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## LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mr. E. T. White, formerly a student here, but at present travelling salesman for Warrell and Company of St. Louis, Mo., spent Wednesday night on the hill renewing acquaintances. Mr. White, whose home is in Norfolk, Va., notes the many improvements Elon has made during his three years' absence and rejoices with us in same.

Mrs. A. F. Ward, of Liberty, N. C., spent several days this past week visiting her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Amick. Mrs. Amick accompanied her mother to Greensboro Saturday morning.

Another of Elon's former students rolled in on Tuesday evening, last, in the person of Mr. R. H. McCauley, of Chapel Hill, N. C. Mr. McCauley enrolled as a student and expects to make someone "go some" if he does not land a place in the outfield of our baseball club.

Mr. John Hobby, of Raleigh, N. C., visited friends at the college during the past week.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, of Burlington, N. C., was with us on Monday morning, last, to conduct the chapel services.

Mrs. Harold C. Pollard, of Ossipee, N. C., spent Wednesday evening and night visiting friends and former school-mates at West Dormitory. Mrs. Pollard was on her way to Durham, N. C., where she spent a few days with her brother, Mr. R. J. Kernodle.

Dr. W. C. Wicker has been absent from the college for a day, attending the Masonic meeting in Raleigh, N. C.

Our distinguished Democrat friend, Mr. J. A. Dickey, Jr., heard W. J. Bryan in Raleigh, Saturday evening, January 6th.

Miss Pearl Ellis, of Burlington, N. C., was a pleasant caller at West Dormitory with Miss Clements during a few days of the past week.

Rev. N. G. Newman, of Holland, Va., was in Graham, N. C., Thursday. Miss Blanche, his daughter, who is in school here, met him there for the day.

Mr. H. S. Pember, of Boston, Mass., student of the University of N. C., stopped over for a few days with friends during the past week. Mr. Pember reinforced the college orchestra at the annual reception and enjoyed the social privileges of the season. We shall be glad to have him back again.

Miss Mamie Tate, of the village, and formerly librarian at the college, had the misfortune to receive a severe fall during the icy days past. The injuries, though, not serious, are very painful. We sincerely trust she will be able to be out again soon.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of the department of Political Economy, will deliver a lecture on "Adam Bede" in the college chapel, on Thursday evening, Jan. 18th, 1912. This is the first of a series of lectures to be given by different members of the faculty during the year.

## ANNUAL RECEPTION.

West Dormitory was aglow with gaiety on Friday evening, Jan. 5th, this date being the occasion of the annual New Year reception. The lower corridors and several studios were open to visitors, and students. Abundant seating capacity was arranged by the senior class committee, who had the events of the evening in charge.

Excellent music was furnished by the college orchestra ensemble, and a number of individual selections by different of its members.

Many new acquaintances were formed by different members of the student body, some of which will doubtless last for a while. On the whole, the occasion was a most enjoyable one and our only regret is they come so seldom.

## BOOK CLUB.

The Elon College Book Club met with Mrs. W. A. Harper in the Reception Hall of West Dormitory, on Saturday afternoon, January sixth. A paper on Dutch Art, by Mrs. M. A. Atkinson was the chief event before the club. Mrs. Atkinson's paper was interesting, well prepared and excellently rendered, proving highly instructive to all present as sometimes we are inclined to forget this people when contemplating the artists of the past.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Clements and Mrs. Ma-chen assisting.

Those present were: Mesdames: Wilson, Amick, McNally, Foster, Atkinson, J. O., and Atkinson, M. A., and Patton; Misses Pitt, Bryan and Clements.

"Uncle" Wellons reached another milestone of his life's journey on the 1st day of January, 1912, making him 86 years old. He is young yet, however, and enjoyed the Christmas festivities as much as the youngest. He is rapidly recovering from his last attack of bronchitis and was able to go over to "Aunt" Helen Winborn's sumptuous dinner which she gave in honor of his birthday. Two dear old people growing young! May they be spared us many years more!

## MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

"The Importance of the Study of the Bible" was the subject the leader, Mr. W. C. Hook, chose for discussion in the last meeting of the Ministerial Association. Mr. Hook read Luke 6: 39-49, and Colossians 3: 15-17: "Can the blind lead the blind?" was emphasized in his few, well chosen words. It was shown that Bible study is one of the great essentials in the office of Christian leadership.

The members present showed by their rich response that the meetings are still spicy and spiritual. Some remarks were in part as follows:

We should not fail to study the entire Bible. If we exclude part we will soon doubt more.

