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THURSDAY, April 27, 1893.

WE regret that the pressue on our columns prevents our giving the extended notice we had prepared of the last meeting of the Shakespeare Club at which Rev. Frederick Towns read his excellent paper on 'The Ethical Conception of the Ancient and Modern Drama Compared.' Dr. Hume's characteristic paper on Shakespeare's Morals and Mr. Busbee's amusing parody "To Be or Not to Be" completed the programme of one of the best meetings yet held.

THE Athletic Association should have a meeting sometime real soon, it has important business to transact, officers for next year, and manager of the Foot Ball team should be elected at once. The University sweater has not been officially adopted yet, and that should be attended to. Why not have a membership fee, too. The Association ought to have one, and it should at present. The way the Association is now, any man in the University who chooses to attend its meetings is considered a member, and though he may have no interest in Athletics whatever, yet his vote is as powerful as the votes of those who do take an interest in Athletics, and who would willingly pay for the privilege of being a member of the Athletic Association.

AS SOON as the news of Dr. Alexander's appointment as Minister to Greece, had reached the Hill, a mass meeting of the student's was held in the Chapel, to ascertain the best means of showing to the Doctor, the high esteem in which he was held by the students. Mr. Cheek, '93, was called to the chair, and after discussing the matter it was agreed to leave the question to a

committee, who should make all the arrangements, the chairman appointed the following gentlemen, with Prof. H. H. Williams as chairman, Messrs. Turner, Murphy, Currie and Harding. The committee decided that a handsome gold watch would be but a fitting gift, and accordingly the watch was ordered. On Friday morning, before the assembled University he was presented with the watch by Mr. Biggs, in behalf of the students. Mr. Biggs, presentation speech was an excellent effort, and was truly an exhibition of the love and esteem in which Dr. Alexander is held. Below we give it in full.

*Ladies and Gentlemen, Members of Faculty and Fellow Students:*

We are gathered here this morning to do honor to him to whom honor is due. We would be untrue to ourselves, untrue to our dear "alma mater" and untrue to the grand old North State, did we not feel the greatest joy at the honor that has been conferred upon this institution and the State in the recognition of the ability and talents of our beloved Professor of Greek, by appointment to the important post of Minister to Greece.

It is unnecessary to comment upon his many sterling qualities. Suffice it to say, than never was an honor more worthily bestowed or more justly merited, for while possessing the highest scholarship and literary culture, he at the same time, has combined with these, and blended in a most happy mean, those qualifications so necessary to successfully administer the executive affairs of State with honor to the nation and with credit to himself. While we all rejoice in your success, yet we cannot but have pangs of sorrow at the thought of your premature departure from us, for during your stay in our midst of six years, you have endeared yourself to all whose good fortune it has been to know and associate with you. That genial temperament and warm-hearted hospitality so characteristic of the true Southerner, have been exhibited in you to the highest degree. At all times and on all occasions, whether in the class room or at home, your charming simplicity and thoughtful regard for others, have won for you the universal admiration of the student body.

While the severance of such ties is naturally a source of deep

regret to us, yet your return to our midst four years hence, more thoroughly equipped, if possible, will be awaited with anticipations of genuine pleasure. May your sojourn in classic Athens be most pleasant and profitable both to yourself and family is the earnest prayer of your friends.

And now, my dear Doctor, it is my great pleasure as well as privilege, in behalf of the Faculty and students of the University to present to you this watch, as a token of their friendship and esteem, begging you to accept and treasure it, as emblematic of those deep feelings.

## A SAD DEATH.

"Mr. Frank Batchelor, son of Hon. Joseph B. Batchelor, of this city, died suddenly of heart disease yesterday afternoon, between five and six o'clock. Mr. Batchelor had had trouble of the heart for some time past, and on yesterday afternoon, while taking a carriage drive with his mother and Mrs F. H. Busbee, was suddenly seized with an attack on New Berne avenue, which was of such an alarming character that he was at once driven to the office of Dr. Hines, on New Berne avenue, near at hand. He was assisted into the office but expired on the threshold before Dr. Hines had an opportunity to render any aid.

The news of the sad event was soon carried through the city and came as a shock to the many friends of the deceased and his stricken family.

Mr. Batchelor was twenty-four years of age, was a graduate of the University and a young man of fine endowments, education and promising future.

He graduated with distinguished honors. He was at Horner School before he entered the University, and at both institutions he evinced signal proficiency in the languages. His untimely death cast a shadow over our entire community."

The above clipped from the Raleigh papers tells of the sad death of one of the brightest best hearted and most talented young men that has graduated at the University. Frank Batchelor while here, always ranked high in his classes. He was a hard student and his brilliancy in some lines almost caused one to think him a genius. He graduated in 1891, with the highest honors of his class, and at once began the

study of law, at the University Law School, but death cut short his career, and robbed the State of one who had he been spared would have made an enviable name in his chosen profession. His genial manners, his agreeable characteristics and his warm heart made for him numerous friends, who deplore his sad and untimely death.

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