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In the Library.

Ye writer in his strollings around dropped into the library one day not long ago to look over the humorous literature of the week and while there noticed a little thing that to his mind seems to need correction. It was the cutting and tearing or otherwise defacing the pages of some of the periodicals on the table, numerous extracts having been removed. Of course it was a mere piece of thoughtlessness, but nevertheless it was selfish thought of self that caused it, the seeing of some joke or illustration that took the fancy, but why not leave them that others may see them too? Another habit that needs noticing in this connection is that of pencilling comments on the margins both of the periodicals and books. It might be humbly suggested to those who do this that they restrain their critical powers in that one line at least, for by so doing they will add much to the pleasure of those who read the books after them. If they have any criticisms to make on a book or magazine that they think may be of value, write them out on a piece of paper *not* a book margin, and send them to some magazine, which if the criticisms and comments be as valuable as their writer thinks, will be very glad to receive them, we have no doubt. 'Tis only their value we doubt. A good book or magazine is a treasure that can be enjoyed for an indefinite length of time by a great many persons if only the hands of non-appreciative vandals can be kept from defacing it, and if for nothing but common courtesy such defacement should be stopped.

The Old and the New.

Those who read the article, in last week's TAR HEEL, on library classification may be interested in knowing some of the advantages in the use of books that the students of 1894 have over those of 1885. There were then three distinct libraries, owned and controlled by the University, the libraries of the Dialectic and the Philanthropic Societies and the University's books which were in the present library building. The writer does not know how often the room was opened nor what advantages were offered to readers.

The two societies had their libraries on the top floor of their respective buildings. The most of the students that patronized any library at all, confined themselves to them. They were open three hours a week—two on Saturday and one on Wednesday. Few of the students

thought of the libraries as means of furnishing them books to help them in their work. To get "something to read" was the idea.

The proposition to "consolidate" the libraries aroused in the societies bitter opposition and the question was agitated for quite a while before they agreed to it.

It may not be uninteresting to the students who are here this year to know the arrangement of the recitation rooms nine years ago.

In the New East Building, the two rooms on the second floor above the Geology Room were thrown into one and that was the Latin recitation room. The North side of the building, first floor, was occupied by Prof. Henry, of the Department of Pedagogy. In the west end, instead of two rooms, as at present, there was one—the work room for the students in Geology, Mineralogy and Botany.

In the Room at present occupied by Dr. Hume, in the Old East, Prof. Toy conducted his recitations. The Greek Room was used as a museum.

The "English Room" was in the South Building, third floor, South side—the room then being undivided of the size of the present "Math Room." Under the English Room on the second floor, Dr. Mangum conducted his recitations, in the department of Philosophy. Across the hall, the students in Greek recited. The room now occupied by Prof. Gore was the Young Men's Christian Association Hall.

In the Old West Building, the Registrar's office was in the first room on the right, North entrance. On the opposite of the hall was the Bursar's.

Dr. Battle used the same recitation room as at present, and that was also his office as president.

Prof. Graves had the entire East end of the New West, first floor, while Prof. Gore occupied the second floor of the West end.

The chemical laboratory was in the basement under the library. Ventilation was bad and the room poorly lighted: so it was not a difficult thing for the imaginative student to picture to himself the days of Roger Bacon, when the scientist was supposed to be in league with the devil.

Frank Butterworth, Yale's famous full-back is reported as suffering greatly with his eyes with overwork. It said that he cannot see a foot-ball a short distance from him, and hence is quite unable to play. Is this one of Yale's "roor backs" or a true account of her "full-back"?

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The Editor of the Tar Heel.—As I have not had the opportunity before leaving Chapel Hill of seeing in person many of the students, I beg the privilege through the medium of your paper of saying a general Good Bye to all. During my ministry here of three years I have become deeply and strongly attached to the Students and to the University. I can express the genuine pleasure I have had in working with you and among you. I have been with you as a student and I have been among you as your pastor and it is now with heartfelt sorrow that I realize the severance of these ties. I shall remember with much gratitude your uniform kindness to me, and I shall ever regard myself as belonging to the University of North Carolina. I wish you every success in your College work and throughout your lives. My last word to you is "Mizpah" or "The Lord watch between you and me when we are absent one from another."

I remain ever your faithful friend and servant for Christ's sake,

FREDERICK TOWERS.

S. C. C.

South Carolina College opened, Sept. 26th, with about seventy five freshmen. The upper classes are rather small. The attendance there has been very poor for the past year or two, owing to the loss of confidence in the institution on its being reduced from a *University* to a *College* in '91. Now, however, the College is being reinstated in the confidence of the people, as the increase in numbers proves. Even with its very small attendance, the College has maintained its high standard. A new chair has been added—*Pedagogics*, and everything points to a prosperous future and a renewal of the large attendance it had prior to '91. The College receives an annual appropriation from the legislature—never less than thirty thousand (\$30,000.)

Two Letters.

1. (From a mother to her son who is on "prob.").

"Dear Son. Come home. 'a rolling stone gathers no moss.' Your affectionate mother till death."

2. (From the son to the mother.)

"Dear Mother. I won't come home. 'A sitting hen never gets fat.' Your obedient son."

E. P. Withers, Ph. B. '88, of Danville, Va., is practicing law in his old home, and is making a reputation by his writing on reform in Virginia taxes.

Dates When the Principal Colleges Were Founded.

It is very interesting to see what colleges and universities are the oldest. We print below a list of the principal ones:

Harvard 1636, William and Mary 1693, Yale 1701, Princeton 1746, Univ. of Pa. 1753, Kings (Columbia) 1754, Brown 1764, Rutgers 1756, Dartmouth 1769, Univ. of N. C., 1776, Dickenson 1783, Univ. of Vt. 1791, Williams 1793, Univ. of Tenn. 1794, Bowdoin 1794, Union 1795, Hamilton 1812, Univ. of Va. 1819, Trinity 1823, Amherst 1825, LaFayette 1826, Wesleyan 1831, Univ. of City of New York 1831, Oberlin 1833, Univ. of Michigan 1837, Iowa 1847, North-Western Univ 1851, Tufts 1852, Franklin and Marshal 1853, Mass. Institute of Technology 1861, Swathmore 1864, Cornell 1865, Lehigh 1866, College of the City of New York 1866, Johns Hopkins 1867, Boston Univ. 1869, Univ. of Nebraska 1869, Syracuse Univ. 1870, Vanderbilt 1873.

Resolutions of Respect Adopted by the Sophomore Class.

WHEREAS Almighty God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our fellow classmate Jas. A. West, and

WHEREAS, On account of Christian character and gentlemanly behavior he had endeared himself to all who knew him, be it:

Resolved, 1st. That we and the University, which he loved, deplore his untimely death and extend our most heartfelt sympathies to his bereaved family.

Resolved, 2nd. That by his death our class has lost one of its brightest and most promising members.

Resolved, 3rd. That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the University publications, the *Newton Enterprise* and the *Wilmington papers* for publication, and also to his bereaved family.

G. P. LaRoque, Burton Craige, H. Connor, Jr.,

Committee of Class of '97.

Dr. Charles S. Mangum, Ph. B., '91, who received his degree in medicine from the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, has just been promoted to the position of Assistant Demonstrator of Anatomy in that institution. He also has work in the Polyclinic Hospital and College for Graduates in Medicine, in Philadelphia. This is only a natural continuation of his success here, in the medical school, as end on the foot ball team, on the Glee Club, and as Physical Director in the Gymnasium.