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## CHAPEL

In somewhat the same way as a publication of some sort is necessary to intelligent citizenship in a community, chapel is in its relationship to the college. It is one of the mediums through which news and opinion is disseminated in the University.

However glad we may have been to escape getting a chapel seat, however well we may use the twenty minute chapel period, however unessential we may consider chapel talks, still, we feel, after continued absence from chapel, that we are a little apart from the real life of the college. We hear only through the most unsatisfactory channels, through campus comment and rumor, what has gone on and will take place. The absence of upper classmen from chapel, just as the residence of half the student body out of college, necessarily means less unity. It used to be the feeling that an announcement made in chapel would reach every academic student; one student desiring to see another could always find him at chapel. Now intercourse is through the post office—formal and not conducive to friendship.

We all regret that the chapel is not large enough to afford us all seats, so that we all might have places there. We might not all attend regularly, but still the general effect would be for the unification of college sentiment if the majority of the academic students met regularly five times a week. We look forward to the time when we shall have a more commodious building.

## DAMAGE FEES

Last fall The Tar Heel suggested a Damage Fee Fund. It was to be made up of the damage fees of those students who wished to contribute and was to be turned over to the University either for some general or some specific improvements in the college equipment.

We still think that this plan would be serviceable. For instance, the Old East Building is

not adequately supplied with running water. The occupants of the building desirous of greater comfort might all contribute what remained of their damage fees at the end of the year toward such improvements. If the amount were not sufficient, it might be added to the following year and then, being increased by what the University had to spend for such improvements, would probably suffice.

For some of the minor improvements about the college buildings class gifts used to suffice; but now graduating classes pledge money to be paid within five or ten years, instead of making direct gifts. The lighting fixtures in Chapel were given by one class, the flag pole by another, statuary in the library was presented by others.

The men in college now might provide for similar things without hardships to themselves. At present, some more sanitary and consistently-working apparatus is needed to replace the old pump in front of the South Building. With an increment of funds it might be possible for the University to put in a regular fountain. That is, if a number of interested and patriotic students were willing to contribute their damage fees to a fund which would be turned over to the University to pay for the erection of a sanitary fountain.

Under ordinary circumstances giving means, to a certain extent, privation. With the method proposed, however, no more discomfort would ensue than painless dentists say their patients suffer—which is some trivial amount. To give our damage fees is to give what most of us feel entitled to recreation. Damage fees received at the end of the year seem so much like presents that we don't mind spending them for other than the necessities of life. If we do not mind spending them for worthy ends, they may procure us more comfort and sanitation.

## FOOTBALL SQUAD GROWING

No Scrimmaging Yet. Signal Practice Emphasized

Football continues to continue with ample results. The squad is gradually growing to a regular army. As yet no scrimmaging has been started but the surplus energy of the squad has been directed against the new dummy. Grimes is showing up forcibly having torn the dummy from its frame twice in the last week.

Signal practice in which several new plays have been rehearsed, has been emphasized most in the course of the week. Williams, Steele and Fitzsimmons are working at quarter with promise of development. There is a noticeable improvement in handling the ball catching passes, and hitting the interference dummy since the beginning of the spring practice.

## New Catalogue

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## STUDENTS HEAR SPIRITED "BETTER NAVY" SPEECH

### Civil War Sailor Argues For More and Better Ships

A lecture of the old school type, made spicy by many seaman expressions, was delivered in Peabody Hall Wednesday night by Mr. Kemple, who was a sailor in the Federal navy during the Civil War. His subject was "A Better Navy For the United States."

Mr. Kemple, with a style that was different from the common run of speakers and one that pleased the small audience, reviewed the history of the American navy, giving in detail the part it took in the several wars in which this nation has been implicated. He showed a thorough knowledge of his subject by giving a brief record of many of our men-of-war, their size, and in many cases why they were successful or unsuccessful as the case happened.

The reason why the South lost in the Civil War, he said, was because the North had the better navy and was able to blockade all of the southern ports. Before the war of 1812 the Americans suffered indignities at the hands of the British for many years, yet the United States could not make war on England because there was no navy. It took us more than two months after the sinking of Maine before we could declare war on Spain for the simple reason that we had no means of getting our troops from the United States to Cuba, a distance of less than 200 miles. "If it took two months to get ready to make war on a sick nation," declared the speaker, "how long would it take us to get ready to lick Germany and her allies, or England and her allies, or let us say Mexico and her allies."

"Today 40 per cent of our fighting power is lying idle at different navy yards because there are not enough sailors to man our ships. If we had men for these vessels, it would require four months to train the deck crews and one year to train the turret crews, yet Congress rolls the pork barrel and says there is no use wasting time with a navy while our political position is unsafe." "No man can predict what will be the geographical alignment of Europe, or where the balance of power will lay two years from now. Are we going to fold our hands while Congressmen exchange votes and play politics in anticipation of the next election?"

## Norman Vann Heads List of Doctors

The following is an extract taken from a Philadelphia paper Vann is a graduate of the Carolina medical school.

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