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GOING, going, going—gone. And still the best we have is lost under the hammer. At the beginning of this year we had two young men in the scientific faculty who have done brilliant work in their professions. Now they have been lost. The best men we had they were. Young men with a long life before them that might have been spent in raising the standard of the University alumnus. And yet we lost them because they got a little better offers elsewhere or were driven away by some avoidable trivialities.

And yet the University is doing a fine work. We yearly develop here some of the foremost educators of the country. And with characteristic self-abnegation we ripen our fruits for other markets. These great educators become great here and go elsewhere to do their great educating. Surely it is a fine thing to be the training school of many mighty teachers. A condition that could not be improved on, when looked at from the point of view of the institutions that secure their services. But Carolina is not flourishing under the treatment. It is a fine thing to raise elbertas. But the system really gets more benefit when one eats these same. Carolina must keep for herself the "peaches" she grows.

If we wish to keep our best men here we must offer them some inducement. We do not believe that it would take much but it would undoubtedly take more than at present exists. Perhaps the powers that be in the administration of the University's affairs will open their eyes to the fact that as a business proposition this method of ours must sometime lead to bankruptcy. We have got to put a stop to this wholesale loss of prominent educators. It would be quite unexpected but cordially appreciated if the brakes were applied at once.

WHEN a self-made man begins to recall the incidents of his past life, he invariably wishes that he had only had a college education. Not that he would have made a better business man by the aid of college training but that he might have had more joy in the success that he has achieved.

What another man envies in the alumnus of a college is his host of beautiful memories and happy recollections. When one has passed his prime and the bleak winter of old age is at hand, 'tis the sunshine that may be borrowed from the summer that is past which enlivens the weakening close of life. No longer then may one find joy in the activity of accomplish-

ment. Life becomes a series of dreams of the past and it is thus the college man is enviable. What period of life may be looked back upon with such unmixed pleasure as the four years of college? Those years when one already has a foretaste of those deeds that give a spice to life but not yet knows the care of responsibility nor the stale inanity of thankless service. Today those who are just leaving the life of the campus draw much of their pleasure from their pipe-dreams and "castles in Spain". Tomorrow those same men will still be dreaming but the end of life's highway will be in view and the journey of life will be pitifully shortened. Perhaps the roadside may have been beautiful with flowers and happiness all the way. Perchance the whole journey may have been in quest of a mirage that has already given its disappointment. However the course may have been run, when the tired racer slackens at the end, his mind will turn back to the fine start at the morning.

The "golden treasury" of a college man's inheritance is his storehouse of pleasant memories. They may not be lost and the longer one keeps them the brighter they get. For it is a remarkable fact and a saving grace that one never remembers the fumbles in this game of life but the hits are forever outstanding.

THIS being our final spurt in the publication of the Tar Heel, the spirit moves us to speak a word. It has become a stereotyped custom for retiring editors of college publications to admit that they are glad to quit but are sorry it's over. It is our pleasure to announce that we turn over our job to the next man with unalloyed delight. We can remember no time when journalism has been pleasant. Since the work of editing had been placed in our hands, however, and since we liked not the idea of quitting, we have accomplished our purpose to the best of our ability. The most intense enthusiasm we can arouse in considering the course of the Tar Heel for the past year is a feeling of satisfaction now that it is run—not that the work has been as well done as it might have been but because it has been as well done as we could do it. We have run the job strictly according to our own lights and thereby won a conspicuous place in the drag department of the Yackety Yack. We wind up the year, not with a hurrah, but with a sigh of contentment, merely remarking in an aside that those who have been dissatisfied predestined dissatisfaction for themselves when they helped elect, a year ago, one who "cares not a pin what they say, or may say". As long as we are satisfied, why no one else's opinion has much influence with us. So we close our term with no apologies to any one and at peace with ourself.

UNTIL this year the position of associate editor of the Tar Heel has been an honorary one, a prize awarded to some student who had made 1's on English or who happened to be popular enough in the eyes of his fellows. The editor-in-chief and assistant editor have been accustomed to get out the paper.

As it happened this year, a set of associates were elected who were workers—most of them—and those who were not soon resigned in favor of some man who was. Consequently the news columns of the Tar Heel have been largely in the hands of these men this year, and tho the writing may not show it always, there has been an immense amount of work done by them. Heretofore an associate always expressed himself as willing to do *anything*. But this year our associates

have been willing to do *the* thing that we happened to want done at once. The work has been gruelling and extremely exasperating at times but it has always been done. It is a great pleasure to us to be able thus to congratulate publicly these men on their work and thank them for their aid.

For the past year that department of University life that presented amusement to the students in the form of lyceum attractions, dramatics, orations, speeches, and so forth has been under the supervision of Mr. L. A. Brown. The readers of the Tar Heel know how well these things have been reported. It only remains for us to add that it has been supremely satisfying to us to know that if anything in this line happened in Chapel Hill the Tar Heel would get an accurate account immediately.

Athletics have had the tender care of Mr. J. W. Lasley, Jr. During the fall term and especially in the spring the athletic reporter of a college newspaper has a job on his hands. Mr. Lasley has worked faithfully and indefatigably at his task during the entire year. His has been a job that required push and promptitude and in neither has he been deficient.

The local columns have been in the hands of Messrs. L. N. Taylor and I. H. Hughes. These men have filled a position that requires men who are fully alive to all that's going on and also widely acquainted with the college community. "On the Campus" has always been a full department of the paper except in times of direst stress.

The other members of the board have not been assigned any regular department but have had the generally thankless task of smoothing off all the rough corners of the work. Their work has been appreciated fully this year and they have put us under a debt of much gratitude to them.

The whole assisting board has been always on its job. Their work may not have been brilliant but they have at least done one thing that hasn't been done here before, they have been the means of a semi-weekly college publication.

AN APPRECIATION

It is not easy to have to take a lesson in courtesy from even the friendliest rival. After the splendid treatment received by the track team at Chapel Hill, however, we see no other course open than very humbly to acknowledge the superiority of the Tar Heel brand of hospitality and set about mending our own manners as best we may.

On their arrival at Chapel Hill the team was met by a delegation representing the fraternities of the universities and from that minute until their departure, if we may trust their own reports, they owned Chapel Hill. They were royally entertained at the chapter houses for which North Carolina is famous. The night before the meet, at the moving picture shows, slides were shown giving the records of each member of our team and their individual performances at the Wake Forest meet. The following day, at the meet, the cheering section of the grand stand gave yells for every Washington and Lee entry by name as the event was called, and, if the White and Blue showed in front, the winner was as enthusiastically applauded as were the sturdy athletes whom Cartmell has so magnificently trained.—Ring 'um Phi.

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