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The Legislature is now in session and it is to them that we have to look for support. Let's show them what kind of men are at the University, and how the college is pushing to the front. Then, they will possibly lend us a helping hand in our work. The demands of our institution are many and financial support is needed to fulfill them.

How about a bill for fraternities? We are in a bad row of stumps now. There could hardly be any worse effect brought about among the students as a whole than there is at present.

What is college spirit? It is hard to describe because there has been such a grade of it at Carolina for the past two years that we don't know what it is.

At the beginning of each new year many new resolutions are made. This is especially so with the student. The resolutions always prove beneficial if properly carried out, but how seldom do we live up to our resolves. If we would plan a few things and put them into effect, it would be far better than to attempt many with no result.

Resolutions to some people are a farce, and this is very often true. Just do what is best for you and from which you derive some benefit. Don't work today and lay off tomorrow, but stick at what you do steady, and reward is bound to follow. He who waits will be rewarded, and, above all, don't expect too much for your efforts. Reward is slow, but sure, and when it comes it is appreciated.

You have all heard addresses and face to face talks by men of ability and experience and every man can profit by advice. You see your mistakes, and if you will, can better yourself by them. Mistakes often prove advantageous. The biggest mistake the average college boy makes is a failure to apply himself at the proper time. This applies especially to classes, for knowledge is what we are seeking after when we go to college.

Full warning has already been given you by this time of the terrible earth-

quake which never fails to occur on the first of February or near that date. You who have had the pleasure of being with Dr. C. W. Bain are well aware that there will be wailing and gnashing of teeth; many shall be called, but few will be chosen. Be wise and prepare yourself, especially your brains. There is no excuse to make after you have busted. With hard study you can master the situation, and this is the only requirement. Sympathy is a stranger from the first to the twelfth of February. Don't rely on the old saying: "If your books interfere with your regular college course, cut out your books." It is better to use it vice versa and cut out college life (I mean by this, high life). Make good in your classes, boys.

After you have put the professors to the bad on examinations, then let's get together, revive something that has been dead, "college spirit." Try the plan adopted by the baseball fans of Columbia: Work together for the interest of the University. You can buy spirits in bottles, but we are not after this kind; we want the kind money cannot buy. Each student's help is needed, but the result is brought about by the concentration of all. By concentration, I do not mean pulling together for one special occasion, but for each one to have the interest of the University at heart and not to have in view the clique or crowd to which he belongs. From these little cliques, composed of a few students, much dissatisfaction is brought about among the rest of the student body. Those outside of the clubs are merely side issues in college affairs in the eyes of the clique members. Frequently the students are criticized for lack of interest in affairs on certain occasions, but they are not to be blamed for the stand they take. For things to be carried on at the institution as they should be a change is absolutely necessary and should be made at once.

For the first time in all these nine long years there was no music by the Glee Club at the Roddey Medal Debate. Why have we no Glee Club this year? We have more men with musical talent this year than we have ever had before. We ought to have a splendid orchestra, and even a band. There are at least fifteen men who play well and also many who would like to learn. We have three violinists, three pianists, two cornetists, one drummer, and several others. How is this for good material? All we have to do is to get together, organize and launch forth the movement.

Everyone knows how much good a band does at a football or baseball game. It is practically indispensable. It cheers the players and makes them feel like playing hard. It makes the rooters wake up and get lively; makes them exercise their rooting abilities. We are all proud to have good music at our society contests, for it reflects credit on the University.

We all want a band to lead our processions whenever we celebrate our victories; in other words, we always need a band.

Everybody will support the band, if it is only organized. The Athletic Association will do their part, the Societies will come up with theirs, and

we are certain that the students will "go down in their jeans."

So let's get together and wake up all these sleepy musicians and get them to play together in a band instead of scattering all over the campus and keeping everybody awake by tooting their horns in the wee small hours of the morn. Talk this up, and let's have a good band to grace our contests and games next year.

