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In view of the fact that our Athletic Association in considering the advisability of entering into the Southern Inter-collegiate Athletic Association, it might be of interest to the public to know some of the objections to that step. The advantages are so apparent that it is needless to mention them. The objections are serious and should be carefully considered before any steps towards connecting ourselves with that Association is taken. Section 8, of article IV of the constitution is the first serious one. It reads as follows: "No team in this Association shall play foot ball with any team having a professional on it." As is well known many of our preparatory schools give inducements to students in order to strengthen their teams. No one regrets this fact more than we. According to the ruling of the Association, this would debar us from our practice games with these teams, an event which would practically destroy our Athletics, since owing to our geographical situation, it is extremely difficult for us to reach more than a very few southern colleges, and our contests with these are our important games. Section II of the same article broadens the objection, as it would prevent our team playing any other team on which is a man ineligible to membership in the Association. Section 12 cuts out those fellows who during summer months, to pass away the time, play ball, strictly amateur though it may be, on any summer nine or other athletic sport. Section 13 requires that any person who has ever taken part in an inter-collegiate contest and afterwards enters another college shall be a student at that institution at least one year before he is allowed to take part in athletic contests. Obviously this is a too rigid restriction to impose on colleges of 500 students and under. This would practically cut out of our contests our Law, Medical and Pharmacy classes, thus dealing a death blow to our athletics. This might be a good regulation for colleges of a thousand or more students, but it is suicide to smaller ones. We attribute, in a great measure, the weakness of Georgia, Vanderbilt, Auburn, Sewanee and other members of this Association

in the last foot ball season to this stringent regulation. Section I of Article X is too rigid, though there may be good in it. Again the regulation which forbids members of the Association from playing other teams unless under the rules of the Association tends to knock outsiders backward in seeking games with members.

We offer these suggestions for what they are worth. We want to see professionalism in college sport uprooted. But it seems to us that the above mentioned rules serve more to undermine good amateur athletics, than to break up professionalism. There are other objections which might be mentioned, but they are of minor importance and might be put up with.

The Thanksgiving issue of the TAR HEEL was the last issue that was published before Christmas and in the first issue of this session an item of great interest to Athletics here was unintentionally overlooked. This was the timely help given and the great interest displayed by the University men within the state and elsewhere to our foot ball team of last fall. To them in a large measure our success may be attributed and they can rest assured that such treatment is fully appreciated by the College in general. We hope that such an example set by the University men last fall will be followed by others who will strive to come more in touch with our Athletic life here. If such is done our teams will have success in whatever phase of Athletics they represent.

With this issue of the TAR HEEL the office of Editor-in-chief is seen to have changed hands. This office is not accepted without a sense of grave responsibility on the part of the present holder. However, he hopes that the present editors will do all in their power to help him give to its subscribers issues as attractive as heretofore. Moreover it is not out of place to remind every one that the TAR HEEL is a students' publication and contributions from them are expected and solicited.

As this time of the year is rather dull in the Athletic line we see no reason why some scheme can not be inaugurated to have a tennis tournament among the different classes in the University. This was tried a year or so ago and proved an interesting feature in our athletic life here. The interest in tennis seems to have become dormant and a tournament is a good way to revive it. A few years ago there was enough interest taken here in tennis to send representatives to other states where they won for themselves and the University laurels. There are to-day in college players of as great ability as they and even if we can not arrange dates with other colleges we can surely have games among ourselves.

Tennis has become a dominant feature in the athletic life of all prominent colleges in the country and the University of North Carolina should not be lacking in this line.

Society Work.

The Literary Societies are doing better work at present than ever before. Nothing can be more gratifying to the old men than to see the new men take such an interest in their Society work.

It is often the case that a Freshman is awarded the honor of being the best debater for the evening. In their debates they show careful preparation and a strong will to be benefited in joining the Society. For the meeting before Christmas in the Phi. Society Mr. Stern made the best debate. For the meeting of Jan. 7, 1899, Sallenger was awarded that honor.

Both these men are new men. This fact shows the interest taken in Society work.

For the meeting of Jan. 14, 1899 Mr. T. J. Johnson made the best debate.

A man that comes to the University and fails to join one of the literary Societies is indeed in his own light.

The Chapel Hill Choral Society.

The first concert of the season of the Chapel Hill Choral Society will be given in Gerrard Hall on Friday night, Feb. 10, 1899.

This concert bids fair to be an enjoyable one to lovers of music. The Society is composed of the best local talent within the college and under the direct supervision of Prof. Karl P. Harrington it has made rapid head way. Prof. Harrington has on more than one occasion shown his ability in the musical line here and we can safely expect a fine concert from his training. For the occasion Miss Eva Lawson and Mr. J. A. C. Dauer have been engaged. Miss Lawson as the Soprano soloist and Mr. Dauer as the violinist. These artists come to us with high recommendations and it will be worth the money to hear them.

The chorus will sing Mendelssohn's: "Hear My Prayer" and "O Great is depth" from "St. Paul," the "Triumphal March" from Costa's "Noaman," Vincent's vocal waltz, "Blow Soft Winds" (Ladies Chorus) and various part songs. From the above programme a rare treat is seen to be in store for those who attend.

The price of reserved seats is fifty cents while the gallery is thirty five. With the prices so low all the students should come out and show their appreciation of an institution in which the town and college both here interested.

Seats can be secured at Eubanks' drug store after 3. P. M. Wednesday, January 25, 1899.

The February Dance.

The date of the February dance has been fixed for Friday night February the third. Mr. Grimes, the leader has appointed as floor-managers, Messrs. Kornegay, Med. '99, and Joyner, '00. Haywood's band of Raleigh has been engaged to furnish music for this occasion and an enjoyable evening may be expected.

The Capital Club of Raleigh will not give their dance 'til later in February, so it will interfere in no way with the dance given here.

A crowd of young ladies is expected from that town and of course ev-

ery member of the German Club here will rejoice to know that the Capital Club dance will not prevent them from attending the dance here.

Change in the TAR HEEL Board of Editors.

A meeting of the TAR HEEL editors was held last Thursday afternoon in the Chapel. The purpose of said meeting was to elect an Editor-in-chief in place of Mr. R. D. W. Connor, '99, whose resignation had been handed in. Mr. M. Bellamy, Jr. of the present board was elected to fill this position. Mr. D. P. Parker, '00, was elected to fill the position made vacant by Mr. Connor's resignation.

Mr. Parker has been assigned to the local department.

Lecture This Week.

On the 25 and 27, of January, this week, Prof. J. Howard Gore of Columbian University, Washington, D. C., will deliver in the Chapel of the University two interesting lectures. The first is "Holland's War with the Sea;" second, "Within the Arctic Circle." The lectures will be handsomely illustrated with the electric stereopticon. Prof. Gore is a brother of our own Prof. Gore and has had rare opportunities for travel, having spent three years in Holland and also but recently returned from a voyage in the arctic circle. These lectures are free and show the opportunities for culture that the authorities are constantly placing before the students.

Prof. Collier Cobb, just before Christmas, delivered a lecture before the Salem High School in Sampson County, and President Alderman has been invited to give the commencement address there. This is the largest preparatory school in the eastern part of the State, having 125 pupils, and is presided over by J. R. Baggett, ex '00, and F. T. Wooten.

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