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A Word of Warning.

It is an exceedingly simple thing to theorize concerning matters of athletic interest. The difficulty and the success as well lies in the adoption and application of the theory.

And in the way of theory there are just a few errors in which to fall at this time would undoubtedly result in disaster to our foot-ball record of this fall. It occasionally happens, and naturally enough from the arrangement of our schedule, that the first games of the season are with the weaker teams, and the scores really represent little or nothing as regards the comparative strength of our team and those of our more formidable rivals. And so it would be well to realize fully that a relaxation of effort on the part of the team resulting from any such cause is unwise and threatens success.

Anyone having watched foot-ball work at all closely will have observed that this very thing often happens with many teams under similar conditions. At the opening of the season practice games with the less important teams result in unusually large scores. The strength of the team rises rapidly in its own estimation. The energy and effort is less determined; the vim and snap less marked.

Let us guard against such an error. A wag who sat on the grand-stand on Saturday during the A. M. game remarked that it was extremely like the Thanksgiving game of last fall— from quite a different point of view. This may seem perhaps a needless and premature warning. It is to be hoped that it may prove so. But when it is remembered that we shall not be able to gauge our true strength until the Georgia and Virginia games, it is possibly not altogether out of place.

An Adventitious Aid.

We take pleasure in presenting to an anxious public, Messrs. Rolchester, Cobarts & Co., of Biffin, Ohio, who will themselves inform you, as their circular states, that they are no strangers to the educational institutions of the country.

In fact, lest there should exist any possible doubt touching the matter of their world wide notoriety, Messrs. Rolchester, Cobarts, &

Co., of Biffin, Ohio, are careful to inform a skeptical public by means of an open letter that their business 'has increased from a merely local institution to the limits of the English speaking world'.

And in view of all of this and more it is undoubtedly interesting to ascertain just of what specialty the business of the firm consists. This also is best set forth by the firm itself, as follows:

"We beg leave to call your attention to the enclosed circular with its advertisement of our work and the price list of same. We especially call your attention to our college work: orations, debates, essays, theses—mathematical, medical and law—of which we make a specialty, and upon which we have built the foundation of our enormous business. Each year brings its proof that honest, conscientious work is the greatest of advertisements.

In addition to terms stated in our circular, we would add that original orations, debates, etc., range in price from 35c to 90c per hundred words, owing to style, length, nature of subject, etc."

Messrs. Rolchester, Cobarts & Co. evidently pride themselves upon the ethical relation existing between themselves and their customers. So it is that the public is further assured that 'each year brings its proof that honest, conscientious work is the greatest of advertisements. Honesty the best policy, the motto of the firm. And lest the student should still entertain misgivings as to the honesty of Messrs. Cobarts & Co. and himself, he is comforted by the reflection that our work is becoming more and more a necessity to the student as he becomes a specialist in education, and to the man, who, as a victim of circumstances, is forced to perform literary labors for which he has neither the time nor the adaptability.

As moral agents in the promotion and encouragement of education Messrs. Cobarts & Co. are both unique and entertaining. The existence of such a void in the intellectual world has been long realized, and the advent of Messrs. Cobarts & Co. is hailed by the acclamations of an enthusiastic constituency. Now it is indeed true that in a business like manner and as is natural with the seller of wares they pass by the question of the student and the college or university. It is, in truth, a matter with which they have no concern. Messrs. Cobarts & Co. simply represent the law of supply and demand. It is their business to sell and with the further ethical development incident upon the sale of goods to the 'victim of circumstances' Messrs. Cobarts & Co. have not to do. That is a matter which concerns the purchaser alone—and incidentally the institution upon which he foists his literary production.

Many caustic things might be written of the 'victim of circumstances'. He is, in sooth, a victim of his own dishonesty. Plagiarism does not cover his offence; theft is hardly applicable; forgery perhaps the most complete characterization of his crime.

We learn from the *Red and Black* that Gov. Bob Taylor is now fiddling in Georgia.

Publications by Major Cain.

It will undoubtedly prove interesting to the many admirers of Major William Cain to learn of the favorable reception of the recent editions of his mathematical treatises as evidenced by critical comment.

Major Cain is an extremely prolific writer upon mathematical subjects and is regarded as an authority upon many of its branches. This is well indicated by the fact that he has written six of the books contained in Van Nostrand's Science Series.

One of these, "Theory of Vau-ssoir Arches," was revised and re-written during Major Cain's professorship here and published some three or four years ago. His latest book is the second edition of his work entitled: "Maximum Stresses in Framed Bridges," which was entirely rewritten to bring it up to date. We give below a few of the complimentary notices which Major Cain has received from eminent authorities.

