

BASE BALL COMMENTS FOR THE WEEK.

The team continues to improve and the work of the past week, Saturday excepted, was a marked improvement over that of the week preceding. The batting was harder and safer and the base running better, yet there is still room for much improvement in the latter. We have noticed a lack of coaching of the runner. This should be remedied at once, for it is due to carelessness and negligence and without it, good base running is impossible. There should always be a coacher at first and third and it is to be hoped that this important work will not be neglected. Several times the past week a runner has been on second or third, yet no one to run him in. Moye has improved very much the past week in his hitting and it has been among the best. We have noted this with pleasure and trust that he will continue to improve, for his fielding is fine and his base running good. Stanley's batting has been very superior. After hitting the ball he gets off quickly and his speed is very telling. We would caution the batters against watching the ball after it is hit, for the loss of a fraction of a second often means the loss of a run. "Little Ben" covers short well, and picks up a grounder cleanly, but he is still slow in his throwing and should meet slow grounders sooner. Devin, at first base, does yet go down for grounders as he should. He is very safe on a thrown ball, and his batting is good. Gray and Ellis at second are both first-class players. Gray is quicker and a little surer in the field but Ellis is the better batter. Mason at third is playing good ball but as we said previously is not safe always. His throwing continues very fine. He is a hard hitter but in our opinion strikes "too hard" to be a sure batter. Busbee is playing very good ball in right field since his finger has gotten well and as was noted in the last issue, his batting continues sure. In regard to the other men there are no changes to be noted. Every one sees and appreciates the good results of Lanier's valuable coaching. To him we are greatly indebted for the progress the team has made and we desire to place on record this testimonial of our high appreciation of his services and the great benefits resulting therefrom. His patience with the players and indefatigable efforts for the strengthening of the team are appreciated.

PERSONAL.

J. T. Pugh, '93, is at home on a visit.

Gaston Battle, '90, came up last Thursday night.

R. L. Gray, '96, is at Raleigh on a visit to his parents.

We are glad to see D. F. Nicholson, '95, up and well again.

Bishop and Mrs. T. B. Lyman are the guests of Dr. Manning.

O. H. Sumpter, Law, and wife went to Greensboro last Friday.

A. B. Andrews, Jr., '93, spent a couple of days in Raleigh last week.

Dr. John M. Manning of Durham, spent a few days on the Hill last week.

Perin Busbee, '93, went to Raleigh last Friday to arrange for the Vermont game.

J. A. Jones, '93, and S. F. Austin, '93, were at home last week on a visit.

Hugh L. Miller, '90, spent Sunday on the Hill, as the guest of Prof. Baskerville.

James S. Manning, Esq., of Durham was here last week on a visit to his parents.

Rev. Dr. Williams of Baltimore, Md., is visiting his son-in-law, Prof. J. W. Gore.

Mr. John Cross of the popular firm Cross & Linehan of Raleigh was here last week on business.

Antonio & Jerry Bellezza have opened a dancing school in the Gymnasium. The class numbers fifty.

Syme, Carroll, West, J., and Cobb, J., all of '96, spent a few days after examinations in Raleigh.

Marx Mittledorfer of Richmond is here making a bid on decorating the Gymnasium for Commencement.

C. R. Turner, '95, who has been unwell, is at his home in Raleigh. We hope he will be back soon.

A. L. Brooks, Law, who has been sick for the past two weeks has gone to his home in Roxboro to recuperate.

The Rev. Mr. Watson and Wilson '93 went to Durham on last Friday to attend District Sunday School Convention.

Nathan Toms, '94, spent Friday and Saturday with his brother Prof. C. W. Toms, '89, of the Durham Graded schools.

Mr. Hal d'a Shepherd, of Washington, is visiting his friend Mr. Ralph Graves.

Mrs. Karl P. Harrington and Mrs. A. S. Barbee attended the State Sunday School Convention at Durham last week.

George Willis, '95, has been awarded the Magazine prize, for the best original story handed in to the editors of the Magazine.

George Collins, '90, and George Graham '91, of Durham and F. C. Mebane, '92, of Hillsboro were here Saturday to attend the annual banquet of the Theta Psi Fraternity.

Mr. Clarence Galeley, graduate fellow and assistant professor of Science of Science, spent last week at Trinity college lecturing to the students there on Sociology.

Mr. Chase, City Engineer of Wilmington, spent several days on the Hill last week in consultation with the authorities regarding the putting in of the waterworks.

Dr. Thomas Hume, Jr., went down to Clayton, Wednesday to officiate at the wedding of Miss Nellie Lee Horne to Dr. Eugene Herbert McCullers. Mrs. McCullers is the sister of C. Horne, '95, who went down Tuesday.

Mr. A. H. McFayden who has been for some time Business Manager of the TAR HEEL, has resigned on account of carrying a heavy course in college. We are sorry to lose Mr. McFayden. Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., of Raleigh, has been chosen to fill the position made vacant by Mr. McFayden's resignation.

—At the regular services last Sunday, in the Chapel of the Cross, Bishop Lyman preached two of his characteristic, strong, impressive sermons.

At the morning service Mr. Gaston Battle, one of our young alumni, was ordained, and in the evening Miss Laura Payne and Messrs. H. B. C. Nitzie and Thos. Wilson were confirmed.

Both services were largely attended and all were much impressed by the solemn rites of the church and the thoughtful sermons of the Bishop.

Leland Sanford, Jr., University will this year follow the lead of eastern universities in opening a summer school—the first of its kind on the Pacific coast.

—Prof. and Mrs. Harrington, with the aid of Mrs. Whitehead and Maj. Cain, treated their friends to a delightful informal musicale on last Monday evening.

Every selection rendered was of that high grade that only artists can do justice. There were present Miss Clark, of Washington; and Misses Payne and Alexander of Chapel Hill, Mr. Miller, of Wilmington; Mr. Nitze, of Baltimore, and Messrs. Baskerville, Shaw, Whitaker and Ellis of the University. The entire evening was one continual flow of harmony, and each member of the happy party could only wonder how the pleasant hours sped so fast.

OF COURSE THEY DO.

Almost everybody would like to have a good bicycle. But unfortunately the plagued things cost so much that most of us have to deny ourselves that pleasure. The "Raleigh" is one of the best wheels made. By trying the agency for this machine, a live hustling fellow can sell enough machines in one month to pay for his own. If you want the agency for your town, let us hear from you by to-day's mail.

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It is the pleasant duty of *Topics* to welcome a new exchange THE TAR HEEL, published at the University of North Carolina. It presents a neat appearance and is well edited. We are glad to see another Southern college weekly publication; many such are needed and the N. C. University is to be congratulated on her good luck.

The paper cannot fail to succeed with Charles Baskerville at the helm.—College Topics.

The Chicago University is to have a \$200,000 gymnasium. A. A. Stagg, the gymnasium director, is also president of the Varsity Y. M. C. A., which has ninety-one charter members.

A maid with a Duster
Once maid a great bluster
In Dusting a Bust in the hall;
But when she had Dusted,
The Bust was all Busted,
The Bust is now Dust, that is all.

Twenty-two, of the one hundred and twenty-five graduate students at Yale, are women.