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## Alpha Theta Phi Society.

The regular January meeting of the University honorary society, the Alpha Theta Phi, was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Greek room, President Horne in the chair. The object of the meeting was to initiate those men in the Junior Class that had made the grades required for membership. The following had reached that standard, and being eligible, were constituted members by the Latin formula of initiation:

J. W. Canada, R. E. Coker, J. C. Eller, E. C. Gregory, W. C. Smith, J. F. Webb, W. R. Webb.

The regular times for initiation are in January of the Junior year and June of the Senior year; it was decided that this clause should apply only to students who have been in college at least one year, and that students from other colleges who joined the Senior Class may join in January. So, L. M. Bristol and C. F. Tomlinson, of the Senior Class, who entered the University last September, were also initiated.

A few other Juniors are eligible for membership, and another meeting will be held to initiate them.

It would be in place to explain, for the benefit of the new students, the purposes and objects of the Alpha Theta Phi Society.

This organization was founded last March, under the direction of Dr. H. C. Tolman, late professor of Greek here but now at Vanderbilt University. It is an honorary, non-secret society, whose sole requirement and whose sole object is, scholarship. All members of the Junior Class who have attained an average grade of 2 are eligible in January of that year, and all Seniors who have attained that average, in June of their last year.

The President and Secretary are those two Seniors that stand highest in their class. At present H. H. Horne is President, and F. L. Carr, Secretary. The other old members are: Dr. Charles Baskerville, Mr. J. T. Pugh, T. J. Wilson, J. E. Alderman, H. Bingham, Harry Howell, D. Lindsay, E. W. Myers, J. L. Patterson, H. M. Thompson, C. R. Turner.

It is modeled after the well known Phi Beta Kappa Society, and the following professors who belong to that organization are members of the Alpha Theta Phi: Dr. Winston, Dr. Alexander, and Prof. Harrington.

## Adjourned Meeting of the Athletic Association.

The adjourned meeting of the Athletic Association was held on Saturday last, Jan. 19th, in Gerard Hall. President Stephens was in the chair. Mr. Guion, for the committee appointed at the previous meeting to consider the constitution of the proposed league among Southern colleges, read the following report:

"Whereas we are in hearty sympathy with the movement to purify college athletics in the South, yet we deem a league impracticable on our part for the following reasons: (1) The distances between the colleges of the proposed league are too great. (2) Our financial condition forbids our entering any organization where the opportunity for covering expenses is so uncertain.

These reasons are sufficient to prevent our entering the proposed league. Certain articles of the constitution appear to us objectionable or impracticable though it would be in the main acceptable to us.

L. I. GUION.  
CHAS. R. TURNER.  
J. M. OLDHAM.  
Committee.

The report was adopted unanimously, deciding that the University would not enter the Southern Inter-collegiate Athletic Association.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

## Leading His Class at West Point.

In the recent examinations at the United States Military Academy, E. P. Wooten, '93, lead the Fourth Class at that institution. Wooten received the appointment to the cadetship from Congressman Woodard of the Second District, in 1893, having won it by competitive examination; he reported in last June, and has just finished his first half year. He graduated from the University in June, '93, with great honor, and taught for one year in the Wilson Graded School. His home is in Lenoir county.

Mr. Wooten's success at the national military academy is a source of much gratification to all University men. It is a continuation of the fine record he made here. He is holding up very creditably the record made at West Point by two other alumni, George P. Howell, '90, and R. P. Johnston, '91, who graduated from the academy first and fourth, respectively, in the class of 1893, and are now in the engineer corps of the army, stationed at Willets Point, N. Y.

IN THE ELECTION of Hon. Marion Butler to the United States Senate, another University alumnus has been honored. Mr. Butler graduated here in 1885; since then he has taught school and edited a newspaper, "The Causasian." In politics he has proved himself very astute and successful. He has always been a warm friend and supporter of his *alma mater*, and we congratulate him on his high honor.

## FIRST CONCERT OF THE YEAR.

### By the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs.

On Friday night, Jan. 25th, the University Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs will give their first concert. An attractive Program has been arranged; all that are present will be sure to spend a pleasant evening. The following students compose the different clubs:

Glee Club: First Tenor, Askew, Dangerfield, Lentz and Mangum; Second Tenor, Eatman (Leader), Howell, Kearney and Webb; First Bass, Harrell, A., Lindsay, D., McMullan and Patterson; Second Bass, Bahnsen, Everett, J., McCorkle and Stanley.

