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HON. John Sharp Williams, in his recent speech at Statesville, made one statement which we feel compelled to challenge. In referring to the University of Virginia he paid her a tribute as being the first state university to open her doors in the new world. While we cherish only the most sincere good will towards the University of Virginia, to whom we are closely allied by the bonds of name and of purpose, we believe that honor should be paid to whom honor is due. It is for that reason, therefore, that we feel called upon to state that the doors of the University of North Carolina were opened thirty years before those of the University of Virginia. On October 12th, 1792, the grounds of the University were chosen. Not a fortnight ago we celebrated the anniversary of this event. The venerable Davie poplar is standing still as a monument to Col. Davie and his associates. In 1793 work was begun on the Old East building and on the laying off of the campus and, in 1795 the University opened her doors for the first time to students. In 1825 the University of Virginia followed suit.

Not only did the University precede her Virginia sister. She was preceded by only one similar institution in America, the University of Pennsylvania, which sprang into existence one year earlier. By this narrow margin did the University of North Carolina escape becoming the pioneer of all American state universities. As it is she was practically so in spirit, as standing for democracy and education, two principles which were to prove fundamental in the development of our nation, in the recognition of which the colleges of a continent have followed her lead.

ELSEWHERE in the columns of the TAR HEEL we print a notice of a movement which has been set on foot for the erection of a monument to the late Dr. Charles D. McIver. We endorse heartily this effort to honor a man who was at once an unselfish servant of the state and a loyal son of the University. However it seems to us that the expenditure of \$15,000 in the erection of a monument to his memory is hardly in keeping with the spirit of the man as we have always known him. Self-sacrificing, devoted to the

cause of education in his state, would he not prefer a monument that would live forever in the minds of future generations of North Carolina's men and women? Far be it from us to raise a dissenting voice to the honoring of so great a man, but, as we see it, a series of scholarships, established preferably under his name at the institution to which he gave so many years of devoted service, scholarships which would bring training to many who would otherwise be compelled to do without it, would be far more in keeping with the spirit of his life and would form a monument more glorious and more lasting than a statue of bronze or a shaft of marble.

THIS year witnesses a new arrangement for the publication of our annual, the Yackety Yack. In the past the editorial boards have not been elected until in the spring, and they have consequently been rushed to the utmost to get out their annuals at all. Last year the fact was recognized that under such conditions the best publication could not be produced, so the editors of this year's annual were elected last spring. This year, then, we have, for the first time, a fair chance to get out a thoroughly representative annual. The Yackety Yack board realizes this and has already set to work to arrange the preliminaries for the year's labor. However they will be powerless in their efforts unless they are supported by the student body, and the way for the student body to support them is to get to work on material and ideas for the annual. The board has a stiff proposition to surpass the Yackety Yack of last year, but it is going to work with the determination to do so, and deserves the encouragement of the student body as a whole.

SCARE heads in Richmond dailies announcing the strong probability of a Virginia-Carolina football game being played at an early date have caused more or less inquiry at Chapel Hill. The TAR HEEL is authorized to state that there has been absolutely no foundation for these reports. There will be no game between the U. Va. and Carolina eleven this fall, as Virginia is unwilling to play us under the new rules which we have adopted. We hope, and we feel sure that we express the sentiment of the student body, that Carolina will be able to meet Virginia next year on the gridiron. However the same rules that are in effect here this year will be in effect next year, and the game depends entirely on Virginia's acceptance of them.

**Horrible!**

Out at Vanderbilt the other night a crowd of masked freshmen captured a stray sophomore, divested him of most of his garments and tied him to a tree. The faculty are very properly horrified at the outrage, and threaten to expel sundry suspected freshmen. Numerous abuses of a similar nature have been heaped upon freshmen by sophomores at Vanderbilt, it seems—but they haven't bothered the faculty.

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