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Shakespeare Club.

The Shakespeare Club's regular monthly meeting was held on last Monday night. Dr. Hume opened the exercises by making some interesting remarks on the scenes and characters represented in the valuable picture recently presented to the Club by Mr. St. Clair Hester. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Mr. Hester for his kind remembrance.

The first paper of the evening, presented by Mr. Burton Craige, was an interesting and thoughtful consideration of the Book of Job, as a dramatic production. The poem, says Mr. Craige, is possessed of all the requirements of drama, but could hardly be reproduced on our modern stage.

The next paper, on "The Development of the Historical Drama," was read by Mr. Browne Shepherd, who said that the historical drama was a natural growth and had its culmination in Shakespeare.

Mr. Lionel Weil read the last paper, on "The King in Edward II." It was shown that Marlowe's treatment of a weak king contrasted rather unfavorably with a like treatment by the master, Shakespeare.

After a few brief, but interesting remarks, President Hume declared the Club adjourned.

Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

In Durham last Friday Evening.

The Musical Clubs gave their eighth concert in the Durham Opera House on last Friday evening. The programme was almost the same as that given in Chapel Hill on Jan'y. 29th, but had a few attractive additions, among which Mr. Gudger's solo, "Crapidan," figured as a great "hit." On the whole it was probably the most successful concert of the season, and the boys show improvement at every appearance. The members of the Clubs owe many thanks to the different people who entertained them and made their trip so very enjoyable. Col. and Mrs. Julian S. Carr entertained Messrs. Harrington, Gudger, Patterson, Lake, Dey, Cowles, Anderson, Elliott, Richardson, Howard. At Dr. and Mrs. A. G. Carr's were Messrs. Eatman Coker, Caldwell, Graves, Pfohl, and Boykin. Messrs. Boddie and Branch were at Dr. Boddie's, and Mr. Askew at Judge Winston's. Mr. Arthur Cobb entertained Messrs. Lentz and Meredith.

All the boys enjoyed the trip immensely, and its success was in a great measure due to the kindness of Messrs. J. S. Carr, Jr. '99, J. R. Carr, '99, and Arthur Cobb, ex '96, who made arrangements for the concert and helped to "drum up" a good crowd.

The Club's next trip will be during Easter week, and Richmond will be the further terminal. Other dates will be in Danville, Reidsville, Winston, and Greensboro for that week.

Philological Club.

The regular meeting of the Philological Club was held in the History room on last Tuesday evening. Professor Harrington called the meeting to order and the minutes of last meeting were read, after which Dr. Linscott read the first paper on "The Greek Demonstrative". The derivation and development of the Greek *oîros* were traced from the earliest roots with philological exactitude.

Next came Professor Harrington's paper, "The Moods of Ennius," in which were discussed the peculiar modal uses of this great author. Then came a second paper by Professor Harrington, on "The Latin Writings of Melanchthon," whose peculiarities of style and diction were fully discussed.

Professor Toy sent in a paper on "The Structure of Lessing's Emilia Galotti." It was read by Mr. Wilson, as Professor Toy was too unwell to attend.

The papers were all well written, instructive and entertaining, and all present were greatly benefitted by attending.

"Fresh" Medals.

It is the annual custom for a mass meeting of students to assemble on the afternoon of February 22nd, for the purpose of awarding to various freshmen and first year students such medals as they may deserve.

This election was held on last Monday, and the following were the honored medalists: Berkeley (Typical Freshman); Holmes (Baby); Graves (Ladies' Man); Adams and McKee (Pretty Men); Myers and Buff Harris (Ugly Men); Monroe (Borer); Pfohl (Booter); Vaughn, Whitaker, Faison, and "Lily of the Valley" Hayes (Fools); Green (Liar); Bryan (Hayseed); Sloan (Cheeky Man); R. Harris (Lazy Man); "The Yellow Kid" (Sport); Bitting (Bow Legged Man); Cowles, Collin, P., and Tate (Conceited Men); Woodward (Twister); Bagley (General Cussedness); Fuller (Broken Down Sport); Venable (P——).

If we have omitted any names, let the medalist inform us and it will be inserted next week.

Exchanges.

Tulane University is, at present, the only Southern university to have a daily newspaper.

