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THE TAR HEEL, as the organ of the Athletic Association, begs that in behalf of the players, of the school at large, of that record which we desire to make this year, the fellows will *keep off the field*. A team cannot play when there is a great crowd to be rushed through every time a run is made round the ends. By all means let us have some college spirit and encourage our players by cultivating a sentiment that it is a discourtesy and an insult to the team and to the rest of us for any one to go inside the line. There is a line plainly marked out and one which we cannot mistake and let us keep on the outside. It is impossible to put up large signs with *KEEP OFF THE GRASS* and to have a policeman ready with a club every time any one steps on it to knock him off, but it is possible for us to cultivate such a feeling of resentment that it will be just as dangerous for his welfare and comfort to dare do such a thing and by all means let us bend every energy toward that end.

At last our University is beginning to gain the reputation it deserves in college athletics. First, Kirkpatrick's picture in the new foot ball rules and now an invitation from Yale for us to enter the Inter-collegiate Tennis Matches to be held there in October. We are the only southern college thus honored, for it is an honor and who shall say it is an undeserved one.

Now let us give our representatives a rousing send off, for go they must, and we may be sure, win who may they will not be last in the race. True it may cost us a little, but two or three packs of cigarettes per man the less and there you are. As for our representatives they know that the honor of the Old North State is in their hands and we know it is in good ones.

It is a step in the right direction to elect the *Hellenian* editors early in the fall. Most of the fraternities have elected their representatives, and it is to be hoped that the others will not be slow in following. It cannot be said that any *Hellenian* that has been issued was successful, and that is due in large measure to the shortness of the time in which it was gotten out. It is absolutely necessary to the success of the annual that work be begun on it in the preceding fall. Let the board be completed and organized immediately, so that they can start on the next issue, and have it published by the early spring, in April, at least.

It is with regret that we hear of the death of Dr. Frank L. Reid, President of Greensboro Female College. Though a graduate of another college, he was always a staunch friend to the University, and took pride in its success and growth. His address last commencement, on Dr. Charles F. Deems, was one of the most admirable ever heard here. Another good man is gone who will be sadly missed.

The Senior Class Meets.

Upon call the Senior Class met in the Chapel on the afternoon of the 8th. President W. A. Graham was in the chair. The object of the meeting was to decide whether or not the class wished to wear the cap and gown. The question was discussed at some length, and by a close vote, it was decided to adopt them. Messrs Kimball, Howell and F. L. Carr were appointed as a committee to get samples and prices. There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

DURING the spring of last session the fence of the athletic grounds was moved giving us two complete foot ball fields in the same enclosure. Of course this was done for a wise purpose and that purpose was to have two teams at systematic work every afternoon. It has been suggested in another column that each class should have its team and that there should be a regular captain and manager, the first of whom should train the men with care and regularity, the second to arrange dates for games with other classes. In the New England colleges which have far surpassed us in all athletic sports, there are not only class teams, but every boarding house and every street has its eleven. At the close of the season, there are regular match games and the interest that is taken in these is very great. Now if we are going to take a prominent stand in athletics as we desire to do, it is necessary for us to have more teams here and not compel the first team to have to develop green material. The Junior Class has held a meeting and elected officers and we hope other classes will do likewise. We would even desire to see a Freshman Class team. Dr. Winston has had the grass scraped off the lower field and now there is no danger of too much verdure on the ground at one time.

THE old students returning to Chapel Hill, this fall, missed the familiar figure of Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer! She left the village, during the summer, to make her home with her son-in-law, Prof. James Lee Love, one of the instructors in Harvard University.

Mrs. Spencer was known to so many of the students—and those who knew her loved her—that this tribute is not deemed out of place. For the facts that are given the author of the article is indebted to Dr. Kemp P. Battle.

Mrs. Spencer's father, Dr. James Phillips, and her brother, Dr. Chas. Phillips, were for many years professors in the University. She was born in Chapel Hill, and with the exception of five years, which she spent in Florida, lived here until last summer. She was here during the war, and during the time after the war when the University was

closed. During this latter period she rendered great service to the institution. When its friends were almost in despair about its future, she kept up hope, and did not believe that things would continue to be as bad as they promised to be. By her published letters—notably those in the *North Carolina Presbyterian*, she kept the institution before the minds of the people, and undoubtedly, by this means, made the reopening in 1875 easier than it would have been.

