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The University is proud of its foot ball team. It represented her as she likes to be represented. The fact that it was a physical contest rather than a mental makes no essential difference. It is a matter of pride to her because the men who stood for her displayed a noble type of manhood and fought as men fight who have a deep and strong passion for the cause or the institution they represent.

They struggled against tremendous odds; odds that in foot ball are well nigh irresistible; but they met the great discrepancy in weight with grit and determination that were also almost irresistible and the result was that the game was one of the prettiest and closest ever seen in the South. In the words of the Richmond Times: "When Virginia left the field with a score of 12 to 0 in her favor she had defeated the pluckiest, grittiest team that ever stood on the Southern grid-iron."

The team of '97 has made the way straight for a winning team next season. Keep the spirit up and in the fall of '98 "Champions of the South" will again be written across the White and Blue.

The method, now in use, of electing the editors of the TAR HEEL has for a long time been very unsatisfactory to those interested in the paper's success. For several years (barring the present one of course) the chief burden incurred by many of the editors has been the granting the use of their names to adorn the top of the page—a privilege highly appreciated but rather unproductive of practical results. Many men who get on the board care nothing about it, and many would like to have a place who see no way to make it. By the present method, too, the younger set of men seem to stand no chance, and it is rarely the case that even a Junior gets a position.

For these and many other considerations we think that some reform is needed, and suggest as a beginning that places be offered to the two men from the three lower classes who in competition show themselves best fitted to be on the board; the competition to consist in write-ups of meetings and the like, or any sort of communication that comes within the scope of the paper. These two editors could be for the time an addition to the regular force. Then if the plan prove successful it could gradually be extended, until it would include the greater part of the board. We hope some such amendment will be adopted at the first meeting of the Athletic Association after Christmas.

The managers of the foot ball team have experienced some difficulty in

collecting the money pledged by the students to the support of the team. We have no way of knowing why such a state of affairs should exist, and it is altogether a too delicate a matter to investigate; but those who are behind in their payments must realize the serious embarrassment to which they put the management. Obligations and contracts were undertaken based on the good faith of the pledges. These obligations have to be met and unless the students come forward and pay their subscriptions there will be nothing to meet them with and thus a deplorable dilemma. Let's act squarely about this and have done with it.

Following its usual custom of taking a holiday the week preceding examinations, the present issue of the TAR HEEL will close the series for '97.

A Letter From Mr. Reynolds.

RICHMOND, NOV. 29th.

Editors of Tar Heel:

I beg the privilege of using your columns to express my thanks to the students and friends of the University of N. C., for their many kindnesses and their congratulations; to congratulate and thank the scrubs for their faithful service and furthermore, to commend the University the football team of '97, which has faithfully and nobly worked for the honor of its Alma Mater.

Resp. yours,

Will A. Reynolds.

London Assurance.

The following is a synopsis of the play to be presented next Friday night by the University Dramatic Club:

Charles Courtley, a fashionable young collegian, home on a vacation, has been on a "spree." He is picked up by a Mr. Dazzle, a man about town, who no one knows anything of, but who everybody tolerates on account of his "devil-may-care" style, and his cordial geniality. After considerable trouble, Dazzle manages to get young Courtley to his room, before his father, Sir Harcourt enters. Sir Harcourt Courtley, though over sixty, still imagines himself a young and handsome man. A spendthrift in his youth, he is made the victim of his old friend, Mr. Harkaway, who lends him large sums of money on mortgages. Harkaway dies, leaving his daughter, Grace, to the guardianship of her uncle, Max Harkaway, with this will:—If on attaining the age of nineteen, she would consent to marry Sir Harcourt, he should receive all her father's property, as her dowry. If she should refuse, it would all revert to Sir Harcourt's heir.

Grace, a young maiden, who has never had an "affaire de coeur," consents. Squire Harkaway, a bluff old fellow, comes to Sir Harcourt's house and there encounters Dazzle. Presuming the latter must be a friend of the family, Max invites him to the wedding, which is to take place at his country estate, Oak Hall. Dazzle, of course, readily accepts. Sir Harcourt and Max depart for Oak Hall, and later in the day, Charles, having slept off the effects of his nights debauch, and finding Dazzle making himself quite at home, orders the servants to show him to the door. But Dazzle reproaches him, and coolly extends him an invitation to spend a time with him at his (?) estate,—

Oak Hall. Courtley knows nothing of the Harkaways, and as "duns" are very pressing, he accepts the opportunity to escape his creditors.

Charles Courtley and Dazzle arrive at Oak Hall, where they meet Mark Meddle, a country lawyer, whose name aptly describes his character. Charles sees Grace and falls desperately in love with Grace at first sight, but discovers that she is about to be married, to whom he does not know. Meanwhile, Grace meets Sir Harcourt, Dazzle is welcomed by Max, to whom he introduces Charles Courtley as a Mr. "Hamilton." And now comes one of the strongest situations in the play, the meeting between father and son and the denial of his father's identity by that son, who is spurred on by Dazzle.

