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With this issue the TAR HEEL finishes its work for the fall term. The editors are subject to all the trying experiences of the average college man, and they lay down their editorial labors to take up the more serious work of the examination period. The TAR HEEL has endeavored to give all the news and to faithfully represent every phase of our life here, and if our efforts have been successful we feel more than repaid for all our labors. The TAR HEEL wishes all its readers a successful passage through the ordeal now before us, and a most enjoyable vacation afterwards.

Mr. Craige's card in another column is conclusive evidence that he is unable to discuss a question on its merits without descending into personalities and abuse. He charges the TAR HEEL with prejudice, narrow mindedness, and misstatement of facts and a misrepresentation of the best sentiment in the University. Mr. Craige thus places serious charges at our door, and we don't believe he appreciates the real significance that attach to his words, and probably will not till he sees them in cold print. In fact, to be honest, we believe some one higher in authority dictated these sweeping charges; but of course that is only a conjecture.

In the first place we want to say that Mr. Craige's article aside from its epithet and abuse, is conceived in a spirit of unjustness and unfairness to the TAR HEEL. He assumes at the very outset that the TAR HEEL is the enemy of Commons, and this is only one of the many errors into which he falls.

In answer to this it only necessary to point to the fact that the TAR HEEL has published article after article defending Commons and its right to an existence. For this the TAR HEEL received no credit whatever.

About a month ago another article was written saying changes should be made, but no heed was taken and the final article appeared pointing out the evils in the hope that a remedy would follow. It appears that this remedy has followed, and after correcting some of the evils we mentioned, Mr. Craige replies to our article. Why did he wait nearly a month before making his reply? Why did his article not appear in our next issue? The reason is evident. Mr. Craige knew our article was true at the time it was written, and he went to work, remedied in part those evils we pointed out and then secured statements from some of our best men that Commons at present is satisfactory. We are glad to know it is now satisfactory, and our article, we believe, was the cause of this improvement, and it is a source of pleasure to us that we have been of

some service to the student body.

We stated in our article that the service at Commons was poor and as a result two waiters have been discharged. We said that the food was poor, and some of the men who testify that Commons is now satisfactory, will bear us out in the statement at the time it was made. We stated that all the rules work against the student, and Mr. Craige does not attempt to deny it. We stated that dining was converted into a rush and grab game and Mr. Craige only answers "choose better company." Mr. Craige does not disprove a single point we made, and only abuses us for making public mention of Commons's shortcomings. So much for our misstatement of facts.

As to our prejudice or narrow mindedness, we will say nothing, as it is too personal a matter to find a place in this discussion.

Mr. Craige's wonderful article closes with the assertion that we misrepresented the best sentiment of the University. By what means did Mr. Craige ascertain that fact? Did a mass meeting of the student body condemn the TAR HEEL article? Has a majority of the men in College signified their disapproval of that article? Certainly they have not. Then by what process did Mr. Craige arrive at his conclusion that we had misrepresented the best sentiment? It was this way. Mr. Craige read the article in our issue of November 21st. He, then and there, individually and collectively, decided he was opposed to the statements there made; ergo, the best sentiment of the University is against it. What a deduction for a student of Prof. Williams' logic to make. Oh! really Mr. Craige, you didn't mean it. You certainly cannot mean that you keep that rare article, "best sentiment," on tap in your room, and dispense it there.

In closing this article we want to ask, what object could we possibly have in misstating facts about Commons? What interest could we subservise by misrepresenting the best sentiment in regard to Commons? And finally, who is Mr. Craige who sits upon our action and judges us? A student himself, what power of divination has enabled him to judge of the motives and purposes of another student? If we have misstated facts, why did he not prove that the statements were wrong when made? If we have misrepresented the best sentiment, why did he not carry the matter to a mass meeting of the students instead of constituting himself a committee of one, self-appointed and self-instructed, to decide upon the question? The welfare of Commons and the student body were our only incentives for the article at which Mr. Craige takes offence. We have labored in the interest of the student body, and we expect to continue to labor for them. The howler, whether he calls himself student, teacher, or villager, may continue his howling. The editors of the TAR HEEL will do their duty as they see it and refuse to be frightened or intimidated.

