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THURSDAY, March 16, 1893.

Prof. Jos. A. Holmes, state geologist, gave an interesting magic lantern exhibition, in the chapel last Tuesday night. The views reflected on the back ground were made from photographs the professor had taken in connection with his geological work. Commencing with the central portion of the state, and thence eastward through the truck farms, cotton fields, and rice plantations to the sea shore, down the Cape Fear and Tar rivers, at Cape Hatteras, Morehead City, and on into the Dismal swamp, with its dense growth of forest, and malarial swamps, of which Paul Du Chaillu said, it reminded him of the jungles of Africa, back to the old historic town of Bath, he carried us with the shifting scenes of the lantern.

After showing the eastern portion of the state and explaining its many interesting scenes, he passed to the west and gave us views of the beautiful scenery at Pilot mountain, then to the "Land of the Sky," with glimpses of the lovely scenery at Blowing Rock, and the happy valley, over the picturesque Western North Carolina Road through the giant mountains past Round Knob with its immense fountain into the Swannanoa tunnel by black towering Mt. Mitchell to Asheville, where the beautiful French Broad and the Indian "Swannanoa" were seen as natural as if we had been at Connolly's View or Richmond Hill, looking with his own eyes on these lovely children of nature known to poetry and to song. From Asheville along the railroad following the French Broad with its ever changing scenery through the Rhododendrons and wild Agalias he carried us to Paint Rock, of fabled Indian lore and tradition, which marks the terminal points of the W. N. C. division of the R. & D. system.

Back again to Asheville and from there along the Murphy road across the Tuckasegee and Nantahala rivers and via Marble gap, and the beautiful Alpine-like scenery to Murphy, the terminal of another division of the same system. After showing this wild, rugged, picturesque and impressive region with its leaping, jumping cataracts, dark glens, and awful heights, rugged hills and grand mountains, he passed into that portion of the state at the headwaters of the Tennessee, with its highly cultivated lands and prosperous people, exhibiting a few views of this section, the professor announced that the exhibition was over, much to the sorrow of all present, for the delightful kaleidoscopic picture of our grand old state, her many industries and beautiful scenery, was a gratification to all, and we were loth to realize that there was no more to be seen. The entertainment, besides being unique and original, was highly instructive and greatly appreciated by all present.

We once played the University boys on their own grounds, and have never been treated more hospitably, and we would like to return, as much as possible, their kindness.—Wake Forest Student.

It gave us much pleasure to see this, for we do desire to cultivate the best feelings and most friendly relations with every college in the state.—Ed.

Wake Forest and Trinity are thinking of issuing annuals. If they decide to do so we hope they will succeed, but it is doubtful if they will. The University of North Carolina has been issuing an Annual for four years, and though the enterprise is backed by the eleven Greek letter fraternities here, yet only one year, did the editors clear expenses. To get out a decent Annual involves months of work and the expenditure of hundreds of dollars. If the two colleges mentioned decide to try the experiment, very probably it will be a class publication instead of a fraternity, for at Wake Forest there are no Greek letter societies and though A. T. O. and Kappa Sigma have chapters at Trinity, yet it is hardly probable that they would attempt it. The following Universities and colleges in the south issue Annuals: Vanderbilt, University of Virginia, University of the South, University of Georgia, and the University of North Carolina.

The University of Alabama, this year, for the first time, issues an Annual. At all these institutions they are published by the fraternities.

We learn from the *Salisbury Herald*, that the Davidson duck pond is to be an accomplished fact. Three cheers for North Carolina "aquatics." The pond is to be quarter of a mile long and proportionately broad and races upon it will certainly be "a new feature in college athletics in the State." Any State ought to be proud of a college which can get up a race on such a watery expanse, especially with such an outfit, for we understand that the students have raised \$200 wherewith to purchase race-boats. As the ordinary racing four-oared gig costs \$300 to \$500, this modest sum will purchase two-thirds of a boat. This of course must be manned by two-third of a crew or three men and one third-third of a man, probably the coxswain, though we are unable to inform the public which third of him will be lopped off.

Boys, let's rebuild the dam at Strowd's Pond and get ready to row Davidson a race. Our pond would be twice as long and much broader. By the way, racing on the Davidson Duck pond must necessitate so many turnings and reversings as to be dangerously like waltzing. Don't cross your feet brethren.

BASEBALL COMMENTS.

The candidates for the team have done some good work the past week, but lack of enthusiasm and interest is noticeable. The men as a whole do not play with that snap and vim which are so essential to the development of a good nine. Several of the players, however, are working faithfully and the good results are apparent. Especially would I mention Ellis who has been doing hard work and has improved remarkably in his batting.

Love at third shows improvement.

Devin should exert himself more.

I am glad to see that Busbee has gone to right field for that is where, in my opinion, he should have been all the time.

Kenan's pitching has been very good and he may become one of our best pitchers this year.

Graham, E., whom we failed to mention in the last issue is one

of our surest fielders, but is a weak batter. Though we may not make the team this spring yet he will be a good man next year.

Syme also gives signs of developing into a good ball player.

The work of the team is more systematic. It is well to enforce the rule requiring the players to remain on the bench.

The base running can be greatly improved. Only a few candidates exert themselves at all in running the bases. We must risk more. While it is not wise to take too great chances, yet if we do not put forth our best efforts in this direction in the practice we certainly will find ourselves deficient when occasion may demand, as was shown last year. I would state that the team may be selected in the course of a week and it behooves every candidate to put forth his best energies, especially as the contest for several positions is very close and the work of the coming week will be largely influential in deciding who are the fortunate ones.

Let every candidate be on the field at 4:30 o'clock every afternoon. Though the examinations are upon us still it is possible for every man to come out promptly for it is even more important that we should take exercise during the examinations than at other times.

At a meeting of the players held Friday afternoon it was decided to meet every Saturday night in order to discuss certain plays and other matters of importance to the team. These meetings can be made of great benefit. Indeed it is to be hoped that the men will be regular in their attendance.

Sweaters are awfully comfortable things—but they have their uses. They are so convenient, one can readily be excused for slipping hurriedly into his sweater in order to get to chapel in time, when he has overslept himself; but this wearing them all the time! Some men when they go to college feel as if they are to be negligent in their dress and many are extremely so. It really isn't quite decent to wear sweaters continuously—and we have seen some which do not in the least look as if they had ever been near the laundry. It has been done quite thoughtlessly, we know, and we feel that when our fellow-students fully realize what it amounts to, the sweater will be tabooed, and we will only see it when it is intended to be used.