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The base-ball season is now upon us. With the advent of mild weather practice in batting and fielding has begun in earnest though it will be some time yet before any practice games will be played. Vaccinated arms and "unfavorable meteorological conditions" have delayed practice this spring for a much longer time than usual but now these hindrances are out of the way and every man who wishes to make a place on the team must come out and show the best that is in him. Within six weeks we have our first game and as we cannot count on unbroken good weather during this short period it can be seen plainly enough that a great deal of hard work must be done to get the team into shape. Although several members of last years team are back in college to try for their places, not one of them has such a "cinch" on his position as should deter any newcomer. The place is always open for the best man to step into it, and the best is not the one who shows up best the first few afternoons but the one who by consistent hard work and steady ball playing shows himself fittest. Nor should there be any cry of favoritism when the team is made up for the first games. These are merely to try out the material and rest assured that merit combined with hard work everyday will win in the end over slowness and laziness.

During the past month the editor has spent a good deal of time in the library and has noted the carelessness of many of the students in handling the books. Not only are they much abused but their position on the shelves are often deranged, they are left scattered about on the tables or on the window seats. If this merely caused the librarian a good deal of unnecessary labor it would be worth while to call attention to it, though it is but a comparatively small matter. This however is not the chief cause of complaint. Very frequently when a book or magazine is wanted, perhaps wanted immediately, it cannot be found or found only after a time consuming search over the library. We wish to call the attention of the thoughtless to the annoyances resulting from their carelessness and feel quite sure that further comment will be unnecessary.

The literary societies deserve the grateful recognition of the whole University and village, for their efforts whereby in connection with the University authorities they have perfected plans for a series of two interesting lectures at the University this spring.

Every one must have felt how badly we need such here our-out-of-the way situation. The members of the society and the University authorities keenly felt this need and went about supplying it in a business like manner. The selections made are the very best; Max O'Rell and Gen. John B. Gordon; what a treat to hear them.

To get these noted lecturers here for the benefit of all of us sacrifices financially had to be made; now we should show ourselves as loyal as these organizations and turn out to hear them, let's say, *en masse*.

### The Infirmary

Communicated.

Now that, thanks to good medical skill, good nursing and wholesale vaccination, the small pox patient has recovered and all danger of contagion seems to be past, the writer has to offer a suggestion about the infirmary. As every one in college knows its location is anything but ideal if seclusion and quiet count for anything. True it is not in the South Building or at the Post Office but with these two exceptions it could hardly be in a noisier or more frequented part of the campus than it is. With lecture rooms and dormitories within fifty or one hundred yards and many of the most frequented paths within a much less distance, indeed passing by it, it is impossible that patients attacked with contagious diseases be properly isolated or that noise, the *sine qua non* of college "men", do not disturb anyone in the infirmary. The reality of the latter danger will be recalled by us who remember Mr. Reynolds' dangerous relapse, due to the thoughtless noise-making of a number of college "men."

In the opinion of the writer a much better location would be at the back of the campus some distance behind the South Building, in fact any place is better than the present location. We have gone through the small-pox scare safely and really without much "scare" but everyone would have felt much easier had the patient been in not such close proximity. Of course there may never be another case of any sort of small pox here, again there may be a contagious epidemic and the writer of this would not care to go about his daily duties within fifty yards of a pest house.

JUNIOR.

### Literary Societies.

At their last meeting the two literary societies transacted business of some interest to the college at large as well as to themselves. It was decided to give a gold pin to the debaters in inter-collegiate contests and a committee is now selecting the design. Debaters for the Commencement "Rep" debaters were elected, from the Phi, Messrs. G. V. Cowper and L. T. Johnston, from the Di. Messrs. J. K. Hall and D. S. Thompson.

The orators and officers of the Washington Birthday Exercises were elected some time ago. Mr. J. K. Ross will preside and Mr. E. D. Sallenger, Phi is to be secretary. The orators are: Messrs. J. Ed. Latta, Phi, whose subject is "Industrialism" and Mr. G. N. Latta, Di, who will speak on "The Evolution of Nations."

Both the Societies agreed with the University to guarantee the necessary amount to bring two noted lecturers to Chapel Hill, Max O'Rell, the noted humorist and Gen. John B. Gordon one of the great heroes of the Confederacy. The date and subject of their lectures will be announced later.

The Dialectic Society has also appropriated fifty dollars to the Baptist Female University at Raleigh and six hundred dollars for repairs to the hall.

### TRACK TEAM.

All Entries Must be Sent in Before Feb. 15th.

Article IX. "List of probable entries shall be forwarded by the managers of the respective teams, vouched for by the proper officials of the institutions they represent, to J. C. Horner at Oxford, N. C., on or before Feb. 15th."

In compliance with the above article of the Constitution of the I. A. A. A. of N. C. we must secure before Feb. 15 a list of all probable entries for the intercollegiate track contest to be held at Horner's School, Oxford, on Friday after Easter.

All who have the least intention of trying for the team or training with the team, however remote they may think their chances of winning a place on the team, will please not neglect this important notice.

Give your name to Mr. Calder or to me certainly before Feb. 15.

F. M. OSBORNE,  
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