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The foot-ball season has been formally opened, the first battle has been fought and we have drawn first blood but with little credit to ourselves. That Guilford, plucky little Quaker that she is, was allowed to score in last Saturday's game, was a source of disappointment to U. N. C. rooters.

After this first score by Guilford however, the game was all one way and we made touchdown after touchdown with all ease. This game furnishes no evidence as to our final strength although our men showed up well under the circumstances. Our men are just in good working form and a month's training will work wonders. But everybody must work and there must be no shirking. The big games of the season will soon be here and we must maintain our prestige and former record. The men are all new and must work the harder on that account.

Saturday's encounter was a good practice game and gave the men an opportunity to try their strength and skill. Now that they have smelt gunpowder let them assume a veteran like air and revenge themselves upon the next team for Guilford's score. It can be done; it must be done.

Let the spirit of Tar Heelism again assert itself and U. N. C. will maintain her fair name and enviable athletic record.

Our neighbor, Trinity, is nothing if she is not original. This year she is playing the rôle of monitor and private detective for the University authorities.

Some time ago two poor misguided freshmen while in Durham imbibed a little too much of the rosy and were immediately seized with an intense desire to visit their Methodist brethren at the Park. They found their way out to Trinity and history relates that their conduct while there was indecorous to say the least. The Senior Class was so shocked that they, in meeting assembled, adopted resolutions thanking God that they are not as Chapel Hill men are and immediately threw their Christian charity to the winds by reporting the youths to President Alderman.

Of course we condemn the drunkenness of the two men in question and we shall not attempt to palliate their offense. But at the same time had we been placed in Trinity's position, we feel sure we should have acted very differently. If by

any impossible arrangement of circumstances (a supposition in itself sacrilegious) two Trinity men should come to us in a similar condition we would not thrust them out and report their sin to President Kilgo; but we would rather throw the mantle of charity over their offense, take them to our rooms and beds and keep them there until they were clothed in their right minds. We are not profound students of the Bible, perhaps, but we do know something of the course of the good Samaritan and hope, at all times, to be able to emulate his example.

The communication in another column signed "Member" is in bad spirit, we think, and does not in any way strengthen the position of the writer.

The point under discussion is whether or not membership on the Dramatic Club can be determined by competition. "Member" simply says such a thing is impossible and ridicules the TAR HEEL for suggesting any such a method. "Member" does not even touch the TAR HEEL'S point, viz:

If two men A and B desire positions on the Dramatic Club, and if for any reason, personal or otherwise, A is chosen and B is left, B has a right to complain, and for this reason: There was no test of ability, no comparison of merit, and the selection was a mere matter of choice without a reasonable basis.

If the name *Dramatic Club* had been adopted this method would have been proper. But just as soon as it becomes a *University Dramatic Club*, claiming to represent the University as a whole, every man in the University is entitled to try for a place; and a selection based otherwise than upon competitive merit and ability is restrictive and should not be tolerated.

To say that two, or three men, although they be assisted by the University executive, are able to constitute of their own will and choice a *University Dramatic Club* is absurd in the extreme. Suppose another set of men should say, we will also select ten or twelve men and organize another *University Dramatic Club*. They would certainly, according to "Member," have that right. In such a case how could you determine which club had the lawful right to modify its name by *University*? Let "Member" digest these points and see if it does not require a little of the "knowledge with which God has endowed us" to refute them.

We would like to call attention to a few changes the TAR HEEL would like to see made in the Reading Room and Library. We wish it understood that when we indulge in what is usually termed "kicking" it is for the interest of the student body and not to display any spleen of our's.

First, we would like to see the Reading Room lighted up with electricity. The days are rapidly growing shorter and this arrangement would enable every man to read and keep himself posted on current events. Many men are occupied during the day and would be glad to have an opportunity of reading the periodicals in the evening. The cost of lighting the Reading Room would be inconsiderable and the derived advantages very many.

Second, we would like to see the Library kept open longer. One of our contemporaries who is facing this same trouble of short library hours says: "There seems to be a disposition to put the books to bed early and give them a needed rest." A number of men, especially Se-

niors, have the greater part of their work in the laboratories and they cannot reach the library before the closing hour. When, we would like to ask, will these men be given an opportunity to do research work for graduating theses and speeches?

