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"The players are too slow" is the criticism this week. If the players expect to put up a winning team, it is necessary for them to go at it with a vim. The success of a team depends largely upon the snap with which they play. They must have a general spirit of vigor and earnestness. If a player is slow in going to the field or to second base, he will be slow in getting at a grounder or a fly. He cannot play with snap unless he has a snappy spirit about him; and, if he has this snappy earnestness, it will be shown in every movement, whether it be running the bases or getting to his position on the field.

The men ought to play just as hard in a practice game as they would in a match game.

The only way to develop a winning team is to have a winning determination. Win everything from scrubs up. We have as fine a show of material as even graced our diamond, and now we want to see them play ball.

We publish in another column a letter to Manager Lewis from Mr. G. W. Lawson, of Winston, in which he offers a gold medal for the best batting average made by any member of the U. N. C. base ball team during this season.

Mr. Lawson's kindness is highly appreciated by the Athletic Association and in their behalf the TAR HEEL heartily thanks him for his interest in the team, and his endeavor to stimulate the work. But we fail to see any reason why Mr. Lawson should exclude his brother from the contest. We appreciate his delicacy in doing so, but assure him the team would be delighted if he would strike out that provision.

Batting is one of the most important parts of the game of to-day, and admits of scientific development as much so as pitching. It is well that we should have this incentive to that part of the work; and we feel sure that our batting this year will be of a higher order than if the medal had not been offered.

Sometime ago it was decided in a meeting of the Senior class to leave the office of poet open to competition. All members of the class desiring to compete for the place will

write a poem and submit it before the 20th of May to a committee appointed by the President of the class. This committee will judge the merits of the poems handed in, and decide who shall be poet at the class-day exercises, having a right to reject all, if none prove meritorious.

This is the only proper way to decide upon a thing like this, and it would have been much more satisfactory, if all the offices of this nature could have been left to this mode of appointment. Then the class "honors" would be regarded as such. The deserving men would get the offices, and the class would be represented by its best.

It is to be hoped that the members of the class who have a poetical turn will invoke the muse, and that it may not be said that the class of '98 has no poet.

The inter-Society debate Tuesday evening was an occasion of enjoyment to all who attended.

The speakers on both sides are to be commended for the able manner in which they handled the question. The thorough familiarity shown by them with the way details of the subject was evidence of much study.

The rivalry brought about by these debates is one of the best stimuli to work the Societies have.

Leonard C. Van Noppen.

The early issue by the Continental Publishing Co. of New York of a metrical version of Vondel's "Lucifer" by Mr. Leonard C. Van Noppen of the class of '92 is announced. Selections from the advance sheets are found in the New York Musical Courier.

It is claimed that he has turned the original Dutch hexameter into English blank verse with exact literalness and poetic skill. The Greek-like choruses and other lyrical passages in Mr. Van Noppen's rendering preserve the assonances, the feminine rhymes and the syllabic movement of the original. Such work should have great value for the critical student, as well as the general reader for it has been affirmed that Milton's Paradise Lost was as much influenced by Vondel as that doubtful figure, the early Saxon Caedmon.

Mr. Van Noppen received his literary impulse at the University and several sonnets on Shakspearean subjects and other work done here gave striking promise of that success which we have reason to believe is about to crown his talents and careful studies in this country and in Europe.

We trust that loyal North Carolinians will help to make his venture profitable.

DRAMATIC CLUB.

Preparing a new Play "A Modern Ananias."

The University Dramatic Club is hard at work once more, in preparing a new play for the Easter Trip and a Commencement performance.

The caste of characters has been about decided on. The places have been filled upon the result of competition, several new men having applied for positions. Several plays have been under consideration, but the Club has finally decided on "A

Modern Ananias", a play of not so lengthy duration as "London Assurance" and replete with sparkling wit, even exceeding the latter in applause-evoking situations. Each character is notable in itself, and every line fairly teems with wit. Our local artists will share no pains to render the play in the most finished and "profesh-like" manner possible. Under the able directorship of Mr. May, the Club hopes to score even a huger success than met with their efforts on the Christmas trip.

The management contemplates playing in Winston, Greensboro, Reidsville and Danville; perhaps Saulsbury will be included.

