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The facts brought out at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees ought to appeal to every loyal North Carolinian.

The University has been subjected to much criticism by those who do not understand its inner life, and who in many cases have not acquainted themselves with facts, but invariably inaugurate supposition as the author and finisher of their arguments. To this class we would recommend a careful perusal of the facts presented as instructive and enlightening.

The large percentage of native North Carolina students has a very significant meaning to all who desire to see the University fulfill its mission for an institution must first embody the "flesh and blood" of its own community before it becomes cosmopolitan in character.

We often hear it said that unless the student reads certain books he cannot hope to be cultured. In fact, the little song is repeatedly sung to us that the students in the University are not well read.

There is no reason, it is said, why such a state of affairs should exist when a library, affording so much good literature is at hand. But is the opportunity offered so rare, after all? True, there are thousands of volumes laden with dust, never opened that lie upon the shelves of the library, ready for the eager student, and there are also books of the best fiction, that can be used and are used. But how about the latest fiction, the most popular works of the brilliant literateurs of the day—the current literature that all cultured people should read, we are told. Can they be obtained? It is a fact that in many cases they cannot. But where are they? The rules of the library forbids the keeping of books out over two weeks, or by renewal over four weeks. The student must observe this or pay the fine. Further more they are expected to return the books, that are in great demand as soon as read.

But there are other people who no doubt forget that the students desire to read these books, who take them out, keep them week after week, and often even for months before returning. Perhaps these books, during this long period are being eagerly perused by some of these fortunate ones, or perhaps they are lying uncared for and forgotten upon the centre table, safe

from being soiled by the "unfortunates". Any way they are not in the library and often their whereabouts are not known. Are these people fined? That may or may not be the case, we do not know. But granting that they are, they should not forget that other people like to read. In the meantime if these books must be safely kept from our reach; it is to be sincerely hoped that we will not be so often reminded of our ignorance along this line.

It has been said that "Literary spirit is not a reality, but a potentiality in our University; not an esse but a posse." It has also been said that there ought to be a college monthly maintained by student articles.

In the revival of the Magazine in the face of the latter thought, is presented the opportunity for the literary spirit to become a reality; a powerful factor in College life. The revival of the Magazine may or may not mean much—just in proportion to whether the students do or do not grasp the opportunity presented to them.

An exchange gives the following definition of a College Magazine; "A publication to the contents of which one per cent of the school contribute, and with which the remaining ninety and nine find fault."

There will always be vastly more critics than contributors, but our Magazine has been revived as distinctly a students publication and if this policy is to be continued, the students must write for it. Not the Editors alone but every student, who feels that he can write an article, even if he is doubtful as to whether it is worthy of publication or not, should do so and submit it to the Magazine.

We do not believe that there is a deplorable lack of literary spirit among the University students. If such a spirit does not come to the support of the Magazine, we must concede that we are mistaken; for the Magazine must ever be the true exponent of the literary ability of the students. There is no other criterion by which it can be measured.

The old Magazine, for a year or more previous to its suspension, had almost no student articles—not because they were rejected, but because they were never written. Shall we be forced to say that history repeats itself.

It is true that the two literary societies are financially responsible for the Magazine, but if it is ever to attain a prominent position in College, and be issued monthly—as it should be, the students outside of the Societies must aid it by subscribing. The membership of the societies number less than one half of the students, and with other obligations resting upon them, they can hardly afford to bear the whole burden alone.

With a publication almost entirely filled with student work a very large circulation among the Alumni cannot be counted upon. Comparatively few Alumni will be so devoted to their Alma Mater, or so interested in student life as to subscribe simply to read productions often immature in thought and crude in style. But no thoughtful student will deny that there is need of an undergraduate publication,

and that it can fill a hitherto unoccupied field. To make it successfully and creditably occupy this field, depends almost entirely upon the literary and financial aid given it by the students.

It is the duty of every student to give the Magazine his sympathy and hearty support in order that it may be worthy of the University.

Robert E. Lee.

