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First Gymnasium Contest.

Great Interest Manifested and College Record Established.—Medals Awarded Later.

Below we give an account of the athletic Contest of Dec. 5, 1896. It took place after the last issue of the TAR HEEL, before Christmas and was left out of our first issue this year on account of the failure of the editor of that department to turn in time to write it up.

The contest was close in nearly every particular, and sometimes even exciting, notwithstanding the fact that all those who had entered showed a very decided lack of practice. The exercises consisted of standing broad jump, skipping rope for two minutes, fence vault, running high jump and club race. In the first contest, standing broad jump, Mr. R. H. Wright won first place, jumping 9 feet 5-8 inches and scoring 5 points. Mr. Stokes won second place, jumping 8 feet 11 3-8 inches and scoring three points. Mr. Faison won third place, jumping 8 feet 9 1-4 inches and scored one point. It is due Mr. Faison to state that he could easily have won first place but for an unfortunate habit of falling backwards instead of forward when he jumped. His best jumps according to the rules could not be counted.

In the second contest, skipping the rope, Mr. Faison won first place. Made 194 skips in two minutes and scored five points. Belden won second on 179, and Barwick third place on 156.

The third contest, fence vault, was exciting and resulted in a compromise between Williams and Roberson. Each vaulted 70 inches and scored four points. Belden won third place and scored 1 point.

The fourth contest, running high jump, was the most exciting and hotly contested of the evening. Several good jumpers showed themselves and held out for a long time. It finally narrowed down to Belden and Wright who for several minutes carried on a very exciting saw-saw. But Wright seemed to have more of the frog instinct than Belden, for he shuffled off all unnecessary appendages and soon scored five points on a 61 inch jump, leaving Belden second place on 60 inch. Stokes won third place.

The last contest, club contest, was, in some respects the most amusing. Several made furious efforts to win, but unfortunately their clubs seemed to be too nervous to stand. Roberson finally persuaded his to stand alone and came out with first place. Hearn won second place and Harris third.

The result of the contest is as follows: Wright scored 10 points, Roberson 9, Belden 7, Faison 6, Williams 4, Stokes 4, Hearn 3, Harris 1.

This is the first contest of the kind in the University and the above

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Meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society.

The Elisha Mitchell Society held its first monthly meeting for year 1897 in the chemical lecture room Tuesday night at 7 o'clock. There was quite a large attendance, the medical class being present almost as a whole to hear the lecture of Dr. Whitehead, to whom they are particularly devoted. Dr. Whitehead's talk was the first of the evening. His subject was "Hemorrhagic Fever," sometimes called colloquially, "Yellow Fever". He stated that very little is known even of the nature of this disease, no medical work moreover referring to it, and that there is, therefore great controversy among men of the profession as to its treatment. From a careful study of some cases which have come under his attention recently, Dr. Whitehead has reached three very important conclusions with regard to the disease. They are:—(1) That it is a form of malaria and its proper treatment is, therefore quinine taken hypodermically; (2) That it is due to the *astaebo autumnii* parasite as actually proved by him in the laboratory; and (3) That the color of the skin is not due to jaundice as has been supposed, but to the excess of blood pigment from the red corpuscles destroyed by the parasite. Dr. Whitehead explained in a very interesting manner the nature and source of malarial fevers and the action of the various parasites.

The next talk was by Dr. Venable on "Notes on Some Recent Work." The first was the Phosphorescence of the Fire-fly. He stated one or two of the old theories: That of actual phosphorescence; and that of rapid oxidation. It is now known, he says, to be a kind of fermentation. He also spoke of some recent experiments on the diffusion of solids by which it was clearly shown that the phenomenon takes place at ordinary temperatures.

There was considerable discussion of both lectures by members of the society, and Dr. Battle scored a joke on the parasites. Prof. Gore announced that he was in a fair way towards securing an X-ray apparatus of the most recent and improved model, fit not only for physical experimentation but for practical service in the medical department as well.

The meeting was thoroughly entertaining as well as instructive.

New Managers.

Mr. C. R. Dey has resigned as Manager of the Base Ball nine and Mr. W. S. Howard has been elected by the Advisory Committee to fill his place. Mr. E. J. Nelson is the Assistant Manager. At the same meeting Mr. Warren Kluttz was elected Manager of the Foot Ball team for next fall. These are good selections indeed and we are willing to commit our athletic interest to them.

