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A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

If New Jersey is dry, so is the Pas-saic River.—Rev. W. R. Siegart.

Prohibition

In respect to the 18th amendment, the policy of the Daily Tar Heel and the present editorial control will differ from that of the former editor-in-chief. We favor the amendment and are unalterably opposed to any legislation or change in the organic law which would ever again legalize the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors in any part of this nation.

We may have more to say at a later date.

In All Fairness

This week is known at the University as High School Week. Those high schools throughout the state which were fortunate in winning their preliminary debate contests, and those which were large enough to have a track team, have been the guests of the University for the past three days.

We rejoice at the great interest exhibited by the high schools, and of course we welcomed them here with pleasure. We have listened to some of the debates, and we witnessed some of the track events. Collegians are inclined to be rather cynical in their attitude toward the group of which they for the most part were recently members. But once we hear their debates, and once we watch them in athletic competition, we can but realize that cynicism is no part of their creed, and it behooves us to consider them and their activities with all the earnestness and enthusiasm of an older brother aiding, advising and helping a younger.

Another point strikes us with great force. Those members of the athletic teams who win out in their events do so only upon their own initiative and ability. No one can give them strength of legs, nor power of endurance,

nor speed and wind, nor conquering heart. What they do is done by them alone. But in the debates it is a different matter. The debaters come to the University with memorized speeches, written largely, and in some cases entirely, by teachers, preachers and other men of ability and experience. In such a case, the contest becomes one of community against community, of mature brain against mature brain. (We are not interested at the moment in whether or not the interest aroused in the communities throughout the state is salutary.) The debates then become chiefly a matter of presentation of material and arguments, as far as the debaters themselves are concerned. We think, therefore, that it is wrong for the debates to be judged upon the strength of the material presented in them. Rather, the debaters should be judged upon their own merits, upon their manner of argument, upon their handling of the material which has been supplied them. In other words, for the high school debates to mean anything to those who participate in them, the ability and power of those who actually debate should be the basis upon which an award is made, and not the content of the debates. Since it is impossible to prevent the debates from being written by others than the debaters themselves, we think it would actually carry out the real purpose and object of the debates for the debaters, and not the debates, to be judged, and for the award of the Aycock Cup to be made upon the merit of the debaters and not upon the merit of the debates.

Lack of Interest In Literary Societies

Many years ago membership in one of the two literary societies at the University was a cherished honor. It is true that for quite a while membership in one of these societies was compulsory, but in spite of this fact, every member was proud to say that his name was on either the Di or Phi roll. Today members also seem proud to have their names on either of the two rolls, but it seems that this pride is only exhibited during the time of elections when the more organizations a nominee belongs to, the better chance he will have in the elections. Still others join one of the groups in order to have, probably, another line by his name in the annual. Such ambitions or aims in joining are not at all in keeping with the objects of the two forensic organizations.

At one time in their existence these societies were the leading organizations on the campus. Elections could be swayed by either of the two groups; students were expelled from the University at their say, and many other such duties came under the literary groups. In other words, the literary societies were practically the student government of the University. Now, however, with the advent of numerous other organizations, the Di and Phi have lost most of their power, but they still keep their dignity and prestige which help to make membership in one of the societies such a prized possession.

Besides learning a little of how to speak on the spur of the moment, the members of these groups also learn a little about parliamentary procedure. The latter will, probably, be useless to some of the members, but to be able to speak spontaneously is an ability that many speakers crave. And it is by taking part in the meetings of one of the societies each week that one will soon be able, with hardly any fear at all, to make a talk when necessary. Of course the societies do not make a guarantee

that their members will be speakers or orators in "30 days," or anything like that. But they will say that if one takes part in the meetings for a reasonable length of time, he will have an easier feeling when he is called on to make a talk.

