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THURSDAY, March 23, 1893.

WE NOTED with no little pleasure the exceedingly strong article on "College Athletics" in the News-Observer of the 11th inst. Dr. Winston showed himself thoroughly acquainted with both the good and bad of athletics. His summation of these two qualities bristled with telling arguments favoring the manly sports which produce manly men. We regret that on account of its length and the lack of space in the TAR HEEL prevents its insertion, but we have been promised for a subsequent issue another article, which we know will be of interest and value to many in the State.

EVERYBODY gets so lazy as spring comes on—not that many were not so before—oh! no. Every afternoon we see some of our big foot-ball men standing around the coaches on the ball grounds. The little fellow is there, too, showing his adoration of a big guard by offering him peanuts, or else some giant lops arounds currying favor with the "routers" by pointing to his bulging pockets and remarking, "goobers!" We wonder how many bushels of ground peas are eaten out there every year! But to the point, it would not be a bad idea, we think, for Captain Barnard to get some of these fellows at some sort of work. There are many new men who do not know foot-ball, and they could be taught the rudiments of the game this spring and save the coaches a wonderful lot of worry next fall. Then our hacks—those that are not playing base ball—might practice catching kicked balls. They showed themselves wonderfully deficient in that line this past season. We would also suggest the formation of a Cross Country Club, which, during the spring, would help all

our athletes very much, especially long distance runners. Next fall we wouldn't have such a hard time and such slow work in getting up "wind." We hope to see this phase of athletics brought forward and be abreast of our foot-ball and base-ball. The University of N. C. hasn't a single record amongst southern colleges in any form of track athletics. We have good men here—good sprinters, good jumpers, good vaulters, but we must acknowledge that we are too lazy. We hope to see some of our fellows working well for the Field Day, which comes in May, and if any one shows exceeding proficiency in any line, we are sure that the U. A. A. will willingly bear the expense of his entering into the sports of southern colleges. Vanderbilt has a field day, inviting all southern colleges to enter; so have University of Virginia and Johns Hopkins. Since we have taken such a prominent stand in foot-ball and base-ball, we ought now to show what we can do in general athletics.

OUR intermediate examinations are finished to-day. The worn faces with encircled eyes will brighten up again. We hope our friend, Tom, alias Prof. Dunston, will have more patronage. Some how during examinations we are so pushed for time, you know, got to make "4" in "conics," "Saxon," and so on, that we really don't have time to shave. But that has nothing to do with our having Easter Monday for a holiday. Our faculty has always hitherto been very kind and generous to us just after our examinations. We hope this time that they will show their appreciation of our efforts which we hope have not been unsuccessful and will give us a holiday. It has been rumored that to-morrow would be given but we think it would be far better to have it Easter Monday as we have a base ball game here that day, and besides many fellows want to go home for Easter. Much less time would be lost by giving that day.

Prof. Collier Cobb purposes soon to issue a set of "Bulletins from the Department of Geology, University of N. C." The various members of his graduate class have presented some very interesting results of individual research. This will be a new departure and reflects no little credit upon Professor Cobb.

Every one notes with pleasure the advancement of the various departments in the University. This arousing of latent energy, infusing of new life in students, after fitness, is the most admirable quality of an instructor.

THOUGHTS of commencement and graduation and fair visitors are even now filling our hearts with delight; but with all its delight there are two drawbacks. First: Memorial Hall. There never has been and, under the existing circumstances, there never will be any respectful attention on the part of the audience, or pleasure in the speeches, on the part of either speakers or audience. Not that Carolinians are not polite or attractive, nor that our men cannot speak. Demosthenes or Cicero would flee from the sound of his own voice in Memorial Hall. Owing to the shape of the hall, about nine tenths of the crowd hear only the confused echoes as they chase one another around the dome and finally slide down the walls into the band stand. This is a great bore to both speaker and listeners and 'tis a shame not to remedy the trouble. It can be done. "*Quo usque tandem abutere nostra patientia.*" The other matter is the unfinished state of the gymnasium. No one can fail to admire the exquisite taste with which our excellent managers decorate this for the commencement receptions and ball; but it would be much better if they could confer with the owners and make some arrangements for permanently finishing the inside work. At present it is simply a cold, ugly barn for our winter entertainments, and is made attractive at commencement only at a needlessly great expense. The difference in the expense of decoration would soon pay for this inside work of ceiling, &c. We would then have a neat and comfortable room at all times and one that could be made as attractive as of old at much less expense.

CASWELL ELLIS.

The Michigan State Legislature has appropriated \$3,000 with which to defray the expenses of the exhibit of the University of Michigan at the World's Fair.

—Resident (who has just tipped the dusky serenader):—"Do you know anything else?"

Serenader—"Yes, sor, boss, Sweet Home."

PERSONAL.

W. A. Graham '95, is sick at his room in the old West.

Col. Thos. S. Kenan, of Raleigh, was on the Hill last week.

We regret to announce that D. F. Nicholson '95, continues very ill.

Mike Hoke '93, returned last Friday from a week's sojourn in Raleigh.

W. B. Snow '93, spent a few days last week, at his home in Raleigh.

Mrs. John M. Manning, of Durham, is visiting her father-in-law, Dr. Manning, of the Law school.

Mr. H. B. C. Nitze, Assistant State Geologist, has returned from a week's stay in Tennessee, where he has been on business connected with the E. T. V. & G. R. R.

Bishop Lyman will pay his annual visit to this parish on next Sunday, Palm Sunday. There will be ordination services in the morning and confirmation in the evening.

Professor Cobb, McFadyen '93 and White '94, returned from their King's Mountain geological tour last week, full of glowing accounts, &c. "*Honi soit qui mal y pense.*"

Gaston Battle '90, will be ordained deacon on Palm Sunday, in the quaint, historic church of the Chapel of the Cross, this village, by the Rt. Rev. Theodore B. Lyman, Bishop of North Carolina.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, ex-Secretary of State, will deliver the annual address, at the commencement in June. The University is fortunate in having secured such an able and distinguished gentleman to deliver the annual oration.

R. H. Mitchell, who has been taking a Post-graduate course in Chemistry, has been elected Assistant Professor of Chemistry at the N. C. Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Raleigh. The University has been doubly honored, as this was the position that Hugh Miller '90, held.

Professor Holmes has gone to Greensboro. The Record says of him: Professor Holmes, of the Geological Survey, has recently taken some excellent views of our State Normal and Industrial School, the Steel and Iron Company, &c. Yesterday he accompanied Judge Schenck to the Battle Ground and succeeded in getting some excellent views of that historic spot. All of these will be sent to the World's Fair.