A lapse of two days occurs. Sir Harcourt is full of angry suspicion, and he writes for his son. Dazzle's cool impudence to the old baronet and the love passages between Grace and young Courtley, rouses up strong feeling. Then Mr. Adolphus and Lady Gay Spanker appear on the scene. This seems to be an oddly assorted couple. "Dolly" Spanker is a very bashful foolish little gentleman, who relies implicitly on his field-sport loving wife. She, with her youthful spirits, makes a good impression on Sir Harcourt. Then Dazzle, sizing up the situation, proposes to young Courtley that they fix up a plot so that, with the aid of Lady Gay Spanker, they should entrap him into a declaration of love to Lady Gay, and so render young Courtley assistance. Lady Gay merrily consents to the plan, and proceeds to entrap Sir Harcourt into an expression of love. Dazzle persuades Sir Harcourt that Lady Gay is desperately in love with him. Sir Harcourt plunges headlong and proposes to Lady Gay that they elope. She consents in order to further the plot.

Meanwhile, Grace and Charles fall desperately in love with each other. But Courtley, in the guise of "Hamilton," leaves and Grace appears broken-hearted. But Courtley soon turns up in "propria persona." Meddle has been interfering with everybody, and informs Spanker that Lady Gay is about to elope. Spanker becomes violently jealous and challenges Sir Harcourt to a duel. The duel, however, is stopped by Max, through information from Lady Gay. Charles is arrested for debt by Mr. Solomon Isaacs, who proves that Courtley and Hamilton are "one and the same person." Grace pays the debt, and offers her hand and fortune to young Courtley. Sir Harcourt realizes his position and consents. "Dolly" and Lady Gay Spanker have come to an understanding and are happier than ever. But who is Dazzle? The reply is in substance this:—"Dazzle is Dazzle."

Baccalaureate Sermon.

Dr. Wilber F. Tillett, Dean of the Theological faculty of Vanderbilt University has been elected to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon before the class of '98, at their graduation.

Dr. Tillett is a native North Carolinian and lived in the state several years. He is a gifted speaker and an eminent divine and the class of '98 are to be congratulated upon the excellent selection.

Memorial Services in Honor of the Late David Gaston Worth.

Thursday Nov. 26 at 8:30 o'clock Memorial services were held in the Chapel in honor of the late David Gaston Worth.

The services were opened by Rev. Mr. Wilson, who read a chapter and offered a short prayer. Fitting tributes were paid to the life of Mr. Worth by Dr. Alderman, Dr. Manning, and Dr. Battle. His character was spoken of as peculiarly exemplary. Unambitious, unassertive, friends and wealth came to him. Strong, serious, earnest, he dreamed not that he had any fame, but fame came to him—the fame of a noble and a pure soul. He possessed a remarkable sagacity in business affairs, and to his business he devoted all of his energy, character, and wisdom. His life to the ordinary man gives the best lesson that a life can give—the dignity and glory in an upright life, however hidden from the public gaze. He was a simple country gentleman, a man of business, who lived a noble life.

Dr. Battle compared his life to that of his father, Governor Worth. Both father and son were endowed with the same high qualities of character.

Mr. Worth was graduated from the University in 1853. For forty years he was a successful merchant in Wilmington. He went out of business life some two years ago on account of declining health. He loved the University with a tender affection, and was ever ready to render her noble service.

He gave \$500 towards remodeling the Chapel, \$1000 to the Chairs of History, and \$1000 to the Alumni Building. He also established the Worth Prize in Philosophy.

Dr. Alderman read a copy of resolutions of respect drawn up by the D. K. E. Fraternity, of which Mr. Worth was a member.

The Elisha Mitchell Meeting.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society held its November meeting in the Chemical Lecture Room on last Tuesday night. The following papers were presented.

1. "The Atomic Weight of Zirconium."—Dr. Venable.

The per cent. of the various elements entering into the composition of Zirconium was ably discussed. It was shown that the determinations made by different authorities do not agree; some finding the Atomic Weight to be 90.4, while others maintain that it is 90.65 to 90.57.

2. "Some Novel Designs for High Speed Navigation."—Prof. Gore.

A cylinder boat about 110 feet long has a circular track upon which are two locomotives. The one proposed is 700 feet long and 125 feet wide. The locomotive works on the principle of the "Tread Mill," and in this way a speed of 120 miles per hour is attained.

3. "Specimens of Plants Showing the Flora of Rocky Mt. Region."—Mr. Ashe.

The similarity of the Flora of the Rocky Mts. to that of the Appalachian was mentioned, and the fact, the difference can be detected only by an experienced eye. The plants are largely roots, and found above the timber line in the region of perpetual snow.

Prof. Holmes' paper was postponed until next meeting.