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DR. BERNARD in chapel Wednesday gave some suggestions as to the county clubs. It appears to us that the organization of small county clubs in the University is on a decidedly firmer basis than that of the larger. Where only six or seven fellows in the University hail from the same county, they have a regular organization, get together often, and give a banquet or so during the year. This is but natural, perhaps, but the larger clubs might be made more active also, it seems. If the Mecklenburg County Club has held a meeting this year, we have failed to hear of it, yet this county has the distinction of sending more students to the University than any other. The same indifference characterizes the others of the larger county clubs of the University. It is even difficult to get a decent proportion of the members together to have their pictures taken for the Yackety Yack. The Guilford County Club, it is true, used to hold regular meetings, but even this enthusiastic bunch seems to have lost interest. The county clubs now have an opportunity to share in a great work, and there should be a greater activity in the larger clubs.

WE ARE printing below an editorial from the News and Observer, on the Carolina victory in the Penn-Carolina debate. Both because it is a deserved tribute to Messrs. Taylor and Williams and because of its discussion of a question which concerns all college students, we give the editorial in full:

The news of the victory of the University of North Carolina on Saturday night, at Philadelphia, in the debate with the University of Pennsylvania, is a noble achievement and gives joy to every North Carolinian. The victory is all the more significant and honorable to our University because this makes the third successive decision North Carolina has got from them by unanimous vote. Nothing makes us quite so happy as this habit that our North Carolina country material develops after a few years of training, of licking these smart, finely trained Yankee boys before juries of city lawyers.

The last victory makes twenty-two victories out of thirty debates with the best colleges between New Orleans and Philadelphia. There's something large and hopeful in that!

The business of a university is to

turn out educated men who will lead the people. One of the first requisites of leadership is ability to speak. Given two men of equal capacity, the man who can best tell what he knows and is trained to stand on his feet and talk clearly to his fellows will, every time, walk ahead of the man who has neglected to cultivate the ability to speak. One of the defects of modern colleges, since so much of science and practical instruction and investigation have been put in the curriculum, is that too many college men neglect the cultivation of their speaking talent. Indeed, in some colleges, there are chemists and special investigators who affect to regard ability to speak well in public as a matter not to be proud of, and to neglect the training given in the literary societies. But this affectation is passing away in wisely governed colleges, and while all departments of learning are encouraged, chief emphasis is put upon English, English Literature, kindred subjects and the work of the literary societies. The specialist has found out that he is much more useful if he can talk well before an audience; the doctor, whose discussion of health problems is interesting, as well as instructive, multiplies his power ten-fold. No man ought to graduate from a college or a university without having learned to rise in a public assembly and tell what he knows on any subject in a clear and logical manner. Here's to the North Carolin University boys, who have won the highest honor in intellectual athletics! The whole State is proud of you, and proud of the honor you have conferred upon your State!

A Word for the Grind

In these days, when so much attention is being given, in the college papers and other papers, to athletics it is gratifying to find so great an authority as President, Lowell, of Harvard University, saying a good word for the college man who is not a "sport." Commenting on his speech at the Regents' convocation in Albany, the Independent has this to say of college journalism: "We know that most of the college professors in our colleges act as if they thought that mental equipment is the purpose and aim of the college, but as we read the papers edited by the students themselves we should judge that the professor ranks below the coach."

Neither President Lowell nor the magazine referred to attempts to discourage college sports, but simply to give credit where, in the usual opinion, little credit is due, namely, to the "grind." The comment continues thus:

"President Lowell says that at the present time the appreciation of scholarship among students is very low; that they honor 'sports' more than they do 'grinds.' It is a common saying among students, he tells us, that they believe, or say, that labor devoted to scholarship is no evidence of superior success later in life, and the honor they give are rather to athletes or to men of social prominence than to scholarly ability. . . . But it is scholarship more than anything else that tells out of college. It is the Phi Beta Kappa men, the few high rank men, that gather the prizes in the struggles where man meets man, nine to one."

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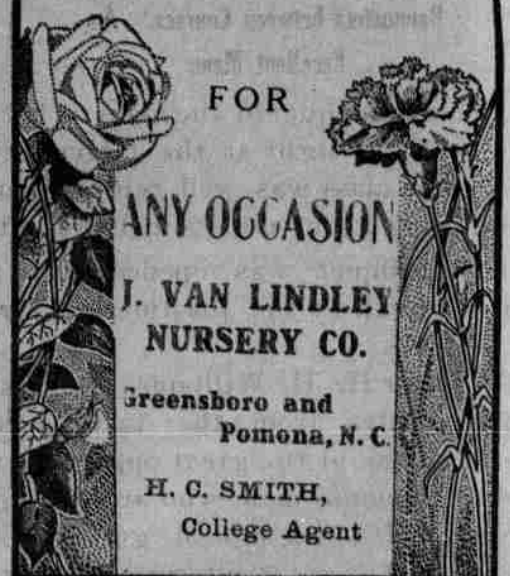
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