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Virginia and Professionalism.

We regret to see in the last issue of *College Topics* an article reflecting on the fair fame of U. N. C. in athletic matters. We consider this article unwarranted, unworthy of its author, whom we have always regarded as a fair-minded antagonist, and unworthy the organ of an institution which should be a leader in courtesy and fair dealing.

In the first place, the allegations are either entirely false, or are misleading. The University of North Carolina has never, either officially or through its friends, paid one dime to any player on any of its athletic teams, during the six years in which she has been on the athletic field. Nor has she ever paid the board of any player except in one case, when six weeks board was paid by an outsider, and this case was deeply regretted. Can Virginia say as much for the past six years?

As to Scholarships, about one in every five or six of the students receives a scholarship. They are given to needy boys. There are besides private scholarships given at the will of the donors. The University has always opposed the snobbish idea, gotten from our English friends, that a man is rendered unfit for association with gentlemen by receiving money for athletic services. It has, therefore, encouraged its players to make what they could during the summer months.

This University cheerfully abided by the regulations of the defunct Southern Association. The only correspondence conducted during that period with regard to its players, was regarding the eligibility of George Stephens. Johns Hopkins, U. Va. and Sewanee decided he was eligible. Our Virginia friends borrowed this player three weeks afterwards and by his efforts won their proudest honors. One year later—*last year*—they tried to borrow him again, and our beloved "Oldie."

When the Southern Colleges met at Atlanta last year, (Virginia strangely absent), and adopted stringent regulations for the purification of athletics, the University of North Carolina announced itself bound by them. Though we did not see our way clear toward joining the Southern Inter-collegiate League, yet we are in sympathy with the movement.

Now when Virginia knows that we are arranging games under those conditions, we think it strangely unjustifiable that they should allow such wholesale accusations and malicious attacks on individuals before any list of players is in their hands, and before they have any grounds to base these attacks upon.

We demand that clear, definite charges be made and proof given, or

that Virginia make proper amends in their paper for this unworthy attack.

Let us add to this, lastly, that six weeks ago the manager of our Base Ball Team made an offer to Virginia to have delegates appointed who should meet her delegates and arrange an agreement regulating all athletic contests between the two institutions. No notice whatever has been taken of this proposition. This seems to us somewhat discourteous.

If you are true sportsmen, gentlemen of Virginia, you will acknowledge the wrong you have done us, or you will substantiate your charges before the proper authorities. The college papers are hardly the tribunal for matters so serious as this.

The Latest Legacy to the University

Mrs. Mary E. Speight, who died in Raleigh a few days ago, left \$10,000 to the University, the income from which is to be used in paying the tuition of such students as the president and faculty may designate. If tuition at the University shall ever be made free, the money shall be used towards paying professors' salaries.

Mrs. Speight was a widow of the late Edwin Gay Speight of Alabama. Mr. Speight was a native North Carolinian, and represented Greene county in the General Assembly from 1842 to 1850—possibly longer than that.

Mrs. Speight's father was John H. Bryan, of the class of 1815. She had quite a number of brothers, all of whom have attained distinction.

Francis Theodore Bryan, of the class of 1842, was a topographical engineer in the Mexican war and an aid to Gen'l. Wool.

John H. Bryan, 1844, a lawyer, moved to Brazil.

William S. Bryan, 1846, was Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland.

Dr. James P. Bryan was a member of the class of 1849, and a physician in Kinston.

Charles S. Bryan, 1852, was twice a member of the General Assembly of Missouri.

Henry R. Bryan, 1856, is a lawyer, was Presidential Elector in 1880, and is now Judge of the Superior Court in North Carolina.

The last one of these brothers, so far as we know, was George P. Bryan, of the class of 1860. He was for two years a tutor in this University, then entered the Confederate army and was killed in 1864.

SENATOR Ransom's long life of public service has been rewarded by his appointment by President Cleveland to the Mexican mission, recently left vacant by the death of Minister Gray.

General Ransom, as he is more popularly known, was born in Warren county in 1826. He was graduated from this University in 1847, in the class with James Johnston Pettigrew of Tyrrell county. In 1852 he was a presidential elector from North Carolina; he was Attorney General of the State from 1852 to

1855. In 1858-60, he was a member of the General Assembly. He was appointed a Commissioner to the Peace Conference of the Southern States, at Montgomery, Ala. in 1861. Still, when the war began, he entered the army and rose to the rank of Major General.

