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Where Are We "At?"

This paper is supposed to be the organ of the General Athletic Association, that is, a part of the living organism. There are a few questions we want to ask the Athletic Association, and a few remarks we wish to make on those questions. Whoever is qualified *ex officio*, to answer them will please send in his communication early as we are anxious to know:

What is the function of the Athletic Association?

Are we fulfilling it?

What committees have charge of and direct its work?

Are they doing their duty?

If not, why not?

In the first place, "what's anybody's business is nobody's business," and if certain persons do not attend to affairs, that is, are not appointed to do so, nobody will do it. That is what makes committees necessary. We have been able to hear of only one committee of the Athletic Association. It consists of a member of the Faculty, a graduate, and an undergraduate. In the absence of other committees, this one may be supposed to have charge of all the business of the Association.

What have they done?

They organized, trained, and put out an excellent, hard-working football team, in the Autumn. They so successfully managed the Autumn campaign that we begin in the Spring free from debt and with something to spare for new baseball uniforms. They have begun the training of the winning college ball team of the South.

What have they failed to do?

So far they have failed to inform anybody but the base-ball candidates of their existence. How many base-ball candidates are there? About twenty-five. How many other men in college? About four hundred. What departments of athletics have they ignored? All but foot-ball and base-ball. This, we believe, is a true statement of the work of the Association. If it is not, nobody will more gladly correct it than we. If it is correct, then it is time to do one of two things: disband the so-called Athletic Association and form the "Football and Base-ball Association" or get a committee not afflicted with such athletic *strabismus*. The calm assumption that the "student

body" cares for no branch of athletics but the two mentioned above would be rather amusing if it were not unjust.

Y. M. C. A. Building.

At the last business meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last term, a committee was appointed to consider the advisability of undertaking the erection of a building. This committee after carefully considering the need of a building and the difficulties in the way of securing one; after looking into the methods adopted by other colleges, and reading the testimonials of college presidents and prominent Y. M. C. A. workers as to the great influence for good the buildings have been, and after discussing the question with some influential students and alumni, unanimously decided that efforts should be made to erect a building. At the Association business meeting last Tuesday night the committee made its report together with some suggestions as to the building and plans for securing it. The report was unanimously adopted.

A college Y. M. C. A. building is no longer an experiment. The first was erected at Princeton in 1879 at a cost of \$20,000. As to its worth, Dr. James O. Murray, dean of the faculty, says: "The erection of Murray Hall has been of the greatest advantage to the association in two ways. It furnishes a commodious and attractive place for two meetings, library, reading-room etc. It gave the association a position of dignity in the eyes of the students, thereby enhancing its influence. Since its erection the course of the association has been steadily upward. We owe much to the sainted student who erected it and whose name it bears."

Dwight Hall was erected at Yale in 1886 at a cost of \$50,000. Of its value, Mr. E. B. Monroe, the donor of the building, says: "As an investment I do not hesitate to say that it has been most satisfactory to me. I believe that the day is not far distant when such a building will be a necessary part of every college equipment, at least for those institutions that aim to turn out men of broad and well balanced development."

Thirteen colleges now have association buildings and movements are now on foot in many others for the erection of one.

The Young Men's Christian Association fills a long felt want in college life, but the work can be successfully carried on only by means of a well-equipped building. For several reasons a building is needed here especially. Our thorough course of instruction fits us well in battle with the intellectual problems of life; opportunity is not wanting for us to develop physically, but little provision is made for our moral and social development. This would be supplied by a Y. M. C. A. building. Here the students would find

a home quite in contrast to their cheerless rooms; here, in the parlors they would gather occasionally to sing college songs. In the reading room, much pleasanter and better equipped than that in the Library, they could spend an hour, afternoon, or evening. A game room would furnish occasional diversion; a cheery assembly room would furnish a place for the Y. M. C. A. meetings quite in contrast to the barren chapel; committee rooms and rooms for the use of the Bible classes would find a welcome place; and, if desirable, a gymnasium suitable to the needs of the college could be made a part. The value to the students of such a building is incalculable. At present there is no place on the campus where a reception can be held. Here would be a most excellent place. Now the musical organizations have to use the chapel for rehearsals—most ill suited for such a purpose. This defect, too, would be remedied.