All of these advantages were brought in in an attempt to show the students what they are missing by not joining and attending one of the societies. This is not an appeal for membership in the organizations, because one of the main troubles now is that the members have joined long enough to get their names on the roll and then have dropped out. By this new rule that was passed in the Di Senate some time ago, many of the non-attending members are going to have to start attending or else seek some other means of publicity. It is referred to as publicity, because deep down in the hearts of many members, that is the only reason that they joined.

The literary societies' halls that were at one time packed to their capacities years ago, now hardly have attendance enough to fill them. With such a large student body, it is pitiful to see just how few take interest in these forensic groups. If the students could only see what big opportunity they are letting pass, certainly an attendance and membership in the two organizations would almost double.

The Outlawing Of Student Cars

Rumor has it that the faculty is entertaining a motion prohibiting the use of cars by students.

This sentiment was undoubtedly aroused by the recent accidents in which students were injured. As a measure calculated to insure safety of the student body it is commendable. We hasten to assure the faculty that we are fully capable of caring for ourselves and, not to be disrespectful, we distinctly recall some few accidents in the ranks of our professors. Indeed, one professor, facetiously or seriously, expresses disgust with the meddlesome attitude of his colleagues and intimates that if such a measure is passed he will propose a measure prohibiting the use of cars by the faculty.

The measure is to be viewed with alarm from a personal standpoint as well as a general one as reactionary—as antithetical to our characteristic liberalism. It indicates an execrable—but admittedly spasmodic—relapse.

The sponsor of the measure undoubtedly obtained the sentiment from similar laws passed by other institutions. Yale and Princeton, the most prominent of these, adopted this ruling for the protection of their student bodies, for the preservation of their good names, and for the purpose of elevating scholastic standards.

Yale, being situated in a comparatively large city, is subject to more accidents per month than the Carolina autoists experience in the space of a year. The faculty grew tired of becoming involved with the law over students violations of traffic ordinances and they complained that car owners were below non-car owners in academic average.

Princeton adopted the ruling primarily because cars decimated the distance to the city of New York and because students were continually in trouble with the New York police force. Students were frequently involved in brawls in speakeasys and were giving the institution a black name. A secondary reason was that the race for the distinction of having the best-looking car on the campus raised the cost of a college education at Princeton to a prohibi-

tive figure. One didn't rate if one didn't have at least a Packard.

But ours is an entirely different situation. We are not near a large city, we pride ourselves on our gentlemanly conduct at all times, we are not racing for the distinction of having the "best-looking" car, and we are on singularly friendly terms with the police force. There remains only the argument that car owners are below the average in scholastic average.

But Dean Bradshaw's office is prepared to submit statistical proof that the owners of cars are on a scholastic par with the others.

The accidents to our students are regrettable, but in no wise conclusive evidence that we are in need of such a disciplinary measure as the prohibition of cars.

We even venture to suggest that if cars were prohibited and the student body forced to spend its idle hours downtown, the result would be shown in outbreaks of rowdiness—brought about by hampered freedom and lack of activity. The faculty may well consider this last; it is of primary importance.

—J. J. D.

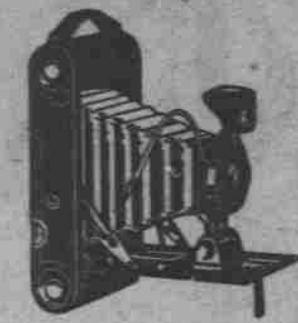
Lenten Season Daily Devotion

Saturday, April 19.—"Looking Backward." (Read Proverbs 4:1-7.) Key verse: "With all thy getting, get understanding."

Meditation: Lord Haldane in his autobiography devotes his last chapter to review. He wrote at seventy-two of his satisfying philosophy: "A good deal of my work has been little known. The best I can say for myself is that I have not been slack in either thought or action and that some substantial results have emerged from time to time." "We ought never to disturb ourselves about the quantity reputed to have been ours, or about our own prominence before the public. Our duty is to work without turning our eyes to the right or to the left from the ideals which alone can light up our faith. What is ours can be no more than the best quality of which we are capable put into the effort toward the attainment of what we have set before ourselves. . . . Hesitation and unhappiness become replaced by a life that is tranquil because freed from dependence on casual ups and downs."

