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Was there ever such a game? Not a cheer! Not a sound from the breathless crowd! The sun shone brightly and there should have been the sound of birds on that happy autumn day, but even the peanut boy was still. Over all was silence like that of night, broken only by the dead, dull, powerful sound of the mighty lines rushing together and the occasional shrill whistle of the referee. Of all games it was the strangest.

Perhaps the Chief Cheerer can explain it, but we have our doubts. There is a psychological problem in the affair. There was something wrong with the crowd. The above caricature may be too strong; perhaps it is; but seriously, there was something strange about it. There was a fair sized crowd on the side lines, not a big one to be sure, but enough to have given many a lusty cheer if they had wanted to.

The game was a good one. Of course it was not the Virginia game, but there were several plays that were worthy the appreciation and approval of the onlookers, but if there was any of these commodities, it was of a silent variety.

In all earnestness, gentlemen of the University, this is not the way our team should be treated. Perhaps everybody forgot to cheer. Possibly there were other reasons. But what ever was the trouble, such an affair should not occur again. There will be one more game here, perhaps two more, and let us show our team that we are right there with the yells.

Last week we noted that the registration was the largest it had ever been at a corresponding date. Nobody would have judged this from the crowd that was at the game Saturday. The attendance was nothing like as large as it should have been. For those who stayed away we have the news that they missed a good game; this news, however, fails to bring pleasure to them or gate receipts to the Athletic Association.

There is little probability that there will be more than one more game on the Hill, and the students are urged to back up the team then.

The smallness of the crowd suggests a criticism that has been made of this year's schedule, namely, that there are too few games to be played here. It is to be regretted that there are so few games to be played here; there ought to be more; and there is only one reason why there is not; the games played here are financial losses,

and the team has to go away to get money. Suppose every man in College went to the game, circumstances would be very different; instead of our own team going away to play for others, they would play for us, and we could see the work of the teams that oppose us. Of course everybody cannot go to all the games, but nearly everybody can. Whether they go or not is what will decide whether the games will be played here or elsewhere.

That is a rather strange habit the Athletic Association has of waiting till the fall to elect the business manager of the TAR HEEL. It causes the manager himself a lot of inconvenience, and handicaps him in getting advertisements. The result is that the first issue of the paper is a week or two later than it should be. There is a delay that is entirely unnecessary, and that should be avoided. The question is how to avoid it. The best way would undoubtedly be to elect the Manager in the spring. It is hardly practicable to have the election earlier in the fall than it is now held, and there is no objection to having it just before Commencement. We should certainly have some arrangement that would make it possible to begin issuing the paper immediately after the editors are elected in the fall.

WAYNESVILLE ECHOES.

The Southern Student Conference as Seen by Our Representatives.

The Y. M. C. A. was very fortunate in having fifteen men attend the Students' Conference held in Waynesville during the summer. At the meeting Tuesday night Messrs. Ross, Mann, Howard, Barnhardt and Stewart gave brief accounts of the conference as they saw it.

Mr. Ross in speaking of the addresses said that there were two each day given by some of the strongest men in every line of Y. M. C. A. work. In the morning some phase of the young man's life-work was discussed in a clear, concise and thoughtful manner. In the evening just at sundown the entire student body gathered on the lawn where they heard a discussion dealing with the decision by young men with regard to the different fields of work which the association offers.

Mr. Mann discussed conferences briefly in stating that naturally much time was devoted to conference work. Each day began and was ended with a conference. In the presidential conference a careful and detailed study of the association work was taken up and thoroughly discussed. In the conference for "prep" school men the problems of "prep" school association as a distinct branch were considered. In the general conference held at night, the problems of "Bible Study", "Fall Campaigns" and "Christian Work" were studied. In the conferences the men met and talked openly and frankly, gaining thus a broader knowledge of what is being done in Southern colleges.

Mr. Howard spoke of the athletic side of the conference. He said that the entire afternoon was given to athletics of various kinds. Of

course Carolina held her place in baseball. The swift curves of Stewart and the star catching of Tillett were the things which defeated every other college team and won the championship for Carolina. Howard says he is still lamenting the fact that he was the only substitute, and that the fair damsels failed to see him when they were bestowing their smiles and flowers upon Stewart and Tillett.

Mr. Barnhardt said that by coming in contact with the clean and pure life there one could but have his spiritual life deepened. The problems discussed were of vital importance, and while living under their influence one must be stronger.

Mr. Stewart spoke in a general way of the conference. He said that it seemed to be a band of men whose lives were pure and clean, and who were devoted to their cause. They were earnest and enthusiastic, dealing with the physical and mental development in order that the spiritual might have its greatest field. The spirit prevalent was to help men now and through their college career. He said that the University of North Carolina men were equal to the men of any institutions represented there. He said further that he believed the Y. M. C. A. would mold the religious thought of the 20th century.

Hearing these men one was impressed that the Student's Conference was really a great institution. It is a pleasure to know that in this great gathering Carolina held her own in every department. The history of the conference indicates a constant growth and there is every hope that we may continue to grow with it and send each year a representation that is worthy of the University.

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