There can be no question but that such a course is needed and very much needed, but how can we get it? Some philanthropist with a heart as large as his hoard could not better invest a few thousand if we could only make him see it. However, if we wait for some one to give us a building we needn't have the plans drawn up at present—moth and dust might corrupt before we had opportunity to use them. "Where there's a will, there's a way"—but we've got to make the way. The plan adopted in many colleges is to canvass the students and faculty for as much as they feel they can give by denial and self-sacrifice, the amount pledged to be payable in installments running from one to four or five years, and then on the strength of this make an appeal to the alumni. Surely no phase of college work or life would appeal more to the generosity of the alumni than this, and doubtless if they saw us willing to sacrifice for it, they would help us liberally. We ought to erect a building costing not less than \$20,000 and this would hardly suffice if an adequate gymnasium were to be added.

This is the year to strike for a building—the anniversary of the founding of the college. Now is the time to do the best work while the enthusiasm from the Pearson meetings is still high. Other colleges not so large as this have put up beautiful commodious buildings and surely we can do as well. Let the matter be fully discussed so that when the time comes, a quick and effective canvass can be made.

We thank the *White & Blue* for calling our attention to the fact that last fall it advocated a University Senate. The author of the article in last week's *Tar Heel* had not seen what the *White & Blue* said, or else he had forgotten it when he wrote his own article.

The beautiful snow, whirling and twirling wherever we go, is here by a large majority.

The Pearson meetings are over and the evangelist has returned to his home in Asheville; we can now judge of his work among us. To say that good has been accomplished is to speak mildly; not for years has there been such an arousal of religious feeling in this institution, and a change in the life of the students. Over one hundred of them have been converted, and about seventy-five backsliders have returned to Christ. Better still, perhaps, is the uplifting of the moral and religious life of the whole student body; all have been pointed to the true way to live, and most are trying to conform thereto. May the change be permanent and lasting, and may Mr. Pearson be attended with success in his mission in the world.

The senate of Ohio has passed a bill making hazing a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of from \$100 to \$500 and from six months to two years imprisonment. The punishment for branding in any manner is a term in the penitentiary. This legislation is the direct result of the hazing and branding at Delaware College last year.

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Of the twenty-three men in Harvard who received honors this year eleven are prominent athletes.

We have recently received a challenge from the University of Virginia for a gymnasium contest. We have some excellent material in this line so let's go in and win.

Ye listening rocks, ye sounding sea,
Ye howling winds from o'er the lea!
Oh! tell me, if ye can tell aught,
What will they call the class, oo?
—Yale Record.

Cornell has 97 less freshmen this year than last and 30 less graduate students. Perhaps the drowning accidents and the chlorine case had something to do with the decrease in the number of freshmen.

The naked hills lie wanton to the breeze;
The fields are nude, the groves unfrocked.
Bare are the shivering limbs of shameless trees;
What wonder is it that the corn is shocked?
—Ex.

FLUNKS, THEIR CAUSE.

Quoth the prof.:
A fool can ask questions
Which a wise man
Cannot answer."
Quoth the student:
"I suppose that's the reason
Why so many of us
Flunk sir."
—Ex.

The Washington's Birthday german of the University German Club will be given on the evening of the 21st. Charles R. Turner '95 is leader, and R. T. S. Steele '95 and T. R. Little '95 art floor-managers.

There is a certain Freshman here in college who imagines he feels the divine afflatus of which poetry is born strong within him, and therefore he wanted to try his hand. And having heard Dr. Hume speak of poetic license he thought that a license to write was needed, so off down town he goes to one of the notaries to procure it. Needless to say he never got it, but left the office both a sadder and a wiser man.