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With this issue, the present volume of THE TAR HEEL, closes.

Examinations are here and we must drop other work for them.

Before leaving THE TAR HEEL to our successors, we wish to thank the members of the Board of Editors for their assistance and good work for the past term and to compliment the Business Managers for their good management and congratulate them that they finish the year with a gain instead of a debt.

Our best wishes go to those who will serve on the Board next year.

May they be successful in their efforts and make our college paper a thoroughly wide-awake and interesting sheet. That has been our aim and we hope that the work has not been all failure, but further improvement can be made by our successors. We expect to see THE TAR HEEL grow and prosper and shall be very much disappointed if does not.

During the past year, we have had only one student publication, as the Magazine decided to retire at the first of the year. This action was at that time necessary and though many regretted it, nothing else could be done. But such an action made it a fact that we are the only University in the South which is without a monthly Magazine. This is rather a reflection on our literary ability or our loyalty to our alma mater. Surely our literary societies, not to speak of students not members of society, have ability to edit the Magazine and to make it creditable, too.

It is something that is a great deal of trouble to the Editors, but they are, or ought to be, improved by reason of their work, or if they do not believe this, have not the Societies' enough loyalty to the University to resume the publication of the Magazine?

The existing condition is one which sadly fails to reflect credit on our societies and our University.

Can not this be remedied? The Societies are the only ones who can remedy it. Will they do it? By making their plans now and working during the summer, it is probable that publication could be resumed next term. We hope to see an effort made in that direction, at any rate.

The hospitality and kindness, and above all the good attendance at our recent games in Danville have been very gratifying to Chapel Hillians and wearers of the White and Blue. We have there many loyal friends and admirers who have been as kind as could be

and who have done all in their power to make our games a success and our visits pleasant. We believe that it will be a wise step to have our annual base ball game with Virginia in that city and we hope that such a plan will seem wise in the minds of the managers.

We doubt if there is a town in the South, where it would be practicable to play, which is more neutral or fair minded as regards the two teams. Let us go back there next May and see if that old Virginia pot can't make another fourteen to six stew.

There is a clause in the constitution of the Athletic Association which says that any member of the TAR HEEL board who does not attend to his duties for three successive issues shall be dropped from the board. The experience of the past past proves this not rigid enough. We think that it should be one issue instead of three and that it should give a definite power to the Editor-in-Chief to drop the name of the offending editor from the board. And not only that, but that it should be his duty to publish the name and reason of expulsion in the next issue of THE TAR HEEL. We believe that this is the only method of stopping the present custom of doing as you see fit and allowing the Editor-in-Chief no choice but to do all the work. Had such a rule been in existence during the present term, the names at the head of these columns would have been changed.

We hope that the Association will adopt the above suggestion before the election of the next board of editors.

THE TAR HEEL is glad to hear of the success of Mr. W. B. Ferguson, Jr., '97, in the competitive examination for the United States Naval Academy, at Annapolis. Mr. Ferguson won the appointment, leading all competitors by six points his own mark being ninety-five, out of a possible hundred.

Mr. Ferguson has a brother at West Point, and another brother, Mr. H. L. Ferguson, who graduated from Annapolis with the highest honors, easily standing at the head of his class.

THE TAR HEEL wishes him much success in his chosen profession.

The University of North Carolina requires a graduating senior to either deliver an oration at Commencement or to present a written thesis. Only six can speak but all are allowed to contest for these places. A thesis is required of a law student graduating B.L. but he is not allowed the privilege of ever contesting for a place to speak at Commencement. Is this a just distinction between a law and an academic graduate? The law class has been an important part for over fifteen years, and it is nothing but right that it should have at least one representative at Commencement. Those aspiring to such an honor might contest with the other speakers on May 1st and under the same conditions. This year there are only five senior speakers, six being allowed. Should not the law class have a B. L. graduate on the list? We hope the authorities will consider this and give the law class its just representative.

As we pass out the west end of the campus along Cameron Avenue there is only a wide drive with no side-walk. Several times at Commencement accidents have happened here, due to the fact that those who walk are compelled to use the drive. There is no other place in Chapel Hill that needs a walk so badly and we hope the inconvenience will be remedied before Commencement begins. Such a walk could be made without any great expense and it should be made at once.

Dr. Hume in Warrenton.

Dr. Hume goes to Warrenton, Va., where he lectures Friday night on the "Shakespearean Sidelights on Old English Life." Our faculty has been quite in demand this spring by those who seek commencement addresses. Dr. Hume alone has declined four invitations, and for no other reason than these occasions would come during the examination period and he refuses to give up his college duties for other less important matters. However the Doctor has accepted an invitation to speak to the Teachers' Assembly in Asheville on "The Uses of Literature." This address will take place on the 18th of June when all exercises here will have been suspended.

NOTICE.

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Ask "Towser" Sharp who was the Senior who forgot how to spell his name and had to consult the catalogue for the desired information. He will tell you if he is not under a solemn pledge to keep the secret.

Law student: "The man who wrote 'Adventures of Love' is no fool.

Medical Student: No, nor the man who understands it is no fool.

Beginning with Sept., '98, the course at the Cornell Law School will be three years instead of two.

If the Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association lives up to its rules there will be a large number of base ball teams disqualified. In direct opposition to the rule concerning college teams playing professionals, many games have been arranged by colleges with professional clubs.

Founder's Day, at Vassar, was celebrated on May 1st. President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins was the speaker of the day.

One-sixteenth of all the college students in the United States are studying for the ministry.

Excavations for four of Columbia's new buildings at Morning side Heights have already been commenced. It is expected that the library, the building to be the pride of the campus, will be well on toward completion by the end of the year.

An attempt is being made by members of athletic clubs in England to get up a series of truly international games in which all the clubs of the United Kingdom are to be asked to form a team of champions to compete against a team from all America, which the N. Y. A. C. will be asked to organize.

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