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The TAR HEEL ventures to ex-  
press the hope that everybody had  
a pleasant Christmas and a joyous  
New Year. It is sincerely "glad  
to see you back."

If it were nearer the first of the  
year it could not refrain from a few  
pious suggestions concerning how  
life should be lived and so on, with  
an exhortation for early reform; but  
a week has passed now, and it is  
time resolutions were safely locked  
up in trunks and people were begin-  
ning to behave themselves. Magi-  
cal January 1st, 1898 has grown in-  
to prosaic January 11th and as the  
latter is just a plain old twenty-four-  
hour day, there is no reason why it  
should be a starting point for right-  
eousness.

We shall try therefore to be quiet;  
again hoping that the year that is  
on us is full of good things and that  
we may prove ourselves worthy of  
them all.

The period from January to March  
is for the most part void of any ath-  
letic events or activity. The weath-  
er is hostile to regular out-door ex-  
ercise and the result is two months  
of absolute ennui—no games, no  
training of any sort.

This certainly ought not so to be.  
There is no period in the year which  
so well repays effort to build up the  
body, and yet it seems to be regarded  
here as a season of necessary and  
weary restfulness. So regarded  
it is a waste of most valuable time.  
The base-ball games will soon be  
on us,—the hardest and best sched-  
ule we have ever had. Preparations  
should begin at once. The men  
should be called out so that what-  
ever training is possible may begin  
now and continue consistently until  
the team takes the field.

A successful team this spring  
means a great deal to us; it is al-  
most a necessity. We shall not  
have it unless we make early pro-  
vision. Winners don't come with  
"The flowers that bloom" etc., nor  
spring full-armed from anybody's  
head. Steady, rigid work gives  
large results in base-ball. It is a  
resource of which we should early  
avail ourselves.

In its last issue the TAR HEEL  
called the attention of the students  
to the fact that there was a place  
on the board for any one who showed  
special fitness for the work. We  
hope this fact will not be over-

looked; so far the office has not been  
flooded with communications.

It would be a great source of  
gratification if interest could be ex-  
cited along this line; particularly  
so, if the younger men in college  
would show some zeal in the matter.  
One great trouble with us is the  
one-sidedness of our life. A few  
men constitute a narrow system of  
athletics and a few men represent a  
still narrower literary life. The  
great majority containing, no doubt,  
many of superior ability to the ac-  
tive participants remain quiet look-  
ers-on.

There is abundant material in  
college to make the TAR HEEL a  
bright, live, interesting sheet and  
if some of it will only wake up and  
show itself it shall not want for  
appreciation and employment.

Did it ever occur to you how many  
college boys there are and how few  
college men? It must have, for the  
former are not only numerous but  
are so very demonstrative. They  
have such a disagreeable way of  
stamping their personalities over  
the face of things. In fact, that is  
their most prominent characteristic.  
The savor of their life is to be  
noticed.

For instance take their humor.  
The joke, say, of throwing a chair  
in the well depends entirely on the  
fact that it somebody else's chair  
and somebody else's well and suffi-  
cient inconvenience, therefore, will  
result to bring them into prom-  
inence.

The same characteristic is in evi-  
dence in their reading. Many libra-  
ry books are embellished with their  
handiwork. They criticise with  
that gay abandon that recognizes  
no superiors and cares naught for  
the rights of property, the dignity  
of letters, nor the value of ink.  
"Dr. Faustus", one W. F. C. says,  
is "rotten"—a criticism that has, at  
least, the merit of bold originality.  
Shakespeare is numerous com-  
mended by another as "fine" "out  
of sight," and the like.

So you find them wherever you  
turn; and so vigorous they become  
in their various lines of endeavor  
that in some college communities  
they amount to an epidemic and al-  
most give complexion to the life of  
the whole. Everything must be  
changed to fit them. The cloth  
must all be cut small and a commu-  
nity of misfits is the results. But  
worse than this, they give complex-  
ion to the community abroad. They  
tell everybody they go to school  
at —, and everybody says it is a  
pity because — is, or used to be, a  
good old school.

It is a pity. We trust these peo-  
ple will ponder over it some long  
night and the next time they throw  
chairs in the well they will make it  
a point to be sitting in them when  
they strike bottom.

### IN THE HEART OF A CHILD.

The shine of the sun made humanity fair,  
While out of the starlight divinity  
smiled,  
And science lay folded in reverence there,  
In the heart of a child.

Does time dim our vision and narrow its  
range?  
Does love of God's world become love  
of our wild  
For something has wrought a deplorable  
change  
Since I was that child.

### The Builder and Year.

The Old Year hugged his bony knees  
And laid him down to die;  
The New Year raised an infant head  
His fair domain to spy.  
The Man took up his bubble-pipe  
And blew a bubble gay,  
Where all the colors of the air  
Made pictures of the day.  
The infant year stretched out his hand  
And snatched the bubble fine.  
"Twas naught but ether", cried the Man,  
"Yet it was wholly mine".  
He broke his pipe and bent his back  
To hewing ponderous stone  
And there a mighty structure rose  
And it was all his own.  
The infant grown to burly youth  
Before the pile was stilled,  
Unconscious wholly that his hand  
Had taught the Man to build.

