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The destruction to college property on Wednesday night by the members of the different classes here is more characteristic of barbarians than of college students. It seems that this must take place every year and the place of attack must always be the same. Those not taking part in such barbarism are as much blamed and have to suffer just as if they were participants. If the election of the officers of the Freshman class has to be stopped, then let it not be done in a way that calls forth so much blame and comment. The whole college alike has to bear the burden of such loss of property and it is not fair that all should be held responsible for the deeds of a few. However, it seems that no remedy can be suggested for there is no way of finding out the perpetrators. The only remedy possible must come from the student body.

In another column of this week's TAR HEEL will be found a general write up of our Athletics here. From this we find that no attention is being paid to tennis and track Athletics. However, there is some assurance given that as soon as the weather permits, the Tennis Association will take steps to arrange a tournament and thus revive interest in tennis here. In track Athletics, we find nothing done nor do the prospects indicate that anything will be done to bring this branch of Athletics on an equal footing with foot-ball and base-ball. In all colleges we find the track team as important as the foot-ball and base-ball teams. There is as much honor to be a member of this team as it is to be a member of either of the latter. Even the preparatory schools of the State send teams here during the Spring to compete for honors on the track. Why is it then that Carolina can not get up enough interest among her students to let this branch of Athletics be represented here? We do not think that there is lack of material. It must be because no one will take hold of this matter. Men will not go out unless there is some one there to direct them and train them. We believe that if a captain or at least a temporary one be appointed and every assurance be given the stu-

dents that there is some incentive for them to work along this line that a large crowd of candidates will daily be present at the practices. We hope the proper authorities will take hold of this matter and try to bring forward some scheme by which interest can be stirred up among the students to bring track athletics on equal footing with the other branches here.

It is very gratifying for us to note in the State papers that Miss Sallie Walker Stockard has been spoken of as candidate for State Librarian. So far as we know, Miss Stockard is the second woman who has been spoken of as candidate for that important State position. There have appeared several other candidates, all of whom are excellent men and worthy of the confidence and respect of the whole State, but there is no one in whom we feel so deeply interested as Miss Stockard. She came to the University, joined the class of 1898 and was the first woman to graduate from this University. While here as a student, she showed that in her was to be found all the qualities that go to make a pure, brainy woman of whom N. C. could be proud. Some may object to having a woman as State Librarian, although other States have honored worthy women by giving them places of public trust, and we as a student body do not object to seeing Miss Stockard honored by the State, nor do we believe that the General Assembly could make a better selection. If our asking would do any good, we as a student body would gladly ask the Legislature to honor this deserving woman. In so doing, they will make no mistake or misplace the trust. We know whereof we speak.

### Alpha Theta Phi.

An article entitled "Alpha Theta Phi" appeared in the TAR HEEL of February 1st in which attention was called to the decadence of this society. This sentence appears:—"The officers of last year never looked up the standing of '99 and consequently nothing has been done." This statement is *wholly without foundation*. The officers of the society, namely the president and secretary, spent some portion of a day, early in January, 1898, in the register's office looking over the grades of the class of '99 and found five men from that class, viz; Messrs. J. R. Carr, C. B. Denson, John Donnelly, Marsden Bellamy and J. K. Dozier eligible to membership. Moreover, on date of February 10th, 1898, a meeting was held in the Modern Language Room Archibald Henderson presiding, at which meeting the aforesaid gentlemen were duly initiated. Mr. J. R. Carr was found to have received the highest grade in all classes from the time of his entrance into college until after the Christmas examinations of that, his junior, year. Hence at the expiration of the collegiate year, the duties of president, by the laws of the society, devolved upon Mr. Carr.

The hope is ventured that this explanation will remove any suspicion in regard to the neglect of the duties pertaining to the officers of the collegiate year of 1897-98.

May this society, which stands for the best and the highest in the way of scholarly attainment in this University, not fall into disuse and decay and the efforts of the undersigned have, be it known, been directed towards elevating it to its former position and prestige.

ARCHIBALD HENDERSON.  
Ex-Pres't, Class of '98.

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Mr. Cole of the firm of Cole and Hollady, Photographers spent a few days on the Hill this week.

Dr. Alderman left for Raleigh on Monday Morning.

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We are very sorry to hear of the very serious illness of Dr. Manning. His many friends hope that he will not be detained from us long and that we may soon greet his welcome face again on the campus.

### Alpha Theta Phi.

Communicated.

In this issue of the TAR HEEL will be found a communication from Mr. Archibald Henderson '98 last year's President of Alpha Theta Phi in which he replies to an article of the same name of last week's issue. This gentleman seems to take offense at the sentence "The officers of last year never looked up the standing of the class of '99 and consequently nothing has been done." He, moreover, denies such a statement as being without foundation. In reply to which we would say that if the officers from the class of '99 were looked up, the class has never been informed of the fact. The president, as is true, is known by the members of this so-

ciety but this gentleman, having never been officially informed of the fact, feels a delicacy in assuming charge of the society without being authorized to do so. The secretary has never been ascertained and "Consequently nothing has been done".

The spirit of the article of last week did not intend to convey the meaning that Mr. Henderson seems to take. It has never been doubted that he had the good of the society at heart and the only reason that his name was mentioned was because, he having been president last year, knew how to bring the society to a good basis again. It may be that the constitution of the society is not known by the class of '99, for it was never read to them, and for this reason the misunderstanding has come about.

We are sorry that such an article has brought forth such a reply for it was written only to bring about some steps in the line of reorganization of the society and the one to do this was, we thought, the president of last year, Mr. Henderson.

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