From Prof. Mansfield Merriman, Lehigh University, author of a number of works on Mathematics applied to Engineering.

"You have certainly put into small space in a very clear and thorough manner, all the essential elements of the subject as far as simple Trusses are concerned."

From Henry S. Prichard, Chief Engineer, "New Jersey Steel and Iron Company."

"I think you have succeeded in treating of the Stresses in bridges with parallel chords in a simple, clear and thorough manner and that the student can obtain a knowledge of the subject with as little effort and in as short a time by the study of your book as by the study of any book of which I have knowledge. He will also have gained a knowledge of the fundamental principles which will make the study of larger works much easier than otherwise."

The faculty social club, known as the "Thursday Club," met at the residence of Dr. Venable last night.

Clipping and Comment.

The *Guilford Collegian* says that Science Hall is now nearly completed. This is the building for which \$10,000 was given by Duke, of Durham.

The foot-ball surplus at Princeton last year was more than \$20,000.

At the request of President McKinley, the Yale Glee Club, while on their Southern trip, gave a concert at the White House before the President, members of the Cabinet, and several State officers.

Mrs. Jane Stanford has taken out an insurance policy of \$1,000,000 in favor of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, the annual premium on which is \$170,000. She is in her seventy-second year, and under the terms of the agreement, \$2,000,000 is to be paid to the University if she lives beyond ten years.

The *Red and Black* says that Georgia will put a winning team in the field this season.

The rivalry between Vanderbilt and Sewanee this year runs high. The preliminary preparation for their game resembles very much a pugilistic talking match.

The Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club held its first meeting in Gerrard Hall Tuesday evening, Oct. 5, '97, and, after the enrollment of new members, proceeded to elect the following officers.

President—Dr. Thos. Hume.

Vice Pres.—Prof. W. D. Toy.

Secretary—Mr. May.

Treasurer—Mr. L. J. Belle.

Mr. R. E. Follin read a paper—Hal as King—in which he presented a brief review of Hal's early life, followed by the great change in him upon his accession to the English Throne, and traced the development of his character, giving examples of his leading characteristics, political wisdom, affableness, etc. He called attention to Shakespeare's ingenuity in delineating the character of his favorite King, Henry V, and his correct sense in removing all obstacles which might draw attention from the principle character, for example, Falstaff's early removal.

In Mr. C. R. Dey's paper—The English Dramatist's Portrayal of French Character—was compared the French and English characteristics in the time of Henry V, showing the superiority of the English.

Mr. W. J. Brogden in his paper on "The Dissection of a Fat Knight" brought out these elements in Falstaff's make up—a religious element represented by Sir John Oldcastle—a knightly element represented by Sir John Falstaff and an ideal element represented by his matchless wit and intellectual power.

Dr. Hume read a part of the paper prepared for class work by Mr. P. D. Gold on The Difference Between Shakespeare's Falstaff and Ben Johnson's Captain Bobadil, in which some points of resemblance were brought out—pointing to a common source. He then read a short but very interesting paper prepared by himself, showing Shakespeare's dramatic treatment of Pabtics and Religion.

The University is still receiving recruits from Virginia, Mr. James Hume of Portsmouth, the latest.

Rev. Frederick L. Cleveland who was recently ordained here and installed into the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Chapel Hill is a native of Massachusetts but resided in the South for several years having been general Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Petersburg, Va. He has attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville and afterwards the Newton Theological Seminary near Boston, having graduated at the latter noted institution, last spring. He is somewhat of a cosmopolite. Though a young man, his varied experience has fitted him to deal with all phases of life and character—especially with young men. Firm in his denominational convictions, he has a heart for every good work and for all Christian people.

He is a very effective, attractive preacher and a fine pastor.

We welcome him to the University town and its associations.

List of Fraternity initiates:
Delta Kappa Epsilon—Jas. Hume, W. M. Dey, J. A. Moore.
Beta Theta Pi—W. E. Kornegay, C. L. Pridgen.
Sigma Alpha Epsilon—H. C. Cowles, Jr., E. A. Metts, H. Anderson, W. G. Wharton, G. L. Myeas, J. A. Tate, A. R. Berkeley, A. T. Bitting.
Zeta Psi—J. W. Hinsdale, Jr., K. P. Lewis, E. Graves, P. C. Collins, W. F. Bryan, J. S. McKee, J. M. Lipscomb.
Alpha Tau Omega—J. C. MacRae, Jr., T. T. Cheatham, Geo. Chadbourne.
Sigma Chi—Claude H. Weir, J. M. Hayes, W. S. Vaughan, R. A. McEachern.
Kappa Sigma—Henry W. Collins.