

A Proposition.

It has been suggested that an attempt be made to establish an annual debate between the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina, and it may not be out of place at this time to urge such a movement. A similar debate between Harvard and Yale has become a matter of interest throughout all New England, and has done more than any other thing to bring the thought of the two institutions in direct contact. Every returning athletic season brings Va. and N. C. face to face in a physical contest, and there is all the more reason why they should test their polemic skill in an annual debate. If such an arrangement could be made between the students of the two institutions it would be hailed with great delight by all who are interested in witnessing a clash of thought from two different seats of learning. We would be glad to see such a debate established as a feature of commencement, allowing the debaters to alternate the place of debate by going to Charlottesville one year and Chapel Hill the next. It would be even more interesting than the regular commencement exercises. Virginia has drawn her great orators and statesmen from the University; the same is true of North Carolina, and a debate between the future orators and statesmen of these two states would be greeted with enthusiasm by all. What would Virginia say to such a proposition?

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