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There appeared in our last issue several unfavorable comments on the Dialectic Society's attitude toward the establishment of a University Magazine. These said remarks have been wrongly interpreted as personal attacks. We desire to explain that no individual was aimed at, but only the opposing spirit of that minority which voted against the Magazine. This we criticized because we thought, and still think, it deserving of censure.

We print in another column our baseball schedule for this season. The management is to be congratulated on the arrangements by which we have so many games on the home grounds. The students are sure to give the team a better backing in proportion as they are able to personally follow its progress and share in its triumphs, or, if need be, to see it suffer defeat with pluck and spirit. Of this latter, however, we have no fear.

Will our anonymous correspondents please be kind enough to cease mailing to us such a quantity of useless trash as we have recently received? Take note, ye embryo authors and aspiring poets, that if you desire your productions brought before the public through the TAR HEEL, the editor must have your names. Even in that case, however, they may often remain unprinted if they are as worthless as those effusions which some nameless writers have recently submitted.

What's the matter with tennis? Has it lost its charm for old time enthusiasts? Truly, it seems so, as the courts are well nigh empty these afternoons and, since the tournament last Fall, there has been little or no playing.

This should not be the case. Formerly tennis was our most popular sport and was a source of exercise and pleasure to more boys than any other one thing in college. We ought to keep it up and have a regular contest with Virginia, as we did several years ago. By the way, who won that contest?

We have two games scheduled with Georgia, but they have recently informed us that, according to their rules, Stanley and Bailey cannot play. We should like to ask if there has been deputed to Georgia any authority from above, by which

they may, with czarlike supremacy, control Southern Athletics by their arbitrary regulations? If so, we have, until this time, been unaware of such a privilege, and advise that they cancel the games immediately. It is of very slight difference to us, nor will the fact that Georgia refuses to play us materially injure our prospects in the world of athletics. Further, let it be added that, if Georgia waits for us to acquiesce to her self-deputed rule making power, it will be long before we have the pleasure of meeting on the diamond.

Read in another column the article on caps and gowns. A majority of the senior class is in favor of their adoption and it is hoped that the minority will take the trouble to inform themselves about the advantages and benefits to be derived therefrom. Only look into it and you will soon find that you will save money and, in most cases, look better than if you wore a cutaway. The outfit may be had entire for about four dollars and a half, and can be sold to some member of next year's class for almost as much after you have worn it through commencement.

A Card.

In the last issue of the TAR HEEL under the caption of "The Dialectic Society and the Magazine," some one, presumably a member of the board, took occasion to heap upon the Dialectic Society a tirade of abuse as unjust as it was uncalled for. The cause of this sudden opening of the splenic flood gates is to be found in the fact that the Dialectic refused to cooperate with the Philanthropic Society upon a particular method for reestablishing the University Magazine.

Admitting that this is true, I fail to see wherein the TAR HEEL is concerned, or by what means it obtained the right to abuse the Society for its action. It was merely a business transaction, affecting the two societies only, and the Dialectic certainly had the right to decide its position relative to that transaction. The Dialectic Society is an exclusive organization, cut off, separated from, and independent of the outside public, and hence is not subject to public criticism. Any decision that may be made in the Hall of the Dialectic Society is final and beyond any outside question or criticism, because such decision is made by the members, affects only the members who made it, and where, in the name of high heaven, does the TAR HEEL get the right to criticize an exclusive body for a decision that does not affect the TAR HEEL, never could affect the TAR HEEL, and never will affect the TAR HEEL. Should the members of the Dialectic Society decide to assess themselves ten dollars each for the refitting of their Hall, neither the TAR HEEL, nor any one else would have the right to object or criticize, for the decisions of the Hall are final and sovereign in all matters relative to the Hall.

The case we are discussing is analogous to this. The proposition was presented for reestablishing the Magazine upon the responsibility of the two societies, involving the assumption of a five or six hun-

dred dollar debt, which the two societies would have to make good in case of a deficit. This meant that an assessment of three or four dollars per member might, and in view of the past was likely to, occur. The Dialectic and Philanthropic Societies were the parties to this contract. The Philanthropic signified its willingness to assume its portion of the debt and run the risk of assessing its members; the Dialectic refused to do either. A plain business proposition, wherein the TAR HEEL had no interest at stake and hence no right to criticize.