Since that time she has constantly talked and written and worked for the University.

One of the most important things she did was to report all of the proceedings of the first two "Normal Schools" held in Chapel Hill in 1877 and 1878. This did much to make the schools popular, and to bring their work before the public. The result was such that Dr. Barnas Sears, who was the first to have charge of the Peabody Fund, said that the work, through that means, done by the University, was the greatest that had ever been done for public education.

Mrs. Spencer's "First steps in North Carolina History" has done much to popularize the study of the State's history. Her "Last Ninety Days of the War" is a valuable contribution to the material on that subject. In addition to this she has written many sketches, memoirs, etc. Her "Old Times in Chapel Hill," running through several volumes of the *University Magazine*, carry us back to the days of Caldwell, Mitchell and Swain, and give us a delightfully real picture of the inner life of the University and of the Chapel Hill of that time.

She was along with Gov. Graham, Dr. Wm. Hooper, and others, one of the incorporators of the "North Carolina Historical Society," and was at one time its secretary. She did a great deal of work in the cataloguing of students in the "Centennial Catalogue," issued by the University in 1889.

The best wishes of the University students go with her to her new home.

Foot Ball Notes.

The following men for various reasons, overwork, previous injuries and laziness, have dropped off from practice, the last reason being the most prominent: Bailey, Farrell, McAllister, McRae, L., Land's, Schouford, Southerland, Walker and Winston.

We are glad to learn that our friends, the A. and M. College, will send a team to play with ours on the twelfth and thirteenth of next month. They will also play with Wake Forest during Fair week in Raleigh.

Davidson College is allowed to play games of ball with other colleges on its own grounds. THE TAR HEEL is glad to note this and wishes them great success in their athletic life, hoping that a game between the University and the Davidson eleven may be arranged and that thereby closer relations may come to exist between the two colleges.

Vanderbilt had one of the strongest teams in its history last season and as all but two of the eleven have returned, it seems that they will have a still stronger one to put in the field this year. They very much desire the championship of the South and it should be the duty of our team to rob them of that pleasure should the two meet in battle.

Changes at Harvard.

We sometimes speak of the advantages of a large university and forget that it has also its drawbacks. It will be seen from the following proposed plan that these disadvantages are beginning to be realized at the largest and in some senses the greatest university in our land. It has been suggested that Harvard be divided into several smaller colleges, each of these to have not more than five hundred students. There will be a separate dean and a separate administrative board, separate dormitories, dining hall and reading room for each. The plan will be explained more fully in the next Harvard Graduate Magazine in an article which was written a short while before his death by Frank Boles, secretary of the university. The names that have been proposed for the new colleges are Agassiz College, Binney College, Hobworthy College and Wadsworth College.

The Historical Society.

The North Carolina Historical Society held the first meeting of the year in the history room at 7:30 o'clock on Tuesday night of this week.

Dr. Winston opened and presided in the absence of Dr. Battle. In his opening remarks he spoke of the work of the society in the past, and of the contributions made to it by Hon. David L. Swain during his life time.

Mr. Holland M. Thompson read the first paper of the evening on "The Parson Soldier of the Revolution." He gave a history of the life and character of Rev. James Hall, who was the parson and soldier to whom he referred, and showed the great influence he had exerted during the Revolution in the double capacity of captain and chaplain.

Professor Alderman then arose and presented to the society a very valuable manuscript entitled "The Proceedings of the Manumission Society in North Carolina." The manuscript extends over a period of sixteen years. There are but two copies of it, one of which is now the property of the society. Prof. Alderman read extracts from and commented upon certain passages in the manuscript. He said that the pioneer of the whole abolition movement was Charles Osborne, a North Carolinian, who moved from this State to Indiann, and there, in connection with two other distinguished men, set on foot that great movement which resulted in the final abolition of slavery.

Dr. Battle, having come in, presented to the society a beautiful old chair in the name of Mrs. Spencer. He related an interesting piece of history connected with the chair. He then read a letter written by Jas. W. Bryan, in 1848, in regard to Esther Wake, after whom Gov. Swain for a long time claimed that Wake county was named. Mr. Bryan said that no such person ever lived, and that she was purely a creature of fancy. The Dr. also read two other letters of importance, one of which showed that there was once a society here for the admission of under freshmen who came here to a preparatory school.

The thanks of the society were tendered to Mrs. Spencer for her kind donation, after which the meeting adjourned.