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YEAR by year we see the field of work at the University widening and new departments being added, but there is one which has not been added, to the want of which is due, what we have on several occasions heard spoken of, as the characteristic defect of the work of the University and this is a department of elocution and expression. Often very excellent work is done for the Shakspeare Club the effect of which is lost upon the audience by the way in which the paper is read. The same defect is seen even in the way men answer on class, they do not know how to tell what they really know.

We do not mean that this should be in any way construed as a reflection upon our department of English, far from it.

The very efficient head of that department does all he can in this direction, but he already has much more to do than ought to be expected of one man and he certainly could not be expected to assume a new department for which the University makes no provision. We certainly hope the time may soon come when such provision may be made.

LAST week we published an article by the Editor-in-chief of the *University Magazine* on the advisability of continuing its publication.

We sincerely hope for several reasons that the *Magazine* will be discontinued in preference to continuing it in its present form.

It has never been what a college magazine ought to be, practically none of the articles have been undergraduate work, they have been written by alumni and almost exclusively on historical subjects. We do not mean that these have no value; they have, and have been eagerly sought for by libraries and historical societies all over the country; we do say, however, that a University magazine, published by the students ought to represent student work, and ours certainly does not.

If it were published by a N. C. Historical Society we should congratulate the society on its work but we do not think it is the province of its present editors to publish such a magazine. The editors say every effort has been made to encourage undergraduates to contribute articles for publication, prizes have been offered but in vain.

If this be true then we would say let the *Magazine* go—not because it is not a good thing but because it is a good thing in the wrong place.

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The 'Varsity Football team were the recipients of many kindnesses on their Southern trip. Some of these came from those living in the State now, for the most part from those who had left the State carrying with them a deep regard for everything connected with North Carolina.

Miss Green of Sewanee, a daughter of an old University Professor, is the chief figure among those who added to the pleasure of our trip. And every member of the team thanks her most heartily for her kindness.

IN THE editorial columns of the *American University Magazine* we find the following statement:

"The Eastern colleges are following the West in the matter of intercollegiate debates.

The annual debates between Yale and Harvard and Princeton, have already been arranged for, and a movement is begun for forming a New England Intercollegiate Union, in which, it is hoped, most of the New England college will participate."

We quote this because we believe it contains a solution to what is, with us and many other Southern colleges, a very vital question.

In a large majority of the college papers we receive and more especially those of the South we find articles lamenting the want of interest in the work of the literary societies.

The same thing is true here and to such an extent that the very existence of the societies seems threatened.

There must be some natural cause for this, and some prejudiced minds have suggested athletics but this is obviously wrong for it is in the very centres of athletic activity, like Yale, Harvard and Princeton where the debating society is the most flourishing and most respected.

If we might venture a suggestion we would say that it is due most largely, almost entirely, to the lack of intercollegiate society work. To draw a parallel from athletics—who ever heard of a college, where intercollegiate contests were not allowed, ever doing anything in athletics? Stop the match game at any place and athletics die so dead you would never suspect that they had ever been there; then remove the restriction, arrange a schedule of games and you will have fifty men trying for the 'Varsity in less than a week. This is no supposition—it has been tried and is the result of experience. Why is not the same true of a debate that is of a football game? We believe it is, and that the foundation of a Southern Intercollegiate Union, similar to the New England Union above referred to, would in time create an interest in literary work which would approach the present interest in athletics.

We would be glad if other Southern institutions would consider this matter and, if it is a good thing, help push it along.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of the first issue of the *Orange and Blue*. We learn from it that Auburn has already arranged games with Vanderbilt, Sewanee and Georgia. Their team is coached by Mr. J. W. Heisman.

We have lately noticed that in the Reading room the students and others seem to think that, no matter who is reading a paper, they are at liberty to lean over him and peruse any item of news which they may wish to. In fact, you often see several piled up over one paper with the man, who was originally reading, supporting about half the weight of the entire crowd, and not only this but often being compelled to suffer from orders which are not pleasant to say the least. We think it would be pleasanter and more polite to wait until the gentleman has finished and then take your turn. And we hope that the student body in general will carry out this suggestion.

Intercollegiate items, Etc.

Virginia plays Vanderbilt at Atlanta on the sixteenth.

Dartmouth is the latest addition to the list of coeducational colleges.

Lehigh will play her Thanksgiving game with the Baltimore Athletic Club at Baltimore.

The Yale and Princeton Gymnastic Association are to give a joint exhibition sometime during the winter.

The work on the University of Virginia Rotunda has begun and it will be rebuilt on the original plan of Jefferson. The annex will not be rebuilt.

In the recent games between the New York and London Athletic Clubs, nine out of the eighteen members of the New York club and ten of the sixteen members of the London club were college men.

The October number of the *American University Magazine* contains an interesting article on The American Chemical Society by Dr. Baskerville.

The University of Virginia defeated the mutes from Gallaudet last week by a score of 16 to 6. The game was an exciting one from start to finish.

The Gallaudet team scored the first touchdown and the score stood 6 to 6 at the end of the first half. In the second half U. Va. braced up and scored two touchdowns. Jones failed to kick the last goal making the final score 16 to 6.

Lafayette defeated Lehigh on Saturday by a score of 22 to 12.

This was the first time the Lehigh team had been beaten on their own grounds by their Lafayette rivals in eight years.

The Lafayette team was considerably the heavier and made most of their gains by rushes through Lehigh's center.

Recent Scores.

Yale, 28	West Point, 8
Princeton, 12	Harvard, 4
Amherst, 16	Williams, 4
Sewanee, 16	Cumberland, 6
Yale, 6	Brown, 6
Vanderbilt, 0	Centre, 0
Crescent A.C., 6	Brown, 0
Nebraska, 12	Missouri, 10
Orange A.C., 2	Lehigh, 0
Dartmouth, 12	Boston, 0
Lafayette, 22	Lehigh, 12

Winston-Salem vs. Fusionists.

Saturday afternoon while the team was in Lynchburg one of the closest and most exciting games of the season was played on the Athletic Park, between the Winston-Salem boys and an impromptu team organized by "Capt. Fwank."

The "rooters" were about evenly divided and excitement waxed intense along the side lines. After two twenty-minute halves the score stood 6 to 0 in favor of Winston-Salem. Another game will probably be played sometime soon.

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