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EDITORIALS.

WITH THIS ISSUE closes Volume "Two" of THE TAR HEEL. The work this year has been hard, much harder than many would suppose; but the editors will feel fully recompensed for their time and trouble if those who have so steadily stood by them will accredit to the paper a conscientious and earnest management. It has been our sole object to further the athletic and other general interests of the University. If we have failed, it has not been the result of inaction or lack of endeavor on our part. We can only bid you a kind adieu and wish our successors a friendlier and more material support than has been extended us.

THE VERMONT UNIVERSITY CYNIC, speaking of the Southern ball trip, says: "We were mauled, bruised and robbed," and otherwise explains the several defeats suffered at the hands of Southern teams. *The Cynic* should, at least, for the sake of fairness, specify what institutions are responsible for such unprincipled procedure; for the generalization as it is, whether intentionally or not, is inexcusably and absolutely false. This University was represented in the field this season by a team who have everywhere and at all times received characterization none other than that of gentlemen, and that team lost to and won from Vermont recently a game of ball. Why Vermont should seek to justify ill fortune or inability to win games by such declarations as aforementioned, cannot be understood by the men of this Institution, and they would refer the *Cynic* to the accounts of last season's games as set forth in the *Cynic* of 1893, and to the testimony of the men from Lehigh and Lafayette, who, although suffering defeat at our hands, the first time and the last once, like men recognized men, and from their own homes sent back to the Tar Heel boys graceful and appreciative remembrances.

OUR BASE-BALL season is over. The results, while not overwhelmingly successful, have been very gratifying. Ten out of fourteen games have been won; one lost to Yale, and three ties with Vermont, Lafayette and Virginia. When we consider that the teams we have played have been among the strongest in the country, and that we, with the exception of Yale, have broken even with the others to whom we lost, there is much cause for encouragement. We have had a team to be proud of, and we are proud of it. Next year many of them will return, and North Carolina will spare no pains to give them opportunity and means for bettering even their present record. No team will ever go out from here to win unless the student body are the backers, and show more spirit and appreciation than was shown on last Thursday when the boys returned tired and worn out with a hard and hotly contested series of games away from home.

THE *Magazine* has appeared. It is a good double number and reflects much credit upon the management. Dr. Battle's article on "The University of 1844" is an exceedingly entertaining and enjoyable article. It is a treat to catch glimpses of the olden time balls with their fair women and gallant beaux; to understand that college boys a half century ago had many of our own customs and were hauled up before the Faculty for the observing of the same. Would that we had been there in the carriage mishap on the Raleigh road. Holland Thompson gives an accurate and interesting account of the life of the *Magazine* in its "ups and downs" for fifty years. The article is illustrated with the covers of the different issues since its establishment, and is very well written. Perrin Busbee writes an interesting article on "102 West Hargett Street," wherein he describes the life and habits of the poet Gaston, and under what circumstances and how he wrote Carolina, the household song of our commonwealth. A characterization of the University of 1894 is given by President Winston, which all should read and ponder over. By letters contributed by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, we are informed that students erstwhile wrote lengthy and numerous calls for "brownies" which were not forthcoming, and that there was in that far-removed period the characteristic "kicking against the Faculty," which we occasionally observe to-day. With poems by Van Noppen, Bingham,

Horne, Lee, T., and Mr. Stockard, the contributed element is concluded. The other work is neatly and carefully done; for the typographical work we have no criticism. It is as good as could be wished, and the illustrations, as a whole, are a success.

THE *Hellenian*, published by E. A. Wright, has come. It is by far the best ever gotten out here, and is superior to many annuals published by stronger and abler institutions. The board of editors deserve much credit for the excellent book they have given us, and we trust all will aid them financially by buying a copy as soon as possible. Alumni and others desiring a copy can secure the same by sending \$1.50 to Mr. Harry Howell, University, N. C.

THE GYMNASIUM is now in good trim for the Commencement dances. A coat of paint has rendered other decoration unnecessary. With blue and gold trimmings the white background under lamplight will sufficiently set off that array of loveliness which is expected to be in our midst. A large Commencement is anticipated, and arrangements are now being made to entertain all as pleasantly as possible. To those of past days it may be of some interest to know that the Alumni Banquet, which for the past two years has been neglected, has been revived, and will be given in the old Y. M. C. A. rooms in South building.

VANDERBILT was defeated by the University of Alabama by a score of 21-3. Remembering the former score of 15-1 in Vanderbilt's favor, we were very much surprised at the result of the other game. But on looking into the account of the game we saw the trouble was what would be called hard luck. Four players could not leave the University. Taylor, Vanderbilt's short-stop, was hit by a ball on the arm, which rendered it useless. He then went to first. Hunt had a crippled foot; but after Fall, the second pitcher, became so weak on account of sickness that he could not stand, he was compelled to take his old place and pitch on one foot. We can truly sympathize with them in their misfortunes; for no team was ever more troubled by a "series of coinciding circumstances" than our foot-ball last fall. We hope their players may quickly recover, in order that they may put their strongest team in the field against Sewanee, and we feel sure it will be a close and well-played game.

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