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All drags for the Yackety Yack must be in before Christmas. Have you a friend?

Some freshmen are still wearing the swaddling clothes of their prep school. They have brought their fire-cracker torpedoes with them. The babies have to have something to play with.

Lets everybody do a little cogitating and see if we can't find some plan whereby the football team can get to work during the winter and spring and become proficient in that course.

The punters, at least, should be out practicing now.

As Mr. Graham said in Chapel, that Chapel Hill Theater confusion was so ridiculous that one can scarcely be serious about it. It was Pickwickian in the most accepted sense of that misused word. Nevertheless — torpedoes are a nuisance.

About that Pickwickian affair there is no need of any one getting hysterical at all. If everybody will just stop for a few moments and consider the matter calmly they will see that there is no cause for hysterics — unless over the lack of manners evinced by some. The management was perfectly justified in its course. Put yourselves in their position and see if that is not the way of it. Forget for a moment that you belong to a specially privileged class of people.

Is two hundred hours per day worth saving? When Cain asked if he was his brothers keeper he probably was not aware that he had raised a question. The extent to which we are his keeper depends — how much do we owe him? How far may we impose upon him? To what extent have we the right to use up his time and not give equivalent value for it — no value except the sad experience? If six hundred students go to Chapel each day and get nothing out of the twenty minutes taken out of their time for that attendance, are those two hundred hours well spent? If the Chapel exercises, as usual, are no good for a week, were those thousand hours well spent? Has any one, or any several ones, the right to waste two hundred hours in one day? We respectfully leave the consideration of these questions to the managers of the Chapel lack of exercises.

PATRICK HENRY TURNS OVER

In the name of common justice, for the sake of that which is next to Godliness and for the right The Tar Heel takes up the memorable revolt of the student against the hard tyranny of fact. Each year the editor of the paper, urged by all the bathing public, has flamed forth in scathing denunciation of the inadequacy of the bathing facilities here and against the seeming inability of the authorities to overcome that inadequacy. Each year, as regularly, the authorities have either made no effort to remedy conditions, or else they have aroused themselves to the extent of sending the college plumber to inspect the piping. Last year or year before, it was announced in Chapel just before the Christmas holidays, that when the students returned they would find the showers in the gymnasium in such condition as to inspire the hope of a speedy millennium. The students, with more than the patience of Job, are still waiting for that inspiration.

Any-one and every-one who baths at the gymnasium knows that the showers are absolutely inadequate. If the runner, or runners, of things here were in the habit of taking baths — in the gymnasium — they would know for themselves the conditions. There are four showers that are good practically all the time, and another that is good most of the time. The rest are practically never available for hot baths. Of the five showers only two are absolutely sure. The other three are good unless there is someone using cold and hot water mixed in the stall before you on the hot water circuit. Under those conditions you get alternate blessings of hot and cold water — all of which give a decided stimulus to the impulse to use very short, pithy, and expressive expletives.

Under these five baths eight hundred students, who pay matriculation fees for good baths, are expected to take their daily showers. Eight or ten men go down to get a bath, a half dozen men leave the gymnasium proper for the showers, five or six men come in from tennis, a half dozen from track; a few athletes come in for their baths — this is going on all the time. Then about five-thirty o'clock thirty men come in from the Varsity football or baseball field, an equal number from the class field, a goodly number from the tennis courts, and some fifteen hangers-on desert the gym. The shower room resembles the inside of a sardine can. Ten students, at the smallest possible count, stand around on the cold, damp, health-destroying floor waiting on each shower. And the whole crowd curse like sailors — with good and sufficient provocation and reason. They curse the conditions and the men in authority who allow those conditions to exist.

It is with perfect justification that they do this. It is the only way, and that an ineffectual one, of expressing themselves about those whom they pay for good baths but who, knowing that the students are powerless, continue to tyrannically tax without representation and spend without consideration.

We all have friends whom we should like to see immortalized in print. Anyone can bestow this immortality easily — confer renown upon his friends "by a little work". Just drop one in the Drag Box, or tell one of the editors about it.

TO BRING IN THE SHEAVES

In a few more wags of the world, as Shakesphere would express it were he present, the holidays will be here and the majority of us will be at our homes. There we will all have abundant opportunity to be of service to the University. This year the University has been torn by a tremendous double shock — the death of a student through hazing, and the disastrous termination of probably the outwardly most unsuccessful football season in the history of the institution. Both of these factors will militate strongly against the efforts of those who love the University to get good new students here next year. The one will influence the parents and the boys; the other the boys and the parents. Now for our part:

It is up to us, the students, to talk the University sanely, and discuss it honestly and with all frankness with the boys who will be prepared to enter here next year, and with the parents of those boys. If you do not know about the institution, then find out all that you can between now and the holidays — its history, its student self government, the ranking of its different departments, its stand in athletics, and its rank among the other colleges and universities of the United States as given by the federal commission on institutions of higher learning. Find out about all these things and then when you go home talk to the prospective students and their parents about them. Don't do it in a spirit or tone of boastfulness as though "Carolina" were the only place on earth; for it isn't — though we all believe that it is

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