We should study the Bible that we may have great convictions. The man is need-

ed who has the right conviction and will stick to it.

The Association is glad to welcome as a new member, Mr. T. J. Green.

J. G. Truitt.

## DR. MARTYN SUMMERBELL LECTURES AT ELON.

Dr. Martyn Summerbell, non-resident Professor of Church History and Biblical Literature in Elon College, made his annual visit from January 7th to 9th this year, and expects for the future to make this date the permanent one for these lectures. Dr. Summerbell has lectured here for the past two years, but this is the first time that he has lectured in the capacity of one of the regular corps of instructors, the Board of Trustees at the past commencement having elevated him to that rank, a rank richly deserved by reason of his scholarly utterances of previous years.

The earth was of true New England type. The night before Dr. Summerbell arrived, the earth put on a garment of white, the first time for this winter, in honor of his coming as Dr. Summerbell naively expressed it in one of his inimitable prefatory remarks to his lectures. Then came the sleet, and all the trees and every building had bedecked itself in diamonds to do him honor. Such weather we have not had for many winters. Yet despite all these disadvantages in a physical way, the attendance at every lecture was very large, never less than two hundred. This speaks volumes for the lecturer.

The first lecture came at the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday and was a masterly treatment of the New Testament Miracles, a most appropriate theme for College students and young ministers preparing for their life-work, at the time of life when faith is being formed and determined. The lecturer showed how the folly of the critics who object to the miracles, set forth how the miracles of Christ differed from the sleight of hand performances of the tricksters and from the tricks of the "spiritualists," and then proved that they were absolutely necessary to attest the divine nature and office of the Master. Many ministers of wide range of reading heard this lecture and declared that it could not be surpassed as a defence of the Christian belief in miracles.

The second lecture had to do with the Origin and Principles of the Christians. We Christians felt good during and after that deliverance, we felt that we have a distinctive work and mission in the world. This is the lecture that won such fine words of praise from Mr. Winston Churchill and that saved a church that was about to go to the Congregational brethren to our cause. The chief facts and the principles set forth in this lecture have appeared in the Herald of Gospel Liberty, but the individual flavor given it by the lecturer made the spoken discourse unique in many particulars.

The other four lectures of the series treated of the Society of Jesus, or the Jesuits as they are familiarly called. The first lecture of this series of four dealt with Loyola, the founder of the Society; the second treated of the manner of making a Jesuit; the third and fourth lectures told of the Society in History. The original plan of the lecturer was to give only two lectures on the Jesuits and then two treating of the Reformation in England. But the interest in the lectures on the Jesuits justified the final decision to postpone the consideration of the English Reformation till next year. The concluding lecture was very appropriate at this time, for it made plain by the verdict of history that we need have no fear of Catholic domination of the American Government, for, said the lecturer, at the conclusion of a most remarkable amassing of facts pertaining thereto, "if the Catholics have not been able to hold Spain Catholic, with everything in their favor, how can they ever expect to gain control of America, with everything against them?"

Thus ended a visit that was pleasant to his Southern friends and admirers and, we trust, in a measure, satisfactory to the lecturer himself.

During his visit Dr. Summerbell was domiciled at the West Dormitory, where he saw our student life as it is. He was generous enough of himself to grant our students interviews for two hours each afternoon, an opportunity which many accepted and with pleasure and profit. "May it be our privilege," said one of the students in bidding farewell to the lecturer, "to have you with us many years to come"—and that was the universal verdict. W. A. Harper.

## BIRTHDAY DINNER.

Our clever and accommodating merchant, Mr. M. A. Reitzel, known by all the boys as Uncle Mike, celebrated his fiftieth birthday, Sunday. Mrs. Reitzel planned a surprise by inviting a number of friends and relatives, including Dr. Reitzel and family, of High Point; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shoffner, of Norfolk, Va., Miss Mamie Plunkett, of Greensboro, Rev. J. D. Andrews, of Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McAdams, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Noah, Messrs. J. A. Fogleman, F. S. Drake, J. G. Truitt and J. S. Truitt, of the village.

Mr. Reitzel received some nice and useful presents. One of the nicest was a large Morris chair given by Mrs. Reitzel and daughters.

Last, but not least, was the elegant dinner. The table was just loaded with turkey, opossum, ham, salads and various good things too numerous to mention. Several expressed themselves as never having seen so many good things and things prepared so well, on one table. All enjoyed the occasion and went home happy for having been there. T.

"No price is good enough for good counsel."