At this season of the year we bespeak the sympathy of our friends and the compassion of our enemies. For no more can we give in two or three columns "the detailed score of the game;" Carolina has "gone around the end" and stayed there; too early is it yet for the "audience" to be electrified by a "beauty three-bagger in deep centre," and "interesting" meetings refuse to be held. These things are dire calamities to us, gentle reader, so we ask you to give us a chance and not criticise too severely our efforts to fill the gaping columns.

In line with the efforts that are now being made to improve and beautify the general appearance of the campus is the movement, now receiving consideration, to remove all wood, etc. from the vicinity of the dormitories. Prof. Gore informs us that the arrangement will be something like this: The electric company will buy wood in large quantities, cut it up by steam power at the power station, and deliver it to the students' rooms at a uniform, and probably cheaper rate than they can now secure it for themselves. All the wood then used would be collected in one place and the wood piles that now render the campus unsightly at times, would become a thing of the past. The TAR HEEL is delighted with this idea and hopes to see the arrangements perfected at an early day.

The holidays will soon be here when the young men of the University will scatter over the whole length and breadth of the State. It occurs to us that while we are enjoying ourselves we at the same time conduct a campaign that will redound to the great good of our beloved institution. We will meet all sorts of men and in every section of the state. Just make it a point to tell them what is going on here; of the sort of men that are receiving an education and of the spirit that actuates them. If we can only scatter the truth and put the facts in the hands of the people we are perfectly safe from the attacks of enemies.

A Card.

We notice in the TAR HEEL of several weeks ago an article on "Commons" which we think wholly unjustifiable and more expressive of the little prejudices of the few than the thoughts of the majority of those who have boarded at this institution. It is true that some twenty or thirty left last month but it is equally true that a hundred and twenty or more did not leave and that a good many of those thirty or forty who did leave are back again.

The writer complains of poor food and poorer accommodations. The first of these accusations can best be answered by the opinions of those who are capable of judging, vid. end of this article.

As to the accommodations, the reader of the TAR HEEL of Oct. 21st no doubt saw criticisms which could have, with more forethought, been left out.

The writer complains of having to pay 5 cents when late. Like all business institutions, Commons has certain fixed hours to go by, but for those who think it best not to observe the rule, "early to bed early to rise," she allows tardy members to come in late and get their meals at an additional cost of 5 cents, not as a punishment, but to pay an extra waiter who takes the place of the waiters from the student body, these latter waiters having to attend to other college duties at the expiration of their required service at the hall.

Eight dollars is the price per month for board and by adopting this system a large expense is obviated, and a number of poor boys enabled to

get their board almost for nothing.

He complains of an extra charge of 20 cents when you take a friend to dine with you. Everybody familiar with hotel workings will readily see the advisability of this scheme. Commons cannot board a man and his friends too for eight dollars a month.

As previously stated, students wait on the table. They should be treated as students. Now the Committee to which the members of the hall are requested to make their complaints have not had a single statement made them concerning that in the TAR HEEL article. "They are grumblers and pay no attention to the wants of those upon whom they are waiting," he says; but yet instead of reporting this fact specifically to the authorities, he publicly brands the whole crew and we think very unjustly too. Of course the Committee could not take action upon and dismiss a waiter, a fellow student, for not responding to the harsh demands of a fellow student, should this be the source of the complaint.

"The most unkindest cut of all." Commons is painted as the receptacle for those who participate in the rush and grab game. Well she does not pretend to give a course in table manners. Members, you are requested to bring them with you.

You are allowed on entering Commons to select your own company and after this is taken advantage of you can further, by a word, have any member of the crowd with whom you get sent away when he does not see fit to comport himself with the dignity of a gentleman. Above all things Commons is neat and clean and the writer of this article has heard ladies, who are capable of judging, pay compliments to this feature of the hall, a condition which would hardly exist did such practices as enumerated live to any appreciable extent.

In fine Commons does not solicit patronage from "patriotic or sentimental" reasons, anything else. All she asks is, that, if you are dissatisfied and unable to please, you leave, but criticise in a way that would pay due regard to the rules of veracity. Commons is the gift of a philanthropist and by the great body of the students is thus considered. That article did not overflow with this admirable quality and the State has received impressions which certainly do not do credit to Commons Hall or to the TAR HEEL which should express the best sentiments of the student body.

BURTON CRAIGE.

NOTE. Mr. Craige secured statements from six or eight of the best men in College to the effect that Commons is now a desirable boarding place. These statements were crowded out on account of an unusual rush of matter. ED.

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