

THE ANNUAL Commencement exercises of the University of North Carolina were held last week, and were greatly enjoyed by the large number of visitors who attended. They were certainly much enjoyed by this writer, who had graduated there exactly twenty-five years ago.

The Alumni Association met on Wednesday morning in Memorial Hall, where addresses were delivered by R. H. Battle, Esq., W. J. Peete, Esq., and Col. W. H. S. Burgwyn. The subject of Mr. Battle's address was a sketch of the life and character of the late Rev. Charles Phillips, D. D., who for many years was professor of mathematics at the University.

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resolutions. If the few Alumni who were present at this meeting could give \$25,000, surely there should be no difficulty in securing the additional \$5,000 from all the other Alumni throughout the State.

While this public spirited action of the alumni of the University is to be most highly commended, yet it is a disgrace to our State that it is necessary. It is a public disgrace that the parsimony of our legislators should compel private individuals to aid in the proper maintenance of the State University—a public institution whose maintenance and management is enjoined upon our legislators by the constitution which they swear to support.

A DEMOCRAT who makes promises to republicans in order to get an office from them is not to be trusted. We have always believed this, and more than ever are we now convinced of its truth since the pitiable exposure of one W. E. Webb, of Person county, who, in order to obtain the position of census supervisor, wrote and signed the following:

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Our Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, June 6, 1890. Tariff, silver and politics are the topics of Congressional consideration at present, and are likely to remain the subjects of attention for some time to come.

The stand of the members concerning the re-election is of more importance to many of them than the business before Congress, while those who do not expect to be re-elected will be altogether too indifferent about results to return before the next regular session.

Many of the extreme silver men are still confident that they will be able to pass a bill embodying their views, including free coinage of silver in the House. They say that republicans in both branches of Congress are more concerned about retaining pleasant relations with the administration, and the distribution of patronage, than about the question of silver.

One of the ultra silver men said that they intended to make an effort in the Senate to have the tariff reduced to a level that would allow them to produce the same amount of silver as the tariff now produces.

The House republicans are more conservative and will endeavor to pass a bill of such tendencies, before the Senate can come to a vote on the subject.

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Confederate Veterans.

To the Confederate Veterans' Association in the Various Counties of North Carolina. We desire to call your attention to the provisions of our Constitution, directing that the annual elections for officers shall take place on the fourth day of July in each year.

The executive committee have determined to wait no longer for adequate subscriptions, but hold to the responsibility of opening a Soldiers' Home for the care of such of our needy, deserving comrades as require to be supported by charity.

For the support of this Home we therefore ourselves upon the abundant charity of the people of North Carolina, and we appeal particularly to the members of the Confederate Veterans' Association, to see that a proper interest is manifested in every town and in every county.

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Weekly Weather Crop Bulletin

OF THE N. C. Experiment Station and State Weather Service, cooperating with the U. S. Signal Service. For the week ending Friday, June 6th, 1890. Central Office, Raleigh, N. C.

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