Mass Meeting.

A mass meeting of the students will be held in the Chapel this afternoon at three o'clock. The object of this meeting, so far as we can learn, is to boom baseball, and start the season aright by arousing some good, healthy baseball enthusiasm.

And why should enthusiasm be wanting? Certainly, the prospect is bright and a winning team seems certain. With Pat. Stanley to Captain the men all our difficulties will gradually fade away, and all things will be possible. The material is good and the best schedule that we have had for years has been arranged by Manager Dey. Everything is auspicious. The moon indicates fair weather and our rabbit's foot foretells good luck; but thus far and no farther can the team advance without the hearty and substantial backing of every man in the University.

We must all contribute towards paying the expenses of the team, and the TAR HEEL has no sort of sympathy with the man, who refuses to even deny himself some little luxury in order to make a good, round athletic subscription. It is our team, the schedule offers the best opportunities for gaining fame and reputation, and it is our imperative duty to assist in enabling them to take advantage of those opportunities. Attend the mass meeting, subscribe to the team and when the season is over, we will be proud of our team and of the assistance we rendered.

The New Hours.

As far as the TAR HEEL has been able to learn the new hours have caused an almost universal dissatisfaction. Diligent enquiry among the students has produced only one man in favor of the new system. That the new system was designed as a kindness to the student body we do not doubt, but that it is proving an unkindness is equally certain.

Men who are here for work are ready for that work at 8:30, those who are not here for work, should receive no consideration. The chief objection, however, is the lateness of the dinner hour. According to the new arrangement the majority of the students get their dinner at 2:30 with supper following at 6:00, leaving only three and one half hours between meals.

Furthermore, with a late dinner the laboratory engages many men all the afternoon, depriving them of any recreation whatever. We believe the authorities desire to accede to the wishes of the students in this matter, and we firmly believe the old hours will be substituted when it is known that the new ones meet with disapproval.

The American School of Classic Studies has been established at Rome. Besides the course offered practical work on the manuscripts will be done and original investigation made.

Tour of Musical Clubs.

A Successful Trip Through Carolina and Virginia.—Kind Treatment of Alumni.

During the whole of last week our musical clubs were travelling in Eastern North Carolina and Virginia.

The opening performance was given in Metropolitan Opera House, Raleigh, and proved a success in every way. The thanks of the clubs are due to the Capitol Club for a delightful german given in their honor, and also to the several people who entertained the different boys and added generally to the enjoyment of their stay in Raleigh. Among these are Col. and Mrs. Thos. S. Kenan, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Busbee, and Dr. and Mrs. McKee.

Next, on January 5th, came Henderson. The clubs did not stay here long, but left at two o'clock in the morning for Weldon where they spent the rest of the night, waiting for the next train to Tarboro.

On Wednesday night was the Tarboro concert, which was witnessed by a larger crowd than any other during the week. The clubs have never received nicer treatment than in Tarboro, and all the members wish to express their appreciation to the alumni there, who not only gave us a delightful time, but "footed" all the bills incident to the performance. Mr. Henry Gillingham, especially, exerted himself to make our stay as enjoyable and as lucrative as possible.

The individual members, as well as the clubs in general, scored several "hits" in Tarboro, and "the good looking first bass" (whose name no one could pronounce) headed the list. Should any one feel further interest in the Glee Club's doings in that city, they would do well to consult the above mentioned first bass, who can quickly put them on the ropes and give them all the advice necessary.

After leaving Tarboro the boys sang for two nights on Virginia soil. First they were at the Y. M. C. A. in Norfolk, and although the clubs did not draw as large a crowd as was expected, they performed before quite an appreciative audience and made a reputation which will probably bring in a big house on their next visit to that city.

The management of the clubs desires to express thanks to Messrs. F. B. Dancey, '81, and T. W. Battle, '82, for their assistance about arranging and carrying out the concert in Norfolk.

Next, on January 8th, the clubs reached Suffolk and spent a most enjoyable day, owing to the attentions and courtesy of the young men of that city. At night a german was given in honor of the Carolinians, by whom it was most thoroughly

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