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The Advisory Committee is to be congratulated for arranging a series of contests between the University and the various preparatory schools of the state. This plan will give new impetus and vigor to athletics in the state, and will create ties of friendship not only in athletics but in every phase of University life. Of course this contest will be confined to the Track Team, but if the spirit and enthusiasm of pure athletics is brought to bear upon our visitors it is evident that a stimulus will be given to base-ball and foot-ball, and we will no longer be hampered with a lack of trained material. One of the reasons why our foot-ball and base-ball teams are often beaten is that men coming to the University have never played ball while at a "prep" school and hence much valuable time is consumed in getting the material in readiness and giving instruction in the minor points of the game which ought to be learned prior to coming here.

Believing that the efforts made in this direction will bring the schools in close contact and sympathy with us, and form a training "table" for the "Varsity" we look forward to the event with the keenest anticipation and interest.

It has been a time honored custom of the Literary Societies to celebrate Washington's birth-day with some kind of literary exercises, which are adapted to the spirit of the holiday.

Last year, owing to some unknown reason this appropriate and patriotic custom was ignored, and the holiday was wasted.

Such a wilful violation of precedent may mean that the day has lost its interest to us, or that there is a lack of ability on the part of the members of the societies, or perhaps, because no one assumed the initiative, the time approached and passed without any effort being made to commemorate the birth of the advocate and defender of our liberties.

It is difficult to be persuaded that the students have lost interest in the significance of this National holiday, for such a charge would impute to us a lack of sympathy with the sacrifices and successes of

those patriots who made liberty a reality, and prosperity a watchword; a lack of appreciation for the political and intellectual prowess of to-day.

To establish this charge it would be necessary to prove that we have no interest in the University for the University is a concrete expression of those principles of citizenship and manhood which the heroes of the Revolution bequeathed to posterity. But no one who understands the spirit of our College life would entertain for a minute the thought that there was any one in the University, who did not have its best interests at heart, and who would not willingly put forth the greatest effort for the promotion of its welfare.

As for lack of ability this is entirely out of the question, for any man "though he be a way tarer" can easily learn that such a deficiency does not exist. Hence the only plausible reason to be found is that there is a lack of initiative.

If it is deemed appropriate and expedient to take any steps toward arranging a programme for Washington's birth-day, then the necessary move ought to be made at once so as to give those who participate in the exercises sufficient time to make such preparation as will reflect credit upon the societies and represent the significance of such an occasion.

Preachers to the University.

There was an article in the last week's TAR HEEL in regard to the plan of having preachers come to the University and spend a week leading prayers and doing work among the students. Give below a list of the eminent divines who have been selected for the spring, and who have accepted;—

Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., Wilmington—Jan. 27 to Feb. 6.

Rev. L. B. Turnbull, D. D., Durham—Feb. 27 to Mar. 6.

Rev. C. W. Byrd, D. D., Asheville—Mar. 27 to Apr. 3.

Rev. J. W. Cates, D. D., Raleigh—Apr. 24 to May 1.

Meeting of the Senior Class.

There was a meeting of the Senior Class last Thursday 2:30 o'clock.

The resignation of Mr. I. E. D. Andrews as Statistician was read and accepted and the following officers were elected:—Statistician; C. S. Carr; Historian, J. G. McCormick. The office of Poet, made vacant by Mr. Eley's leaving the University, was done away with. The officers of the class were constituted a committee to arrange a programme for class day. Caps and gowns were adopted, and Messrs. Whitaker, Whitlock, and Gold were appointed a committee to make arrangements about getting them. The question of a gift to the University was put in the hands of a committee composed of Messrs. Thompson, Busbee, and Pierce.

Notice.

There will be a meeting of the Tennis Association in the Chapel, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, for the purpose of arranging a general tennis tournament and for the transacting of other important business. All interested in tennis affairs, whether members of the association or not are urged to be present. E. K. GRAHAM, Pres.

A Field-Day for the Schools.

The advisory committee has arranged a track athletic contest between the preparatory schools of the state to be held here on April 16th, the day of the Harvard game.

The University will give the prizes but will not defray the expenses of the teams as the track is not enclosed and there is no way of collecting gate receipts.

No one will be allowed to take part in the contest except bona fide matriculated students of the schools represented.

The members of the visiting teams will be invited to witness our game with Harvard in the afternoon and will be given reserved seats.

A number of schools have already agreed to send teams, and when the day arrives there will probably be no school in the state of any size which will not be represented.

