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On next Saturday night in the dining room of the University Inn the Class of 1912 will gather for the last time at the banquet board as an undergraduate class. "For the last time" has an ominous sound. It means that before long 1912 will pass and its members go to join the long roll of Carolina's sons. It means that college days are slipping away and that college tasks and pleasures, sorrows and joys will soon be ended.

Four years have slipped away and the Lord knows where they have gone. Four long years of examinations, Common's grits, Virginia's tragedies, shower baths, dead-brokekness, of disappointments and disillusionment; four short—infinity short—years of courses passed and forgotten, of Pickwicks and 1 to 0 victories, of light-heartedness and borrowed coin, of songs and yells, of college spirit and friendships, of sweetness and light—all have slipped completely away.

For four years 1912 has lived at Chapel Hill, has felt the beauty of these old trees, the inspiration of a great past, the thrill of membership in a company of loyal sons, has felt the joys of intimate friendships. From freshman greenness to senioric high-dignity 1912 has run the whole gamut of college life. But 1912 is passing. For the last time it gathers. And what of Chapel Hill it takes away will not be bound in text books but in the heart. 1912 has but a little longer together. At this final banquet the ties of friendship will be made closer, the feeling of loyalty deeper, the spirit of devotion and service fuller. Can anyone afford to stay away?

Oh well, we expect the price will deter some. It usually does.

One hears a great deal about college spirit. Most college spirit is a thing one can't help hearing about. Students get out on the bleachers and give vent to a number of yells—and that's college spirit. Or they drum up a mass meeting, yell some more—and that's college spirit. They go to Pickwick and yell like fiends at an extra poor picture—and we suppose that's college spirit too.

But if they are asked to help send the band to Richmond, to subscribe to the TAR HEEL, to contribute to the Magazine, to go out for the Dramatic Club—in Davidson and A. and M. were short, to support student enter-

prises and organizations, to uphold with time, money, and service, everything that belongs to life at Carolina, one hears a very different tale. Students can yell here about as well as at any place, but they don't do, they don't act, they don't serve.

It's all right to yell. Organized cheering stirs any one who hears it. But it is not the whole of college spirit. There's a whole lot more to the spirit of a college, to the life of a college, the things it does and the way it does them.

We have got the college spirit here that sticks to our teams. It's a splendid thing to hear Carolina men cheer their team in victory or defeat. It's an inspiring thing to hear Carolina men acknowledging that their team, in victory or defeat, is their team.

But it's a disheartening thing to see Carolina men leave a meeting of the Athletic Association as soon as the election of manager is over, politics has had its day, and uninteresting business, such for instance, as that concerned with the TAR HEEL, comes up. It's a discouraging thing to see less than 150 students at a dramatic club entertainment. And it's a hopeless thing to Carolina men crowd like a rabble of country rubes around the entrance of the Gym when the dances are on. It is not the part of a gentleman to be present where he is not wanted. And when for any reason, it makes no difference what, the doors of the Gym are closed during a dance, it is not the part of Carolina students to hang around like a choice collection of coons at a circus.

What is college spirit but the public opinion of a college? Until we get a public opinion that condemns a good many things that happen around here, we had better not talk so much about our college spirit.

The Pennsylvania-Carolina debate will take place in Gerrard Hall Friday night, December 15, at 8 o'clock. This is the fifth of a series of five debates between the two universities. Carolina has won three and Pennsylvania one. Much interest in the outcome of the present debate exists among the students. The query for the debate is: Resolved; That Forest and Mineral Lands, in the Different States, now in the Possession of the Federal Government, Should be Retained. Carolina defends the negative. She will be represented by Frank P. Barker and C. W. Wharton. The judges have as yet not been selected.

Football Claims Fewer Victims

The casualties due to football this season as unofficially reported to date are 3 deaths and 42 injuries. How great an improvement this is over past years can readily be seen by reference to similar figures in the past.

In 1901 there were 7 deaths, 74 injured; 1902, 15 deaths, 106 injured; 1903, 14 deaths, 63 injured; 1904, 14 deaths, 296 injured; 1905, 24 deaths, 209 injured; 1906, 14 deaths, 160 injured; 1907, 15 deaths, 166 injured; 1908, 11 deaths, 304 injured; 1909, 30 deaths, 236 injured; 1910, 21 deaths, 461 injured.

Authorities on football attribute this improvement to the "new game" as played under revised rules.

V. M. I. has had a remarkably successful football season. It has played eight games, won seven, and scored a total of 196 points. Among its victims,

"A Soaking Towel upon a fevered Brow,

An Ovid text, a Pony true, and Thou Beside me plugging for the next Exam,

Oh, College-life, in spots, is hell enow!

"Ah, make the most of what we yet Spend

Before this check, like others, has an end;

Cash follows Cash, and when 'tis gone we die,

Sans Duds, sans Suds, sans Makings, and sans Friends.

"The Junior Prom, you say, costs many a Bone,

It's worth the saving when you see her home,

You take a cab and 'round the corner drive—

At times like that who wants a Chaperone?

"The Dean of Women is an Aged Miss,

Who scoffs at Love and scores the famed Soul-kiss;—

She guards the Co-ed from the Horrid Man

And draws her monthly checks for vetoed Bliss.

"Ah, Love, could you and I with Fate conspire

To fix this sorry Scheme of Things entire;

Would we not take the place of Profs and then

Give each the B. A. of his heart's desire!

"You rising Moon that looks for us in Vain,

How oft hereafter will she Wax and Wane;

How oft hereafter, rising, will she find

New Loves on the back steps of the Main!"

—Ned Nafe, '08, in "Silver and Gold."

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