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## ANNOUNCEMENT.

With this issue the TAR HEEL enters upon the fifth year of its existence. To most of us, the venture is a new one, and it is with some misgivings that we undertake it, and especially so when we recall the high standard set by our predecessors and the difficulty of coming up to that standard. We are well aware that difficulties are plentifully strown ahead of us; we recognize the fact that almost insurmountable obstacles will meet us face to face; we know the task we have assumed is a thankless one, but in spite of all this, the present board, almost entirely without experience, accepts the commission of the Athletic Association and will endeavor this year to make the TAR HEEL a success. To accomplish this end the board of editors has a plain duty and the faculty and student body a duty equally as plain to perform.

On our part we must give you, as far as lies in our power, a clean, newsy sheet free from mud slinging or partisan spirit, a representative paper worthy of the great institution it represents.

On your part, and in return for earnest and honest endeavor, we expect, aye demand, encouragement and support and that in no half hearted manner. When you would criticise or turn from what you would consider a weak issue of the paper just take the trouble to remind yourselves that the editors are too closely associated with you for such treatment, that they are you in the strictest sense, that they are students like yourselves, striving for a degree, and while you are enjoying a pleasant work or conversation with a friend, the editors of this paper are confined in their rooms tearing their hair and cudgelling their brain to evolve something to fill up space. Let us be charitable, one with another, overlooking mistakes and clasping hands in one earnest endeavor to promote a hearty college spirit, elevate manhood, and place the University upon that exalted plane, which is its right to occupy, far out of the reach of its enemies and defamers.

We, as an editorial board, will strive toward the accomplishment of this end, but unless the faculty and student body render us support in the most substantial way our efforts will avail little. Do your part, subscribe to your own paper, and we promise you that we will do ours.

## Hazing.

The University took a long leap forward when the student body voluntarily denounced hazing in its every form.

The initiative was taken by the Sophomore Class who have from the remotest time claimed an ex-officio right to render the life of the new student a very weariness of the flesh. The other classes followed in quick succession endorsing the action of the second year students and now we stand a solid phalanx against this barbarous and unnatural custom.

We can only explain this extraordinary and voluntary action upon the hypothesis that we are on a higher plane of living. We have ceased to be careless, unthinking boys and have become men, serious men, appreciative of the rights of others and of the crime of interfering with those rights.

This voluntary action has given this vicious practice such a blow, squarely between the eyes, that it will be difficult for it ever to recover, and the time is near when hazing will be placed in the catalogue with stealing and cheating on examinations, and the hazer will become an anomaly in our college life.

We congratulate the Student body upon allowing their common sense and good judgment to triumph over this relic of barbarism which must work us harm if allowed to perpetuate itself.

THE TAR HEEL rejoices at the firm stand taken by the new administration upon this subject, and pledges its substantial support in making the extermination complete and effectual.

Among all the advances made by the University in recent years it is somewhat remarkable that none have been along literary lines, that is, so far as publication is concerned.

In fact it is a matter of positive wonder that in a college of almost four hundred men there is not a single strictly literary paper.

Every school in the State, of the slightest pretensions, has some sort of magazine where young inspiration is accustomed to try its wings and poetize and philosophize to its heart's content.

It has now been two years since the opportunity has been offered here. They should not be allowed to lengthen into three. Our "mute, inglorious Miltons" should at least be allowed freedom of speech.

The old magazine filled with prosy history and bewhiskered biography was of course a failure; but we firmly believe that a thirty-page monthly of short story, bright essay, etc., would be a great success.

## Organization of The Tar Heel Board.

At a meeting of the TAR HEEL Board last Saturday afternoon Mr. D. B. Smith was elected Editor in Chief and Mr. F. O. Rogers, Business Manager. Mr. T. L. Wright was chosen to fill Mr. Roger's place on the staff.

The Editor-in-chief appointed his subs as follows: W. J. Bellamy on athletics, T. T. Candler and R. H. Graves on local news, T. L. Wright as literary editor, and E. K. Graham as associate editor.

Manager Rogers chose Mr. S. W. Kenney as his assistant.

## Athletic Association.

The first meeting of the General Athletic Association was held last Saturday afternoon, Vice-President Carmichael in the chair. Mr. A. W. Belden was chosen temporary secretary and the following officers were unanimously elected:—

W. D. Carmichael, President.  
Burton Craige, Vice-President.

Editors of the TAR HEEL for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

D. B. Smith, W. J. Bellamy, T. T. Candler, R. H. Graves, F. O. Rogers and E. K. Graham.

In accordance with a suggestion made by Dr. Baskerville, Mr. J. O. Carr moved to change the constitution so that these editors should elect a business manager from the University at large. The motion was carried, and as there was no further business, the meeting was declared adjourned.

In another column will be found the resolutions adopted by the Diabetic Society in memory of our late fellow student, Mr. John C. Eller.

Strange indeed that one who only three months ago was in our midst full of life and in the exercise of all his splendid faculties should now be numbered with the dead.

A man of unusual ability, easily the leader of his class, he was admired by all and dearly beloved by his intimate friends. We feel like exclaiming with Li Hung Chang, the great eastern statesman, as he stood at the tomb of General Grant, "He was our friend, and we loved him."

This sudden death of one whose future seemed so bright should cause every thinking man to look upon life more seriously and prepare for the end that comes sooner or later to every man.

The people of the village are either directly or indirectly dependent upon the student body for a living, and yet, they don't seem to realize that they are under any obligations to assist us in any enterprise we may undertake.

We will cite a case. The largest merchant in the village, who has made whatever he has out of the boys, kicks loudly and groans inwardly when he pays the TAR HEEL the enormous sum of two dollars and fifty cents for a one inch advertisement.

This man is worth thirty or forty thousand dollars simply because the University is located here and there are four hundred boys assembled here annually who spend their money with him. Suppose the University were removed, his property would be worth nothing. Then if we make it possible for him and others to live, why should we be assisted so meagerly and so grudgingly.

We believe in reciprocity: we help you, you help us.

Some of our business men advertise with us liberally and we are grateful to them for their assistance. A reference to our advertising columns will quickly show who these men are. The business men should not only help us; but the people generally should subscribe and encourage us in every way. The general idea seems to be, the boys are here and we will bleed them for all we can.

This is not the proper spirit to manifest. Let us live together in harmony, and, as far as possible, render each other mutual assistance.

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