

## DR. BATTLE LECTURES BEFORE THE MITCHELL.

Tuesday night a very flattering audience listened to Dr. Battle's interesting lecture. Besides the regular members of the society several gentlemen more interested in literature than science were attracted to Person Hall by the promised treat. Many law students forgot nearing exams., and crawled out with a few deep eyed needs to hear Dr. Battle.

As Director of the State Experiment Station, this prominent alumnus of the University has become known and honored over the entire State.

State Geologist, Prof. Holmes, introduced the speaker of the evening in his happy manner, referring to the fact that the father of the speaker was the starter and main advocate of experimental work in agriculture in the State when he was president of the University.

Dr. Battle gave first a history of the founding of the Station, saying it was but a "child of the University." Many local agricultural clubs and societies in a general convention, determined to memorialize the legislature to give them protection from the frauds practiced on them by fertilizer manufacturers. So on March 12th, 1877, the legislature created the Experiment Station just one year after the founding of the Connecticut Station, the first in America. The famous Hatch act provides for a station in each state now, The N. C. station receives not one cent from the State for support, but all from the national government.

Money is required for such scientific work, but it has been seen that this money thus invested returns manifold dividends to the agricultural classes.

The various divisions were spoken of briefly and much of the good from each told.

The lecture was very interesting and enlightened many of us on the subject.

One morning during the past week there were many and multitudinous sounds which disturbed the quiet and peaceful sleep of Rambler. He arose in a terrible fright and rushing to the window was amazed to see two inconsid-

erate freshmen violently knocking a tennis ball back and forth one from one to the other and sometimes against the windows of the nearest building, Rambler returned to bed, but also there was no rest to be found there. The noise of merriment on the outside continued and Rambler had to get up finally with his brain all in a muddle and math, suffered badly that day. Rambler had not been to a symposium on the night before but only had his sleep disturbed by thoughtless men. He does not think this is a very common or general complaint. It is very unusual to find two men and especially freshmen that would prefer tennis playing to sleeping before breakfast. But Rambler begs them in the future to confine their pleasure to the tennis grounds and not in front of the buildings.

A few nights ago as Rambler was slow perambulating back from the postoffice there fell upon his ear the distant strains of music. Many voices were singing a tune unknown to him. He saw in his imagination a sweet face that he had seen during the Christmas and he could hear a gentle voice which said, "Oh I do love to hear male voices and I know you must enjoy singing together at Chapel Hill."

Rambler was deeply meditating and wishing he was there to hear as he was all the time drawing nearer. It was not long before he was able to hear the words of the song more distinctly. As the dulcet strains of "We'll tick, tick, tick," and "If I could you bet I would" fell upon his ear, he was extremely thankful that she was far away especially as there suddenly came from a window on one side of the campus a *blankety blank* expression which found an echo on the other side. Out on the tennis courts Rambler also heard expressions that would not grace a parlor. He thinks that it is hardly fair for some two or three to monopolize the air and, leaving out the moral side, on the campus to compel those, who object to such things to listen to what is repulsive to them. And on the tennis court it should be remembered that there are professor's houses very near the

courts and that there are ladies in these houses and if these two or three men are not thoughtful of these, it is nothing but right that the other 397 should force them to put an end to it all. At least this is Rambler's opinion.

While on his walk Rambler happened to enter the chapel on the afternoon of Freshmen elections. A strange sight greeted him there but he only wants to call attention to the fact that men of all classes were upon the chairs with their feet. As a result several are broken and ruined. Rambler thinks that men should be more thoughtful and try to improve and not destroy the property of the University.

RAMBLER.

The *Magazine* wishes to call attention to the prizes announced in its January issue. Possibly some of our readers failed to see the announcement, as it was inserted among the advertisements. We would urge every student in the University earnestly to consider these prizes and to submit something to the *Magazine*.

We desire to publish more student articles; one of our aims is "to preserve the best undergraduate work of our University." And to induce more men to take an interest in the *Magazine*. We have offered prizes for several kinds of work. We have made the contest as fair as possible; only articles by undergraduates will be allowed in this competition and the editors of the *Magazine* are excluded from the contest.

We hope that a large number of articles will be submitted. We know that our students can do work worthy of publication. It is the duty of every one to give others the benefit of his thoughts; he owes it to himself, to his fellows and to the University to make known whatever worthy thing he has done. Look over the list given below and enter the contest. You may win a prize; it will do you good to try. Do not put off this matter long; see to it at once. Here is the offer:

"The *University Magazine* offers the following prizes for articles by *undergraduates*, to be submitted to the editors on or before April 1st, 1894:

A \$15 Violin for the best bit of verse.

A year's subscription to *Scientific American* for best contribution to Progress of Science.

A Webster's International Dictionary for the best Critical Article.

Ten Dollars in cash for the best Short Story.

A year's subscription to Life for best Cartoons (not less than three.)

For further particulars see the *Magazine* or call upon the editors.

A course of clay moulding is given at Stanford University.

Yale has dropped arithmetic from its list of requirements for admission.

Brown University will celebrate her one hundredth anniversary in June.

Lafayette has bought land for an athletic field on which a grand stand and club house will be erected at a cost of \$10,000.

The Harvard faculty has announced the names of 70 members of the senior class for commencement parts. Twenty per cent. are members of athletic times.

The first Professorship of History was established at Oxford in 1248.

A Fellowship in painting, of the value of \$500, has been established at Syracuse University.

The late Professor Tyndall is said to have given the entire proceeds of his lecture tour in this country several years ago, amounting to about \$23,000 to provide college scholarships for poor students.

Experiments are in progress at Yale to determine the relation of muscular action to the nerves. Tests will be made on some of the most celebrated swordsmen of the country to determine the exact time it takes the mind to realize that a certain action has taken place and how long a time is required to make a simple muscular action. This is being done to establish the theory that what is known as muscular strength does not depend upon the size of the muscle but upon the strength of the nerve center and the quality of the muscle.