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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Monday at noon to insure publication the same week. We shall be glad to publish pertinent discussions of college topics. The Tar Heel will welcome news items, and hopes the whole college will aid it along this line.

It is a genuine pleasure to note the movement that has been started for a University glee club. It deserves all success, for there is a distinct void in our life here, which this club could fill. It would not only give real enjoyment to the students, faculty and townspeople, but it would unquestionably be a splendid advertisement for the University wherever it went in the State. More than that it would do more than any other one influence to excite an enthusiastic University spirit throughout the State. Let a fine glee club, such as we can send out, go into every city in the State, singing our good old songs, and new ones written for it, and the resultant good to the University will be beyond mere mathematical calculation. This is not at all a conjecture, for in years past the University had a glee club that made the pulses of man. North Carolinians beat faster with an enthusiasm unknown before for their University. The vast majority of people, it is undeniable, can be most easily and deeply touched by an appeal to their emotional nature. Let this glee club by all means go out, for its appeal will be to a high and holy sentiment.

### A Serious Handicap.

It should be borne in mind by the supporters of the foot ball team of the University (and every good citizen of the State should be in that class) that the team goes up against its opponents almost an unknown quantity to its backers and even to itself. We are encouraged to believe that it is a strong team; the game we have played seems to demonstrate that. But how strong a team it is, what are its weak, what its strong points, all those matters of detail which are brought out only under the stress of an exciting contest, we do not know. The failure of the games which had been arranged with institutions in this State is undoubtedly going to handicap us in battling with the stronger teams and we might as well accept that fact.

But in spite of the fact that we will not have this practice which would have been invaluable to us,

we do not propose to sit down in idleness and concede defeat. We must and we will throw ourselves into the struggle with good heart, fearing nothing and hoping all things. If, as we fondly believe, the team has those qualities of grit and intrepidity which single out the Tar Heel, as boy or man, on foot ball field or battle-field, we can at the season's close, look back upon a record in which we may take pride, feeling that it is not unworthy of the Tar Heel University.

## FOOT BALL.

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to either stop or face the play. On plays directed at the line they smash blindly in and fail to locate the man with the ball, often permitting him to plunge through the hole made by their breaking through. They depend on making a tackle, rather than breaking up interference, thus forcing the backs to do the brunt of the work in breaking up the interference. They do not use their hands enough in defensive work and the coach much fears they are depending on scrub signals.

The backs on defensive fail to meet the play directly, but wait to tackle runner after he has made a gain. They are accustomed to dive under a play at the same time the line does, instead of keeping their feet and backing up the line. The backs on offensive are just beginning to run low and hard. They fail to stick to their opponents long enough in the interference and they miss too many signals. They fail to make formations properly and support each other raggedly. They travel too slow on end plays and their great fault is failing to get up speed quick enough, starting slow and not getting away the same instant with the ball.

### University Sermon.

Rev. T. N. M. George, pastor of the Episcopal church in Newbern, and University preacher for October, preached in Gerrard Hall Sunday night. The basis of his discourse was found in Matthew 22: 36, 37, 38.

We have been hearing too much of the negative side of Christianity, and not enough of the positive side. The Christian religion is positive; it sets before us what to believe, to do, and struggle for. If we do all this we need not trouble ourselves about the negative commandments, the "thou shalt not."

Young men too often regard Christianity as an institution that would deprive them of many things they would do. Certainly, it does; but Christ never asks one to give up something for him unless he gives in return a better gift. "He who loses his life for my sake shall find it." Even find eternal life instead of mortal life.

The religion of Christ is positive. It struggles for all that is best, truest and noblest. It does away with nothing that is pure and beneficial.

Christ would not curtail a man's activities. He says "Do this" more often than "Do not." His condemnation came down upon the man who hid the talent—the inactive, lazy man. Slothfulness was

always condemned by our Master. We must get hold of the belief that we are to be saved to a positive life.

In the Old Testament God's people are called the priesthood. Why? Because they are to be engaged in making offerings to Him. They had a work to do. The young men in this University are here preparing for the priesthood, preparing their minds, bodies, and intellects for their Master's work. They are to go out—some of them—and be scientists. And what does that mean? A scientist is simply one who discovers the hidden truths of God. The true scientist is only the spokesman of Nature to God. He it is who makes the praise of Nature for her Maker articulate. He is the great high priest of Nature, and daily makes her offerings to God.

The above synopsis is entirely too short and imperfect to give anything like a key to the discourse. It was a practical sermon, full of splendid advice to the young man who is about to go out into life.

Rev. Mr. George impressed his congregation as being a preacher of unusual force.

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