The Club's enthusiasm has not abated a whit. "Mark Meddle" will appear in a new role, in which ample opportunity will be afforded him to over-shadow the brilliant reputation made in "London Assurance." Most of the other "stars" will appear again.

The following, to date, compose the Club;

R. S. Busbee, W. G. Cox, G. B. Poud, R. M. Rawls, P. S. Cotton, G. L. Myers, G. D. Vick, S. May and R. E. Follin. Messrs. Cox, Rawls and Myers will appear in the feminine impersonations.

Auburn Letter.

AUBURN ALA.

FEB. 26, 1898.

To the TAR HEEL:—

Shakespeare has said:—

"Oft times excusing of a fault,
Doth make the fault worse by the excusing."

So we shall not make any for the delay in communicating with our sister colleges.

Every one in Auburn is just recovering from the gaities attendant upon the celebration of Class Day which was observed on Feb. 22. In addition to the customary exercises, a game of baseball was played between the Senior and Sophomore classes, and two very pleasant dances were given by the cadets.

On the evening of the 22nd, the annual debate between the representatives of the Wirt and Websterian Literary Societies, took place in Langdon Hall. Cadet T. H. McAdory of the Junior class won the medal for the Websterian Society.

The Subject of athletics still occupies to a great extent the student mind. We trust that our efforts in athletics will be as successful in the future as in the past.

Baseball is, of course, the prevailing sport. From all the indications, Auburn will be represented this season by our first winning baseball team. As shown by the work done in the series of class games now being played, we have many excellent individual players, and trust that the coach will send out an invincible team. We shall have with us again this season, "King" Bailey of the Southern League fame, who, it will be remembered, was our coach last year.

Owing to the fact that we have lost the best men from last year's track team, we do not expect to send a numerous representation to the next track meet. The selection of Atlanta as the place of meet-

ing pleases us greatly, and we trust the event will prove a success.

Interest in Tennis is being revived with the advent of pleasant weather.

Judging from present indications, we shall send a winning team to the next Tennis Tournament in Montgomery.

Work is being pushed on the "Glomerata," the college Annual, and the material will soon be in the hands of the printers.

Mr. A. C. Vandier has been elected Editor-in-chief, and there is every reason to believe that this year's annual will be a success.

Very truly,

Orange and Blue.

Fresh. Medals.

On February 22nd the following medals were duly awarded.

Pretty Men... B. Bell & Hicks.
Ugly Men... McRae & Webb
"180."

Conceited Man... Weir.

— Fool... Harkins.

— Fool... Wray (Red Head.)

— Fool... Kell.

— Fool... W.

K. Lane.

Typical Freshmen... Root.

Walking Side Show... Philips.

General Cussedness... Gray.

Liar... Copeland.

Broken Down Sport... "Billy" Dey.

Dead Beat... Cotten.

Red Head "Snorter"... Morris.

Baby... Thompson.

Lady's Man... Bellamy.

Dog Face Man... Geo. Davis.

Cheeky Man... Root.

Hayseed... Neal.

Rogue... "Rhea" Parker.

Fat Man... "Long Hungry" Webb.

Borer... W. K. Lane.

Gas Bag... Busbee.

Lazy Man... Battle.

Lunatic... V. Cowper.

Witty Man... "Zeke" Allen.

Stingy Man... "Shrimp" Post.

Bashful Man... Gibson.

Scorcher... Dodd.

Simpleton... Cates.

Athlete... Greenleaf.

"Peter" Man... Gray.

Dude... Humphry.

Orator... Cleophus Allen.

P... E. L. Brown.

Exchanges.

Harvard is the largest University in America, with an attendance of 3,365. Oxford is the largest University in England having the same number of students as Harvard. The University of Paris is the largest in the world, having 11,090 students.

Pres. Elliot, of Harvard University, advocates granting degrees twice a year, instead of annually.

Vanderbilt's latest innovation is a Dramatic Club.

John's Hopkins University has decided to ask the legislature of Maryland for state aid.

At Cornell this year for the first time, all the work for a Bachelor degree is elective.

The classes at Lehigh have regular monthly meetings.