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We are glad to see from Tuesday's mass-meeting that there is no lack of college spirit in the University, and that our baseball team has such hearty support and approval from all the students. It is a good team and we are all justifiably proud of it; nor should its members feel that the loss of last Saturday's game has in any way lessened our appreciation of their work. We are certain that they can play a winning game, and every one of us will show it by whatever encouragement and assistance we are able to give.

To the "rooters," who are to see a great many games on the home grounds and whose actions will, in some measure, influence the results of these games, we should like to make a suggestion. That incessant din of howls and horns on last Saturday was not the proper kind of "rooting," and such a noise is calculated to injure the playing of our own team as much, if not more than that of the opponents. What we want is regulated, scientific rooting. There should be leaders elected, whose directions would be obeyed and followed minutely. All of that uproar, which is made at the wrong time and when quiet is necessary for our own team to do its best, should be eliminated, and there should be substituted a methodical, well ordered encouragement of good plays and not so much "guying" as to render the game a bore to all orderly disposed spectators. Saturday afternoon's game would have been much more enjoyable (we may say from a TAR HEEL point of view, *endurable*) if the air had not been filled with that demoniac noise made by horns and yells on the left hand bleachers. Let us consider this matter in the future and see that our "rooting" is not carried to such an extent as to become a nuisance.

There is another point in connection with the games on our own grounds which should be mentioned here.

We desire to state for the benefit of outsiders that the various disturbances on the side lines last Saturday were created not by students, but by that dead game rabble which habitually follows in the wake of big ball games. At several times during the game there were "rows" and "mixings" among these individuals, which greatly marred the afternoon for those who know the usual good order on our grounds.

It is said that some policemen will be hired to preserve order at our next game. This will be a good move, for we do not want these outside toughs to disgrace us and make it appear that such conduct emanates from our own students.

The Dramatic Club is to give its first performance on next Friday night, and it is hoped that they will be greeted by a large house, as the rather elaborate scenery and costumes have involved quite large expenses. The Club last year gave a light society play, only one hour and a half in length, but for the present season the members have worked hard to present a standard drama and have spent much time and laborious rehearsing in perfecting themselves for such a very difficult undertaking. Nor have the members alone been at work, but the directors have exerted themselves to get up a performance of such high order that it will be enjoyed by all spectators and will amply repay them for attending.

A dramatic club is an important element in the life of a college, furnishing its own peculiar training to the members and personally benefiting and furnishing enjoyment to the students at large. As there is no theatre in Chapel Hill, this is the only amusement of the kind ever offered to the students, who should feel it their duty to encourage an undertaking, which involves so much work and expense for those engaged in it. Therefore give the boys a big crowd, not only for their satisfaction, but for your own enjoyment.

After the very successful and interesting season of class foot ball that we had last fall, we ought surely to keep up the plan of inter-class athletics and organize our respective base ball teams. The Seniors have set the example. Let the others follow and we shall have something to amuse us on those days when the Varsity is out of town, besides making a move to develop material for the University team.

At the University of Georgia class base ball has for some weeks been the chief object of interest, and the columns of *Red and Black* tell of very exciting games every week. It is the best thing in the world for a college team, to have these training schools in the shape of class organizations. We should look to the future and begin developing material ahead of time, so go to work and see that your class puts out a team as soon as possible.

We notice that Brown University has recently passed a law, by which they excuse from final examinations all seniors who have attained a sufficiently high average in their past work.

It seems to us that this is a good rule, and it might be well for our own faculty to take some such measure into consideration. Students would be incited to work much harder in order to acquire the coveted grade, and, besides, it stands to reason that a man who has done well for three years and a half will certainly get through finally. By excusing them from examinations, more time will be allowed for their speeches and special theses, so that there will be an improvement in the grade of final original work both oratorical and literary. Many universities have adopted some plan similar to this, and a few have even passed rules excusing members of any class who had attained above a certain grade, generally about 85 or 90. Men who study hard and do good work during the term deserve some recompense, nor indeed are examinations of much real benefit at all. Everyone knows that a majority of students can get through by "cramming up" and with very little term work. If the finals were abolished and boys made to study during the term (which could be done by making them work for the required grade to keep them from standing examinations), they would be more benefitted and much harder students than they are at present.

The Glee and Mandolin Clubs gave a concert last night, the proceeds of which will go toward buying new uniforms for the baseball team.

Senior Class Meeting.

The Class of '97 held a meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the Mathematics room, the main object being to hear the report of the "cap and gown" committee, which reported as follows: that the class adopt the gown made by Cottrell & Leonard Co., style number 6C, with a broadcloth folding cap, and that the tassel on said cap be made in the class colors, black and red. The report was adopted.