The events of the day will be published in the next issue of the TAR HEEL.

There will also be a special day set apart for an inter-class contest and the winners of the inter-class events will compose the Varsity track team, which will probably have the pleasure of meeting a similar team from the University of Virginia on the 23rd of April, the contest to take place on our home grounds.

Virginia has been invited to send a track team along with her base-ball nine, and she will very probably accept.

The track contest will take place in the morning and the base ball game in the afternoon. Lets pay off some old scores by giving our rival a double thrashing.

It is the desire of the advisory committee that the classes elect their captains and get to work at once. Prof. Mechling will train all the class teams together.

Lets "whoop 'em up" and give Virginia the best we have in stock. It is rumored that there will be a dance on the same night so we will not lack for fair sponsors.

Now is the time for the aspiring athlete to win a N. C. sweater. Whoever scores points against Virginia will obtain the coveted prize.

Election of Chief Marshall.

Last Saturday morning the Junior Class held a meeting in the Chapel for the purpose of electing Chief Marshall for Commencement. Pres. Vick called the meeting to order. Mr. E. V. Patterson of Salem, N. C., was put in nomination and unanimously elected. He has announced his "subs." as follows: Messrs. F. M. Osborne of Charlotte, Thomas Hume, Jr., of Chapel Hill, R. G. Kittrell, of Kittrell, J. K. Dozier, of Tarboro, J. D. Grimes, of Grimesland and J. R. Carr, of Durham.

WHY IS IT THUS?

'Tis very hard to understand
Why I should break no rule
When, with her fan in summer-time
I keep a maiden cool.

And then when winter time has come
Amid the raging storm,
I cannot use that same old arm,
To keep a maiden warm.

STATE NORMAL MAGAZINE.

Tommy and Molly, of gentle years
Exchanged young lovers' jollies;
Her words seemed cold to Tommy's ears,
But his were hot to Molly's.

"YALE RECS

Football Four Hundred Years Ago.

The prevailing notion is that "flying wedges," "taudems," and other massed plays in football are modern devices. Perhaps they are, but it seems that as early as 1583, in ye Realme of England, an outcry was raised against the game as "a bloody and murdering practice." One Philip Stubbes published in that year an "Anatomic" of the abuses current in the realm, and here is what he had to say of football:

"Now who is so grossly blinde that seeth not that these aforesaid exercises not only withdraw us from godliness and virtue, but also haile and allure us to wickednesse and sins. For as concerning football, playing I protest unto you that it may rather be called a friendlie kind of fyghte than a play or recreation—a bloody and murdering practise than a fellowly sport or pastime. For dooth not everyone lye in waight for his adversarie, seeking to overthrow him and picke him on his nose tho it be on hard stones, on ditch or dale, or valley or hill, or whatever place soever it be he careth not, so he have him downe; and he that can serve the most of this fashion he is counted the only fellow, and who but he? . . . So that by this means sometimes their necks are broken, sometimes ther backs, sometimes their legs, sometimes their armes, sometimes their noses gush out with blood, sometimes their eyes start out, and sometimes hurte in one place, sometimes in another. But whosoever scapeth away the best goeth not scot-free, but is either forewounded, craised, or bruised, so as he dyeth of it or else scapeth very hardlie; and no mervaile, for they have the sleights to meet one betwixt two, to dash him against the hart with their elbows, to butt him under the short ribs with their griped fists and with their knees to catch him on the hip and pick him on his neck, with a hundred such murdering devices. And hereof groweth envy, rancour, and malice, and sometimes, brawling, murder, homicide, and great effusion of blood, as experience daily teacheth."

This extract from Goodman Stubbes His Book is used by John Corbin in an article in *The Independent* (December 19) for the purpose of showing that all the modern objections were used by the Puritans four hundred years ago, and that football has, nevertheless, survived because the objections were then, as they are now, he thinks, without any sufficient basis in fact.

Literary Digest.

Resolutions of Respect.

Dialectic Hall, Jan. 8, 1898.

WHEREAS, God, in the ordering of an all-wise Providence, has seen fit to remove from this life our fellow-member, John H. Coble, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that, while we bow in humble submission to His divine will, we deeply mourn the death of one who possessed so many of the virtues of a noble character, and sadly deplore the untimely end of a life so full of promise; and be it

RESOLVED, that as a mark of respect we drape our hall in mourning for a period of sixty days; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family and also cause a copy to be printed in the TAR HEEL.

F. J. Cox, J. E. Little, P. C. Whitlock, Com. for Di. Society.