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According to *Topics*, the members of our baseball team and Faculty not only exulted over our victory, but went farther and denounced and vilified the Virginians. The article referred to says their evidence is rumor and we have no doubt that it is rumor and very erroneous rumor at that. Surely we know nothing of it and *Topics* acknowledges that it knows of no charges made against them. Neither do we, and we doubt seriously if any charges were made.

As for "denunciation and vilification," the only instance of anything approaching this was the charge made by Manager Tilton, of Virginia, in a conversation with our Manager, in which he exclaimed that the Carolinians had "broken faith" and played two men who were professionals, Stanly and Hill. But this was denied. Mr. Tilton, in the same conversation, said that Virginia was satisfied and so far as we know nothing more came of it. We believed that the gentleman had spoken during excitement and regretted making a charge so unfounded and which could be so easily disproved. And we would never have spoken of it had not *Topics* made it necessary to tell who did the vilifying.

The game and the behavior of the students from both institutions seemed to us manly and polite and we are sorry that our sister college was so embittered by her fair defeat that she looked at it in another light.

And about that tureen, its been a mighty good old pot and has had some delicious soup in it, but you'll have to get a faster ball team before you boil the Carolina team of '96.

To those who believe that there is a great waste of time at the University in ball playing and to those who would try to prejudice the public against our system of athletics, we would mention the following facts:

Our team has played ten games this season with the leading college baseball clubs of America, losing only one game. All these games except three were played on our own grounds, and these three were played on holidays and Saturdays. The team has actually lost no time from college duties, except one Friday before the Virginia game when, after consultation with and advice by the Faculty, they went to Danville, and a few hours Wednesday morning on their return from the Yale game at Greensboro.

Furthermore, there is not a single man on the team who is here sim-

ply to play ball, but every player is a *bona fide* student and is here either with the intention of graduating, or is pursuing a professional course. We believe that those who criticise athletics as a waste of time are sincere in their motives; but we are quite sure that they are laboring under the wrong impression as to the real facts in the case. We also believe that when the public becomes properly informed concerning the matter the opposition to college athletics will be put to an end.

While we do not wish to be regarded as hunting for a chip to knock off of any shoulder, still we feel compelled to call the attention of the authorities to the condition of the bathrooms. They need but one thing, and that it a thorough cleaning. Can we not have it done right away? The idea that cleanliness can now be gotten from such a room is incompatible with the condition of the room which fails sadly to coincide with the general neat condition of things around College.

And while we are on the subject it is not possibly to increase our water supply. It seems, from the opinion of many, that it is insufficient and surely this is something which should be remedied. Cannot the Faculty or Trustees attend to it?

A Review of Athletics.

The baseball season has passed and the team of '96 has left behind it an enviable record, eclipsing that of any of its predecessors. The season began with poor prospects, several good men, who were expected to be with us, not being here, and most of the material being composed of young players who had had comparatively little experience. In fact, at the beginning of the season, it was the opinion of a prominent member of the Advisory Committee that our team would be the poorest that ever represented old U. N. C. But "things go by contraries." At least, the opposite happened this spring. And looking for the cause of such unexampled success, we find that it was due mainly to three things; hard work by all the players, the proper and wise control of the Faculty, and last but not least, "Pat" Stanly.

The men as a whole have worked hard and honestly, playing for the team and love of the Varsity, instead of for individual record as heretofore. The result has been that the men have ceased to try to knock the cover off the ball and have played to advance the runner; the runner and the batter have worked together, guided by the best, an in truth, the only good coaching we ever had. Only two bad misplays occurred during the season; one of these was largely responsible for the loss of the Princeton game; the other did not lose the game, but it was just as bad, both of them being caused by the outfielders running together. With the exception of these two plays, the fielding of the team, during the whole season, has been remarkably good, reaching its climax in the brilliant work against Virginia.

As regards Faculty control, we want it. It is by far the wisest and best course and insures purer athletics, a larger chance for success and much more resultant good in the

long run. It may be thought by some that the Advisory Committee made a mistake this year in regard to the second Hobart game. Be that as it may, we know that they are men of experience in regard to such things and that they ever tried to advance and uphold our athletic life and they deserve no condemnation for a mistake so small, for had it not been for our Faculty, athletics would not now be what they are. Just at the proper time, when things looked blackest, in the hour before dawn, they made the regulations which were necessary to remove the evils and left only that which was good. These, coming during the same season as our agreement with Virginia, have, we believe, removed every evil from our athletic life as far as concerns the outside world.

But to our Captain, Ben Stanly, our success this season has been largely due. Handicapped by many circumstances and facing heavy odds, without a coach or the idea of getting one, he produced the best team the South ever saw, and he has done it through kind, patient, steady and impartial work with the men, at the same time improving his own playing, already brilliant. He had noticed and knew the faults of our team last year and, better still, he was the one who knew how to remove them. And by his own example, he infused into the players a spirit which proved a winning one. He stands at the front of our captains, an example to be studied and followed, yet with it all, the same modest, unassuming and popular "Pat."

These together with a loyal college spirit and general co-operation of the students as a whole, have, in our opinion, been the causes which enabled us to defeat Yale and to pay off some old scores with Virginia.

But the good, which will result from the experiences of the present year, does not stop at the end of this season. We have done far more than beat Virginia for we have learned what athletics really mean, and there has grown up among us a spirit which argues well for the success of coming seasons. Let such a spirit continue to grow and we firmly believe that the record of this season will be eclipsed and we hope to go on the diamond next year under the same efficient leader, and with the determination to do our best.

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