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IN THIS ISSUE of the TAR HEEL, there appears the report of the committee selected by Mr. Murray M. McGuire to decide upon the truth of the charges made by him against the athletic course here and as to whether he was justified in making the charges or not.

From the report, it would seem that Mr. McGuire's charges consisted in the main of a mass of hearsay and conjecture, collected nobody knows where, and sprung upon the college world as proof that the University of North Carolina put teams into the field to contest with college teams, and that these teams were in the main composed of professionals, who while posing as *bona fide* students, were receiving scholarships and other inducements in recompense for their services.

The committee has found these charges not only false, as every one who has any connection with athletics here well knows, but they have found that Mr. McGuire was totally unjustified in making his charges. Such being the case, it is rather difficult to discover his motive in making them. Can it be that the gentleman in question is possessed with the mania for reform like Dr. Parkhurst and Antony Comstock, and is able to build up mountains of accusation on a little hearsay eked out by a vivid imagination, and feels compelled to, like them, constitute himself a censor of the athletic morals of all institutions that he thinks need such a purification as he wished to give us?

If such be the case he has wofully mistaken his calling, and the TAR HEEL would advise him to consider seriously if he has not mistaken the voice of some long-eared specimen of the mule tribe for the heaven sent command to write.

The new Catalogue will soon be out. It promises to be the best one we have ever had. Dr. Ball has control of it and is sparing no efforts to make it a success. Due honor should be accorded him, because it is no light task for any one man.

The Southern Biblical Assembly which meets in Asheville during the month of July has invited Dr. Hume to be present and to participate in its exercises. He is to preach and also lecture once during the meeting of the assembly.

ON LOOKING over the list of winners in the field-day exercises at Pantops Academy, Va., we were glad to note the name of Mr. T. Hume as the Junior winner in the 100 yard dash. Time, 12½ seconds. Mr. T. Hume is the son of Dr. Hume of our own University.

The King's Daughters desire to thank through the columns of THE TAR HEEL the University Musical Clubs who contributed so much to the pleasure of their recent entertainment, the young ladies who kindly assisted them that evening, and all the citizens of the village who helped to make the entertainment a success.

The *Hellenian* for '95 has arrived, but has not yet been taken from the express office, there being a slight difference of opinion between the faculty and the editors as to some of the contents, notably some of the cartoons on the members of the faculty. Whatever may be the objection in the minds of the members of the faculty, they should be sure that no disrespect is meant to any member by the cartoons and the part of wisdom would be to permit the book to be sold, even if they do not sanction its sale by taking copies themselves. Any other course would inevitably bring on a conflict between a large number of the students and the faculty which should be avoided if possible, for the annual being the publication of the fraternities, they would most surely back up any decision the editors would make in regard to the matter.

Faculty interference in student publications is to be deplored, especially interference at such a late date as this after the annuals have arrived.

The relations between the faculty and the students here have always been of the most pleasant character and it is to be hoped that they may continue, but any severe action in regard to such matters as this, would to a great many, appear rather as an ill use of power from which estrangement would result.

The Guilford Battle Ground Company has recently published, in pamphlet form, the address delivered by Prof. E. A. Alderman, at the Battle Ground, on the 4th of last July, on "William Hooper, signer of the Declaration of Independence." The pamphlet is the work of the University Press, is of octavo size, contains 73 pages, and has a portrait of Hooper. To those interested in genealogies, the table at the end of the book will be of value. Prof. Alderman not only gives an account of the public services of the subject of this sketch, but gives many incidents in his private life, and brings out many facts connected with the relations between him and Judge Iredell. The result is a vivid picture of the political and social life during the Revolution and the years immediately following.

After reading this address, one must think it strange that somebody did not, years ago, write the life of William Hooper in such a style that his name, instead of being unknown to the great majority of North Carolinians, would now be a household word. Not only Hooper was neglected for a hundred years, but the most of North Carolina's Revolutionary heroes.

There is among our people a strange lack of interest in preserving the memorials of their state and its sons.

A few years ago, at a service held in memory of the late Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, Dr. C. F. Deems was one of the speakers. He expressed himself somewhat like this: Why do not you of North Carolina cherish the memory of your sons? Erect monuments to them, tell the story of their lives and of their work, none are more worthy of such recognition.

The work of Profs. Battle, Alderman, Weeks, and others, is helping to answer this question; but we need as well as writers, an intelligent and interested reading public.

The proprietor of a western store sells guns and musical instruments. "Strange combination?" remarked a visitor. "It's this way," explained the proprietor, "I sell a man a cornet or banjo or fiddle or something like that, and by the time he has practiced a week his neighbors comes in and buys a shotgun or revolver or something like that, and I get a profited goin' and comin'. See?"

—The Musical Times.

The Shakspeare Club.

The German Drama.

