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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Monday at noon to insure publication the same week. We shall be glad to publish pertinent discussions of college topics. The Tar Heel will welcome news items, and hopes the whole college will aid it along this line.

### A Sin to be Stopped.

It is unpleasant in the extreme to write of some things—family matters, so to speak, in our life here—for publication. When, however, it becomes a matter of general report that a serious abuse exists, that an evil disease is more or less prevalent in our moral system, the time has come to speak out. That is the way by which reform must come.

There is published in this issue an article which is commended to the thoughtful consideration of the students. There is more heinous offence known to the ethics of a college than cheating on examination. It is said there a few instances of this kind on the December examinations. We are reluctant to believe this, but we are forced to say that we do. It cannot, however, be believed that those who committed the breach were aware of its seriousness.

A public sentiment ought to be aroused which would make cheating on examination impossible. Think of the detestable nature of that act! A man is put upon his honor to be honest. No spies are set to watch him, as is the case at so many institutions. The man's own word that he has been honest is accepted as proof positive of the fact. What then shall we say of the offence which adds to cheating a flagrant breath of trust and deliberate perjury? Surely he who is persistently guilty of it should be shunned by his fellow-students, shut out from their society. There is no room here for such a man.

The past we cannot recall; the future we can provide against. The past has seen a few men pass examinations and receive diplomas tarnished by fraud. The future will hardly witness a single such case, if a college spirit is aroused aggressively intolerant of such practices. With the attention of the college emphatically directed to the abuse, we believe cheating on examination will cease entirely.

After considering the question carefully, we have thought it best thus to speak out frankly—best for

the institution and all concerned. There is no reflection upon the University involved, for all institutions have the same problem. As we love the institution, we should all strive to root utterly this evil and remove far from us this stigma.

It was with reluctance and great regret that the editors of the Tar Heel accepted the resignation of Mr. Whitehead Kluttz from the Editorship-in-Chief. During the past season he has met with gratifying success in that proverbially difficult position. He has been unusually successful in the expression of the feeling of the student body on the serious questions that have arisen for discussion and his style both of thinking and of writing has been such as to attract complimentary notice not only from University students, but from the press away from the Hill. It is very far from easy to fill the place resigned by one so eminently suited for it as he.

### A Serious Question.

For The Tar Heel.)

It has been remarked that cheating has been done on examinations during the last examination period. If so, shall it be permitted to pass again without the student body taking some action to stop it?

Shall it be said that a student can get through an examination by unfair means and the student body remain inactive? It has not been so in the past. Shall we institute it as a custom for the future? I feel sure we will say no! Of course it a very hard matter for one student to tell a class-mate, and at the same he has to consider whether he will be able to prove, as a certainty, the charge which he brings. We can all realize to a certain extent how we would feel under the circumstances, and hence all actions of this kind must be in a way slow, so as to be sure.

It is very evident that the students must be the means of stopping such low, underhanded action. This is to some extent difficult, owing to the fact that the student body has no organization in which to deal with such matters, and the faculty would find it next to impossible to approach it. This does not mean that I would suggest such a thing as spies, but simply that where such is plainly detected we will not close our eyes to it and let it pass as unnoticed.

For myself, I have thought of the matter a good deal and the best way which occurs to me is that the students should come together and pass resolutions that they will not permit such a thing to occur, and that instead of censuring a student who has the manhood and courage to come out boldly against such unfairness, we shall give him our full support. I do not say that such men have been censured by us, but that we should assure them that such would not be the case. It is necessary that the students should stop this evil, which we have not been accustomed to shelter; if it is to be stopped they should act before the next examination period. Any plan, whatever it may be, which will stamp this out, and will enable us to still say that a man

cannot use foul means to pass on an examination will be greatly welcomed.

STUDENT.

### Death of Jim Crowell.

His many friends will be deeply grieved to hear of the death of Mr. J. J. Crowell, ex-'03. He died Tuesday morning after a very brief illness of typhoid fever at his home in Fayetteville. A merry, open-hearted fellow, Jim Crowell made many warm friends while here last session. Death seems all the more sad and pitiful when it takes from us one so strong in mind and body, one so eminently fitted to excel in the battle of life as was he.

Senator Pritchard, having the appointment of a cadet at large to the West Point Military Academy, has designated Walter W. Bryan, of Madison county. He has named as his alternate Thadeus W. Jones, of Asheville.

The Secretary of the Treasury at the instance of Senator Pritchard, has appointed President F. P. Venable, of the University of North Carolina, a member of the assay commission, which meets at Philadelphia Feb. 13 next.

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