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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.

With such favorable conditions of weather and climate as have been our good fortune for the week or two just past, the baseball season has gotten thoroughly under way. The daily line-up between the Scrubs and Varsity is even thus early beginning to have a real interest for the spectators, other than that afforded merely by the critical inspection of the work of the new men and the spectators are not lacking at the practice. But they—"Ah!" you say, "So the 'kicking' is beginning to come this early, eh?"

No, it isn't. The fact is, about the only good resolution made on New Year's morning that the Tar Heel hasn't forgotten completely, is this one: that it was going to try to shake its reputation as a "kicker." Everybody knows how easy it is to criticize—to suggest how this matter or that is by no means what it ought to be,—to offer one's own pet theory as to the remedy. It is just possible that the zeal of the Tar Heel has led it to extremes in this way on some occasions, and the natural outcome is a reputation for cynicism. This is really undeserved. The error has been of the head, not of the heart. Of course there are now and then some things which ought not to be passed over in silence. Sometimes the Tar Heel can be sure it is delivering the kick of the whole student body as recently in regard to the trouble in the library.

But there can certainly be no kick coming now. The way the crowd out on the Athletic field is sticking up to the team is all that could be desired. The applause which is given the good plays is an exceedingly good sign. It seems to indicate that the crowd realizes that the team, composed of so many comparatively new men, is more or less an unknown quantity, that it therefore needs the encouragement and evidence of confidence in it on the part of the crowd, in order for it to get confidence in itself; and that the crowd means to give that support, instead of indulging in that senseless and disheartening spirit of foreboding which has been accorded some our teams.

It may not be amiss to say here a few words of self congratulation on the good fortune of our team in securing the services of Phil Meade as coach. Though he has been with the team only a few days, the results of his able coaching are already beginning to plainly show in improvement in every department, especially in the batting. There never was a time when, from the character of our material, we needed a good coach worse than this spring. The acquisition of one of such a thorough knowledge of the game, and unusual ability as a player and as an instructor, and at the same time, of a gentleman of such engaging personality, is something in which we may well take pleasure and satisfaction. Under his instruction, and with the backing of the students, we may be confident that the team of 1901 will be in every way up to Carolina's standard.

The services conducted during the past week by Mr. Weston R. Gales without doubt, have been successful. They have been well attended throughout by the young man to whom especially he came to talk, and though the outward professions on their part of renewed acceptance of the great truths which may be presented may have not been many, still it cannot be doubted but that his clear, concise and logical presentation of the claims of our Lord, have made many a man think earnestly, and though quietly, examine himself, and look to his Christian duty with new and stronger purpose.

A Course in Argumentation.

Carolina has been unusually successful in her debates with other institutions. These victories may be attributed to what you will, but it is plain to the close observer that these debates have been won by the undivided energy of the debaters and by this alone. The student body has given practically no support to the debaters—until after the victory has been won, and support by the faculty has been with one exception totally unsystematic. We need improvement.

The three divisions of our debating system are (1) literary societies, (2) scrub debaters, (3) faculty instruction. The literary societies are doing fine work and are improving daily. The system of scrub debates instituted last year was a step in the right direction and these debates are accomplishing much good, it is of number three that the writer wishes to complain.

We need a course in argumentation. There is a course in argumentation offered, English 3, which is a very good thing in its way but owing to the fact that the instructor is overloaded with work this course isn't made to weigh enough. The writer believes that there ought to be a thorough practical course in argumentation offered, that it ought to be open only to those who have proven themselves proficient in debate, and that it ought to be supplemented by a course in such as is now offered by Mr. McKee. The good to be accomplished by such a course is self-evident: it would perfect our debating system in that it would make the efforts of our debaters thoroughly systematic. In

addition to this it would give our debaters the "platform finish" so to be desired, it would afford criticism and instruction adopted for further development. The mounteers would not labor, as at present, and a "cussing out" come forth.

Let us have such a course by all means. The catalogue will soon be out and let us see in it a course in argumentation. The writer believes that there are three men in the faculty capable above all others of giving such a course: Professor Williams, in that he has made debating a life study; Mr. Graham in that he has had considerable practical experience in debating; Mr. Warshaw in that he has been thoroughly trained in debating at Harvard, where the courses in argumentation are the best in the country. Now, gentlemen, don't tell us that you would like to give us such a course but haven't the time. Please don't be like a friend of mine who, when I asked him if he had enough confidence in me to loan me a dollar, replied that he had the confidence but not the dollar.

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Notice.

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