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TO DRILL OR NOT TO DRILL

Last week the Tar Heel sent out letters to ten faculty members and students asking for their opinions, if they cared to express them, on the question of military training at Carolina. It received the following three answers.

"I would say that I advocate strongly the introduction of military training in the University, and the Plattsburg idea also, for I think the University should stand as an example of Preparedness to the State."—A. H. Patterson.

"I think compulsory military service as unsound as compulsory religious service."—H. H. Williams.

"If we can't have universal military training, I am for the next best thing—military training at Carolina. I favor it for two reasons: primarily for the physical and mental benefits to be derived from such training and, also, because I believe it will create a greater respect and appreciation for the United States."—J. A. Capps.

Many of the colleges of the North and several of the South now have military training.

The University of Virginia will probably have it soon; likewise Vanderbilt, Washington and Lee University will offer the services of a company of student volunteers if the United States becomes involved in war. It is thought that nearly all of the 550 men in attendance at the University will volunteer in the proposed student corps.

"Twenty-two hundred men of the student body of the University of Illinois," says the University of Virginia College Topics, "are receiving military training under the direction of three United States army officers. Over a thousand of the students of Cornell University are getting military training. Sixty per cent of the students of Princeton are receiving or will receive the benefits of a course in military science taught by officers of the regular army. Yale has its already famous battery of field artillery and many of its students are to receive training in other branches of military science. Many other colleges and universities already have embraced the offer of the government to furnish officers for drilling their students and for instructing them in the rudiments of military training."

How about it, Carolina?

VOLUNTARY READING

The Freshmen are doing a lot of voluntary reading now. This year all the men in First English are required to do four hours reading every two weeks in books mainly of their own choosing. In one

section, however, only two Freshmen did the minimum of four hours; one did forty-eight hours while the average was about ten hours.

How many Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores do as much as ten hours of voluntary reading every two weeks?

Whoever doesn't know the joy of getting a long-desired book out of the Library,—an old book as time-worn, dusty and mysterious as an ancient castle, or a new one, fresh and challenging with its ideas of today and tomorrow,—then taking it to his room and, with his feet propped up against the radiator, reading it, not in order to pass a course, but freely, and simply for the pleasure of doing it,—whoever hasn't done that has missed one of the joys of life that can be experienced with a minimum of toil and trouble.

CHAPEL HILL OPERA

The exquisite rendition of the opera Faust on the Victrola by Messrs. Thornton and Dargan in the Peabody Building Tuesday night, though it may have been found wanting in some of the details of the Metropolitan stage setting and though it must be admitted that Geraldine Farrar does not look as well on the Victrola as she does behind the footlights, was nevertheless decidedly worth arranging and hearing. The audience of about three hundred enjoyed it thoroughly. There were a good many there who neither understood it nor appreciated it; but they had a delightful time laughing at it,—for there are few more ludicrous proceedings than an opera that you don't understand. There were others, however, that did understand and appreciated it, more or less, and they must feel very grateful to Prof. Thornton and Dr. Dargan for their trouble in arranging the concert.

If they, or some other public-minded people, would only give another some time soon,—Carmen, for instance!

THE NEW APPROPRIATION

Here's to the Legislature of North Carolina! When they passed the \$3,000,000 bond issue for educational purposes last week, thereby appropriating to the University \$500,000 for permanent improvements during the next five years and \$165,000 annually for maintenance for the next two years, they received the hearty thanks of every Carolina student and alumnus.

We have been anxiously waiting for some time to see whether the Legislature would thus open up its heart and give us the amount which President Graham had asked for. We knew well enough that we needed it and deserved it, but wondered whether the Legislature had the some point of view.

Every man who knows the University intimately knows her urgent need for more money to take care of the constantly increasing cost of maintenance, and to meet the expense of much-needed permanent improvements. For years the University has been running on an income entirely too small for the scope of her work,—only \$115,000 for maintenance and \$30,000 per year for improvements. But in spite of this great handicap the University has been able to grow. Statistics show that Carolina is one of the most economically managed institutions of its kind in the country, and it is due to this economic management

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alone that she has been able to assume her present proportions.

Still, the new appropriation is not an extraordinary amount when we look only at our present needs and our present numbers. Twice as much money could profitably be spent here. We need at least two new dormitories, for now only one-third of the students can room on the campus; we need an engineering and physics building, a geology building, a new auditorium and another class room building, not to mention the minor needs, such as campus improvements.

But we are glad and thankful for what we have received. It will be spent wisely, and the University will be permitted to have an expansion and increased service to the State which will many times repay it for the expenditure.—H. G. BAITY.

VIRGINIA-CAROLINA-HOPKINS DEBATE

The query for the Virginia-Carolina-Hopkins debate is, Resolved, That Constitutionality waived, legislation providing Compulsory Arbitration of labor disputes on Inter-state Railways, and prohibiting all strikes and lock-outs should be enacted.

The final debate will be held April 21, and the preliminary to select the debaters for the final debate will take place Thursday night, March 22. The affirmative and the negative will meet in joint debate, and each speaker may have at his disposal a sum total of 25 minutes, not more than ten of which shall be used in rebuttal. All those trying out for this debate must hand in their names to the Secretary of the Debating Council (C. B. Hyatt) by Monday night, March 12. This is absolutely essential to determine whether two preliminaries will be necessary.

By a bicycle—"To keep in the straight and narrow path."

By a suit of clothes—"To keep myself unspotted from the world."

THE INTELLIGENT CAT

Two suburban gardeners were swearing vengeance on cats.

"It appears to me," one said, "that they seem to pick out your choicest plants to scratch out of the ground."

"There's a big tomat," the other said, "that fetches my plants out and then sits and actually defies me."

"Why don't you hurl a brick at him?" asked the first speaker.

"That's what makes me mad," was the reply. "I can't. He gets on top of my greenhouse to defy me."—London Opinion.

EXAMINATION

(For Admission to the Grand Order of War Prophets.)

Have you ever been at the front? As soldier? As bellboy?

What is your favorite typewriter?

Have you ever read a book on strategy? Why?

When did you first use the expressions "a rattle of musketry"—"singing of bullets"?

Are you gun-shy? Why not? —Life.

NO NERVOUS STRAIN

Crawford — "The elephant sleeps only five hours out of every twenty-four."


Crabshaw — "Very true; but just stop and consider that the elephant doesn't have to attend lectures or the opera, listen to sermons or war-talk, or lend an ear to some fellow's description of his newest baby or car, and you will realize that he has a pretty soft time of it, taken all in all."—Life.

"Pa, what is an echo?"

"An echo, my son, is the only thing that can cheat a woman out of the last word."—Boston Transcript.

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