

**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Wanted.—Something to register the recitation hours.

Mr. Eatman made a business trip to Raleigh on Friday.

V. C. McAdoo, ex '97, is now practicing law in New York City.

Mrs. H. C. Martin and Miss Margaret McCaull are in town.

Mr. Geo. Stephens, ex. '96, is spending the week with us doing insurance business.

Miss Alice Green, of Wilmington, is still visiting her uncle, Dr. Alderman.

Mr. Victor Graves, ex '97, has been on the Hill during the past week.

President Alderman has been in Raleigh during the greater part of this week.

If you want to have a "scrap," ask Frank Coker what effect coffee will have on him.

See the ad. of Brem, Stephens & Brem in this issue. The members of the firm are well-known by the Chapel Hill people.

Messrs. Bassett, Grimes, Sherrard, Roland, Holyfield, Cooke, Park, Jones, Quickel, and Galloway, of the Law Class, obtained on Monday their licence to practice law.

Why not start the *University Magazine* going again? It is a shame that we have no publication of this sort, which may be the exponent of the excellent work done in the literary departments of the University.

**An Obituary.**

On the night of the 29th of January, 1897, with no covering but that with which he was endowed at his birth, with no witness save the silent stars, the victim alike of the vicissitudes of fortune and the vindictiveness of man—died "Son." As with Julius Caesar, so with him death was sudden and unexpected. No premonition of the coming doom disturbed his peaceful rest, as stretched to the full extent of his elongated stature before the glowing embers in his master's room, he slept the "sleep of the just" on the night of the cessation of his existence. The approach of Atropos was indeed stealthy and the sound of her foot-steps softened by sandals of silk.

But he is gone! The clutch of the grim Monster fastened upon him, even as "faded on his sight" the last glimmer of light in the room from which he had so recently departed. He is gone! the tormentor of the servant, the admirer of the professor and the universal pet of the students. He in whom fidelity was instinctive and resentment a thing unknown, is gone. But though gone forever he is still beloved, still remembered and now lamented by all save a few surviving grasshoppers, relations of an occasional victim of his, who mimic the ludicrous contortions of Mr. Eatman and his satellites, as in their fiendish glee over the decease of one inveterate enemy they call down a similar fate upon the loved heads of his partner in their destruction—the bugological class. No more when again the budding rose announces the return of Summer, shall his cheering presence dispel from the breast of his master the fear which lurks there, as, near the moment of the transition between night and day, he returns from his angelic visits! No more shall he lead the weary huntsman a fruitless chase through the Cobbological byways of Pendergrasses' and Mason's in quest of the wary quail! Never again shall the nocturnal visitor, after inflicting for interminable ages his presence upon his "friend across the way," return to gaze upon his downy couch and Son, and realize the peculiar potency of the transported mud! For he is gone!

In him too the world of thought has lost a future light. Who doubts? Not I, for the zeal with which he overcame the obstacles barring his entrance to the library and the admiration with which, once in, he gazed upon its classic shelves betrayed his ambition, while his complacency and abstracted air proved him a natural born philosopher. Tranquility and calm distinguished his bearing. Prudence and foresight seemed to be inherent in him. Little would one, gazing at him as

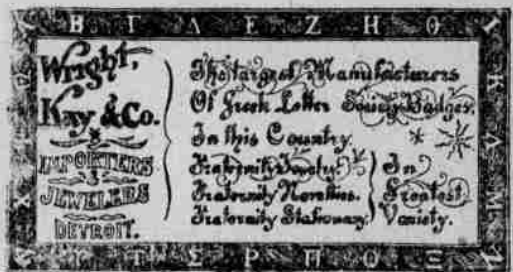
he sauntered leisurely along the graveled walks of the campus, have thought that there was in him that undercurrent of recklessness which, coupled with a spirit of investigation which no doubts could quell, was to lead him to so violent and premature a death. Yet so it was, for

"He went not like that man of old Whom misery drove to beg. Sustained and soothed by unflinching trust, He obeyed the call of emptiness And swallowed a pizened egg."

Is it true that with all that was mortal ended all of Son? Can it be that animals of so many virtues were created solely for the pleasure, or more often to be the recipient of, the abuse of ignoble mankind. If we doubt, let us hope that in some canine Elysian Field Son's spirit is e'en now madly pursuing the meagre umbras of deceased grasshoppers. If we believe, let us at any rate trust that he is allowed to continue his mission in another world by cheering the midnight vigil of old Charon, as he plies a weary oar upon the Stygian waters.

In either case let this be our fervent prayer—that, when his shadowy eyes rest upon this issue of the *TAR HEEL*, he will pardon this rude attempt at his commemoration and lend a credulous ear to the assertion that it originated wholly from a strong reluctance to see a dog of his illustrious type return

"Whence he sprung, Unwept, unhonored and unsung."



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