Varied Topics at Chapel

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and that as a consequence the students were faced with a defecit in the treasury of the athletic association of twentwo hundred dollars. The president said that appeals would be sent to the would help, but in the end the matter must rest with the students. Dr. Venathletics at the University would be doomed if this crisis is not met by the then spoke for a few minutes. In a clear forcible talk he showed what the duty of the student in this matter is. "It is a question,"he said "that affects almost petulantly, that any parent a crisis that must be met by Carolina spirit and loyalty".

day morning by a repetition of the song service of a week ago.

Material for Editors

The following clippings are editorials taken from the Charotte "Daily Obserer and The Richmond "Times Despatch". We publish them to show how the football stir is being looked at.

Halfback Christian's Death

The Observer adds its voice to the morals. expressions of deep regret at the accident which cost a University of Virginia football player's life in Washington. Naturally and properly the right to leave it to individual colleges, University of Virginia cancels the remainder of its games for this season. The University of North Carolina, notwithstanding some expectations awkwardly disappointed acquiesce in the cancellation of the Thanksgiving colleges of young men to look upou Day game at Richmond quite ungrudgingly.

fatal accidents occurring under such special circumstances of conspicuoustemperamentally dislike football to hope for its destruction. They can say that the revised rules have not prevented accidents; they might say, also, that no rules can ever pevent occa- unless it is so brought about, that body sional accidents in any hardy, manly, is inevitabley conspicuous and, second, in the name of sport. because opponents of the game cry out, a football accident attracts at least twenty times as much attention as an accident of any other sport.

Incidentally we may state our imling or fatal accident has ever befallen a player of the "Big Six" Eastern colleges and that football has been playschools since 1888 with no permanently disabling or fatal injury in any game.

Reforming Football

The death of another Richmond boy as the result of injuries received at football augments in the most melancholy way the rapidly growing belief that this game is all wrong as it is now played. Clearly the loss of two lives in this city on successive days is out of all proportion to whatever from the game.

That there will be strong opposition present rules, the statements from colprinted in The Times-Dispatch yes-

will be troublesome to meet and overcome. Some colleges are excedingly reluctant to let go of football, or even to touch it in any way, for the strictly selfish reason that they see in it the strongest advertising card they have. One of the authorities quoted yesteralumni for help, and that the faculty day declares that the killing of two young men on prominent teams within two weeks is simply an unfortuable concluded his talk by saying that nate "coincidence". In a sense this use of words is sound. Yet it would be equally sound if there had been University students. Frank Graham ten deaths instead of two. When unfortunate coincidence shows signs of becoming unfortunate habit it is time to cry halt. One college head observes, the honor of the University. It is who does not believe in football can keep his son from playing by making his wishes known to the president. The week's exercises were closed Fri- This is a virtual abdication of the college authority. If football is a superfluously dangerous game as is now plain, the institutions which foster it cannot possibly evade their responsibility. Boys who are sent to college are entrusted to the discipline if the college. The colleges are supposed to know how to use their trust. They have no more right to encourage their students to endanger their bodies than to endanger their minds or their

It is not right to leave the reformation of football to individual young men or individual parents. It is not or even individual States. No young man wants to takes a position which will make his fellows think that he is a weakling or wanting in nerve. No college of young men wants other it as a sissy institution. It is perfectly natural that they should all This season has witnessed several want to be free of the company of sportsmen of their little world, to be a part of the great freemasonry of ness as may well lead the people who athletics. Reform, to be local and amount to anything, must be national in scope. It must be brought about by the rules committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association. And cannot hold itself free from responman-making game. Because, first, it sibility for future tragedies occurring

The Times-Despatch yields to nobody in admiration of the many good points in football, a game which it has long befriended and defended. But to say that this game is necessary, in pression that no permanently disablits present costly form, to develop or maintain manly qualities in our young men is simply to be absurd. The English Rugby game, which kills nobody, ed by North Carolina colleges and is a very fine game, absorbing to both players and spectators. The Duke of Wellington's statement that the battle of Waterloo was won on the football fields of Rugby and Eton was not a joke. Nor has anybody ever said within our hearing that the English people as a whole are wanting in manly qualities, in courage and complete physical efficiency.

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