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AS THE examination period begins before the time for the next TAR HEEL to appear the editor must, with this issue, lay aside his pen to look after the less pleasant but more necessary duties of college life.

To those of our readers, subscribers and advertisers who have favored us with articles for publication, subscriptions, good advice and much deserved criticisms, we wish to express our most sincere thanks; and hoping that in the future we may deserve more of the former and less of the latter than we have in the past, we wish you all a merry Christmas.

THE FOOTBALL season is over and the team of '95 has disbanded, leaving behind it a more brilliant record than any of its predecessors.

From start to finish victory seemed to be the watchword—games were played with all the leading colleges of the South and none were lost, all but two were shut out until the fateful game on Thanksgiving day when, to a team which we believe in every respect our inferiors, but assisted by an unscrupulous umpire and an ungentlemanly mob of Virginia sympathizers who crowded upon the field, we gave up our claim to the title of Champions of the South which every one who saw the game knows that we deserve.

Had we been defeated in a fair game and on an open field we should utter no word of complaint or protest.

North Carolina teams have been defeated in other years by those of other institutions and it has yet to be said that an N. C. team ever sought an excuse for a fair defeat or failed to give due credit to a victorious rival. Our teams have won and maintained a reputation of being sportsmanlike players who could receive a fair defeat as gracefully as they more frequently administered the same, and we are proud to say that that reputation is still ours.

Though they are not the Champions, North Carolina is proud of her team and the record it has made.

To SOME of our readers, who have already expressed an opinion on the subject, our remarks in regard to the loss of the Virginia game may seem out of place and unnecessary—what good can it do when all is over, the game played and lost? To these we would say that there are two sides to almost every story. The score of 6 to 0 tells one side completely. Many will read that score and wonder how with such a team as Carolina had it could

have been possible, and in justice to these as well as to ourselves we feel that the explanation is due.

We make no rash speculations or presumptions—the facts speak for themselves. While we do not say that the crowd came on the field with the intention of depriving us of the game it is nevertheless a fact that they were there and that they did prevent us from scoring.

Without discussing the reputation of the umpire for honesty it is a well established fact that Merritt was unjustly ruled off and that Virginia made her only important gains around right end after he was removed. While we do not believe that the Virginia student body as a whole sympathizes with such conduct or is proud of the victory still the championship has gone to them and that is how it went.

Any one who knows the beginning and ending of the Foot Ball season of '95 recognises a great change. Starting as it did with only a few old players and with very little new material of any promise, it has been developed into the best team the University has ever put on the gridiron. This great success is due in a great measure to the coaching of Mr. Trenchard.

When he came among us, although our prospects were poor he never was discouraged, his aim was to put out a winning team and in this he succeeded.

His success socially was even greater, no man who has ever been to Chapel Hill won so many friends in so short a time as did Doggie Trenchard.

College spirit is a great thing. We believe it is the greatest thing any college can have, and that it is the one means to success in any branch or undertaking of college life.

The last week has clearly revealed the fact that we have it right here in the greatest abundance and it has been a most gratifying revelation, for we believe that the reception of the team on their return to the Hill marks a far more important step in our athletic progress than any victory we have ever won.

We have not always had such a spirit here. The writer of this article has seen four football teams come home at the end of the season defeated; each had done their best, but none recieved such a reception as the team of '95.

One of our saddest recollections is that of a certain team coming back to the Hill amid a profound silence except for the tolling of the college bell, while some one had made a display of black on the South building more conspicuous than any white and blue that could be seen,—and this was a Varsity team that had played its best game.

True we have celebrated our victories but this is not all that college spirit means—the real spirit works in various ways—it makes men bring their friends back here September, makes them play regularly on the scrub team when they have no chance of making the 'Varsity, and best of all, makes them wave the white and blue in the face of defeat and cheer their team not because they won but because they did their best.

This is the spirit that brings success, the spirit that overlooks petty selfishness and small personal ambitions, that sees in the goal of victory something more than two posts along a white-washed line—and that something the glory of *alma mater*.

Mr. H. H. Horn has been elected president of the State Sunday School Convention for the coming year.

A very interesting discussion is now going on at both Princeton and the University of Virginia in regard to changing their college colors. In the case of Princeton the present combination of orange and black was adopted because these were supposed to be the colors of the house of Nassau. The main building at the founding of the University, was called Nassau Hall in honor of King William the Third, of the house of Nassau, and, of course, the colors of this house seemed appropriate for the college colors. It has lately been discovered that the real colors of the house of Nassau, were orange and blue—the present colors of the University of Virginia.

Until about six years ago the Virginia colors were the red and gray of the confederacy, but they were considered ugly and Virginia adopted orange and dark blue in imitation of the orange and black of Princeton. A recent issue of *College Topics* has an article by Prof. Echols advocating a change at both institutions in which he says: "Let Princeton go back to her colors of orange and blue and Virginia go back to the colors of her battle fields."

From an historical point of view there certainly seems to be good cause for a change at both places, but we should think, as does the editor of *Topics*, that there would be a stronger sentiment connected with the present colors "which have become incorporated in the songs and endeared to the hearts of the students of both colleges" that would prevent the change from ever being made.

Inter-Society Debate.

At recent meetings of the two Literary Societies, debators for the regular annual contest between the Societies, were elected.

Messrs. H. G. Connor and R. P. Jenkins will represent the Phi., and Messrs. D. B. Smith and A. T. Allen, the Di.

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