

Revival of the Magazine.

Some further Remarks upon the Opposition.

*"Car on a pour les fous
Plus de filie que de courroux."*

A champion of the minority in the Dialectic Society, which minority a short while since defeated the revival of the magazine, makes his appearance this week in another column.

The *casus belli* is an article contained in last week's issue of the TAR HEEL embodying a just criticism of those members of the society opposing the publication of the magazine. No more complete verification of the statements included in the article of last week's issue could be desired than that of "A Card."

The writer of "A Card" makes the singular and unwarranted mistake of assuming that the element represented by himself constitutes the Dialectic Society. Based upon this false premise is an attempted defeat of the Society, by which, from the point of view of the writer mentioned, is meant the minority forming the opposition. No sophistry could be plainer. Yet the mistake is natural—and egotistic. Unfortunately for this view of the matter however, there is little doubt but that the majority of the members of the Dialectic Society will disclaim such championship and representation. This is well indicated by the vote on the report of the committee, upon which occasion the writer of "A Card" sided with the minority and opposition. Clearly then, not the Dialectic Society, but the opposition to the Magazine is here represented.

The absurd argument that the Dialectic Society,—“an exclusive organization”—is not subject to criticism bears with it the ear-marks of idiocy. It furthermore fails of application, since criticism was directed, not against the Dialectic Society, but against a minority of its members, who, a clog and hindrance upon the development of the society and the fulfillment of the purposes of its organization, for the present endeavor to render impossible the re-establishment of the magazine. Whether the minority of the Dialectic Society is subject to criticism or not, it seems just at this time to have received quite a deal of it. Which is decidedly the more evident fact with which the minority has to contend.

The champion aforementioned concludes his article with a threat of continued opposition,—a fitting conclusion.

The cost of publication is an objection advanced against the magazine. It has all the indicia of subterfuge, as may easily appear. The estimates offered by the opposition are either exaggerated by extreme ignorance or actuated by prejudice,—perhaps both. The old magazine was needlessly expensive. The cost based upon careful consideration need not exceed fifty dollars an issue, six numbers of the magazine necessitating an annual expense of three hundred dollars. Of this amount it was suggested that each member of the society be assessed one dollar for the support of the magazine, which was in fact no more than a subscription. This would have realized one hundred and fifty dollars from the two societies, with a like sum to be secured by advertisement and subscription. But waiv-

ing the matter of income except that from the two societies, it may not be denied that three issues of the magazine are better than none at all.

And yet on the side of the opposition most mournfully melancholic prophesies are made in regard to "six hundred dollar" debts. Surely it is reasonable to suppose that the societies may regulate the appearance of the magazine, should it drift toward indebtedness.

And when these members of the Dialectic Society are asked to subscribe to the magazine, their just indignation and wrath is uncontrollable! The truth of the matter is that the college pride possessed by this element is that which in the society halls gives expression to itself only in flowery platitudes vanishing "into thin air." When called upon for a more substantial proof of its existence it clutches tightly its pocket-book and shrieks for the police.

It seems one of the more serious arguments of the opposing faction, that if the Magazine be published by the societies, a portion of the credit of its publication will fall to the other students of the University. Still the charge of selfishness is most vehemently denied.

The publication of a magazine is as much a part of the purpose of the literary societies as the debate itself; and when they fail in its support it is simply an evasion of clear duty. There exists no right of its publication by any other University organization.

As for the enemies of the Magazine, as old Johnson has it, "I have found you an argument, I am not obliged to find you an understanding." Which might prove difficult indeed.

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