The question came up as a constitutional amendment, and, failing to receive the necessary two thirds vote, was lost. The constitution declares that the minority shall rule in such questions as the above, and who, but an ignoramus, will deny that minority the right to avail itself of this constitutional provision.

There were three principal reasons for the Society's action: 1st. The plan was identical with the one upon which the old Magazine made so signal a failure, and the Society had no desire for a repetition of its former experience; 2nd. The treasury of the Society would not permit it. With an ever decreasing membership and with a crying demand for our every cent in our own Hall, it was not deemed wise at this time to assume so large a debt; 3rd. The societies, composed of less than half the men in college, would be responsible for all debts, would have to make good every deficit, while all college received the credit for the Magazine.

Is it to be wondered at that the one hundred and fifty men, in the two societies, should refuse to farther and support an offspring claimed by the other three hundred men in college? And did the fact that these one hundred and fifty men refused to assess themselves in order to enter this field of missionary literary labor, give the TAR HEEL the right to abuse them? Is it not within the province of the individual to use and appropriate his own money according to his own wishes? With several individuals forming an exclusive organization the case is certainly changed in no essential or fundamental way.

I have purposely disregarded the violent and insulting language of the article and have only desired to place the action of the Dialectic Society fairly before the TAR HEEL's readers. I hope, however, I may be pardoned for reverting to the insulting and abusive invectives that were without cause heaped upon the conscientious members of the Dialectic, by an officious meddler from the outside, who had no interest in the result, in order to say this, that his words indicate a very weak case or a very low order of mind; and further, to assure the writer of the article in question, that his ill advised abuse has certainly done more to kill the Magazine in the Dialectic Society than any action that could have been taken within that body.

DAVID B. SMITH.

Our athletic editor, Mr. Myers, has been afflicted with carbuncles for some days, but is improving and will soon be ready to emit base ball gas by the barrel.

Third Faculty Lecture.

Prof. J. W. Gore lectured on "The Calendar" last Friday evening in the Chapel. The speaker's great popularity will always attract a good crowd of students, but it would have been much larger on this occasion, if the hour for beginning had been later.

The talk lasted only one hour and involved a discussion of the Calendar, both historically and scientifically. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and we hope that Professor Gore will again take the platform as a public lecturer, although in the past he has served little in that capacity.

The next of the faculty series will be Dr. Hume's lecture—"The Making of the English Bible"—on Mar. 12th.

The popularity of the Faculty bi-monthly public lectures is fully attested by the large numbers of students and villagers who attend them. On next Friday night at 7:30 Dr. Hume will give his interesting lecture on "The Making of the English Bible." We have spoken before in these columns of the wise action of the Faculty in thus providing us with such rare intellectual treats.

The next Mitchell meeting, Tuesday night at 7:30 in the Chemical lecture room, promises to be one of unusual interest to all. Prof. Gore will read a paper on the Roentgen rays. The new and most improved "X Ray" apparatus has arrived and will be fully explained. Shadowgraphs will be exhibited. All will doubtless take advantage of this rare opportunity.

Mrs. Welling and Mrs. Wiswell are stopping at Mrs. Klutz's. The former is a particular friend of our distinguished former townswoman, Mrs. Spencer, now of Cambridge, Mass.

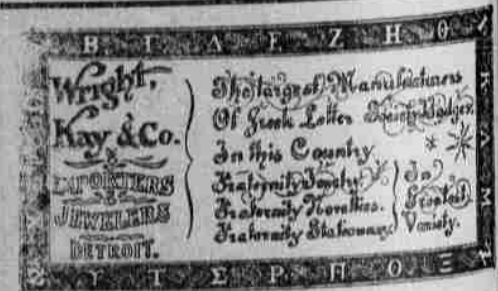
Miss Rosamond May, sister of our Instructor in French and German, is in town, and is stopping at Mrs. Mallett's.

C. M. Vanstony's popular salesman, Mr. John Cator, will be here on the 18th or 19th, with an elegant line of gentlemen's furnishings.

We extend our sympathy to Mr. Lewis Utley over the death of his little child, which occurred on Monday night.

It grieves us to note the death of our ex-postmaster, Mr. T. M. Kirkland, on Friday morning. The cause was pneumonia.

Rev. R. E. Caldwell will begin a series of sermons in the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night.



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