### The Commencement Orator.

Hannis Taylor ex-minister to  
Spain and an alumnus of the Uni-  
versity has been chosen orator of  
the '98 commencement.

It is hardly necessary to say that  
the selection has given great satis-  
faction to all interested.

Mr. Taylor's presence will insure  
a successful commencement.

### Aesthetics vs. Rheumatics.

Last fall saw a good many fancy  
touches put on the University and  
surrounding in the shape of well-  
covers, doors, etc; but we are still  
compelled to bathe in the cold. The  
Greek architecture is all very pretty  
but we think that some serviceable  
improvement ought to be made as  
well. The bath-house is in a bad  
condition. Often there is no water  
and when there is it is never heated.  
There is a heater in the bath-room  
but it is never used. Can't we have  
some improvements along this line?

### Tar Heel Meeting.

At a recent meeting of the *Tar  
Heel* Miss Mary McRae was elected  
to fill the vacancy caused by the  
resignation of W. H. Bagley.

Considerable change being neces-  
sitated by the resignation of Mr.  
Bagley the board was reorganized  
as follows: Gold and Whitlock local  
editors, Follin exchange, Brogden  
associate, Whitaker athletic, Miss  
McRae literary.

### Meeting of the German Club.

At a meeting of the German Club  
on Saturday last. Mr. F. O. Rog-  
ers was elected leader of the an-  
nual mid-winter german which will  
take place Friday the 18th of Feb-  
ruary. Messrs. Geo. D. Vick and  
Warren Kluttz were appointed floor  
managers. Messrs. Moore, Staton  
and Metts were elected members of  
the Club.

### BASKET BALL.

Why is it that the game of basket  
ball has never been introduced into  
the University? In the short time  
that it has been a claimant for pop-  
ularity in the athletic world it has  
made wonderful progress and be-  
come a leader among the sports at  
some of our chief colleges and insti-  
tutions.

It is a game involving very small  
outlay of equipment and furnishing  
splendid exercise. It gives excite-  
ment and interest enough to lead to  
the formation of not only class and  
college teams but even state and  
interstate leagues.

### HERE AND THERE.

Lee ex-'98 will take law this year.

Judge Little '98 has registered  
for law.

A. H. Bynum A.&M. '00 has en-  
tered '01.

J. A. Currie ex-'98 has returned  
to the University to take law.

Whitaker '98 has been appointed  
official scorer for the base ball team.

Frank Faison '00 has returned  
to the Hill after a short rustication.

A. D. McLean ex-'98 has return-  
ed to the University and entered the  
Law Class.

Mr. P. C. Whitlock has been  
elected to succeed Mr. Cheek as  
assistant librarian.

Commons Hall opened the year  
very prosperously—about a hundred  
and twenty boarders.

Dr. Alderman has been invited to  
deliver the oration at the commence-  
ment of Tulane University.

Mr. C. R. Dey having completed  
his course will not return to the  
University until next June.

John Cook mayor of Laurinburg  
and Editor of the Laurinburg Ex-  
change has entered the law class.

It is understood that the chair of  
Pedagogy will be filled at the meet-  
ing of the trustees January 26th.

Prof. Moses of Davis Military  
School is at the University doing spe-  
cial work in the Chemical Labora-  
tory.

Mr. W. J. Nichols '97 spent two  
days on the Hill last week visiting  
friends. We were glad to have him  
with us again.

About thirty of the students re-  
mained on the Hill during vacation.  
They enjoyed themselves reading,  
skating and sleeping.

The base-ball schedule has about  
been completed and will be publish-  
ed in the TAR HEEL as soon as  
final arrangements are made as to  
places—possibly next week.

Messrs P. T. Cheek and P. H.  
Eley of the class of '98 will not  
graduate this year. Mr. Eley's  
health would not admit of his re-  
maining. Mr. Cheek will complete  
his course next year.

J. G. McCormick '98 was recent-  
ly elected Editor-in-chief of the Uni-  
versity Magazine, to fill the vacancy  
caused by the resignation of S. S.  
Lamb. J. D. Parker was chosen  
to fill Mr. McCormick's place.

Julian S. Carr has made the li-  
brary a most valuable present—a  
complete set of Harper's Illustrated  
Weekly. This set numbers fifty  
volumes and contains many very  
rare and costly. The entire set is  
bound in morocco.

The Debators for the intersociety  
debate which takes place sometime  
in February have been elected by the  
Societies. The Di. will be repre-  
sented by Messrs Johnston and  
Bowie, the Phi. by Messrs Abbot  
and Conuor. The query to be dis-  
cussed is "Resolved that the United  
States Senators should be elected by  
a direct vote of the people."