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With this issue the burden of the editorial function passes to new shoulders. To say that it is accepted with some hesitation is but natural; for the paper has always stood high among the many weeklies of the college world, and reputations are at best very hard things to maintain. Still, having accepted the trust, it shall be our endeavor to see that the TAR HEEL does not in any way deteriorate but always keeps close to its standard of accurately reflecting the undergraduate life of the University.

For the rest, we simply say that the paper comes to us in the best possible shape. The ability with which the late editor-in-chief conducted it is too well known and of too recent memory to need recounting here; the sub-editors are alert and active to do their duty; the business department is in better shape than ever before. So, of the students, we only ask continued support, confidence and good-will.

The work of the team last week was not such as to inspire any great amount of hopefulness either in the team or its supporters. The confidence and enthusiasm aroused by the consistent play shown in the Clemson game had barely taken firm hold when the defeat at the hands of Blacksburg completely reversed the feeling.

This defeat coming, as it does, in the first game of moment, is a bitter dose to both the team and the college. But it will be a beneficial dose. The most evident fact of the game was that Carolina did not play foot-ball as she can play it; that the form shown was not anywhere near, did not even approximate that to which the team can be brought. And this is a very cheering fact.

We believe that the men from this time forward will resolve that there must be work and plenty of it if we are to correct the errors that can be corrected. Up to this game the team was really untried; it has now been weighed in the balances. Only three weeks remain until Thanksgiving, time enough to correct our weaknesses, if we go about it in the right spirit. The Virginia-Georgia game gives us much to hope for; right now Virginia is very little better than we are and they are about in condition. But aside from all ifs and ands, and regardless of which team has the advantage at

the present writing, it has simply come to the point where it is a necessity to win the Richmond game, this is the year we must win it.

The past is past and the future is before us: may it be a season full of rejoicing.

Is there to be an *Hellenian* this year? If so, it is now long past the time that work should have been begun on it. The compiling of a creditable annual is 'not the matter of one month or of two months' work, nor is it a thing that just any body can do; it takes time and it takes true literary instinct and ability. A good annual is a lasting pleasure; a poor one is a detestable bore.

So, if we are to have one this year, let's have a good one or none at all. Most of the editors we understand have been elected. Let them meet at once, organize and begin work. The copy for the whole book should be in by the middle of January, at least. It is now November and not a lick has been struck.

The presiding genius of the post-office has just put in our care a letter addressed to the "Editor-in-Chief of the *Hellenian*, '98;" we should be pleased to deliver it to the rightful owner at a very early date.

College Topics in a recent issue referring to the large subscription here for our team this year congratulates us on our enthusiasm and "adorns the tale" by a moral: for our Virginia friends to show some such spirit. This is truly refreshing. We knew that we had college enthusiasm and plenty of it, but that we have more than they have at U. Va.—impossible! Why, we have been hearing all along to go and do like they do up in Virginia and here they are saying, "Just look at the Tar Heels." Really, there is a mistake somewhere.

Beginning with this issue the regular press day of the TAR HEEL will be Tuesday. The change is made for several reasons. In point of convenience it will help both editors and printers; but the chief advantage is that the news will be fresher. Everything that happens here takes place at the end of the week, too late for the Friday edition, and so the report of it has to be delayed until it is almost out of date.

Living Lakes and Dead Seas.

The regular bi-weekly lecture by a member of the faculty was delivered Thursday night by Prof. Cobb on the subject—Living Lakes and Dead Seas. The attendance was unusually large, the hall being crowded to overflowing, and the lecture most entertaining and instructive.

Stereoptican views of the Dead Sea, the lake of the Dismal Swamp and numerous other seas and lakes, supplemented and illustrated the lecture, and added greatly to the enjoyment of the occasion. This year's series of lectures is the most delightful yet arranged by the faculty.

The highest number of boarders perhaps in the history of Commons Hall has been reached. It daily feeds one hundred and fifty-one students. Of them fifteen are waiters.

Team Development.

The development of the 'Varsity has been marked and the outlook is most encouraging. The Student Body and the Tar Heel are pleased with the improvement. From now on the games are nearly all with colleges almost our equals and the final test is less distant than a month. Let every student of the University cheer the men on the gridiron and support the 'Varsity in the proper style. The snap and vigor with which the team plays, the ginger, with which they move, the grit, pluck and power, with which they are endowed, should be applauded loudly; for with the proper encouragement and support the 'Varsity of '97 will down Virginia.

