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A comparison of the scores against Harvard would make us rather confident of beating Virginia in the game here Saturday. But let us not be over confident. Virginia has a strong team, and the game will doubtless be the tightest one seen here in a long time. A great deal depends on the rooters. Let everybody that can give the yell be ready to cheer the 'Varsity on to victory. But let no one in the heat of excitement allow himself to indulge in the low personalities that are sometimes heard on a base ball field. This does no good whatever and may do a great deal of harm. Remember that the Virginians are our guests and are to be treated as such.

The inter-school track meet is doubtless an established feature in the athletic life of the State now. As a beginning, the field day Saturday proved a great success. While the number of schools represented in the contests was small, there is every reason to believe that a greater number will take part next year, and that athletics in the prep. schools has already received an impetus from the movement.

If athletics is a good thing in the University, it is a good thing in the schools; and it ought to be encouraged. In most of the prep. schools there is a lack of systematic training in this direction. The usual extent of their athletics is a baseball nine that plays on the home grounds, rarely contesting with neighboring schools. They look forward to no special event, and consequently have no incentive to special training. The field days at the University will furnish this incentive. It will be considered a great honor to hold the championship banner, and it will not be long before this banner will be hotly contested for by many schools instead of three or four.

Athletics in the University has heretofore been greatly hampered by the lack of athletic spirit in the preparatory schools of the State. The freshmen who come here, many of them, never saw a foot-ball game and haven't the slightest idea of field sports. As a consequence the University has to train her material from the jump. If there was a thorough system of athletics in ev-

ery preparatory school in the state, the University would have something to pick from. The men would have shown their ability to play base-ball or foot-ball before coming here, and we could have a team composed of men, every one of whom had been the best in his school.

We believe the annual track meets will go a long way in stimulating athletics in the prep. schools, and, in doing this, raise the athletic standard of the University.

In an editorial in the April number of the *Magazine*, which is just out, the editor suggests a plan of electing the editors, which, if carried out, as far as possible by the societies, would, we believe, prove eminently satisfactory. The plan is as follows: that the editor-in-chief, together with two of the senior associate editors, be required to present to the two societies before each election the names of men who have contributed to the *Magazine* and that the societies choose their editors from among this number.

This system is somewhat similar to the method adopted by the *TAR HEEL* board in filling vacancies which occur during the year, where usually only the names of those who have contributed articles are considered.

The plan would, as pointed out by Mr. McCormick, be the best means of insuring the election of men most capable of writing. And, furthermore, it would certainly secure the men most likely to take interest in the work: for while there may be members in the societies, who do not contribute to the *Magazine*, just as capable of writing as those who do, they have done nothing to prove that they would take interest in the work and the likelihood is that they would not prove hard workers on the staff. We want men who not only can, but will write; and we can judge of what they will do only by what they have done.

University Record.

The April number of the *University Record* is out. It is a very interesting issue. Among other valuable matter is a continuation of the extracts from a paper read at the Centennial Commencement, June 5th, 1895, by Dr. Stephen B. Weeks, entitled "The University of North Carolina in the Civil War." The following extract is of special interest to us in this time of national commotion:—

"When the war began the boys of the University rushed away to the struggle like men who had been bidden to a marriage feast. There was great vivacity of spirit, even gaiety of temper displayed, and Governor Swain was proud of their enthusiasm. But enthusiasm was not confined to the University. The residents of the village of Chapel Hill were among the earliest to enter the service. They had their representatives at Bethel. ** Four companies were raised in Chapel Hill and vicinity during the war. Gov. Swain is responsible for the statement that thirty of these volunteers fell in battle or died in hospitals. * * * Nor was enthusiasm and devotion to the call of duty confined to the village of Chapel Hill or to the students and alumni of the University of North Carolina. The University Faculty was not slower than the student body. * * * It contributed six volunteers, four were slain."

Dr. Baskerville will deliver the next Faculty Lecture Thursday evening on *The Gasses of the Atmosphere*. Lecture will be illustrated.

Easter Trip of the Dramatic Club.

Amid Easter gayeties, with the Twin-cities thronged with visitors, the Dramatic Club entered Winston-Salem, to present its initial Easter trip performance.

Winston gave us a repetition of her proverbial hospitality, and everyone contributed to make our visit a most pleasant one. The Twin-City Club was lavish in its courtesies and the Annual Reception and German was enjoyed to the fullest extent. Monday night the performance came off before a large and appreciative audience, and, barring stage advantages, passed off successfully.

Our thanks are due especially to Mr. John J. Blair, whose great kindness and many courtesies calls forth our sincerest thanks. The Club was pleasantly entertained at the homes of Mesdames J. C. Buxton, G. A. Follin and M. F. Patterson.

It was with great difficulty we tore ourselves away from this scene of so much pleasure, for during the greater part of our stay, we were favored by the presence of the Normalites. One would suppose that past experiences had rendered us somewhat proof against all winsome smiles, but,—'twas otherwise.

Tuesday afternoon Greensboro received us and was most kind in giving us a large house, attesting its approval by much applause, joined heartily by a row of bright faces in the gallery, the Normal girls, whose presence necessarily inspired us to masterful efforts. After the performance we attended a most enjoyable German, led by Mr. J. Simpson Schenek to whom with Mr. Jno. S. Cator and C. G. Wright we are especially grateful for many courtesies extended to us.

Leaving Greensboro the next morning we arrived in that acme of hospitality;—Reidsville. The weather here was bad, but a very nice-sized audience appreciated our efforts to the fullest extent. The Reidsville young ladies have loyal champions in our Club, and we are prepared to vouch for anything laudable concerning them. The dance after the performance was a complete success, and we will always have the pleasantest recollections of Reidsville, and the pleasant homes where we were entertained, viz; Mesdames Boyd, Pannill, Thompson and Galloway. Jno. Boyd, ex '99 tendered the Club a delightful reception after the German. John Pannill and Hugh Thompson were indefatigable in their efforts to render us valued assistance and succeeded admirably.

With Reidsville ended our trip and next day the Hill saw us once more, worn in body but rejuvenated in spirit and holding the pleasantest recollections of the Easter trip.

Of course incidents will happen, and the Dramatic Club was favored by experiencing many. We cannot disclose them all, but suggest the following bits which will probably produce conversation: For a full and detail account of the base-ball game Monday afternoon with Johns Hopkins, see "Bull" Cotton. He knows all about it; "Dickie Darling" was decidedly "en evidence" in Winston; why didn't Prof. May sleep in Reidsville? why does the mention of "packing up" invariably produce a smile in Reidsville?

Is it true Vick buys cheap overcoats and is a great conversationalist? Who got "the Chamber of Horrors"?

The Club will give a performance Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. It deserves the patronage of every man in college.

Frank Page of Aberdeen spent Saturday and Sunday at the University.

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