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The next will be the last issue of the Tar Heel for this year. It will be held over to contain an account of the Georgia games.

The Athletic Outlook.

After Carolina's record of this year the athletic outlook for future years is not altogether as hopeful as might be desired. The present condition and future prospect may as well be candidly considered. It is true that we may, continuing in the haphazard method of former years, occasionally produce, at spasmodic and uncertain intervals, a winning team in base ball or foot ball. This uncertainty rises from the fact that the athletic material here is usually of the crudest kind. As a rule the men who make up our teams receive their first scientific training here at the University.

And in this very matter it is that we are placed at a disadvantage and fall behind in the race for athletic supremacy. We shall never be able to cope with our rivals and with equal advantage until this is remedied. The advantage is this, and one which the greater number of colleges and universities aspiring to athletic honors have long since seized and made the most of. That the training of the college or university team should begin at the preparatory schools. These schools thus become the natural feeders of the University. By beginning the athletic training here at its proper source the men attain a degree of skill that otherwise they never reach.

At the Northern colleges the new team material is taken entirely from men who have made athletic records at the preparatory schools. The athletic spirit at the preparatory schools is fostered and maintained by them. So it is with many of our Southern institutions. The university of Virginia's teams are made up almost altogether of men from the preparatory schools who have there received thorough and skillful training.

In the development of the athletic spirit in the preparatory schools alone lies the hope of our salvation. We are just now sadly behind the progress of the times. To keep abreast we must begin at the prep school. And it is high time that a beginning should be made.

An Alarming Tendency.

There is noticeable in the college journalism of the day an alarming indication of encroachment upon the domain of the city daily. Not content to restrain their observation within the narrow limit of college affairs, the editors of several of our exchanges devote much time and space to the solution of problems of wider interest.

One may now-a-days find the editorial columns of a college weekly given over to "The Situation in Greece" or a column or more on "The Foreign Policy". A further evolution in the development of the college paper may yet produce an illustrated full page on "William McKinley as I Knew Him" or an extra edition with "Latest from our War Correspondent in Greece".

We do not write unadvisedly when it is said that the tendency is alarming. Already the editors of our metropolitan journals must view with increasing alarm this encroachment upon their territory and the threatened rivalry that must inevitably ensue.

The thing is patently absurd. The college paper is supposed to supply news and reflection upon the affairs of a little world of its own, the college or university and those immediately interested in its condition. Its only excuse for existence is that it may fill this purpose and need. It is therefore with a sensation of disappointment that one finds in its columns only a faint reflection of the metropolitan dailies and magazines. Yet with what a feeling of pride must the college writer of editorial heads compare with his own views on "The Attitude of Russia" those of Dana or Drone.

A Texan Tiff.

The *Alcalde*, the weekly journal of the University of Texas, contains in its latest issue an editorial which may prove of interest to our readers. It is entitled "Below the Belt," and reads as follows:

"This week the *Alcalde* staggers under a double blow: first, Mr. W. J. Lenox, the exchange editor, resigns on account of disapprobation of certain articles; and secondly, President Winston, as reported in the *Seguin Enterprise*, characterizes the editor of the *Alcalde* as a 'stupid ass.'"

"The editor of the *Alcalde* has our sympathy when he opposes in any manner the erstwhile president of this institution. The outcome of such antagonism is apt to result disastrously for the editor. At the same time it is very evident that President Winston has allowed his fondness for epithet to overcome his sense of justice. The *Alcalde* is really one of the best of our exchanges, well written and neatly printed. If we are not mistaken it was but a while since that some Texas paper referred to President Winston in terms somewhat similar to those applied by him to the editor of the *Alcalde*. It is a matter of much regret that our ex-president is not on better terms with the press. Mark Twain once said that one became famous by being civil to interviewers. The press is no mean factor in attaining such an end.

Carolina Team Banquetted.

The baseball team and visiting rooters were magnificently and hospitably entertained during their stay at Charlottesville on Sunday and Monday last. Every possible courtesy was shown the visiting Carolinians and the time was most pleasantly spent.

On Monday night a banquet was given the visiting team at the Hotel Gleason. M. M. McGuire officiated as toastmaster and toasts were made as follows:

To our Sister University—Dr. P. B. Barringer.

To North Carolina's Team—B. E. Stanly.

To Virginia's Team—W. I. McNair.