The Librarian, with his assistants, can certainly draw out eight or nine hours a day when the average college man works nearly twice that time. And, if necessary, employ more assistants and let the library be as serviceable as possible.

Again, we would like to see the Library also lighted with electricity and kept open at night. Why not? Its usefulness would be doubled. The expense would be an item it is true, but could be provided for by adding a small amount (say fifty cents per year) to the registration fees. With over five hundred men, more than two hundred and fifty dollars could be raised in this way and would more than meet the increased expense.

We earnestly hope the committee will give this matter their attention and if possible devise means for increasing our Library and Reading Room service.

TO THE EDITOR:—

I am a man of justice and I want to say something about the way you are treating the class of '00. "That class that with the new born century is to startle the world by coming into it," as a friend of mine (who is a poet) wrote me the other day.

Why have you not called attention to our remarkable intelligence or something else like that? Our faces show that we are not ordinary people, certainly not in looks. We are more than phenomena, we are freaks.

Look at our foot-ball team, it is the finest I ever saw, and you have not said a word about it just because you are jealous I reckon. But if I am a freshman I am going to say that there is a man on there that can run as fast as almost anybody in college; and another kicked the ball on the Memorial Hall the other day and the pole on that is about a hundred and fifty feet high.

You may say I am writing this because nobody can black anybody now, but that's not so I room out of college and nobody could black me anyhow. JUSTICE AND 1900.

Thursday Club.

The members of the Faculty, together with their families, have hit upon a happy plan for increasing the rather limited possibilities of amusement and social pleasures which Chapel Hill affords. They have organized themselves into a social club whose object is purely recreation and enjoyment. The Club is to meet one Thursday in each month, the duty of entertaining to be assumed by the several members in their turn.

The first meeting was held last week at Dr. Whitehead's home.

With refreshments and music and especially a treat from Maj. Cain on the violin, everything conspired to make the meeting a complete success. All are elated over the prospect of a more than usually pleasant winter.

The club will meet next time at Dr. Wilson's.

[Communicated].

Some one on the TAR HEEL board has seen fit to criticize the method of organizing the Dramatic Club, and in two different articles has volunteered the advice that competition should be the basis of selection for members of the club. If the gentleman would spend a few of his leisure moments learning something of the subject on which he attempts to discourse, he would see that this is utterly "impossible." He would also learn that the members of this year's club were chosen by the old members of last session's club with the assistance of President Alderman. This method was adopted because the management of the Dramatic Club was not possessor of such an enormous amount of ingenuity as God has given the writer of these aforesaid articles, and therefore was unable to devise any more suitable or practical means of selecting members.

It may be added further that our attacker, though he kicks considerably, is unable to suggest any specific improvement. If he will learn something of which he now knows naught, the Dramatic Club will be glad to hearken to his valuable suggestions.

MEMBER.

Class Teams Organize.

We are glad to see the several classes going to work to get out foot-ball teams to represent them in inter-class contests. Year before last we had some interesting games between the classes which may have had something to do with the production of the Varsity of '95. Last year, however, there was not much class spirit shown and no teams were organized.

The Freshmen were the first to get together this year. They met in the Math. room at 11 o'clock on Monday and, with all the attendant noise and confusion the Sophs. knew how to raise, elected J. L. Spenser Captain, and Graham Woodard, Manager, of their team.

At 12:30 the same day, the Juniors met and elected P. D. Gold Captain, Percy Whitaker, Manager and R. E. Follin to serve with the above named officers as an advisory committee.

The Sophomores met in the Chapel at 1 o'clock and elected R. A. Winston, Captain, R. A. Nunn, Manager, and G. R. Swink and C. S. Alston to form with the Manager an advisory committee.

All the classes went promptly to work to get up their teams.

This class-team work is the best way to develop our foot-ball resources. It brings out and trains the good material in College. More than that, a great number of men, who would otherwise spend the time thus occupied in watching the practice of the regular team, take a thorough course of exercise, the benefits of which last through the whole year. We have noticed that the men who play foot-ball have greater endurance and capacity for work at the times of examination in the fall and spring which so try men.

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