The last meeting of the Shakspeare Club, held on Wednesday night of this week, was devoted to the consideration of the German drama, and especially to the influence of Lessing on its development. Dr. Hume introduced Prof. Toy who then conducted the exercises of the meeting. By way of introduction, Prof. Toy made some general statements about the course of the German Drama. He traced its development from the very beginning through the different stages up to its culmination in Lessing, Goethe and Schiller.

Mr. Leslie Weil gave a careful and critical review of Lessing's life, preparatory to the papers which followed on some of the more important dramas. Lessing, unlike most geniuses, did not draw his power mainly from his mother, but from his father. His independence in thought and action made him unpopular with the public, who were unable to comprehend his intentions. He was a poet, philosopher and critic. Above all a critic.

Mr. H. H. Horne followed with a paper on the comedy of "Minna von Barnhelm." After having given an outline of the play, he commented on the individual characters, showing the relation of each to the action. The struggle is between love and honor. Tellheim represents honor; Minna love.

Mr. M. H. Yount read the next paper on the Tragedy of "Emelia Galotti." He gave an outline of the play, stating its date and its rank among the other works of Lessing. This is the first really German tragedy. Lessing had by this time succeeded in overthrowing the French influence and establishing a really German drama.

Prof. Toy then closed by a review of "Peter the Wise." He gave Lessing's conception of what true religion ought to consist of and his view of Judaism, Mohammedanism, and Christianity. The aim is a plea for tolerance.

Dr. Hume stated that this was the closing meeting of the year, and that next year the work would be resumed.

Y. M. C. A.

The last in the series of regular monthly sermons for this year was given in the Chapel last Sunday night, by Mr. C. R. Harding of Davidson College. His subject was "The Power of Example," based on the 20th chapter of St. John. We see that man, whether civilized or savage, is distinctly a social creature. So great is this desire for companionship that, when there is no other alternative, he will even associate with himself a dumb brute. This can be proven by any number of instances. Our joys are no joys unless we can share them with others. These ties are rooted in our nature. So it must necessarily follow that every one, whether great or small, has to a greater or less extent some influence on others, and the one talent, through not as great as the ten, is nevertheless an influence. This is seen in college life to better advantage perhaps than anywhere else. And this influence is steady. So long as we live we are a blessing or a curse to some one. There is no recalling an evil deed. So our opportunities are obligations to have an influence for good on our fellows.

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said that Mr. Stephens was technically eligible but should be barred by the spirit of the law.

4. That Mr. Stephens is Gymnasium Instructor and that several of the players have played for remuneration during the summer months is admitted by N. C., but the claim is made that in the absence of any agreement they were justified in playing such men the only general understanding being that the men received no remuneration whatever from the University or its friends for their athletic services in connection with the teams, and they should be bona-fide students. Mr. McGuire fails to show that in this there was any breach of agreement or that it was contrary to the practice of many other institutions as claimed by N. C., and we do not see how he is justified in making it a subject of accusation as the spirit of all the charges is that the practices have been unfair.

5. The charges against Mr. Stanly is not sustained.

6. The charges as to Mr. Honeycutt are withdrawn by Mr. McGuire.

7. The charge as to the giving of free scholarships seem to be explained by the editors of the THE TAR HEEL.

8. The charges against Mr. Collier are from the evidence submitted unfounded in fact, except that it is a fact that he holds a private scholarship. Whether this is to be looked upon as an inducement or not it is not within our province to decide. Nor would this account for the animus of Mr. McGuire's accusations.

In summing up it seems that Mr. McGuire, having no documentary evidence whatever, but having heard certain statements coming from those whom he supposed were properly informed in the matter and having heard that others had made various charges has based upon these his articles holding up the University of North Carolina as an illustration of the evils of professionalism. The statement by Mr. McGuire that this was only in connection with a general article upon professionalism in which the University of Virginia and other institutions were mentioned is scarcely disingenuous. If he had pilloried his alma mater where he had actual knowledge of the facts as he has done his old antagonists from North Carolina, upon unverified hearsay evidence the case would have been different. We believe that the evidence in his possession was insufficient to justify any direct accusation. It would have been wiser of him and well within his rights to have adopted every means to verify his suspicions or the hearsay evidence in his hands, or to have turned the matter over to the management of Athletic affairs at the University of Virginia if for them to inquire into it if he had thought it likely that they might suffer any injury through ignorance of the supposed facts.

We repeat that we have looked into this matter with extreme reluctance and further that we can only claim that we have looked into this matter from the standpoint of those very closely connected with Athletics at the institution against which the charges are made and very anxious to sift this entire matter to the bottom.

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The University of Paris has over 7,000 students, and in this, as well as other Universities of France, there are no classes, no athletics, no commencement day, no college periodicals, no glee clubs, and no fraternities.