The advisory board of the University recommended to R. M. Cooper, manager of the football team of 1909, to arrange games with institutions of other States.

This is a good movement and will advertise the institution as nothing else can. A college that puts out fast athletic teams becomes widely known all over the country, and it also induces many boys to attend. Carolina is forcing her way to the front rapidly and in a few more years her place as one of the best universities of the South will be well established. Her literary standard is being raised each year and more is required of her students. Her stand in athletics has been watched with interest by many, and if the college puts up hard fights against her opponents in the future, it will mean much for her, even if she is not successful at first.

If the University expects to be classed with large universities she has got to cope with them not only in literary standing, but also in other lines. The big trip that the baseball team has in store for the season of 1909 is something that has never been attempted before, and will be an advertisement for Carolina such as she has never had before.

EUPHRADIAN SOCIETY

The exercises of last Saturday evening were about up to the usual standard, and all the members seemed to enjoy the selections very much. The readers and declaimers who were present were all well prepared and had used much discretion in selecting their pieces.

There was a joint session of the Societies last Saturday evening, at which meeting Messrs. J. C. Sheppard, Jr., and R. E. Gonzales were elected to go to the meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Oratorical Contest, in order to try and have it arranged that the merit of the speeches of the contestants be decided at the same time that the speech is delivered. This will be a great thing if our men can get it through, for it has often happened that the merit of the speech has been the cause of the loss of the medal. We have every confidence in our representatives, and we feel sure that they will do their best for their societies.

The debate for the evening was won by the affirmative, represented by Messrs. J. H. Cooper and W. H. James.

We are all very sorry to learn that Messrs. R. M. Jeffries, Joe Crouch and Ira B. Gardner have withdrawn from college. Joe was a mighty man. Had a quick temper in a football game. Had George Topsy "skunt" in pool. We hope the big lad from the sticks will be back next year to play football. We need the small boy who wears a ten shoe.

As He Sees Himself.

Upon the campus he came,
About the last of September,
His importance to proclaim
So that we could remember.

Strutting like a cock, he came,
With all the nerve he had.
But now can he hardly name
A one who looked very sad.

A circus was he for Seniors—
The Sophomores' vaudeville—
While most of the Juniors
Considered him a pill.

He knew it all by heart
When any subject rose—
All knowledge could he impart
'Pon this, and that, and those.

But now himself he sees
As others then saw him.
Now doth his honor please
To bask in limelight dim.

All this is meant to show,
(As well as can be shown)
How disgusting is his blow,
How for it Fresh does atone.
W. S. B.

THE Y. M. C. A.

At our last regular meeting before the holidays, Dr. Mitchell, our new president, addressed us, his subject being "Jesus as a Teacher." The meeting was held in the college chapel and was well attended. It is clear to all that in Dr. Mitchell we have a friend indeed. We feel that he will ever be ready to help us and advise us in our association work, and, indeed, in any phase of our student life.

On next Sunday afternoon, January 17th, Dr. Twitchell will give us his second lecture on "Science and Religion." We hope to have a full attendance. Fellows, it is certainly worth your while.

The Secretary Fund is steadily growing. President Sheppard said today that if we could raise \$500, he thought the Legislature would readily grant the other \$500, since Clemson has been receiving this amount each year for its secretary. Let us do our best to make our subscription reach \$500 by the end of this week.

LOCALS

The Fellers hear a Rich Officer ask the Page whom he Hiers if he is the Wright kind of Bowman, Orr if he can Gage his Botts so as to hit the Buie which is floating in the Ashley river. "Gee," replied the Page, "I can hit the great Bel-ser in the top of the Buie, but it would be a great Hazard."
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Somebody wanted to know what was in the bottom of the "box" Governor Ansel handed to I. F. Belser at the Roddey medal contest. Belser can tell you it was all bottom. Jim Hammond is the man to ask where the medal is. It's a good thing that many people did not ask to see the medal.
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"Mornin,' gentlemens."
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Robert! oh, Robert.
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Got a joke to tell you.
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