University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill July 29th 1867

Hon. D. L. Swain
President of the University of N.C.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Senior Class held this morning, we, the undersigned, were appointed on behalf of the Club to express to you our deep regret at your recent step which precludes the discontinuance of your functions as President of the Institution and our Director.

We are convinced your are not only by a long and successful career in both departments—eminently fitted to adorn them, but that when you consented to accept the Presidency of the University and the Chair which you now fill, that you selected professions which by a natural fitness for you were most certain to succeed in.

We would not express the sentiments of our classmates did we fail to revert to those feelings of obligation which we in conjunction with all North Carolinians esteem ourselves as under to one who in a long life of political and civil emoluments and trusts, conscientiously and conscientiously devoted his time and talents to the best interests of his state, and development of its institutions.

We would recall...