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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Wednesday 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.

Our latest communication from the University of Georgia virtually cancels our debate with her this spring. Our friends claim that inasmuch as the query they submitted did not suit us, and since it is too late in the season to select another and begin work on it, they deem it best to negotiate no further this year. They hope, however, that our friendly relations may continue to be as congenial in the future as they have been in the past.

So do we hope our future relations may be as pleasant as they have been in the past. There have never existed between the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia any other than the kindest feelings and the most friendly relations. So may it be in the future; so shall it be. We are indeed sorry to have to cancel the debate for this spring. And for the benefit of those who may not understand the exact situation of things, we wish to offer a word of explanation, and to show to those interested in us that this state of affairs is not due to neglect, indifference, or tardiness on our part.

Just a word will suffice to show why the query did not suit us. The question submitted comprised practically our whole system of taxation in all its phases. It consisted of seven divisions any one of which would be a big question within itself. Our proposition was, on receiving this query, to confine our discussion to just one phase of the question, or rather to one of the seven questions, but Georgia seemed unwilling to do this. Her second excuse, namely, that the season is too far gone to select another question and begin work on it, we admit is plausible. And to this we have only to say that this tardiness is due entirely to the continued delay on the part of Georgia. If Georgia had really wanted to debate with us this year, we can see no reason why matters could not have been adjusted long ago.

We read in every paper and hear from the lips of every speaker that this is distinctively the age of the craftsman, that the tendency of

modern education is toward specialization. We catch the refrain and repeat it ourselves. But what do we mean by it? Do we mean that the man who enters the field of scientific research is to ignore literature and philosophy? Do we mean that the man who devotes his attention to literature is to confine his labors to that alone and let all the great world of science remain as a closed book to him? Do we mean that the man who is preparing himself for the legal profession must spend all his time reading law, and know nothing of, and care less for the beauties of Homer, Virgil and Milton? If this is what we mean, then there is no question about it, we have caught the spirit of the age and perhaps all will be well. Yet we believe a closer examination will do no harm and may be of some good. After noting the tendencies of students for some years we have observed this: the new men who turn their attention to science too often ignore literature, history, philosophy, etc., while those who turn to literature too frequently know nothing of the sciences.

It is true that men have only one lifetime to spend on an education, and therefore should begin work in their chosen field as soon as they are prepared for it. But should they begin before they are prepared? Should a man begin to specialize in literature before he knows anything of the laws of gravitation or of the atomic theory? Should a man begin to specialize in science before he is able to compose a decent English paragraph? In short can we be broad and deep and thorough in any one subject without knowing something outside our own field? We may be in error in saying this, but it seems to us that many of our students are making a serious mistake along the line we have indicated. But, for fear of being charged with questioning the wisdom of their way we will leave the matter with them and say no more.

The University of Virginia has made a proposition to the University of North Carolina to the effect that these two institutions have an annual Field Day. This seems to us to be a capital idea and so Virginia's proposition meets with our hearty approval. We see no reason why this plan should not be put into operation, and doubtless it will be. An effort is now being made to effect an early organization whereby this movement may be inaugurated this spring. It behooves all, therefore, who are interested in this phase of athletics, to get together and begin practice as soon as possible.

### With the Societies.

Philanthropic Society. Query: "Resolved, that all Tariff except for Revenue should be abolished." The affirmative won and Mr. Harper was declared best debater. Dialectic. Query: "Resolved That the Manufacture of Liquor in Towns of Less Than 500 Inhabitants Should be Prohibited by Law." Mr. Love made the best speech.

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