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EDITORIAL.

A RECENT issue of the *Sewanee Times* has an editorial regarding the present unpleasant condition of affairs here, and states that the *Tar Heel* and the *White and Blue* are two antagonistic weeklies, "each endeavoring to overturn the envied power of the other," and furthermore, that the *Tar Heel* is the "avowed organ of the fraternity element at U. N. C." Where the *Times* got its information, we are unable to say. It is, however, radically incorrect, and we would, for the last time, candidly and emphatically repeat, that the *Tar Heel* is the representative of no faction; that it is the exponent of the Athletic Association of the University of North Carolina, and that it seeks to overturn the envied power of no man or set of men. Very great pressure time and again has been brought to bear upon the editors incident to championing the fraternity men, but they have to a man refused, claiming it their business to issue a college weekly and not a factional paper. In the spring of '93 the Athletic Association decided to establish a weekly, and it was resolved that the yearly board of editors be elected at the last regular meeting of the Association. The board elected was authorized to conduct the paper for one year, retiring at Commencement. Since then, in pursuance of the power vested in them, it has been the custom of the elected board to supply all vacancies occurring during the term with men of their own choosing, and to take other measures thought essentially beneficial. This year it has earnestly been attempted to make the weekly a success, and to this end the board have given much of the time and effort required for the preparation of class-work. As some have failed to realize, the editing of the *Tar Heel* has, in most part, been a thankless task, a task burdened with responsibility and trouble, and which the present staff will more than willingly resign next June to their successors.

THOSE GAMES with Vermont have been played. To encourage the Vermonters our boys donated them the first game, and on the following presented them with a score of ten to three in favor of U. N. C. It was a very graceful

piece of hospitality, but hereafter it might be well for the team to risk not quite so much and be certain of one game at any rate. Muffs, slips, errors or "what not" may happen, and there is always an anxious crowd gathered at the Chapel Hill depot awaiting the news. We have a good team, no doubt of it, but there are other good teams. Vermont scored twelve to five on one of them the other day. Perhaps some one here would draw an inference? Well, we'll see.

SINCE THE *University Press* is now a thing of life, why can we not have a journal of the Shakespeare Club published? Certainly work has been done this year under the supervisor eminently worthy of preservation. We have a good Magazine, and the winning theses and monographs are printed and filed. It seems to us that the list is incomplete without the record of some of the best original literary work done in the University.

WE CLIP the following from the *Vanderbilt Hustler*. It may show us how others see us:

Another Southern college team has come to the front to stand along with Virginia. North Carolina University has in many respects about the best team she has ever placed in the field. Athletics seem to grow naturally there, and usually we can predict at the beginning of a season that the "tar heels" are going to be heard from and not uncertainly. Last week, in two very fine games, this team defeated Lehigh by scores of six to one, and twelve to seven. A few days before they had met the victorious men from Yale and held them down to seven runs, placing four to their own credit. Virginia's record has not thus far equalled this, and when the two teams meet it will be a close and exciting contest.

RAMBLINGS.

"I am Sir Oracle, when I ope my mouth let no dog bark."

As the Rambler roamed around college the other day, he was struck with the number of men whom he heard using oaths that should have made even a sailor, proverbial swearers as they are, blush for his reputation.

It is a filthy, dirty habit, and one that men should make an effort to stop, if not for their own sakes, then at least for the sake of others and for that of common decency.

Remember that ladies may hear you, especially when you are on the tennis-courts, and it is here that the habit is the most prevalent and obnoxious.

I am sorry to say that it seems to be mainly the younger ones, by class or age, who evidently think that it makes other people look up to them and respect them for proving their age to the world in such an unmistakable manner, when in reality they should be at home tied to their mother's apron strings, and have their mouths well washed out with soap and water.

Boys, remember that a true gentleman, a gentleman in the best sense of the word, will never say anything that would be unfit for a lady's ear.

Put yourselves in others places. How would you like for a parcel of toughs to surround your house and bawl the most foul-mouthed obscenities back and forth to one another at the top of their voices, and in the hearing of your mother and sisters? By your own feelings you may appreciate those of others and stop.

Animal spirits are very well in their proper place, and when directed in a proper way, but there is such a thing as carrying them to an excess.

Bonfires, for instance, are very well in their way for an occasional thing, but when the materials for them are procured as were those for the last one, it is time to cry stop. Is it honest or honorable to walk into a man's yard and appropriate his property without even saying "by your leave." The Rambler is sure the boys forgot themselves in their excess of joy and—had no idea as to what they were really doing, but consider. Suppose a man was to go to your room while you were away and appropriate your wood, or break open your trunk and "borrow" your pocket-book, what would you call it? Would there be anything funny in it? Is it not dishonest, and would you not expect him to return the goods or their equivalent? "Go thou and do likewise."

Little things, like removing the clapper from the bell, do no one any particular harm, only resulting in lots of inconvenience, but when the spirit of devil-may-care destructiveness invades the chapel, it is again time to cry stop. The veriest savage respects the house of the god they worship. Are we then so much worse than they? Has our excess of animal spirits so overbalanced our better selves that we are lower than they? Boys, let the chapel alone. It is a building consecrated to the worship of God, and as such ought to be sacred from all vandal hands. Such things as taking out the organ, tearing up the seats and throwing away the books may be excruciatingly funny to those who engage in such things, but it is because they have not yet gotten beyond the monkey stage of evolution in the quality of their minds.

The Rambler has heard rumors of the organization of a Dramatic Club coming adown the wind. Why not make the rumor a reality? Surely in our University there is enough histrionic talent to make it a success could it come to pass, and the boys took interest in it. All the large colleges have them, why not we also? Let's think of it, and then get it up. Surely we could find the basis for the plot of a play right here among us, and Rambler even hears that a certain gentleman, noted for his humor, has volunteered to write such a one.

RAMBLER.

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