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A member of the TAR HEEL board recently attended the morning prayers in the Chapel, and was much surprised to see the Tellers close and lock the doors as soon as the bell ceased ringing. It seems bad enough to force men to attend a religious service, but to turn the key on them and lock them up like so many animals in a cage is, it strikes us, going just a little too far. We are not familiar with the whys and wherefores in this matter, and we do not doubt but that the authorities had good reason for adopting this particular rule; but the very idea, of locking University men up, is so repugnant to us that we hope some other means can be found that will prove equally efficient in accomplishing the end desired.

The TAR HEEL would like to emphasize a suggestion that Dr. Alderman recently threw out in one of his talks to the student body. It was this: That each Senior class on graduating should leave behind some memorial or testimonial of its residence in college.

It is indeed a dismal thought that each graduating class, which of course believes itself to be the class of all classes, must in time be swallowed up in the long list of classes that has gone before and leave nothing to impress or remind those which come after them. We know of no plan to prevent their sinking into oblivion other than that proposed by the President; and we would be glad to see the present class establish the precedent by erecting a monument or bronze figure upon the campus, or by placing a memorial window in the Chapel, or even by placing a tablet in the Memorial Hall. The last on account of its cheapness, would doubtless be the most desirable method. Let some man be selected who has been intimately connected with the history of the State and University and erect a tablet to his memory. In this way could the different classes honor our dead heroes and at the same time secure their names to posterity.

The Inter-Society debate approaches and the men who are to represent their respective societies should lose no time in preparing for the contest. The previous debates have, without exception, been of a high order and only diligent, concentrated effort can maintain this high standard. Our societies are gradually growing better and the

annual debates should constitute thermometers by which this improvement could be measured. Too frequently do we hear the cry that the societies are not what they used to be, and it is now within the power of our debaters and representatives to dispel this illusion by do-work of a very high and meritorious character.

It is not our purpose to discourage those men who have been delegated to represent their societies, but from our own experience we can say that an inter-society debate or a representative speech means work, hard work and much of it. The sooner this fact is recognized the earlier will the work be begun and the more diligently will it be prosecuted.

We hope the debaters will also remember that they not only represent their respective societies, but that they are the exponents of the spirit of society work in the University, and as such bear a double responsibility. Let nothing delay you in this matter, and permit the TAR HEEL to beg you to exert yourselves in maintaining this feature of our University life.

At the close of the past foot-ball season Coach Johnston made the remark that meetings for the purpose of encouraging a team just before a big game amounted to nothing if the college had not been behind the team, encouraging it, in the early practices and games. And there can be no doubt of the truthfulness of the remark. Giving a team a send off amounts to not a drop in the bucket compared to a steady, hearty "co-operation" when the men are being first brought together as a team. A good beginning is half way to success; starting right means a great deal. Now that base-ball is coming on us and first preparations are being made, let each one do all he can from the very beginning to make the season a successful one and resolve to stick by the team last and all the time.

That was indeed handsome treatment that our boys, who constitute the Glee and Mandolin Clubs, received at the hands of the alumni of Tarboro. Every thing possible was done to make their stay enjoyable, and in addition the alumni went down in their pockets and defrayed the expenses of the performance. In behalf of the Clubs, and the entire student body whom the Clubs represent, the TAR HEEL returns thanks for the kindness on the part of our friends.

### President Alderman.

Dr. E. A. Alderman has been in charge of the State University since August 15, '96, but his formal inauguration as president will not take place until the 27th of this month, when the occasion will be made a function of more than ordinary interest and impressiveness. Gov. Daniel L. Russell, who is a University alumnus, will induct the new president into office. An elaborate program will be arranged for the event, and a large attendance of the alumni and friends of the University are expected to be present. Among the distinguished visitors will be the Dr. Wm. R. Harper, president of the Chicago university and Dr. J. L. M. Curry, president of the Board of Trustees of the Peabody fund.—*Chapel Hill News.*

### The Y. M. C. A. Building.

For nearly a year, the building movement has been lying dormant, and we trust that during this period of inactivity sufficient energy has been stored up to bring it now to a speedy completion. Even since the holidays the fund has increased over \$200. Previous contributions by classes is as follows: The classes '95, '96, and '97 have each contributed over \$400; the class of '98, led by great liberality of one of its members, has contributed over \$1500, while the present Soph. class has given \$1185.

