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## Salutatory.

The TAR HEEL with this issue makes its first appearance for the fall of 1897.

An effort has been made by the business manager to place a copy of this issue in the hands of every student of the University. Copies have moreover been mailed to many of the alumni.

We confess candidly that our expectations of an enlarged constituency this year have been builded high. And our hopes do not seem to be based upon an unsubstantial foundation. In good truth this collegiate year bids fair to be one of the most prosperous in the latter history of the University.

With a larger number of post graduate and undergraduate students upon its registration rolls than at any other time within its whole history, and with the additional educational facilities afforded by the newly created chairs of Pharmacy and Pedagogy, together with the influx of femininity into the post-graduate departments, the University is grandly enlarging its sphere of usefulness,—the result of the broad and progressive policy of its president.

And it would indeed seem strange if with such favoring influences the TAR HEEL should not embark upon a more than ordinarily prosperous and successful voyage.

And so it is that we would impress upon every new man the lasting truth that a subscription to the TAR HEEL is absolutely essential to his identification with the interests of the University. Should he at the outset of his college course—the most momentous event of his hitherto perhaps uneventful life—omit this most important incident of his welfare he will remain throughout the whole of his college career “a youth to Fortune and to Fame unknown.”

And as for our alumni, true and tried friends who have stood by us in our hour of need, who even now and then, we do not deny it, may have watched the pesky pigskin take its flight towards the region of our goal, and who wrapped about with sombre thoughts have many an eventide turned homeward with depleted pockets, bear with us yet a little!

We speak to you in no uncertain terms—by George, this Pegasus has run away with himself. He evidently intended this for a speech—when we

say that never in all the history of athletics at the University, save now and then, have our prospects been more brilliant.

And so we have to state in conclusion that the books of the TAR HEEL are now open,—not for inspection but for subscription,—and that the sooner your name is upon the list the better for the both of us.

We have spoken. The business manager will greet you with a smile.

## In The Matter of Education.

The history of the University during the past week bears upon it a sad stain.

It has placed itself upon record as having turned from its inhospitable doors a youth who like the Preacher strove for Truth and found it not!

He came from the grand solitude of his mountain home athirst for knowledge and it was denied him. In the solitary wanderings of his mountainous youth he doubtless felt within him the stirrings of mighty purpose. He sought an education and yet when he presented himself at the portals of an unsympathetic university the opportunity was denied him. He asked for bread and was rewarded not even with a stone.

It is a sad reflection upon a system of advanced education that it had failed utterly to provide for the needs of this youth. He had in him undoubtedly the making of a man.

Simplicity and grandeur were the distinguishing characteristics of his being. And yet he was turned from the doors of a hard-hearted university, which he had doubtless desired to claim as his ALMA MATER.

His sole crime was that he could neither read nor write.

## A Mistaken Policy.

The neglect of the Athletic Association from year to year to develop a closer interest in athletics between the University and the preparatory schools would seemingly indicate a shortsightedness on the part of the Association, falling little short of total blindness.

The criticism cannot be stamped as unjust when it is said that in comparison with the methods of other universities and colleges the policy of the Athletic Association at the University of North Carolina for years past has been of blind chance. The value of the lower schools in their relation to the athletic development of the University cannot be over-estimated. The importance of their position must necessarily have occurred to every man interested in the record-making of the University.

And yet in spite of all we drift along in the same hap-hazard method of making every fall a foot ball team composed partially of men who have to be taught the first rudiments of the game. That this should be the condition of affairs when the remedy lies clearly within our own power is a matter of some little amazement.

The Tar Heel does not consider itself infallible in the matter of its editorial policy. Far from it. And yet when it was suggested last year that much good would result directly to the University by an annual arrangement of a series of games with the principal schools of the state, it was thought that the

management and advisory committee of the Association would at least consider the matter of its importance. The schedule of foot ball games in another column bears an adverse testimony.

Gentlemen of the advisory committee, the matter is deserving of your consideration. Coach Reynolds, from an abundant experience, will declare to you the value of the prep school in athletics. The plain fact of the matter is that the lower schools constitute the only sure foundation for any permanent position of superiority or importance in the athletic world. The policy that ignores the preparatory schools resolves itself into one of chance, pure and simple.