The hospitality of our Virginia friends is thoroughly appreciated. The visit was most pleasant from beginning to end.

The Philological Club.

The Philological Club met in the English lecture-room on Tuesday evening, April 27, at half past seven o'clock.

The following papers were read: Pope's Theory of Poetry. Mr. May.

Some Reflexives in the Dialogus of Tacitus. Mr. Harrington.

Relation of the Lager to the Walenstein Tragedy. Mr. Toy.

The Shakspeare Club.

On Wednesday evening, in the Chapel, quite a number of the students and members of the faculty were present at the April meeting of the Shakspeare Club.

Dr. Hume opened the meeting with a bright and sparkling introduction to the papers which were to follow.

Mr. W. R. Webb acted secretary and read the report of the last meeting which was adopted.

The first paper was read by Mr. W. J. Horney on "The Hamlet Problem, or What Constitutes the Tragedy."

The paper was carefully prepared and showed the work which Mr. Horney had given to his subject.

Dr. Hume then announced that it was only natural after hearing that paper on Hamlet, that one should wish side lights thrown upon the subject, showing from what material Shakspeare might work up the famous tragedy.

Mr. W. W. Boddie read the next paper before the Club. His subject, "The Tragedy of Blood and the Tragedy of Thought," was handled by him in an elegant manner, being probably the best paper read before the Club during the past year.

After Mr. Boddie's paper Dr. Hume read a short but most interesting paper on the personality of Hamlet, pointing out the errors of the stage of today in the presentation of the character.

The question of another meeting before Commencement was left with the Executive Committee.

Mr. Denson Honored.

Mr. Eugene Denson, formerly of the University Medical College but for several years past a student at the University of Maryland Medical College, has been elected assistant physician in one of the departments of the immense hospital of the University.

Chow Chow.

An Hour with the Actors, Humorists, and Orators.

Henry Blount, the wonderful humorist and mimic, well known to Carolinians by his famous lecture, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy," will on Thursday evening, May 6th, deliver his amusing and unique production, "Chow Chow."

Judge Palmer, of Florida, says of him:

It was my rare privilege while outing at Blowing Rock, N. C. this summer, to hear the unique production "Only a Bottle of Chow Chow," by Henry Blount—the Mark Twain of the South. There is nothing approaching it in our literature or hitherto furnished from the rostrum. Under his magic touch his audience is carried quickly through the whole gamut of feeling; now awed by his matchless eloquence, then suddenly convulsed by his side-splitting mimicry, to be suddenly relieved by the sweet touch of poetic tenderness. In Henry Blount the qualities of the philosopher, the orator and the actor are blended with the divine gifts of the poet.

Mr. Blount is sure of a good audience in Chapel Hill. Chow Chow is full of mirth and laughter. Don't fail to hear him on Thursday night next.

The Historical Society Meets.

The Historical Society had its regular monthly meeting in the History room Monday night.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Battle in the chair and the following papers were read: Mr. E. J. Wood, "The Lower Cape Fear;" Mr. J. E. McCormick, "The Convention of 1861," part II; and the third chapter on the "History of the University" by Dr. Battle.

Mr. Wood stated that the first settlers in this district were from Massachusetts. He gave a graphic account of the surrounding country, the Indians who inhabited it, and the extent of Carolina's territory under the Lords Proprietors, with some comment on how grants were made to those who desired to settle in the territory.

Mr. McCormick continued his lives of the members of the Convention of 1861, and took up in order Nicholas Woodfin, Bryan Grimes, D. S. Reid, Leonidas Merritt, Jno. Manning, Philip Raynor, Warren Winslow, Wm. S. Ashe, Bedford Brown, Charles R. Thomas, to Jno. Hill.

Dr. Battle commented on these papers and continued his history of the University, discussing the site of its location, with a description of it from the Commissioners' standpoint. He went into the ancestry of the people of Chapel Hill and laid special stress on those who were so liberal to the cause of the University. Many anecdotes and interesting incidents in these peoples' lives were recalled, and with this the meeting closed.

Dr. Battle's Address.

At the Commencement Exercises of Damascus High School about five miles west of Chapel Hill Dr. Battle delivered the address of the occasion. The school may well congratulate itself upon its wise selection. The entire school was present and Dr. Battle's elegant address, made forcible by his clear and strong illustrations, was greatly enjoyed by all.