Mandolin Club: First Mandolin, Bristol (Leader), Dey and Lake; Second Mandolin, Emery and Kearney; Mandola, Nicholson; Guitars, Lindsay, J., Thomas and Wills.

Banjo Club, First Banjo, Lake (Leader); Second Banjo, Emry, and Mangum; Guitars, Lindsey, J. and Thomas.

The clubs have been practicing diligently for several weeks, and have reached a high degree of skill.

The general admission is 50 cents, Gallery, 35 cents. Tickets can be procured of any member of the clubs.

There is no doubt that Oxford and Cambridge will send representatives to meet Yale and Harvard on the athletic field this summer. The *London Sporting Life* is authority for the statement. It seems to us that the proper thing to do in regard to this meeting would be for the winners of the Mott-Haven games to meet the winners of the Oxford-Cambridge contest. In no other way can they be representative teams.

WE know of no institution of the age, character, and importance of the University of North Carolina whose alumni have so little to do with the government of their *alma mater* as do the alumni of this University.

If we are not mistaken, all of the legislative acts, and all of the legal documents relating directly to the government of the University utterly ignore the alumni as a body.

There is an *alumni Association* which meets annually; and there are branch organizations in various towns of the State; but the most that they can do is of an advisory character.

They can and do raise money, — e. g. the Chair of History was endowed through their efforts; and their sympathy and suggestions are valued by the Trustees; but the alumni as a body should be reorganized.

The attendance upon the Pearson meeting is large and increasing. People are coming in from the surrounding towns and the county. It is probable that Memorial Hall will have to be used before many more days shall have passed.

AN ENCOURAGING feature in the State is the increasing interest taken in its history. The monographs of Dr. L. B. Weeks, on Printing in North Carolina in the 17th Century, the Croatan, The Religious development of the Carolinas, etc.; the articles of Gen. Barringer on various phases of our history; of Mr. C. F. Tomlinson on the Manumission Society of North Carolina; are doing great good.

North Carolinians often complain that their history has been neglected, that the United States historians misrepresent them, etc. Had such work been done a hundred, or seventy-five years ago, such complaints would not now be heard.

The history of any one of the "Original Thirteen" is too much for one man to work up from original sources; but with such material at his hand as the author's of these monographs have gotten together, an accurate, truthful, and full history is entirely possible.

IS IT NOT worth while to consider 6 o'clock as the general dinner hour for all connected with the University?

As it is now, a hearty meal is eaten at 2 o'clock, and a large number of students have to go at once to work — either to prepare the next day's lessons or the laboratory. They are not in the best condition for successful study or work.

Then, supper coming only four hours later, it is a light meal, and unsuited to a late bed hour. It is a fact that a hearty meal at 6 o'clock does interfere with intellectual work in the evening as much as such a meal at mid-day does with the work of the afternoon. It would seem then, that a simple lunch near noon, and an afternoon clean for study, athletic practice, or lighter recreation followed by dinner at 6, would be worth at least a trial.

QUITE a number of the classes of the University that have been graduated in the past have arranged to have a reunion at the coming Commencement. The classes of '85 and '86 both have calls in the *University Magazine* of January, to the members of their classes. There are others that we do not just now recall.

It is probable that June will be the occasion of renewing as many old associates as was June '89.

THE GLEE, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs will leave Chapel Hill on Wednesday, going through the country to Durham, and from there they will go to Louisburg, giving a concert there on Wednesday night. The following night will be spent in Henderson and the night after Oxford will enjoy (we hope) the music that will be given.

Dr. Baskerville has in the *American University Magazine* for January an article on the supposed new element in the air. The same author has also an article on the University. He is regular correspondent for the University for this magazine.

We notice, "Reprinted from the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society", *An examination into the Nature of Paleotochis*, by Charles H. White, '94.

Two days since the printer's little emissary, with a note saying, we are waiting for the Roundabout paper. This is the hourly expression of a TAR HEEL editor in the "Dry Season."