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### A Plain Duty.

The students of the University many of them, need some plain talking to about The Tar Heel. Their lack of interest in it and their failure to aid its editors in making its columns brighter and better might well be made the text for an editorial. But it is of an even greater dereliction from duty than this that we are going to speak. The paper does not receive from the college the financial support that it has a right to expect.

The facts of this matter may surprise some; but it can be verified by reference to the books of the business manager. It is that more than half the men in college do not take the paper even on shares. Why is this? Where is that splendid "college spirit" of which we are wont to boast? Surely one of the primary manifestations of a man's love for his college is his support of his college paper, which is the paper of the students and the exponent of the college before the public.

From those who do subscribe to the paper it is like pulling eye teeth to get the pittance the subscription costs. There is something wrong when the college paper has fairly to struggle to get the cash necessary for its existence from week to week. There is something wrong with the man who won't subscribe to his college paper or who will subscribe and won't pay. He is usually the citizen who has the brazen assurance to do the most fault-finding. No paper can be run without financial aid, and the more money the better the paper. Of course the services of the editors are gratuitous, but if its patronage would justify, considerable improvement could be made in the get-up of the Tar Heel. We hope that every man in college who has failed in his manifest duty to his paper will take these remarks to himself and ponder them in his heart.

It has been a matter of remark that the men who come here to meet us in athletic contests are not properly treated. We do not mean on the athletic field, for the teams generally leave, as that did Satur-

day, enthusiastic over the gentlemanly conduct of our men in the game, and the fairness of the officials. No charge can be brought against us in that respect. What we wish to invite the special attention of the college to is the fact that the visiting team should be better looked after and entertained. There seems a determination to make their visit as dead a failure in a social as in an athletic way. They are generally allowed to flock to themselves and kill the time as best they can. One might suppose that the visitors were regarded as bitter foes rather than as opponents in a friendly contest. Let us put a stop to this sort of seeming "dog in the manger" spirit. It has little existence in point of fact, and what seems to be such is a mixture of thoughtlessness and indolence. The Southern people have always been an hospitable people, and it is not for us to compromise that reputation. Every man in college ought to feel that he is a committee on entertainment when gentlemanly visitors come to us in a representative capacity from other institutions.

The boys who have gone away to stand for the University on the grid-iron know that they carry with them the earnest good wishes of those they leave behind. Our life and our hopes will be pretty much centered in them for a few days. Whether they win or loose, we can rest confident that they will do their best, for the team has a spirit in it. We are hoping and praying that they may not know defeat.

### Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club held its first meeting on the evening of the 23rd. in Gerrard Hall. The following officers were elected: Dr. Thos. Hume, President; E. K. Graham, Vice President; Dorman Thompson, Secretary; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Treasurer. Representatives of the graduate and undergraduate classes have been selected as councillors, who with the above officers will be Directors of the Club. The night's programme was very effectively done by Messrs. Newman and J. R. Conly and Miss Lucy Cobb in papers of high merit. Mr. Newman gave a very analytic discussion of the "Religious side of Henry the Fifth's Character," while Mr. Conly presented a striking paper on the "General Method of Developing Hal's Character." Miss Cobb's subject, "Difference in Method of Epic Drama and Epic Ballad," was very artistically treated by a comparison of Drayton's "Battle of Agincourt" with the battle scenes of "Henry V." Dr. Hume's inaugural address for this session, on "Violations of History in Shakespeare and the Dramatic Reasons for Them," was received with marked enthusiasm. After a few remarks on the value to students in all lines of industrial endeavor of the study of Shakespeare—a writer whose infinite variety age cannot wither nor custom stale—, he very vividly presented a comparison of the true Sir John Oldcastle as portrayed by Tennyson and the burlesqued and distort-

ed representation given in Falstaff, the master comic figure in all literature.

The next meeting programme will be connected with the historical tragedy of "Richard III." Many students joined the club. It bids fair to have a prosperous year under the able guidance of its distinguished pilot, Dr. Hume.

### With the Societies.

#### PHI SOCIETY

The query was: "Resolved, that the South Carolina dispensary law is a good one."

The affirmative held that it aided Christianity in its efforts to stamp out the evils caused by liquor and that its success in South Carolina proved its beneficence.

The negative claimed that it is unconstitutional in several of its clauses and that it sets the stamp of governmental approval on drinking. They said that a dispensary would increase illicit liquor traffic.

The debate was good and reflected credit on the society. The committee decided in favor of the affirmative and reported Mr. Ballard as best debater.

#### DI SOCIETY.

The query was: "Resolved, that independent action is preferable to party allegiance in politics."

The affirmative claimed that politics should be purified and that this could only be done by good citizens showing their disapproval of party workings by removing themselves from those parties. Men should be governed by the dictation of their conscience rather than by party ties.

The negative held that parties are necessary, and therefore citizens should not withdraw from them. They tend to unite the different sections of the country, give stability to legislation, and fix responsibility. All the great reforms were brought about by parties.

The debate was one of the best ever held in the Society. The committee decided for the negative and that Mr. R. R. Williams made the best speech.

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