Messrs. Craige and Wright moved that the class leave some memorial at the University on its graduation. Several plans were discussed, but the prevailing opinion seemed to be in favor of getting, if possible, a statue or bust of General Robert E. Lee. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Craige, Whitener and Andrews, was appointed to make a final decision on what article should be procured to perpetuate the memory of the class.

It was moved and carried that a Senior base ball team be organized. R. H. Wright was elected Captain, and H. G. Connor, Jr. manager, and both were instructed to push the matter forward with all speed.

After some further remarks on the memorial, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10.

History of the Varsity Yells.

The college yell, that ordered conglomeration of uncouth sound and unintelligible gibberish, is an article without which no school or university can get along. The necessary requirements of a "good yell" are, that it can be used as an instrument of the greatest possible noise and that it shall at the same time be easy of rendition, exhibiting some attempt at rhythm and yet made up of such an unearthly conjunction of articulations as to completely deafen any person not possessing a superhuman degree of nervelessness and serenity. For such a production, it is necessary to make many trials, until finally the exactly required howl is evolved.

It may be interesting to some to hear of the aboriginal beginning, growth and development of our own Tar Heel yells. They did not exist always in the present form, but history records a painful stage in which we were actually so uncivilized as to be totally without any specimen of this all important feature of college life.

The first yell ever composed at this University was of such a tame description, that it will no doubt excite risibility and ridicule, with perhaps the suggestion that it was borrowed or stolen from some preparatory female academy. It ran as follows:

Popsy-Wopsy,
Tinksy-Tee,
Vivela, Vivela
U. N. C.

But this masterpiece of yellable rime did not have a very long or successful run, and was succeeded by one, which for long years did our business in every respect. It ran thus:

Rah, Rah, Rah,
White and Blue
Hoopla, Hoopla,
N. C. U.

This, as everyone will see, is almost exactly like one of our present numerous yells. It was first given to the world of song in 1888, but in '90 "Vivela" was substituted for "Hoopla", and one first standard yell existed. In 1893, a new war cry was deemed expedient, and some fertile genius ground out Hackey, Hackey, Hackey, Sis Boom Ah, Carolina, Carolina, Rah, Rah, Rah.

Close in the wake of "Hackey, Hackey" followed

Boom, Rah, Ray,
Boom, Rah, Ray,
Carolina Varsity,
S-s-s, Boom, Tar Heel!

Last but not least there began, in 1896, our favorite yell

Yackety Yack,
Hooray, Hooray!
Yackety Yack,
Hooray, Hooray!
Carolina Varsity!
Boom, Rah, Boom Rah,
Car-o-li-na!!!

It is to be seen from this formidable list that we have grown far past the "Popsy-Wopsy" stage and that we "Tinksy-Tee" no longer. Our yell record has about reached its climax, but we are going, for old times' sake, to salute Brooklyn with a few "Popsy-Wopsies", in event of which we are sure they will fall all over themselves and give up the game.

Read This!

Coxey's army notices have been posted at the entrances and exits of the paths which so improperly cut across the campus and make the grass, which is otherwise impaired, necessarily dead on these lazy man's walks.

Unless this is stopped it will be hard to keep up the beauty and fine view of what is prettiest to us in the spring of the year, and realizing the importance of the outward appearance, a man has been employed whose sole duty it is to keep up and preserve the trees, grass, and general direction, at least, of the walks and byways you are to follow.

Now next time your physical disability prompts you to take advantage of the hypotenuse of a right angled triangle, remember that there are others whose mental qualities and appreciations, aesthetic and otherwise, ought to be considered.

Look at it in this light and see if you can't agree, taking all into consideration, that the preservation of the campus is more important than the loss of energy you will experience by not taking a short cut rather than the regular walks which have been fixed for this purpose.

Some of our subscribers seem to take it for granted that the TAR HEEL can be issued for nothing. Please let this wild idea escape and pay up, you delinquents, for we must really have the money, or suspend publication. It is a great inconvenience for our managers to be perpetually "dunning," so we should be greatly obliged if you would hand in the proper amount at your earliest convenience.

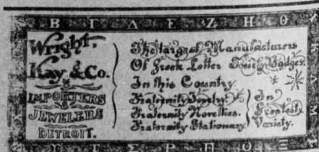
Advisory Committee Meets.

The Advisory Committee met on Thursday, April 1st, and received the resignation of Mr. E. J. Nelson as Assistant Manager of the base ball team. The nomination of Mr. C. R. Dey by Manager Howard for the vacant position was approved and confirmed.

Mr. R. H. Wright having resigned the captaincy of the track team, Mr. G. E. Pond was elected Captain on the nomination of the gymnasium instructor, Mr. Mechling.

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