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THE FACULTY is at it again. Its latest decision affecting the destinies of a dying world is to chop five days out of the Christmas holidays. The holidays begin on the twenty-first instead of on the twentieth, and registration begins on the second of January instead of the sixth. This means that we will have to leave on Saturday and come back before Sunday, January 5—or pay the insignificant sum of \$5.00.

We have racked our brain to find the reason and we cannot. It has been darkly hinted that the members of the faculty have at last been impregnated with the hurry of the outside world! But we cannot believe such a thing possible.

But they've "gone and done it," and we little insignificant students must bow our heads submissively—or pay the V. We hope it will not be necessary to appoint a guardian for the faculty, but you never can tell.

THE news of John Charles McNeill's death carried sorrow to thousands of hearts. This man was undoubtedly the most gifted poet North Carolina has produced. He had published one volume of poems, "Songs Merry and Sad," and at the time of his death was preparing a volume of dialect poems which he had about decided to call "Possums and Persimmons" or "Under the Persimmon Tree." On account of these things he was granted last year the golden loving cup given by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson.

Mr. McNeill was not a University man, but he had attended two commencements as the representative of the Charlotte Observer and had lectured here before the Modern Literature Club. And though we did not know the man personally, we felt that we had an insight into his character from reading his "Songs Merry and Sad"—a volume we enjoyed as we rarely enjoy any book.

A genius has departed and the literary world is the loser.

THE honor system is one of the most sacred things at this institution. Relying on this system the members of the faculty do not keep watch during quizzes and examina-

tions. They put their faith in the honor and truthfulness of the students. They believe that when a student signs the pledge at the end of his paper, enough has been said.

Of course students have lied, but when it was discovered they departed. The University Council attended to that. But in all the examinations and quizzes we have stood here, we have never seen a student cheating. Wherefore we are constrained to say that in our opinion the honor system is alive.

THE game Saturday means much to Carolina. In yе olden days Virginia used to rub it into us, but that day is gone forever. For the last few years we have "had 'em tooting" and, please your honor, we intend to keep it up.

Coach Lamson and his men are working hard. Secret practice is the order of the day, and the team will show Virginia a few stunts Saturday.

Let's all go and see the thing done up in the proper style.

THE Hustler, published at Vanderbilt University, is branching out into yellow journalism. But it has a good cause. The Commodores held the Midshipmen of the Naval Academy down to 6-6 and outplayed them in the second half. We congratulate Vanderbilt.

SOME of the merchants in Chapel Hill refuse to advertise in The Tar Heel. The Tar Heel belongs to the students. These merchants refuse to patronize the students. We think it is up to the students to refuse to patronize them.

THE pushing and shoving by some of the students each night in the postoffice is getting to be right much of a nuisance. It seems to us that there are other ways, not so objectionable, for these students to make use of their surplus energy.

YES, the V. P. I. game on Thanksgiving is important. But we'll let that rest for awhile. At present Virginia is dear to our hearts.

WE predict that there will be something doing in Richmond Saturday.

**An Appeal to the Trustees.**

Who are we who call so loudly for the rights once born to man,  
Who are we who turn and snarl 'neath the oppressor's heavy hand?

We are men, with rights of men, and we cry for freedom's due;  
Trodden to the mire, my masters, we at last appeal to you.

From the sunlight that God gave us, from our fathers' sacred nooks

We are driven to our studies and the rigor of our books;

By a race of Eve's daughters (though woman-kind we do not blame)

Are we wrested from our birthright and our college brought to shame.

On our campus fair we see them, 'neath our stately oaks they pass,

From our library door they turn us, they dominate the class;

Long ago we lost the rights our fathers held so dear of old—

Ah, but then were men of nobler stuff, run in a sterner mold.

So we come to you, my masters, and we cry for rights once known,

Call aloud to you for justice, for the freedom that is gone;

Grant to us this final boon, restore our fathers' sullied fame,

Take from us this pest of women, wipe our brows once more of shame.

—S. H. L.

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