Prayer: "Teach us, good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do Thy will. Amen."

The Campus Snapshot



By J. C. Williams

The Prodigal Camera

After its long absence from the pages of the Daily Tar Heel, one might think that the columnist's trusty camera had been misplaced, or even stolen away; but no such unfortunate—or fortunate if you insist—mishap has taken place. Saturday's issue of this paper is the duly appointed place for "Campus Snapshot" to appear, but while the camera has been detained in the repair shop we have been using a substitute name and cut for this column.

Shades of the Past

We learned recently from reading a very old book on the subject of manners that it was considered proper in George Washington's day to eat peas with a knife and to drink tea with a saucer. We have, in fact, seen people recently who apparently think George Washington is still alive.

A Routine Matter

Once again basketball, wrestling, and boxing have given way to baseball and track. The beloved Tin Can, so lately the center of attraction, has given up its place of honor, and has resigned in favor of Emerson field. Thither the crack of the willow and the sound of the track shoe will draw us for the remainder of the quarter.

Rejuvenating the Di Senate

The columns of this paper have of late carried numerous references to the greatly-to-be-lamented listlessness of that time-honored institution, the Di Senate. Officials of that body have launched a drive which is designed to "revitalize" it. The addition of social and political functions to the forensic function of the senate is being considered seriously.

True it is that the Di of today does not compare favorably with the Di of fifty years ago; but is it not a mistake to compare the Di which we know to that of a half century ago? Since that time the Di Senate has cast off its political and social functions as other extra-curricular organizations appeared to assume them. Now its whole time is devoted to performing one single function—the forensic. In the field of forensics the Di is just as efficient as it ever was. The number of men who are interested in debating and oratory is rather small at present. This is a lamentable condition, but

what good would the presence of disinterested persons do the Di Senate? The senators are all too often prone to count noses.

Records in Danger

In the course of the statewide high school championship track meet yesterday three records fell by considerable margins. Indications are that when Carolina meets Penn State this afternoon some of the existing University records will be shattered. 'Tis also probable that Carolina's record of no defeats in dual meets for the last eight years will be in danger. Yet we predict a Tar Heel victory.

'CAMEO KIRBY' SHOWING AT CAROLINA THEATRE

A study of the history of poker was made by Irving Cummings, director, before he started production on "Cameo Kirby," romantic musical drama at the Carolina theatre today.

Poker plays an important part in the story of "Cameo Kirby," which deals with a romantic phase of gambling on Mississippi River steamboats in 1850.

The game we know as poker probably had its origin in the Italian game of Il Frusso in the fifteenth century. Later it was known there as Primiera, in Spain as Primero and in France as La Prima.

Played on Mississippi River steamboats about 1830, the first game was less complicated than the modern stud poker, being played with but 20 cards. The 52 card deck was introduced about 1845. Draw poker did not make its appearance until about 1860.

J. Harold Murray, as "Cameo Kirby," wins a fortune and a plantation and a bride at stud poker. Norma Terris is costarred with Murray.

— TODAY —

"CAMEO KIRBY"

with
 NORMA TERRIS
 MYRNA LOY
 STEPIN FETCHIT
 J. HAROLD MURRAY

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Gay cavalier, duelist and . . . gambler. The most fascinating figure in Dixie whose romance with a Patrician belle has immortalized the Crinoline Days.

added
 Mac Sennett Comedy
 "The New Half Back"

Audio Review



MONDAY
 Noah Beery
 in
 'Under a Texas Moon'

DEBATE

Boston University

vs.

The University of North Carolina

ON THE PROPOSITION THAT

The Nations Should Adopt A Plan of Complete Disarmament Except for Such Forces As Are Needed for Police Purposes.

GERRARD HALL

Saturday, April 19, at 8:30 P. M.