In 1872, he was appointed U. S. Senator in the place of Gov. Vance, whose disabilities on account of his connection with the war had not been removed. He has been in the Senate ever since, having been re-elected by his party whenever his term expired. The present legislature, being of another political complexion, chose Marion Butler as his successor.

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It is interesting to note that Senator Ransom's class-mate, General Pettigrew, was Secretary of Legation in Spain in 1850.

Also, Thomas Courtland Manning who entered the University in the same year as did General Ransom, but who did not take the full course, was Minister to Mexico in 1886-87.

The late Mrs. Speight's legacy to the University recalls what is a remarkable fact in the recent history of the institution: that almost all of those who have bequeathed money or property by will, within the last twenty years, have been women. These are: Miss Mary Ruffin Smith, Miss Mary Ann Smith, Mrs. James P. Mason, in conjunction with her husband, and now Mrs. Speight. The aggregate amount of their legacies is about \$69,000.

The only man within this period, who has made any bequest whatever was the late Hon. B. F. Moore, who left \$5,000, the income from which is to be used in paying scholarships.

Washington's Birthday Exercises.

In accordance with a long established custom, the 22nd of February, the birthday of Washington was duly celebrated by the Dialectic and Philanthropic societies. The orator on this occasion comes from one or the other of our literary societies, alternatively. This year it fell to the lot of the Dialectic society, and Mr. H. M. Thompson, a prominent member of that society, was chosen to deliver the address. The following is the program presented on that day:

Address of Welcome:
 President.

"CAROLINA" - - - - - Glee Club.
 Extracts from Washington's Address to the Soldiers:

Fred L. Carr.

Extracts from Washington's Farewell Address
 C. F. Tomlinson.

"DIXIE," - - - - - Glee Club.

Introduction:

Herman H. Horne.

Oration:

"THE REALIZATION OF A MOTTO."
 Holland Thompson.

"AMERICA," - - - - - Glee Club.

The entire program was exceedingly interesting, especially the contributions made by the Glee Club.

Lehigh and Lafayette will hold an intercollegiate debate.

Further Discussion of the University Senate.

It has always been the rule for the societies to investigate and take action on all cases of cheating on examinations or the breaking of pledges along other lines. Now if a member of one society sees a man of his society breaking his pledge, he at once feels honor bound to report and have his case investigated. But on the other hand should he see a member of the other society violating his pledge he does not feel called upon to report him. A case goes uninvestigated and the honor system is to a degree weakened. Again, at the present time men are not required to join the societies unless they wish to do so, and hence there are many men who do not belong to either of the societies. Now should one of these break his pledge, what could be done? There is no society of students to which we can report him, and a college man *never* reports to the Faculty. It is an important rule in his code of Ethics never to be guilty of "tattling." Thus again a bad case goes by unpunished and unproved. For example, only a short while ago there was an ugly rumor, which went the rounds, as rumors will—that a certain fellow had sworn a falsehood to the President, and had tried to induce others to do the same. (Fortunately they had more manliness than to be guilty of such an act.) Now if this rumor be true do we wish to associate with a man who has *perjured* himself, whose *honor* cannot be trusted, who *has* no honor to be trusted? On the other hand if it be false, those of us who have circulated it have done the gentleman an irreparable wrong. Somehow, human nature with its frailness has put confidence in the whisperings of the "House of Fame" ever since the time of Virgil and the days of Chaucer, and human nature with its frailness still continues to believe what it hears from this source. If there was the University Senate it would have had the matter carefully investigated, the man would have been either expelled or we would see him fully exonerated in the sight of all.

When we see many cases,—no, we should have said few, for only a few can occur where the feeling is as strong against dishonorable conduct as it is at the University—which go by unpunished, the honor system is to a more or less degree weakened in our sight. To make a true success of this, we must keep it ever in the highest respect that is possible, and to do this the University Senate seems best under the existing circumstances.

STUDENT.

E. J. Woodard, ex '95, has purchased the Empire Steam Laundry of Wilmington.

We are pleased to note that Mrs. Paul C. Cameron, widow of the late Hon. Paul C. Cameron, has given a number of trees to fill the vacancies on Cameron Avenue, made by the dying of some of the trees originally given by her late husband.