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AN EDITORIAL on college spirit addressed to the students of an institution where it is absolutely lacking seems to be a little out of place, and yet such should be written if only to try and arouse a little enthusiasm in those breasts where such seems to be so sadly lacking. It seems an insolvable problem why the mass of students here have permitted their just pride in their college and its institutions to fall so into decay; that it has, is indeed a painful truth, and if this state of affairs is to be allowed to continue, then farewell to all of the hopes for the future in all those lines where college spirit is justly a great factor in success, or its lack the principal cause of failure. In athletics, for instance, how can we ever hope to succeed if those whom we have chosen to represent us do not feel that they have the hearty and undivided support of the whole college. Having chosen them, we have placed our reputation in matters athletic in their hands, but the matter does not end there. We must make them feel that we are intensely interested in their success, and with them we must so act as to give them that feeling of necessary confidence in themselves and our confidence in them as shall insure us victory. Too long has this feeling been allowed to lie dormant in our breasts. Rouse it up and fan it, then of your generous share give to him, your neighbor, who has not so much. Then when you have succeeded in arousing this latent sense for heaven's sake don't suffer it to die out again, but use it; go out on the ball field and give your voice to cheering on the team when a brilliant play is executed, or, if you can't cheer, go out there any way, for the team is worth looking at, even if merely as curiosities, for one is led to wonder what they might have become and done if they had had the proper support of the students since the beginning of the season.

My reader, I wish to say to you plainly: It is partly your fault if the team should fail to win the game in Richmond on Thanksgiving Day. Is that a pleasant thought for you? See if it is not true. You withheld the support of your voice and purse when both were badly needed, and you withheld your interests, instead preferring to remain Pharisaically aloof, hugging yourself because you were not as some others, enthusiasts over foot ball, who thought their time and

money well spent when both went to advance the interests of the team. And yet it is such as you who prate the loudest over "our" success in athletics, when in reality you helped toward it just about as much as a mosquito would help an engine to pull a train of cars. Let me apply a fable to the case: Once, according to Uncle Remus, "Sis Cow" had gotten her horns fast into a tree, and was trying to get them out when "Brer Rabbit" came along; and to him she appealed for help. To this he was perfectly willing and proposed, as a just division of the labor, that she should do the work and he'd do the grunting. That's all the foot-ball team asks you to do. They do all the work, you only have to do the grunting. Grunt out loud, though, and make it sound like a cheer, and when you are asked to pay up your subscription then don't merely grunt but pay.

The delusion seems to exist in many minds here that money subscribed to the foot-ball team is never to be paid. All money subscribed should be paid at once, for the team is badly in need of money in order to meet necessary expenses. So at least pay up promptly what you subscribed, if you can't do any more. You certainly can't do any less.

WE CAN understand how a man driven to desperation by the lack of food, can steal to save himself and family from starvation; we can understand how a confidential clerk, constantly handling large sums of money, may be so overcome by temptation, that he will rob his employer; but we can not understand how a man that is sufficiently interested in culture, and whatever else may make for the higher life, to attend the University, gets the consent of his mind to sit in a window of the library or the South Building and watch a ball game; or stand at a window of the chapel and listen to a concert, when the public generally is paying for these things.

When the question is one of honor or examination, or of keeping a pledge, the standard of the University is very high; but in matters like those mentioned above, it should be much higher than it is.

In writing this, we fully recognize the fact that the great body of the students here are not subject of these remarks; those who are, are exceptions, and because they are exceptions, they attract as much attention as they do.

But, writing this is like scolding a small congregation because it is no larger: we do not believe that the men that we are writing for ever read the TAR HEEL.

The only thing, then, that we can do, is to call upon the mass of the students to make it so uncomfortable for the exceptions, that, if they still wish to appropriate what they have not paid for, they will be unwilling to do it while they are at the University.

A New Publication.

By Dr. H. V. Wilson.

Our accomplished professor of Biology has just published through Ginn & Co., of Boston, a valuable contribution to science under the title "Observation on the Gemmule and Egg Development of Marine Sponges." It was first contributed to the *Journal of Morphology*, and is reprinted from its pages.

