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Carolina!!! Carolina!!!!

27-0 does not look bad when we consider the S. I. A. A. rules.

Salutation.

The Bird has now changed hands from the old staff to the new. We can readily see that the transition is from a staff of transcendental literary attainments to one of more mediocre qualities. We realize our inefficiency and the possibilities and probability of typographical errors. But must we quiver in our position? If we can not be as successful as some of our predecessors, we can at least do our very best—and that is success.

Our task is a difficult one filled with many obstacles. It is not to reflect beyond our college career, to make conjectures, nor to place some hero or genius on his deservedly laudable plane, but to depict for you from a sane and unbiased point of view the happenings on and around our campus. To do this successfully we must have the support of each individual. Let each one refrain from plunging yourself into an innocuous desuetude and keeping your suggestions or criticisms in petto. We will not hesitate to criticise if we find that the student body is assuming privileges other than their own or if they are being trampled on by others.

Let us keep manifest in our minds the old adage that to err is human, and to correct our faults we must see them as others do.

Fellows, Take Notice.

"CLEMSON AND CAROLINA.

"We have never fully approved of the restoration of intercollegiate games between the football teams of Clemson College and the University of South Carolina. Each is a unit of the educational system of South Carolina. That system is yet in the formative or 'try out' period. Until a thoroughly established basis

can be formed, there will always be more or less friction, and ill feeling among our colleges cannot be afforded in these days of political unhappiness.

"The violent rupture between the friends of these respective institutions a few years ago was incited by the graduates, men who should have had common sense and self-control and should have inspired the students to a college spirit which would be manly though intense in its patriotic impulses. When all of that rancor had died down, after years of estrangement and separation, the partisans of the two institutions were finally reconciled.

"They indulged the hope that the contests would promote clean sport. This year a cloud has appeared on the horizon. At this writing there has been no display of passion, although in these days of 'liberty' and unloosed violence such a thing as a serious rupture is imminent, be it football or church sociable.

"The casus belli centers around one Joe Bates. This young man has played on the Clemson team several years. He is said to be a star, in fact the mainstay of the back line. Twice has he played against Carolina, and yet, after being allowed many weeks in which to prepare for his position, he is protested by Carolina on the ground that three years ago he received \$3 expense money for playing a game of baseball—not football, by the way. The money was expended by him for buggy hire and thereby he became a professional athlete—under the rules of the S. I. A. A., whatever that is. We think that Carolina shows a cheap and unsportsmanlike attitude in protesting the availability of this man whom they have played against twice before. The records show this.

"The apology of the Carolina supporters is that Clemson protested Metts, who dropped out of college for awhile on account of illness and returned this fall. Mr. Metts is a grandson of Gen. LeRoy F. Youmans, a son of Major Arthur Metts, of Yorkville, and comes honestly by good sporting blood and high purposes. We know the lad and know that he would not do anything dishonorable. We believe that Clemson is censurable for having him disqualified, if the reports be true.

"When technicalities are appealed to for the purpose of perverting the apparent outcome of athletic contests, true sportsmanship is degraded. Both sides are to blame in this matter, and while we trust that ill feeling will not be engendered, in the present case, it is the sincere wish of *The Daily Mail* that this be the end of intercollegiate football between the two colleges."—*Anderson Mail*.

If our esteemed contemporary, the author of the above quoted clipping from the *Anderson Mail*, entertained for one moment the thought that the article would pass

unnoticed, he had a highly developed mote located in a vital and secure corner of his optic, or was presupposing a "cheap" and "unsportsmanlike" attitude as prevailing among we Carolinians that does not exist.

In hastily glancing over this editorial just before going to press, we gather from his own confession that the S. I. A. A. rules are partially unknown to him. Then was he justified in making these statements?

The misty haze appearing on the horizon was due, perhaps, to his dwelling in these blissful dreams of ignorance. If the aforesaid gentleman would purchase or accept as a gift a copy of the S. I. A. A. rules and carefully peruse the contents thereof, he would find that in protesting against the availability of a man under these rules, his ancestral descent, his good sporting blood and his high purposes are not to be considered. It is compulsory that we play this game under these rules, and either side is justifiable in protesting against any man that has received such compensation for his services that makes him a professional athlete. The fact that the gentleman in question around whom the "casus belli" centers, has twice before played against the Carolina team does not make his eligibility continue throughout his football career. It was our negligence and our loss in not protesting against him in previous games.

Again, we have no apologies to offer, nor do the Tigers ask for any. The protesting of the gentlemen on both sides was not done in a retaliating mood, but solely because it was just, fair, and compulsory.

Ill feeling has not been engendered between the two colleges. The games will continue. Although routed, whipped and defeated, we are not vanquished. We are for Carolina still! We will yet be the victors!!

WILLIAM GREENBACK.

(Published by Special Permission.) There are many hardships for college boys, But they are all offset by college joys.

Some try football, some try track,
Some play poker and some setback.

Others take a full course in theft,
These swipe fat fowls right and left;
Some sit 'round a hot coal fire
Listening to some bold-faced liar.

With eyeshades, glasses and great big books
Some fool proffs with studious looks.

Some tell lies, and tell them well,
And all of these are popular as hell.

Every single college boy
Has been filled with Reeves' joy;
But the happiest fellow I've ever seen

Held a letter from home lined with green.

MATT BROHUN.

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