With great encouragement, the committee now in charge note the increase of interest, and will exert every effort to raise in the next few weeks the remainder of the \$10,000, which point must be reached before the money pledged is due.

The building will broaden the scope of Association work, give *permanence, prominence, power* to the christian life of the college, and finally, and most of all, provide a common home for the student. We hope that every man in the University will feel an individual interest in the movement.

Let us work together, fellow students, and nothing short of a building worthy of our organization will crown our efforts.

P. H. ELEY,  
J. K. PFOHL,  
J. G. MURPHY,  
*Committee.*

### Staff Changes.

Mr. T. T. Candler, on account of his heavy course in college, has resigned his position as editor of the TAR HEEL. We regret to lose Mr. Candler, for he has labored faithfully and efficiently.

At a subsequent meeting of the editors, Mr. W. S. Myers, '97, was elected to the position vacated by Mr. Candler. We are sure Mr. Myers will prove a valuable addition to the board and he will enter on his duties at once.

### Sewanee Faculty Action.

The Sewanee faculty has made two decisions looking to improvement of classwork.

The first is that no student whose class standing is below a two (two-thirds) can participate in any inter-collegiate athletic contest.

The second is that Juniors whose class standing is below two will be required to keep study hours.—*Hustler.*

### The January Sermon.

The Y. M. C. A. has been fortunate enough to secure for its January sermon, which comes off the 17, the Rev. H. F. Chreitzburg, of Reidsville. Mr. Chreitzburg is one of the brightest lights of Southern methodism, and a most attractive speaker. He will be greeted, no doubt, by a very large audience.

It is said that Trenchard, Princeton's greatest end and coacher, may accept the physical directorship at the Wesleyan University.

An effort is being made to start a college paper at Johns Hopkins the only large institution in the United States which has no college publication.

The Missouri State University and the Texas State University elevens played a game of foot-ball in Mexico City, Mexico, Dec. 29. Neither side scored. Foot-ball was a great novelty there and aroused public interest.

### Auburn Letter.

TO THE TAR HEEL:—

After a delightful vacation of ten days, the boys have returned to college and are getting "into harness" again, something very difficult to do after having our minds carried away from our work by the Christmas festivities.

Twenty-three new students have entered since January 1st; one being a young lady.

Auburn has more students this year than ever before; 354 having matriculated up to date. We have the honor of having with us fourteen young ladies.

The football of '96 being a thing of history, athletics at the institution are somewhat dull. But soon the campus will resound with the voice of coach and the creak of the bat; for the prospects although not scintillating, are good for a team that will uphold our enviable baseball record of past years.

'Tis true that some of the best men of last year's team are not with us, and the usual pessimist can be found; but it is also true that good men have returned; and with plenty of new material, we see no reason why Auburn should not be represented on the diamond. As yet, we do not know how many games the Faculty will permit, but we hope that we may be able to meet most of the teams of the Southern Inter-collegiate Association.

In a short time the aspirants for track honors will begin light training, and our team will be in prime condition to win more honors for Auburn at the S. I. A. A. meet at Nashville. The four men who so ably represented us at this meet last year are with us again. It will be remembered that they carried off three first prizes.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year, we are

Cordially yours,  
*Orange & Blue.*

### President Winston and the Teachers

At a recent convention of school superintendents and principals held in Austin, President Winston, of the University made an address on the relation of the University to the schools of the State and the mission of the University in the State. The convention, by a rising vote, unanimously adopted the following resolutions, introduced by one of the strongest, most scholarly and most successful of our teachers, Professor Jacob Bickler:

*Resolved 1.* That it is the sense of this association that the Board of Regents, in the selection of Dr. Geo. T. Winston for the presidency of our State University, has shown eminent wisdom.

*Resolved 2.* That we bid a hearty welcome and extend the right hand of fellowship to this distinguished teacher to our State, who we doubt not, will prove an invaluable accession to our ranks, and

*Resolved 3.* That we pledge him our unfaltering support and cheerful co-operation in his every effort to advance the cause of education in Texas and build up a University which shall be indeed a University of the firstclass.