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A Rare and Valuable Gift.

The University has been made the recipient of a very rare and valuable gift in the shape of a plaster cast of the head of Napoleon I. made from the original death mask of the great military leader of the French. The cast was brought to New Orleans by Dr. Antomarchi, surgeon to Napoleon, and of late years it has been in the possession of Lieut. F. S. Bryan, of St. Louis, to whom the University is indebted for the gift. This cast is one of the three in this country and is therefore of interest not only from its rarity but greatly more so from its historical interest. All admirers of the great Napoleon should see this cast, for from it a better idea of the man be formed than from reading many pages of biography. One can see much of the character of the man in the low, broad brow, the thin bridged, high arched nose, high cheekbones, firm mouth and resolute chin, even though the calm of death is on the face.

First Game of the Season.

On Friday the 12th, the 'Varsity eleven lines up, for the first time this year, in a match game with the A. & M. team.

This will be a very important game to us, as it will show the strong and weak places on our team and have great influence in determining who will fill the positions.

The A. & M. team will arrive on the preceding night, and the game will come off at the Athletic Park in the afternoon. The rainy days of the first part of the week hindered practice, but it will be nevertheless an interesting contest.

At any rate every student should witness the game, give the visitors a good reception and our boys a nice send off in this their first appearance.

Let every one come out and show more spirit in cheering the plays than we have in the past.

Thomas H. Battle, A. B., '80, is superintendent of the Rocky Mount Cotton Mills, one of the largest in the South, and has lately been elected president of the Rocky Mount National Bank.

Rev. L. W. Crawford of Trinity College, preached two fine sermons in the Methodist church on Sunday, which were heard with pleasure by the large number of students that were present.

Foot Ball Notes.

Sharp at centre is putting up a fairly good game. He has at times shown his ability to get out into the interference but usually fails to do so. He is not quick enough in breaking through.

The most promising ones for guard are Wright, Collier and Guion. The first named is a very willing worker but does not know the position. He will improve with time. Collier interferes fairly well. He is slow in breaking through the opponents' line, and when he does get through is apt to overrun his man. Guion also gets into the interference pretty well. He is a hard, aggressive player but expends a great deal of strength and energy uselessly.

Moore is working hard for a position at tackle. He is by no means a brilliant player but puts up a steady, consistent game. Hartsell's playing is very erratic. At times he plays a very good game while again his work is very mediocre. Pugh has only begun to train and has not regained his old form. He will improve every day.

Among the several candidates for end it would be hard to make a choice. None of the men can be regarded as first class players. Gregory and Rankin are at present playing on the 'Varsity but may at any time be transferred to the "Scrub." The former is a hard player but needs coaching very badly. Turner is playing a good game. His tackling is slow and sure. Stringfield has been out and is an unknown quantity.

Quarter is the weakest place on the team. Slocum is a hard player and tackles very well but his light weight is a great handicap. Several other men are being tried but do not give much promise.

The half backs all have the same general faults. They are slow in getting started, and when they meet an opponent, show a tendency to stop and try to dodge instead of running with the head down and diving forward. They also fail to help the line out in defensive work. Baskerville will probably hold his old place at full. He is by far the most aggressive player on the field. Graham is a hard worker. He runs low and hits the line hard, but is slow in getting started and when giving signals does not give them quickly or distinctly enough.

Atkinson, who has been playing full on the "scrubs," hits the line hard and seldom fails to gain.

Considering the team as a whole, there has been slight improvement during the past week, but a very great deal remains to be done. Every one is miserably slow in starting. The line fails to get down the field under a kick and in both offensive and defensive work show great lack of spirit and aggressiveness. It is true ten men have been somewhat handicapped by lack of a leader but the election will remove this drawback and from now on there should be a rapid improvement.

The Nashville Student.

It is with great pleasure that we note the reception of the first number of the *Nashville Student*. It is one of the sad features of Southern journalism that the proper place is not given to college news. Our papers give short notices of ball games and athletic events with an occasional reference to Commencement exercises; but to devote a column or even a half to college notes in general is an important feature that has up to this time been omitted. The *Nashville Student* steps in to fill this vacancy. Its object is to give news of all the sides of life in the chief colleges of the South and North. Correspondents have been secured in many of these who will keep them posted on the desired matter.