This treatise forms a large, well filled octavo of 130 pages, and is accompanied by 12 plates, with large numbers of most carefully executed figures, reproduced from the pen and ink drawings of the author. The labor expended on the entire article has been very great, and has occupied Prof. Wilson for a number of years past.

We are poorly fitted to pass judgment upon such a publication, but even a novice can see that the work has been conscientiously and faithfully performed and is of a high order of merit. It is a contribution of science which should bring Dr. Wilson much reputation and reflect credit upon our University with which he is connected.

By time THE TAR HEEL greets you again, our team will have met Virginia in the annual foot ball game and the championship of the South will have been decided. While we cannot be confident, yet we have good reasons to hope for victory; and expecting success, we shall be more liable to be successful. Some newspapers, drawing conclusions from scores made against the same teams by us and Virginia, decide that the latter's chances are better, but little or no certainty can be reached by a comparison of foot ball scores.

Whatever the result may be, we may be sure that the 'Varsity eleven will play good ball, and put forth everything that is in them; they will do their part; and if they have to go under, it will be while fighting, and with colors flying. We may rest assured that the way in which the team of '94 will uphold the white and blue in Richmond, on next Thursday, will be entirely satisfactory.

Logan D. Howell, A. B., '89, Superintendent of the Goldsboro Public Schools, has written a short reply to the articles of President Taylor, of Wake Forest, against State education, which the *Biblical Recorder* published about election time. It is out of our province to discuss this question, but we would like for every person in the State to read Mr. Howell's reply; and also to thank this young alumnus for his patriotic defence of the public school system of our State.

No Caps and Gowns.

At a meeting of the Senior Class on Thursday last, it was decided that it would not be expedient and advisable to purchase caps and gowns at present; so the motion to adopt the cap and gown, passed at a previous meeting, was reconsidered and defeated. So '95 will not be the class to introduce the garb here.

A committee consisting of Thompson, Alexander and Carr, F., was appointed to go before the Faculty and argue in favor of the class petition in regard to Senior final examinations.

The Richmond *Times* and *Dispatch* have published write-ups of the 'Varsity eleven, and compared our chances in the Virginia game. Both papers believe that Virginia will win. But we shall see what we shall see. Now is the time to encourage and cheer our team, so let's all do it.

Is there to be no Washington's Birthday oration this year? From present appearances it seems not. Usually the orator has been elected in the early fall, in order to give him ample time to prepare. This custom should not be departed from, and THE TAR HEEL would suggest that a mass-meeting be held this week to elect the orator for this year. He must be a member of the Di Society, and of the Senior Class.

A feeling has been growing among most college men for several years that the game put up by Pennsylvania was "dirty" and was played by professionals. No one realized the great dangers which come from this more than the Quakers themselves and it is gratifying to all true lovers of this manly sport to see the decided and determined stand they now are making for pure and clean athletics.

Many years the most noted of them all said in Poor Richard's Almanac that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We now hear the University Pa. *Courier* repeating the same sentiments in a recent edition in a comment on the accusation brought by Vanderbilt that Centre College played Messler, their coach.

"With the rapid advance of athletics in the Southern colleges, and the additional interest manifested in foot ball games especially, the curse of college athletics, unfair play and professional players, is beginning to be manifest. In a recent game between Vanderbilt University and Centre College, the charge is made that Centre played one of its coaches on the team, and the charge is supplemented by one just as grave—that of ungentlemanly and rough conduct in the game. It is deplorable that there are sufficient grounds for even a suspicion of unfairness on the part of any Southern college team, for impurity in athletics is very hard to get rid of when once admitted, and it is still harder for a college to change the unsavory reputation which an accusation of this kind wins for it. If the Southern colleges will only take care to eliminate any remains there may be of the impure factor and keep it out, their growing prowess will reach maturity very much sooner for being freed of this handicap."

Pennsylvania won the late game with Princeton, won it fairly and squarely, and so clean was the game that Princeton is unable to claim that it was otherwise.

Now that the Quakers are endeavoring to put down this bad name, we should all be ready to forget the past and recognize in them the true position which they hold.

The membership of the Gun club now numbers sixteen and they are practicing regularly. We understand that they will shoot for a gun.