Condition of the Varsity.

In running up the team work in the Clemson game Coach Reynolds said the backs were too slow in starting, the interference was ragged and that the work, on the whole, was unsatisfactory. There was too much fumbling and the men did not get into every play. The tackling was good and the line work in the main, was fair in the aggressive but not so good in the defensive play. The men played with ginger and were fast and snappy but as yet have not reached the standard required.

The Philological Club.

The regular meeting of the Philological Club was held in the English lecture room. The following papers were read.

1. PROF. HARRINGTON:—"Some Tests of a New Alliterative Theory" Some examples of alliteration in connection with end rhyme and dissyllabic endings were pointed out, as occurring in the Latin Elegiac-poets. It was shown that perfect alliteration decreased with the Elegiac-poets; that the most exact specimens of alliteration occur in the writings of Tibullus; but that the popularity of this form of writing is not apparent until the time of Ovid.

2. DR. HUME:—"An English Charlemagne Romance"—Sir Ferumbras. Previous to the Arthurian romance, English translations were made of the French chanson de gestes, especially of the chanson de Roland. The subject of these songs was usually Charlemagne, represented as the defender of the Christian faith. Sir Ferumbras is a 14th century reproduction from the French, with additions from the English. Neither Charlemagne nor Ferumbras are conspicuous in this romance, the subject matter, in the main, consisting of the wonderful victories of the Christians over their adversaries.

3. MR. MAY:—"The Character of the Queen in Maria Stuart" In Maria Stuart, Schiller represents the imprisonment and death of Mary in England. She has already atoned for her guilt in sorrow and repentance, and Schiller excites sympathy for her by means of a vivid contest between her and Elizabeth, in which he idealizes Mary and pictures Elizabeth in an unfavorable light. In the final picture Mary and not Elizabeth becomes the true queen.

4. DR. LINSOTT:—"The Duke of the Three Hauds," from the Lithuanian.

The Lithuanian people live at the head of the Baltic Sea, and belong to the Balto-Slavic branch of the Indo-European family. Today they are the simplest people in Europe, with a religion which is merely the worship of nature. Their language shows great conservatism, and their literature consists of folk-love, folk-song, and simple stories, of which the "Duke of the Three Hands" is an example.

Changes in the Tar Heel Board.

Since the last issue of the *Tar Heel* Mr. S. S. Lamb, Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. E. E. Sams, Associate Editor, have resigned their positions. The two vacancies on the board were filled by the election of Mr. W. J. Brogden and Mr. Percy Whitaker, E. K. Graham being elected Editor-in-Chief.

Mr. Lamb has been connected with the *Tar Heel* for nearly a year, and has been a most efficient Editor-in-Chief. Mr. Sams has been on the board only a short time but made a first-class editor.

The *Tar Heel* greatly regrets the loss of both men.

From the Exchanges.

"The Harvard Crimson" states that the Harvard nine will take an early southern trip, games having been arranged with Georgetown, U. Va., U. N. C., and other southern colleges.

The "Cloverleaf," of Kentucky University, has some very pertinent remarks in regard to the publication of the annual. The tendency seems to be toward lukewarmness in the matter on account of financial failure last year.

The U. Va. Dramatic Club has presented the University with a new bell for the Rotunda, the former one being destroyed by the fire in 1895.

We clip the following from the "Alcalde," University of Texas:

"President Winston has been during the past week, a victim of the prevailing sickness. Dengue strikes down even a President. Four hundred and thirty-one is the number of students at the University of Texas, one-fourth being women."

How dear to our heart
Is cash on subscription,
When the generous subscriber
Presents it to view:
But the man who won't pay,
We refrain from description;
For perhaps, gentle reader,
That man might be you.
—Exchange.

At Brown University the number of students who belong to Fraternities is 49 per cent.; Ann Arbor, 24 per cent.; Cornell, 33 per cent.; Lehigh, 42 per cent.; University of Virginia, 48 per cent.; Johns Hopkins, 46 per cent.; Wisconsin, 70 per cent.; California, 14 per cent.—Exchange.

"Brownie" Murphy a N. Y. "Giant" last year, will coach University of Pennsylvania's base ball nine next spring.

J. L. V. Bonney will captain U. of Va's nine for '98.

We learn from the *Charlotte Observer* that Wake Forest has three games scheduled with U. N. C. for next spring.