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An article that appeared in our first issue relative to the support given student enterprises by the people of the village, has been the cause of some misunderstanding, and we are sorry to learn, a source of pain to some of our best citizens.

We frankly admit that our remarks were too general in their application and might be construed to include those for whom they were not intended.

Such men as McCauly, Patterson, and others, whom it is unnecessary to mention, but who are widely known as staunch supporters of the University and its enterprises, were not thought of in connection with this article. These men stand ready to help us in times of crisis whether they advertise in our columns or not; and nothing was farther from our purpose than to reflect upon them in any way.

But the truth of our article, in its intended application, still stands and we still stand by it. There are men among us who are wanting in public spirit, men who get all they can out of us and then turn a deaf ear to all appeals made to them.

Everybody knows this is true, but if facts are necessary to establish the foregoing statement, they are easily furnished.

IN YEARS past our people have lived principally by boarding the students who attend the University.

In many cases strong friendships and attachments have grown up between the families and the boys which may perhaps be lessened by the new boarding arrangements.

We regret that great changes cannot be made without injuring somebody, at least temporarily, but we are firm in our belief that the final result will be advantageous to all parties concerned.

Let us first notice the effect of the establishment of the Commons on the village people.

As long as we boarded with the villagers, we all lived together in one common family, so to speak.

Our chief object was to get food for all, and when this was done we felt our task was accomplished.

We simply lived, nobody made any money, there was no advancement, no progress. There was no demand for more citizens except as the number of students increased, and hence we have remained a village when we should have been a thriving little city.

But we have undergone a change

and the result, we believe, will be best for all.

We must move forward, we cannot stand still any longer. Instead of building hotels and boarding houses our people will invest their money in factories, shops, and the like, and Chapel Hill will take its place in the business world.

An increased demand for labor will result in a rapid growth of our population, our village will become a city, and our old half dormant life will become a memory of something that has been pushed into the background forever.

With a growing town and increasing business, we will be able to demand and obtain a railroad worthy of the name, instead of the dummy line now running to University Station. With good railroad facilities and growing enterprises what may we not expect of Chapel Hill?

The Commons will do even more for the people of the country. It will furnish a cash market for their products. That fact alone should commend it to every producer. Instead of peddling their produce in our town, losing valuable time, selling on credit and then losing half of it, they will carry their products to the Commons, sell them without loss of time, get their money on the spot and spend it with our own merchants.

Should not an enterprise that enables poor boys to get an education at a small cost, that will cause our village to grow in wealth and population, that will furnish a cash market for the producer and small farmer, should it not, we repeat, receive everywhere unqualified and hearty support?

It is a deplorable fact that literary work is at a discount in the University, and the reason for this lack of interest in so important a feature in college training is not difficult to find. Years ago when our publications flourished, men only studied the classics, and literary work being in direct line with their college courses, received serious attention.

But conditions have changed. The utilitarian spirit has got a firm hold upon us. Men no longer take merely culture courses. They register for those courses that will in the shortest time fit them for their life work. They must see some direct result for everything they do. The average student will avoid any sort of work that does not count for a degree, and thus bring nearer the time when he can earn his own livelihood.

This is the fate that has overtaken literary work in our midst.

Men who are interested in science or mathematics, Latin or Greek or any of the courses of our curriculum will refuse to write an article for the TAR HEEL or any college publication as it will count them nothing, and will be so much time thrown away.

We can't change or eradicate this utilitarian spirit; we can only adapt ourselves to it.

The only solution of this problem as we see it, is to allow work on college publications to count in regular course for a degree. We could have some such arrangement as this: Let the TAR HEEL board be composed of a certain number of men and require a certain number of columns of reading matter each week.

Let the work be apportioned among the men and make the Editor-in-Chief responsible for the performance of duty upon the part of each man. When literary work is done let it count one or two hours a week for graduation.

As our present board is constituted each man would be compelled to hand in every week two columns of reading matter. Our experience is that it requires a great deal more work to get two columns of reading matter than it does to get up any two recitations in our college course. In addition to this, the training is all that can be desired. Rapidity of thought and ease of expression, the ability to write clearly and concisely, the necessity of keeping one's eyes open to find something to write about—all these and more are necessary and receive due emphasis.

Then if the work is equivalent, if the training is superior, why not allow it to count for a degree? By doing this the utilitarian will find reward for his work; literary work will receive an impetus, and the various publications will become established and immovable features of our life.

Impressions of Bryan.

College boys usually get their share of what is passing around and may be depended upon to appear on all extraordinary occasions.

Mr. Bryan's passage through Durham last Thursday fully exemplified the truth of the foregoing statement. We were all there lined up to a man, and prepared to receive the "boy orator" with appropriate ceremony. Whether we rode over or took an early start and walked over is not a matter of general interest, the fact that towers above all is, that we were there and were not slow in making this fact known to the vast crowd that had assembled to hear Mr. Bryan's address.

We pushed our way to the front, for, in as much as we were a crowd of boys, who had come along way to hear one of our number speak, we thought we had a sort of an ex-officio right to seats in the amen corner. The crowd seemed disposed to contest this point and we very reluctantly yielded. We got some little revenge however by making their ears resound with "Hackie, Hackie" and all those hoary and time honored yells that would be more appropriate for a band of Sioux Indians than a crowd of college men seeking culture and enlightenment.

However we did the best we could. We stood on one foot and then stood on the other, for we are opposed to partiality in any form. All the time the sun glared upon us, perspiration trickled from every pore, our collars sought reclining positions, and our poor inoffensive toes were trampled into insensibility. But time will pass away under such circumstances as these. And suddenly there was a clapping of hands on the stand which was taken up by the crowd, increased and magnified and at last arose in one mighty shout.

With some difficulty we raised ourself above the glistening pate of the bald man who stood immediately in front, and saw W. J. Bryan, the cause of all this commotion, standing on the platform, smiling and bowing.

Without exactly knowing why we caught our old hat and sailed it aloft. At last quiet was restored and some little red whiskered fellow arose to introduce the man who has suddenly leaped into the national gaze. At last Bryan arose and stood motionless for some moments waiting

for the clamor to cease. In that brief interval we surveyed the man well. With a large frame, strong and powerful head, and firm jaws he looked anything else than a boy orator, he seemed the very type of strong courageous manhood.

He spoke in a plain argumentative way and only in the closing sentence did he show any of his fire and enthusiasm which won him the Democratic nomination.

Mr. Bryan seemed tired and worn out, his voice was husky and speech was difficult. Without any opinion as to the theories advocated by Mr. Bryan we can say that as he pleaded for the plain common people we could not help but think that in him the people have indeed a noble champion.

WE REGRET that those who witness the practicing of the foot-ball team cannot do so without jeering and jibing at the new men, and making comments about every play. It is no doubt thoughtless but very demoralizing to the team and especially to the new players.

Now if it is not stopped the management can have but one resource, and that is to make the practice secret. Go out and encourage the team, but for the interest you as a loyal U. N. C. man have in our success don't do anything that will retard the practice.

The college Message, published by the young ladies of G. F. C. is our first exchange to arrive.

The Message is a neat fifty-six page monthly, full of fun and valuable reading matter. The article entitled "The Bay of Naples," by Mr. D. C. Branson, a young Trinity graduate who has spent some time in Europe, is written in a very artistic manner and is well worth reading.

We thank our fair cousins for remembering us and congratulate them upon the excellence of their first issue.

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