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There has lately been manifested here a desire on the part of some of the students to have the Monday recitations changed to Saturday, making Monday the regular holiday, and some of the classes have held meetings for a discussion of the question.

In all these meetings we are glad for several reasons, to see that the general sentiment has been in favor of the old order of things.

The main, and from our point of view almost only argument advanced in favor of the change is that it would reduce the tendency on the part of the students to study on Sunday. If this were true we should consider it an argument worthy of consideration but we do not believe that it would eliminate or even materially reduce this tendency.

In either case there would be two days in which recitations *might* be prepared—at present they are Saturday and Sunday, after the change they would be Sunday and Monday, and if any one wished to study on Sunday in order to have another whole day for some other purpose would continue to do so.

The arguments against are many and we shall mention a few of them briefly. In the first place it would defeat the object for which the time of the literary society meetings was changed, namely—to give those interested in the debates a day to prepare for them. Secondly, at present Friday night from a natural time for lectures and all kinds of entertainments.

If the students had to go on recitations early Saturday morning many would not attend the Friday night lectures. The lectures could not be on Sunday night and Monday would be as bad as any other day, while on Saturday night they would conflict with the literary societies.

Again, our base ball schedule has been mostly arranged, nearly all the games being on Saturday, so the team might leave Friday afternoon and return without missing any recitations.

These are but a few of the many objections and we hope, for the best interests of all concerned the question of changing will not be further agitated.

Several students have requested that it be announced through the columns of the TAR HEEL that there is among the student body a desire to hear Dr. Winston's address entitled, "Ancient and Modern Rome".

Those of us who had the pleasure of hearing this address in '92 would be delighted to know that it is to be delivered again. Those who have entered the University since this time have never heard it at all and would be pleased if he would deliver it again.

It is our wish that Dr. Winston give this matter his attention and if his business will permit, that he deliver this address at some time convenient for him.

It was once the custom here the have regular lectures from the Faculty. This custom has been abandoned, much to our regret.

The Philanthropic literary society has made its meetings open to the public. This is a great change from the order of things that we remember four years ago, when the meetings were conducted in secrecy not even the officers of the society being known to those outside, and it will be watched with interest, especially by the alumni who were brought up under the old regime.

We had the pleasure of attending the first public meeting and witnessing the proceedings of the evening. Very few visitors were present due probably to the fact of its not being generally known that the meetings would be public, rather than a lack of interest in the literary work of the society.

From a literary point of view the exercises were not what we had hoped to find. Some of the speeches showed some care in the preparation of their subject matter and manner of delivery but there were others that would have added towers of strength to their side of the debate by remaining undelivered.

The change is an experiment and it is too early yet to predict whether or not it is to be a success but if it does succeed in improving the character of the literary work the society is to be congratulated on its action.

The Senior class has selected Mr. J. H. Faber as class photographer, and considering the high grade of his work and very reasonable charges we do not think they could have made a better selection.

Mr. Faber was here last year and gave very general satisfaction.

Every one wanting work done will be glad to see Mr. Faber back again.

We learn from Mr. Moore who acted as his agent last year, that he still has on hand a large number of pictures which were ordered by students and were never called for, thereby causing a considerable loss to the photographer. This is not business.

Students when ordering should bear in mind that the photographer expects every man to pay for what he orders.

Every picture that is finished and not paid for is a complete loss to Mr. Faber. He offers work at reasonable prices thus giving all a chance to get pictures.

The pictures left over from last year can be gotten at room 17, N. W. B.

College Topics of last week gives a lengthy account of some very disorderly proceedings which recently took place in the hall of the Washington Literary Society there. The following extract shows something of the nature of the disturbance.

After giving an account of the beginning of the disturbance, which seems to have originated in the question of whether or not the minutes of the previous meeting should be read, the article says: "Lawlessness and disorder had begun their reign, and the utmost efforts of the marshal and president combined failed to preserve order.

"The faction in the minority, grown utterly reckless from disorderly conduct, resorted to what honorable men consider the last refuge of cowards, namely threats with deadly weapons; and there was for a time every appearance of an imminent difficulty of a dangerous nature.

"Seeing the necessity of the occasion, the president, it seems, wisely adjourned the meeting and the difficulty was avoided for the time."

There will be a meeting of the board of editors of the TAR HEEL this p. m., after Ath. As'n. meeting.

The Big Boat Race.

A four mile race between the University crews from Harvard, Columbia, Cornell and Pennsylvania has been arranged by representatives of these Universities, to be rowed in June, the date and place of the contest to be hereafter mutually agreed upon.

The arrangement to row the race was brought about by Cornell, who having an agreement to row a race with Columbia and Pennsylvania and also an agreement to row a race with Harvard, proposed that the two races be merged into one quadripartite race.

The Springfield and Poughkeepsie courses have been considered, but no definite action has yet been taken as to the place of holding the race. A member of the New York Yacht Club, Mr. George S. Reeves, of Columbia and also of Cambridge, England, has consented to act as referee.—*U. of Pa. Courier.*

There are 2,416 students at Yale this year.

There are now 2,632 students at the University of Penn.

The new Harvard catalogue shows an enrollment of 3,600 students.

Seventy five men are now in training for the different crews at Columbia.

The Yale baseball authorities have decided not to have a professional coach this year.

The girls at Cornell are taking a very active interest in athletics. They now desire to have a crew and want Courtney for their coach.

At a recent meeting of Harvard's last year's base ball nine, Dean who was short stop last year was elected captain.

Mr. T. W. Powers, ex '96, who played right end on the Junior football team last year, has recently been elected captain of the University of Alabama team for next year.

Cornell, captain and full back on last year's Vanderbilt team, was re-elected captain but resigned and H. M. Boogher has been elected in his place.

Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell, Columbia and Pennsylvania have combined in an effort to make the admission requirements at these colleges more uniform.

Committees from the above named colleges will meet in New York for this purpose on February 1st.

The Harvard athletic committee has consented to the employment of a professional coach, and it is probable that John Morrill will be the man selected.

The Princeton-Harvard debate will take place at Cambridge on March 13th. The question: "Resolved, That Congress should take immediate steps toward the complete retirement of the Legal Tender Notes." Princeton has the affirmative.

Preparations are being made for the revival of the Olympic games at Athens. The first celebration is to take place in April provided the preparations can be completed by that time. Large sums have been contributed to the enterprise and the work is being pushed forward with much enthusiasm.

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