The first number is very neatly gotten up. The cover has a picture of the Vanderbilt campus and also a drawing showing a co-ed. with her racket, a football player, a study table, and a temple, suggestive of the various fields to be covered by the paper. There are several very good sketches, one in negro dialect on "The Mistakes of a Night." Another very well describes the feelings of an unsuccessful candidate for entrance. The object for which the paper is published, and its plans are set forth in the editorials.

It has the exchange and the Athletic departments and "Among the Magazines."

To start such a paper is surely a step in the right direction and the TAR HEEL extends to it wishes for even a better success than is hoped for by its editor.

Exchanges.

The *Sewanee Purple* begins its fourth volume improved in many respects. It is a newsy paper with all its articles well written and neatly printed. It is one of the best we receive.

The *Vanderbilt Hustler* is still the same bright sheet, full of news. Just now, it can not say enough of the team that Vanderbilt will put out and is jubilant over the prospects of winning the Southern championship.

The *Nashville Student* is a new departure in college journalism. It will have local editors in all the colleges in and around Nashville, and such others as Yale, Harvard, Princeton, U. Penn., U. Virginia, and U. N. C., and will be strictly an inter-collegiate publication. Mr. W. R. Webb, Jr., is editor at U. N. C. We wish it all prosperity and success.

Other exchanges are as follows—*Lehigh Brown and White*, *Lehigh Burr*, *Amherst Student*, *Franklin and Marshal Weekly*, *Ohio University Lantern*, and *Mt. St. Joseph Collegian*, about which we shall speak in a later issue.

At a meeting of the foot ball team on last Monday night Mr. Chas. Baskerville was unanimously chosen captain of the team for '94. This is a choice that will give general satisfaction and under his guidance the TAR HEEL predicts a successful season for the team.

In Memorium.

Died, on Friday afternoon, Oct 5, at the home of his uncle, Prof. E. A. Alderman, in Chapel Hill, N. C., James Alderman West, of Newton, N. C., in the seventeenth year of his age.

It is eminently proper that we should pause in the rush and hurry of our everyday life to pay due tribute to those that pass away from among us.

James West was born in November 1876. He was prepared at Catawba College, in Newton, and would have entered the University last session, but was hindered by the failure of his eyes. In fact, he had always a weak constitution, but did not allow his physical frailties to deter him from his studies.

He entered the A. B. course of the Sophomore class at the opening of the University in September, and immediately showed signs of a very bright intellect. But for several months a deadly disease had been slowly fastening itself upon him, and it began to have its effect. During the month he was in college, he was able to be at his books but about half the time; and during the whole time his body was racked with acute pains, yet he went on his classes as long as his strength lasted, and only gave up with great unwillingness.

The torture and agony that he suffered in his illness was terrible; but by his Christian fortitude and endurance he bore it well. And shortly before his death, when told that he could not recover, said that he was resigned, as he was sure of his salvation. The post-mortem examination developed that he died of peritonitis, and that nothing could have saved his life.

It is unfortunate that every University student did not know James West; those that were so privileged were greatly benefitted by his acquaintance. A more overpowering ambition for a college education has never been possessed. In conversation several days before the sad end, he spoke piteously of his sore disappointment in being compelled, on account of his sickness, to postpone his college work for another year. He loved the University, and his great ambition was to secure a diploma from it. What a lesson to those of us that have the opportunity and make such little use of it!

He was a good boy in every respect, with a noble, manly, Christian character, and gentlemanly deportment. In the moments of his most exquisite pain, he murmured or complained not a time; was always grateful for the services rendered him; and even apologetic for the care that had to be paid him in his illness. His patience in suffering and quiet composure in the face of death can furnish example to the oldest and most tried of God's saints.

Wm. H. Wills, '91, is on the city staff of the *New York Sun*.

Dr. John C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College will preach the first of the series of monthly sermons for this year before the Y. M. C. A. on the second Sunday in November.