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With this issue the direction of the publication of the TAR HEEL passes into new hands, as is seen by a glance at the heading of this column. To the retiring Editor-in-Chief, Mr. Bellamy, we would offer a word of praise for the very creditable publication which has been got out under his direction, and for the difficult standard which he has set for future editors to measure up to. Having seen something of the internal workings of the TAR HEEL and appreciating full well the difficulties the former Editor-in-Chief had to contend with, we would respectfully ask the associate editors of this paper one and all to lay aside any false impressions they may have had in regard to the TAR HEEL being a concern run exclusively by the Editor-in-Chief, and to make their presence on the board appear useful as well as ornamental. It is not just that two or three out of half a dozen editors should do all the work and receive no more credit than those who do absolutely nothing. So although we will strive to our utmost to keep the TAR HEEL up to its present high standard among college weeklies, we would urge upon our brother editors the fact that upon them rests largely the responsibility for our success or failure in maintaining that standard.

In another column will be found a programme of the approaching Commencement which promises to be one of the best in the history of the University. One feature of the Commencement, which we think a most important one, will be the initiation of the plan set on foot by President Alderman to have reunions of the different classes which have been out of college five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five years. This time the plan is to have reunions of the classes of '79 and '89 respectively, and as this is the inauguration of the movement for class reunions its outcome as to its success is watched with great interest.

Although bad weather, circuses and other things have in a measure retarded the daily base-ball practice for the past few days, we think that the team should not let up altogether in

their training for these reasons. As now is the critical point in the base-ball season, a time when a general feeling of laziness and apathy seems to seize all, we should see to it for this very reason that we grow not negligent in our athletic training. For the time will shortly come for Carolina to go "marching through Georgia," and we would not have the proper training wanting on that occasion in making that march a victorious one.

Three games were played with the University of North Carolina and two of them were actually stolen, while the other was a farce pure and simple. The games were played under 1898 rules (the home team claiming that the 1899 rules had not penetrated that remote region); and in every one the umpire was not only ignorant of baseball but was very decidedly prejudiced in favor of North Carolina—in the last game he was actually an alumnus of that institution. In the second game, it was clearly seen that the game would go to Carolina, no matter what our team did; Captain Grace, therefore, called the men from the field at the end of the fifth inning, the score being two to two. In order to secure the guarantee, however, nine innings had to be played, so our men were sent back with instructions to allow Carolina to score whenever she chose. Consequently, no record of the game was kept, and it will not be counted as part of the team's work.

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Barring the grammar of the above quotation from the article copied above from the Lehigh weekly, we heartily endorse it. It may be that the '99 base ball rules "have not penetrated into these remote regions" but the spirit of true college ethics has, and the same cannot be said of the college which can send out such an editorial as the above in its weekly paper. We cannot stoop so low as to attempt to disprove the base falsehood that we stole two games from the Lehigh team. Our team's record as gentlemen is too well established to justify us in attempting such a proof. We agree with the article in that the Greensboro game was a "farce pure and simple." The score N. C. 18, Lehigh 3, is proof of that statement. The statement that Fletcher Bailey of U. N. C.'s team for four seasons and well known in college base ball circles, is ignorant of the game is too ridiculous for serious comment and the same may be said of the charge against Mr. Crawford ex-Captain of Trinity College team of '98. It is very strange that Carolina in her games with Lehigh should be subject to such adverse criticism, when her games with more friendly opponents have always passed off pleasantly—strange and inexplicable that we should resort to unfair umpiring when it was evident to all that we would win any way by our superior playing. No sort of umpiring can assist a team to pile up twenty-three hits on an opponent's crack pitcher and hold that opponent to a few scattered ones.

We have suffered defeat as well as

enjoyed victory in our baseball history, but we are thankful that we are able to say that we left the umpiring excuse for defeat behind us to our successors on the prep-school teams. We are sorry Lehigh has not done the same thing.

We feel that this much is due our team for the manly way in which they acted even though playing ball with a crowd of unruly children. Otherwise the article would not have been noticed.

## Bonds Belonging to the University.

Perhaps it may be of interest to our readers to know that the report that the Supreme Court of the United States had by a recent decision invalidated the Wilkes and Stanly county bonds to the value of \$14,000 belonging to the University, is untrue.

The decision was not on the merits of the case.

Capt. Price, Attorney for the bondholders, is confident of gaining the cases which involve the validity of the bonds issued by those counties.

## Prof. Toy on Prince Bismarck.

For an hour last evening in Gerrard Hall, beginning at 7:30, Prof. W. D. Toy, lectured to a large and attentive audience on "Prince Bismarck." He began by mentioning the "Iron Chancellor's" prominent place in history, being one of its colossal figures. The predominant passion of his whole career was his love for Prussia. The Bismarck family is an old and conspicuous one, found especially in war. The influence of both father and mother on the chancellor's character was clearly pointed out by the speaker. At the age of seventeen he entered a German University. While there he distinguished himself at duel-fighting; and his respect for authority was rather weak. But even at this early age we find him planning the combination of all Germany into one united fatherland.

After a short military service in which he had shown his bold and reckless spirit, in 1847 he began his political life which was to last for more than forty years. He was fond of the country, and often from the heat of public duties he would retire to his country home to enjoy for a short while its quietness. Soon after his entrance into political life he was married to a noble wife who exerted considerable influence on her husband's life. Bismarck maintained the prerogatives of the king against the democratic spirit. His first political efforts were to gain for Prussia instead of Austria supremacy in the German Confederation.

In 1862 he was called home from Paris and made President of the Prussian Diet. Then the new era for his country began. Prof. Toy pointed out very clearly Bismarck's great diplomatic skill displayed in connection with the Schleswig-Holstein question which was indeed his great masterpiece of diplomacy, and how in a masterly way he managed to expel Austria from the German Confederation. As Bismarck himself has said, he was wedded to one plan; his only plan was in the pursuance of his own end. After he had defeated Austria in a brilliantly conducted war of seven weeks' duration he refused to allow Napoleon III., of France,

to dictate the terms of peace. In the treaty that was made Austria was left out of the German Confederation. The South German States were also left free, but in reality Bismarck had already made a secret treaty with them, which, when it was made known, led his enemies to say that he had broken the Treaty of Prague before it was ever signed.

He saw that France and Germany must close in deadly strife; so selecting his most opportune time for the good of Prussia, he seized on the first pretext to bring it about. As a result of this war, William I. was crowned Emperor of all Germany, and Bismarck was for twenty years the supreme power in the control of affairs. Then came the mistake of his life; his struggle with the Roman Church was a failure. Later he showed the same iron will which had characterized his former actions in dealing with the Socialists. He advanced Germany to an important colonial power; he conferred a lasting benefit on Europe by so arranging its diplomatic and political condition as to render war improbable.

In 1890 the world was amazed at his dismissal from power by William II., but in 1894 a reconciliation between the two took place. But his greatness was not to be affected by the favor or disfavor of rulers; it was the "arduous greatness of things done," for which the German people hold his name in high and deserved honor.

The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon views, which aided Prof. Toy much in delivering his scholarly and thoughtful lecture.

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