

*The University Magazine* has not hitherto been a *Magazine*, but one half of it has usually been filled with local happenings and current gossip—Such was not as it should be. The *Magazine* should be more literary in its character and free from those lighter things in which only newspapers indulge. But there must be some channel through which such can escape and the *Magazine* offered the only channel, until the establishment of the TAR HEEL, which now proposes to relieve the *Magazine* of such, with the hope that we will see more true literary material, more book reviews, more thoughtful editorials, &c., fill the pages in the *Magazine* hitherto devoted to matter which was entirely out of place.

When we speak thus we do not wish in the least to have it understood that we belittle ourselves, but that the one should be the complement of the other—each with its duty in making known to the State the excellent opportunities offered young men here and the pleasures of a student's life in the University.

The kindly recognition of the *Magazine* meets a responsive chord and we trust that we may be co-workers in unison—the younger ambitious one stirring up and arousing the latent energy of the older and steadier.

The attention of those interested in athletics is asked to our weekly report on that feature of our University life. Our reporter in charge of that department will spare no pains in assisting our managers and captains in exciting enthusiasm in our athletes—at the same time he will fearlessly and conscientiously criticize the tactics pursued by those in charge of our athletic interests as well as the various men aspiring to represent us on the "Vasity." It must be plainly understood that no personal feelings will prompt any criticism, only a desire to benefit each aspirant and thus to render his chances the better by making known to him forcibly his faults that he may correct them. We feel that we are thus carrying out the spirit of the Association and in helping the individual the *taut ensemble* is thereby improved, and fellows remember it is the *first game* that counts and *each game* must be our first and *we must win all*.

In our next issue we will give a review of the *Magazine* for February.

## THE SOUTHERN INTER-COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

Within the last three or four years athletics in southern colleges and universities have made a most wonderful stride. Not only have improvements toward that perfection which we think our northern brethren have attained in that line, been made, but there is scarcely a small college or fair sized academy in the south, which does not boast of its foot ball team or crack pitcher or catcher.

Thus chaos reigned in the southern athletic world. Several small institutions, with great pretensions and a little ability, merely by a forfeited game or the decline of a challenge received after the close of the season, have laid claim to the title of "champions of the south" and have so styled themselves. Many of the teams which were really the best were therefore made to appear inferior to the public.

The University of Virginia took the initiative and a notice signed by the president of their athletic association was sent to each college and university in the south that had given any evidence of athletic ability, stating that, on December 28th in Richmond, Va., there would be formed a Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association, and inviting their co-operation.

The following colleges responded St. John's and John Hopkins of Maryland; University of Va.; University of North Carolina; and Wake Forest College of North Carolina; University of Tennessee and the University of the South (Seewanee) of Tenn.; and the University of Alabama, Vanderbilt University has since been admitted by the unanimous vote required for admission.

The delegates assembled in the parlors of the Exchange hotel and there formed a temporary organization with Dr. Venable (North Carolina) as chairman and Mr. Robertson (Virginia) as secretary. After a prolonged discussion with mutual and unavoidable concessions and compromises a constitution was finally adapted modelled as nearly as possible after that of the Inter-collegiate foot ball association.

It was clearly seen that for financial reasons it would be impossible for each member of the association to meet every other in a contest. A solution of this difficulty was thought to be found in dividing the association into two sections—Northern (Md., Va., and N. C.) and Southern, (Ala. and Tenn.) There are a great many objections to this, of which we hope to speak in our next issue, but for the present an account of the immense area involved this seemed the only relief offered.

Most stringent rules were adopted against that most dangerous

of enemies to amateur athletics, professionalism, which by the way hasn't affected a few of the colleges. Now since all those who had the athletic prestige are invited to join the association, and any one not now a member which shows itself as deserving a place will no doubt be admitted, as well as those showing themselves as undeserving will be dropped, we will no longer have those foolish and nonsensical argumentative communications to our daily papers designed to prove why this or that college should be styled "champion." But the settlement of the title is a matter of minor importance in comparison to the numerous benefits that should result from the elevation of athletics in southern colleges to a healthy standpoint. We congratulate Virginia for thus quieting that restless feeling hitherto predominating in our southern colleges.

In our next issue we hope to insert such portions of the adopted constitution, as may be of interest, with a short discussion of it.

## THE PHILOLOGICAL CLUB.

On the evening of Jan. 20th, a new scholarly organization was born into our University world. Several members of the Faculty, interested in linguistic studies, met at the office of one of their members; and the result of some informal discussion was to show that all were heartily in favor of a Philological Club. General interchange of philological thought; the opportunity to present results of original research before a sympathetic audience; the regular review of philological journals, and the consequent knowledge of what is going on in the world in this line of thought and study; the desire to promote interest and effort in original work on the part of advanced students—those were the main objects which seemed to be arrived at in the hopes of those present.

The Philological Club was accordingly formed on the basis thus suggested. The meetings are to be held monthly, the members presiding in rotation; and the work of keeping the club informed of the contents of all accessible philological periodicals has been divided up among the members, who report at each meeting. Each member may present original work at any meeting, and those advanced students who may have anything worthy of being before the club will be invited from time to time to present their work in person. Prof. Harrington was elected

Secretary for the remainder of the college year.

The first regular meeting of the Club was held Friday evening, Feb. 10th, in Prof. Harrington's study. Reviews of recent members of the *American Journal of Philology*, the *Classical Review*, *Shaksperiana*, *Modern Language Notes* and the *Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift* were presented by Professors Alexander, Harrington, Hume and Toy. Professor Harrington offered a note on Plautus Capt. 851 arguing that the customary explanation of the word *boralum*, there used as an epithet of mackerel, is forced, and that, on the contrary, the natural interpretation would be, "of the season", i. e. "fresh."

Dr. Hume called attention to some investigations being prosecuted by a member of the senior class concerning the obsolete words found in Passus 5th of Piers the Plowman; also to other work recently done in comparing the literary style of Milton and Jeremy Taylor. Professor Toy referred to the work of investigating American pronunciation now being carried on by all the Phonetic Section of the Modern Language Association. All interested in this line of research are invited to communicate with Professor Chas. Grandgent, Cambridge, Mass. Professor Toy also gave an account of the organized movement now being made for the improvement of American secondary schools, and explained by the committee and sub-committees engaged in college data and formulating a deficit scheme of work for all schools to aim at in laying out their courses, giving some particular notice to the meeting of the modern language section, of which he is a member. The next meeting is appointed for Friday, P. M., March 3d.

The Yale Rowing Association has declined the invitation from world's fair managers asking the college to send a crew to the fair to compete in a grand international meeting of the college crews. The invitation states that the largest colleges in this country are expected to send crews, and it is hoped to have the large universities of Europe represented. The subject was carefully considered by Yale men and, having been advised upon the matter, they have decided not to accept the invitation. The general opinion is that the contest would favor too much of professionalism.

At Princeton, no student will be allowed to bring a watch into the rooms at the coming examinations.