Applicants for the Virginia base ball team are thirty in number, and, according to *College Topics*, they are an aggregation of stars such as has never assembled before, either there or elsewhere.

The University of Georgia probably has the best dramatic club in the South. They appear often and nothing seems to be beyond the scope of their histrionic efforts.

Bicycle locks, oil, graphite, tires, cement, lamps, trouser guards, saddles, handle bars etc., at N. C. Long & Bro's.

The Dialectic Society and the Magazine.

The Dialectic Society on Saturday night last refused to adopt the report of the committee recommending that the aid of the Society be given in the matter of the re-establishment of the University Magazine.

It is understood, however, that its action was not final, and that fault was found only with the plan suggested by the committee. Or the matter will perhaps again be brought before the Society in the shape of another and further report.

And yet the action of the Dialectic is strikingly in contrast with that of the Philanthropic Society, which with a smaller membership and an impoverished treasury, just a week before, pledged its support to the Magazine. It is a rather difficult thing to refrain from severe criticism in a matter of this kind; and yet little good will result from such an expression of opinion. Still no less can be said than that the minority, to whom is due the credit of this action on the part of the Dialectic Society, is typical of an element without whose kind offices the University, as represented by inner enterprise and effort, would perhaps accomplish more.

The element is one characterized by marked selfishness and influenced by prejudice. The sole evidence of its activity is an opposition to every effort that may conduce to the welfare of the University. It is never more delighted than when under the hypocritical mask of pretended economy it prevents the successful result of any enterprise of this kind.

One of the strongest, and at the same time most absurd contentions of the opposition is that the publication of the Magazine is beyond the province and purpose of the literary societies. No view could be more narrow. And yet it is true, admitting that the function of the society is solely that of debate. And even in this line the Dialectic Society is not markedly distinguished. For it is said that the same night on which action upon the report of the committee was taken, not a single member of the class on duty debated. If this is both true and representative, what possible purpose in life does the Society in question fulfil? Truly its province must be small indeed.

Another objection is that of the pecuniary consideration. As for that the Magazine in time may easily be made self-supporting. It is true that it has not been so in the past. But conditions change, and many college magazines today are sources of income to the societies publishing them.

We trust that the Dialectic Society may yet reconsider its action and preserve its name from obloquy.

N. C. Long & Bro. have received a new supply of attractive caps and bath robes.

A Communication.

There are so many objectionable features connected with the present method of selecting the Seniors, who shall speak for the Mangum medal at Commencement, that this writer would be glad to see some entirely new plan substituted. In the first place, the present method makes it necessary for the Seniors to write and memorize their orations more than a month before the final contest takes place. I verily believe that this fact alone is accountable for many inferior Commencement addresses. The last month of the year could be utilized to advantage by the speakers in improving or entirely writing a speech after patient and thorough investigation during the preceding months. Moreover, the men who submit theses for graduation are given the month of May for the preparation of their papers, while the speakers must be ready one month earlier. Is this discrimination fair?

Still another objection to the May contest is, that the student body and town's people are familiar with the Commencement Orations and as a result the Seniors in June are forced to speak to a motly aggregation of country folk and curious visitors, who come more for a day off than for any other purpose. Every man knows that an attentive audience is one of the requisites of a good speech, and it is equally well known that such bodies are very rare here. The speaker himself is conscious that his address is stale and his enthusiasm is lessened accordingly.

The question then is, how to prevent the loss or rather gain of one month, and also how to secure an appreciative audience? If the objections have been fairly stated and not overdrawn, I am firmly convinced that the preceding question should receive careful faculty consideration. While there are many substitutions that could be made for the present system, I will only suggest that the contest be placed as near Commencement as possible and under no consideration permit it to be public. Let contesting Seniors speak before a committee of the faculty three or four days before the final contest takes place. This arrangement would obviate the difficulty with regard to the loss of time, and would prevent the audience from becoming familiar with the addresses, and would add interest to the Commencement occasion. It is to be hoped that the faculty will investigate this matter and give us a remedy if possible.

SENIOR SPEAKER.

Y. M. C. A. Leaders.

Monday—Dr. Battle—"The University Boy in the Mission Field."
Tuesday—Harwood
Wednesday—Hoell.
Thursday—Brogden.

Ask Burt Craige whose "yaller" hat he purchased recently.