## Dr. Alexander's Return.

After four years of distinguished diplomatic service as Minister to Greece, Dr. Eben Alexander again occupies his old position in the faculty of the University, from which he had obtained leave of absence in order to accept the appointment tendered him in April '94 by Ex-President Cleveland.

Since his departure the quick wheel of college time has turned into a new generation of students and there are few among them now who remember the kindly professor whose life has of latter years been devoted to the service of his country. It was a happy appointment—now that he is back again—happy for himself and for us. Certainly it had been hard to find a man of more brilliant attainment in his peculiar branch of learning than was Dr. Alexander when he left; but the intimate association with the tongue of Modern Greece cannot but have broadened and enriched the treasure house of his mind.

But more than that, the TAR HEEL points the students of the present day to a man. Those of them who may be more closely associated with him in the class room are to be envied among their fellows; they will find in him dignity inviting approach; sympathy that understands; advice that does not sting.

Perhaps no professor was ever more popular, certainly none more loved than was he during his term here. The old college town has never seemed quite the same to those who knew him; and now that he is back, his quiet figure and gentle voice and kindly eye fit into the scenes of the campus and the life of the University as though their connection had never been severed.

## The Law Class Election.

The members of the Law Class of the Fall Term of 1897 met in the Law Room on Friday morning.

The offices of the Moot Court and of the Class were distributed as follows:

President, Z. F. Curtis. Vice-President, W. S. Howard. Secy. and Treas. C. E. Jones.

## MOOT COURT.

Judge, S. B. Shepherd. Associate Justice, Jones Fuller. Clerk, Wescott Roberson. Solicitor, W. G. Cox. Sheriff, J. C. McRae.

Judge Brown Shepherd announces that the Moot Court will convene three times each month, and that the first session of the Court will be held Saturday night.

The class of naughty-naught are very naughty, but the freshmen are the naughty ones.

## Meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society met in the Chemical lecture room on Tuesday evening the 21st instant, Prof. Cobb presiding. Dr. Wilson presented an interesting paper on the Development of the Lateral Line. The paper embodied the results of work begun several years ago by Dr. Wilson, and carried on since in the biological laboratory of the University by J. E. Mattocks, '95. A portion of the work was embodied in the thesis which Mr. Mattocks presented for his master's degree a year ago, and an outline of the work is soon to appear in the Anatomischer Anzeiger. It is gratifying to note that several times during the past few years work done in our scientific departments has been noticed and published abroad.

Dr. Baskerville gave an entertaining account of the recent meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Detroit, and the British Association at Toronto, both of which meetings he attended. The University was greatly honored in the election of Dr. Baskerville as secretary of the chemical section of the American Association for the coming year.

Mr. F. B. Arendell of the staff of the Raleigh News and Observer is in town to “write up” the University for his paper. He will remain here several days.

Miss Mary McRae of Fayetteville N. C. is stopping at Mr. R. S. McRae's. She is taking a course in the University.

## Some of the Class of '97.

Allen is teaching in the Statesville Graded School.

Belden is taking Ph. D.

Candler is teaching at Caldwell Institute.

Carmichael has been elected principal of the Durham Graded School.

Fletcher is teaching in Gibson.

Graves is Librarian, U. N. C.

Lane is teaching in High Point.

Lentz is in the Concord Graded school.

McIver has gone to Harvard.

McNairy is teaching in Chester, S. C.

Shepherd is back taking law.

Smith has a position in the Graded School at Winston.

Whitener is teaching in Hickory.

Williams is back taking a medical course.

Wray is in Georgia teaching.

Wright, R. H., is teaching at Stanhope, Nash county, N. C.

John Andrews is working in the Southern Railway freight office at Raleigh.

“Tobe” Connor is studying law in his father's office at Wilson.

Fab Haywood is teaching in Wilmington.

Newby is teaching in Northampton county.

Of the medical class of '97 Hart will study medicine in Baltimore this year.

Herring and Kirby will take medicine at the University of Michigan.

Zachary has passed the state board and is now working in a hospital at Wilmington.

Joyner, Pollock, Wimberly and Nobles will attend the Jefferson Medical college this year.