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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.

The practice of the Track Team has continued very regularly and satisfactorily during the past week. Several more candidates reported for work and all are being put through a systematic course of training.

Mr. Weeks furnishes us the following criticism:

There are a few points to be criticised in the work of the track team, particularly among the new men. The new men do not give enough attention to the command "go" after "get set." The mind should be concentrated upon that order, which when given should be immediately obeyed. A half second delay in the 100 or 200 yd. dash means half a rod loss. Also on the other hand care must be taken not to anticipate the command, for if any part of the body touches ground in front of the mark before the command is given, it means a set back of 1 yd. on the 100 yd. and 2 yds. on the 220 yd. dash.

Let the men in the 100 yd. and 220 yd. dash keep their eyes upon the finish and keep up full speed to the end, and not slowing up when near the finish. If these suggestions are followed much time will be saved and better work done.

Every Friday there will be a vigorous drill in the gymnasium, and if it makes any body sore it is a sure sign that the one afflicted needs to take more of that kind of work.

During this week, the officers of the Tennis Club will be at work effecting a working organization of our tennis players. The Club has a reason for its existence this year, the purpose of bringing out Carolina's representative tennis team, and it is our interest to help the success of their effort.

An opportunity is afforded us to give tennis the rank it had here some years ago,—to have an intercollegiate tournament. A proposition has been made us by the Athletic Association of a Southern College, that our tennis teams play a tournament here on the occasion of their baseball game with us. The Athletic Advisory Board think well

of the idea, and would be pleased to see the plan carried into execution. We can easily get out a strong team if the matter is taken up at once, as there are quite a member of individually strong players in the University.

It is desirable that a tournament be held as soon as practicable to determine our best players, and that our teams in doubles thus selected then get as much practice in team work as time allows.

Some comment has been made on the failure of the Tar Heel's exchanges to be put in the Library. Various reasons caused the discontinuance of that custom last fall, but as interest in them has been expressed, the Exchange Editor will see that they are sent there.

(Concluded from 1st page.)

Guy V. Roberts, on "The Ku Klux Klan, its origin, form of organization, and object."

"At first the Klan existed only in the little town of Pulaski, Tenn.

At that time, only the favored few were admitted to membership. Every thing was shrouded in mystery. Crowds would gather to watch their street parade at night, to try to find who they were. They would enter the town disguised, on horse-back. Every thing was done by signals. After marching in a circle around the central block of the village, they would disappear as mysteriously as they had come.

While at first the number of members was small and from a limited circle, yet it spread rapidly until at last it reached from Virginia to Texas and contained men of all classes. Probably it was first organized purely for purposes of fun, but things happened at that time in the South that caused it to be developed for entirely different purposes.

The organization went by many different names; among themselves it was known as the invisible Empire. The smallest body formed was known as a "den"; there would be eight or ten of these in a county, and about fifty members in each. The officers were a Grand Chief, then the Grand Monk, Grand Turk and two Night Hawks. The latter rode over the country to summons men to the dens. They met every two weeks in woods and old fields. Three shots at sunset was the signal for the den to assemble.

They usually wore white gowns, though some wore red, with black borders. Many wore only masks, with very high crowns and large faces. They had certain signs, whereby they found out whether or not a man was a member, also a "grip" when they shook hands.

The body was, organized as said above, in a spirit of fun. But later they declared it their object to protect the defenceless, and to see to the enforcement of the law. All these objects were worthy but in North Carolina it took a more serious shape. The Republicans claimed that it was a political body organized to keep them from carrying elections and to keep the negro from voting. In Rutherford County, the Klan did adopt that purpose. But the Conservatives could usually defend the Order; it was claimed that barn-burning was

becoming common, and that it was becoming unsafe for women to go about unprotected, and that the law did not punish the crimes that were being committed; they claimed that the organization was for the punishment of the guilty, and to deter others from crime. Mr. Roberts closed his paper with an interesting detailed account of their methods.

Dr. Battle then read a letter about Dr. Dread Phillips, of Florida an ante-bellum physician, who was a graduate of the University. Then he read a most interesting paper, a chapter from his "History of the University," now in preparation. It was a letter from a lady who was before marriage a Miss Sarah Kirtrell, of Chapel Hill. She wrote this letter to Dr. Battle from her home in Texas, at the age of ninety one years. She gave a charming description of Chapel Hill and the University as she knew it between 1820 and 1830, telling of the society of the place, and all the interesting characters, as the village schoolmaster, and the village doctor.

The letter tells also how during that time the town began to get "more modern". The meeting closed with an informal discussion among those present, of the times described.

A. M. Carr has been at home for several days.

The whole University is sorry to lose Frank Bennett, Jr. He left Tuesday to accept a position in a Geological survey.

Cole and Holladay, the University photographers, have been on the Hill several days completing their group work.

Services were conducted in the Chapel Sunday evening and night by Rev. D. H. Tuttle, who is one of the preachers to the University.

Several students went to Durham Saturday to see the Trinity-Horner game. The game resulted in a victory for Trinity by a score of 11 to 1.

Mr. Davis B. Smith of the class of '96 has entered the Law class.

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