becomes men—University men.

As we go to press we catch a glimpse of the February Magazine. The table of contents, at which we had but a moment to glance, reads well. An extended review is promised in our next issue.

By request, we insert in another column an extract from a letter from a very prominent young alumnus of the University. We feel this to be very pertinent right now.

Dr. Hume lectured in Salisbury last week. The Charlotte *Observer* speaks of it as follows in its Salisbury special. "Dr. Thos. Hume of the State University lectured in the Y. M. C. A. hall here last night to a crowded house. Every available seat was filled, and some stood in the aisles while others left for want of room. His lecture lasted a little over an hour and was a fine production. It is highly spoken of and those fortunate enough to secure room were well repaid for attending."

LECTURE BY ELI PERKINS.

The Dialectic Society deserves the thanks of the Student body for the entertainment which it furnished last Thursday. Melville D. Langdon, the famous humorist, at the instance of the Di's. came over from Durham and delivered his "Philosophy of Wit and Humor" to quite a large audience assembled in the Chapel. The rumor had preceded "Eli" that on some occasions his lectures smacked of unkind allusions to the South, but whether or not there has been foundation for this report, it is certain that no one who attended the lecture had cause for offense. In an easy illustrative manner the speaker defined and separated Wit and Humor, Satire and Ridicule; showing that Humor is the resultant of faithful description of life-phases, and wit naught but some presentation of deformed truth. He furthermore showed the beneficial nature of Satire, in that error is thereby exaggerated and called into public condemnation, and that Ridicule tends to destroy truth. "Eli" knows well how to hold his audience and amuse all types of people.

THE CORNELL "JOKE."

It is a very easy matter to push a practical joke too far. The horse-jokes of Sophomores and Freshmen upon one another are generally pressed too far. The Cornell affair is one of the most disreputable and criminal that we have heard of.

In their rush a few days ago, the Sophomores were worsted, the police interferring and rescuing them from savage treatment. In revenge, some of the Sophomores forced chlorine through holes in the floor into the hall where the Freshmen were holding a banquet. The game bagged by this joke was one poor inoffensive dish-washer, a woman, killed and some eight or ten persons seriously sickened. Any one who knows how to prepare chlorine, knows enough to understand its deadly nature. Such a joke can only be characterized as criminal. The law will be allowed to take its course in the punishment of the perpetrators.

The New York World attributes the whole affair to college athletics. This is fully in keeping with the present style of warfare against our sports.

FOOT-BALL REFORM.

The much talked of reform of the foot-ball rules seems at last well under way. Princeton, with much modesty, declined to take the lead, but requested the University Athletic Club of New York to call together such foot-ball experts as she saw fit and let them adopt such changes as seemed wise. Yale joined with Princeton in this request, and the University Athletic Club consented to undertake the job.

A committee of five has been named representing the five unquestionably leading institutions; Camp, of Yale; Moffat, of Princeton; Brooks, of Harvard; Bell, of Pennsylvania, and Dashiell, of Lehigh. These are men of recognized ability and we feel assured that their deliberations will result in much good to the game.

The TAR HEEL will have one more issue and then bide a wie until the intermediates are over. We will be silent but one week. We know many wish it were forever. No, not those who read their neighbor,s paper. These examinations are dreadful bores any how, you know.

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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