Rev. Mr. Averitt of Louisburg gave a lecture last Wednesday night in the chapel on "Robert E. Lee—A Nation's Property." A large audience, mostly of students, was out to hear him and when the old soldier appeared on the rostrum in his old Confederate uniform he was greeted with a prolonged burst of applause. Any lecture on this noble subject would be interesting, but from his personal acquaintance with the great soldier and the grand man Mr. Averitt was unusually well qualified to speak of him. The many moments of applause showed that while all their loyalty is now to the Union yet this younger generation has not forgotten the old Confederate soldier and can still appreciate his noble sacrifice and suffering.

The lecture was much appreciated and enjoyed by all, as well as being instructive from a historical point of view.

THE VARSITY GIRL.

She'd a great and varied knowledge
Picked up at a co-ed college
Of quadratics, hydrostatics and pneumatics
Very vast.

She was stuffed with erudition
As you stuff a leather cushion
All the ologies of the college, and the knowledge
Of the past.

She had studied the old lexicons
The Peruvians and Mexicans
Their theology, anthropology and geology
O'er and o'er.

She knew all the forms and features
Of the prehistoric creatures
Ichthyosaurus, pleiosaurus, magalansaurus
And many more.

She knew all the mental giants
And the master minds of science
All the learning that was turning
In the burning mind of man;

But she couldn't prepare a dinner
For a gaunt and hungry sinner
Or get up a decent supper
For her poor voracious papa
For she never was instructed
On the old domestic plan.

ANONYMOUS.

Willoughby Reade.

A large and appreciative audience gathered in Gerrard Hall last Friday night, where they were treated to a most delightful reading of choice selections by Mr. Willoughby Reade of Virginia. For about one hour and a half, the audience was carried through varied emotions by the masterful power of the reader. In accordance with the speaker's few preliminary remarks, "we would rather laugh than cry", so the ludicrous entered largely into the programme.

Among the selections were "Mr. Perkins' visit to the Dentist", a very humorous impersonation, "The Fall of Pemberton Mill", a dramatic rendition of an episode connected with that horrible catastrophe; "Courtship Extraordinary", an amusing selection from "Pickwick Papers."

Mr. Reade's remarkable control of his facial muscles was exhibited in an exceedingly laughable selection, "The Crooked-mouth Family", which elicited much applause.

The delightful evening ended with "How 'Ruby' played", a countryman's description of Rubenstein's piano-playing, followed by a farcical character sketch.

'Tis seldom we have an opportunity of hearing a good elocutionist and reader, and the treat was enjoyed to the utmost by all who attended Mr. Reade's entertainment.

After seeing such a striking example of elocutionary art, the needful advantage of a professor of elocution at U. N. C. becomes enforced.

The Idiosyncrasies of Progress.

Communicated.

Taking up the University Catalogue of a few years ago, the most casual observer will not fail to note the great evidences of progress at the University. To note some interesting points in the onward march is the purpose of this article.

The progress of even one year may be noted by reference to the faculty picture in the Hellenian of last year. Then, in order to swell the number in the faculty group, the meshes of the dragnet were made so close, that even the bottle washer in the Chemistry department was unable to escape. The substantial additions to the number of professors, instructors, and assistants will make such all-comprehending photography unnecessary this year; and the color of the bottle-washer has accordingly changed to his original hue.

The reduction of expense shows itself in many ways really substantial; and with these we are all familiar. The latest move in this direction is appreciated only by the Sophomores; and they—well Sophomores always were ungrateful. By the thoughtfulness of the head of the department, the class in second Latin is provided with texts from which to recite. The saving here is considerable. The wear and tear occasioned by taking books out in all sorts of weather; the preservation from interlineations, which would otherwise be made; all these make the books more valuable second hand—and everybody sells his Latin texts, you know. And for the fellow, who sses his book only on recitation, well—his innings have arrived.

Graduate courses in the University are now open to women. The practical effects so far have been a little chalk-throwing, the revival of the suffrage question and the demonstration of the pedagogical soundness of the female mind, a TAR HEEL editor (or editress) and a Mathematical prodigy. A decided spirit of self-repression is noticed among the old kind, out of courtesy to this new element of the student life. Reminiscences, tales and traditions, in those departments, most interested, have been revised, abridged, and, in general, brought down to date; and in many cases losing their most salient features.

Every state in the Union and fourteen foreign countries are represented at Harvard.

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