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WITH this issue, THE TAR HEEL for 1910-'11 greets its friends with the hope that it may continue to deserve their friendship. It wishes, also, to acquire the good will and co-operation of the new men who are now just entering upon University life. The desire of the editors is to make the paper a thing of interest and value, if possible, to those who are most intimately connected with the University—the students, faculty, and alumni.

In order better to accomplish this purpose, we invite suggestions, criticisms, and subscriptions from those who are in sympathy with the object of the paper. The great drawback of a college newspaper is the fact that at the beginning of each college year it must go into the hands of a new board of editors, who necessarily have little or no experience. The present TAR HEEL board feels itself anything but an exception to the rule in this respect. However, an apology for beginning the work under these circumstances will not alter the fact. Hence we make none.

We shall be glad to have contributions to the columns of the paper from any one who wishes to express himself on topics that come within our scope. Besides the news of the University and the discussions of problems that affect the University, we hope to have an occasional column of college sketches and verses. We urge our fellow-students who have literary talents to put them to work and to favor THE TAR HEEL with their productions.

WITHIN the last few days a strong sentiment against hazing in all its forms has manifested itself on the campus. While the pranks indulged in by certain sophomores have been mostly of the kind designated as a "little fun," one or two instances have occurred to arouse a just indignation against all mistreatment of freshmen. This sentiment has not arisen for a few hours merely, without resulting in decided action, as has so often been the case. It has taken the form of a definite movement to suppress hazing. On another page is printed the statement or pledge to which a large number of students have committed themselves—a sufficient number, indeed, to put an immediate end to hazing, if those who have pledged themselves to oppose it mean what they say. We presume, of course, that they do mean what they say. In that case, we repeat, hazing at Carolina must stop.

Emphasis should fall on that statement of the pledge which commits its signers to the suppression of ALL forms of mistreating the new men. So long as it is deemed excusable to take freshmen from their rooms by force, to com-

pel them to dance or sing or otherwise to act as foolishly as their tormentors, just so long will the more serious offences occur when there is least opportunity to prevent them. Not for a moment do we believe that the men who engage in these apparently harmless pranks on the first few nights of the college year have any intention other than fun. Why such proceedings are thought amusing by full grown men who certainly have not so conducted themselves at home is a problem that we hasten to hand over to the wise ones.

It should certainly be a matter of pride and congratulation to Carolina men and to all lovers of the University that this forward step has been taken with decision,—not that there is an especial credit in being just to the freshmen class, but that the injustice so long tolerated has finally been condemned by practically ALL the students. With the sophomore class pledged to a man "to exert every effort to suppress all forms of hazing in which force or intimidation is used," this year should see the end of hazing at the University. We feel sure that the freshmen class, when it meets, will pledge itself to a similar course for next year. Two or three years of absolute freedom from the practice will establish a lasting custom.

Are we too hopeful? Of course we have considered the cynical view of a few men who will think it "all very well, if it can be done, but do you think it practicable?" Despite such discouragement, we do think it practicable;—only so, however, because those who hold the doubtful, discouraging view are a very small number. Public opinion has the same restraining and compelling influence in a college community as elsewhere. A sufficiently strong sentiment among seven hundred and ninety out of eight hundred University men can easily restrain the remaining ten men from conduct that does untold injury to men and to this institution.

WHY JOIN A LITERARY SOCIETY.

In his address on the literary societies delivered to the new men on College Night, Mr. C. L. Williams spoke eloquently and convincingly of the great benefits to be derived from active membership in these societies.

Mr. Williams said:

The real progress of any community depends upon the efficiency of its average citizen, and the demand for a better citizenship resulted in the establishment of the University. Judging by its illustrious past we can truthfully say that it has been an ideal place for the growing of men, the unfolding of a richer and fuller manhood, and development of true citizens. In the rich traditions and honored history of the institution the Literary Societies have occupied a unique position. They were founded at the opening of the University, and stand foremost among the great forces which contribute to the development of character and manhood. They offer unsurpassed opportunities for skill and training in debate and knowledge of parliamentary practice.

And to this excellence in training may be ascribed Carolina's debating record. In debate Carolina has met Universities from Pennsylvania to Louisiana. We have never lost a single series. The societies have contributed generously to the history of the University and among her most eminent graduates may be mentioned men who were leaders in Society work. Such men as Pettigrew, Benton, and Chief Justice Walter Clark, of the Phi; and James K. Polk, Zeb B. Vance and Chas. D. McIver, of the Di; men whose skill, ability and statesmanship won

for North Carolina a conspicuous place in our national life.

We urge you new men to join at once. Membership in the Societies costs practically nothing. By custom the men from the East join the Phi and the men from the West join the Di. So constituted, they are recognized as a powerful force in the life of the student body. They stand for all that is clean, noble and high-minded. And when you new men enter the University and become a part of it, you impliedly assume a threefold duty to identify yourself with the work and welfare of these organizations.

1. It is a duty you owe yourself, if you wish such opportunities as the Societies afford in abundance, for self-expression and self-development.

2. It is a duty you owe your University, which will expect you to carry to a more glorious future the achievements of her past in debate.

3. It is a duty you owe your State, which will expect of you, when you graduate, a manhood fitted to discharge the duties of true citizens of a great state.

And, lastly, among the most treasured recollections of our college life will be the lasting bonds of friendship formed within the walls of these societies. There we meet upon common ground, work towards a common end; and there we find that unity of thought feeling and purpose which binds the heart of each one of us to the welfare of our fellow beings. And whether your motive be selfishness, which is base, or love and loyalty to the University, which is worthy, or love for our State, which is best, we urge you to join at your first opportunity, for the Societies need you, and you need the Societies.

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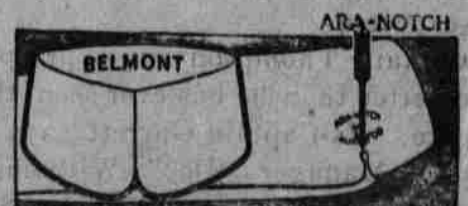
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