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Dramatic Club.

Will Appear in a Few Weeks. Description of the Play.

After months of rehearsing and of practice, the Dramatic Club has at last gotten a good start in "She Stoops to Conquer" and hopes to put it "on the boards" within three or four weeks. Dr. Ball and Mr. May have been the competent trainers of the club, nor will it be their fault if the play is not a success.

The following is the cast of characters:—Sir Charles Marlow (A. W. Belden); Young Marlow (R. H. Graves); Hardcastle (P. A. Gorrell); Tony Lumpkin (F. O. Rogers); Hastings (F. A. Gudger); Stingo (R. S. Busbee); Simon (C. R. Dey); Roger (A. W. Belden); Twist (A. R. Berkeley); Miss Hardcastle (J. Webb, Jr.); Miss Neville (I. Harris); Mrs. Hardcastle (T. N. Webb); Maid (A. R. Berkeley); Stage Manager, Charles G. Hill.

As will be seen from the above list, several gentlemen have two parts. The characters taking these, however, appear at different times and have little to say.

To such as are unfamiliar with "She Stoops to Conquer" a brief outline of the characters may be of interest. Sir Charles Marlow is a typical English peer of the 18th century—good-natured, pompous, and dignified. Young Marlow, his son, is just from college; is at some times bashful and sheepish, at others the personification of brassy insolence. Mr. Hardcastle is a country squire, in whose house the scene is laid—is the extract of self-satisfied pomposity and an interminable bore. Tony Lumpkin, Hardcastle's step-son, is a knavish, thieving, lying young devil of twenty one and the humorous character of the play. Hastings, a college friend of young Marlow's, comes down to court Miss Neville, and finally succeeds, after many complicated trials and difficulties. Stingo is a bar-keeper and his role is excellently rendered by "Dick" Busbee. Digory, Simon, Roger, and Jeremy are servants in Hardcastle's residence and are, on the whole, very ridiculous characters. Muggins, Twist and Slang are tavern toughs and shine through the medium of Messrs. Belden, Berkeley, and Dey respectively. Miss Hardcastle, the wily and scheming flirt, of seductive manners and siren charms, is the heroine and is wooed by Marlow the younger. Miss Neville is her cousin, and lives with the Hardcastles. Mrs. Hardcastle, alias Lily Webb, is a dame of fifty years, ugly, vain, silly and generally ridiculous.

The play will please either the serious or the gay. It abounds in wit and merriment, but contains so much action of a serious nature. Love affairs are viewed to the last agony, and all desiring lessons such matters will do well to come and see Ki Gudger, Jr. kiss his

freshman fiancée. As tavern toughs Busbee and Dey have no living equals, and Pete Gorrell swells like a frog in imitation of the country squire.

If the club is successful at its Chapel Hill performance, a trip is contemplated, and it is even planned by some to take an extensive tour during June with those members who desire to remain in the theatrical business.

When the play comes off, all the boys should turn out. The expenses will be quite heavy, and it will undoubtedly be the most elaborate dramatic entertainment ever seen in Chapel Hill.

Baseball.

Owing to the general good weather of the past four weeks the baseball candidates have been able to practice quite regularly each evening. Part of the time is spent batting, and the exercise of the evening is usually ended by a practice game of five or six innings.

The 'Varsity players of last year are all showing up finely in these games, and some of the new men are doing good work. The fielding is good as a rule, sometimes even bringing up pleasant recollections of last year's playing when Ferdie Johnson makes a throw to first, or Pat Stanly steals second, or Joe Whitaker makes one of his "star catches" in centrefield.

Among the new players Davis, McKee, and Woodard are doing especially good work.

Judging from our present bright prospects, we will again give "Old Eli" and the "Princeton Tigers" some trouble, as well as hang up Virginia's scalp in our wigwam.

An Ovation to President Alderman.

When our President returned from Raleigh last Saturday, he was met at the Campus gate by a large crowd of students, who desired to express their appreciation of his efforts in securing from the Legislature the recent additional appropriation of five thousand dollars. After several yells and "three times three for Alderman," the Doctor gave a short talk on legislative contentions over the appropriation bill and congratulated the student body and himself on its final successful passage by an overwhelming majority.

Base Ball Schedule, Spring of '97.

Oak Ridge Institute,	Chapel Hill,	Mar. 20
Presb. High School,	" "	" 24
University of Va.	" "	" 27
Wake Forest,	Raleigh,	April 3
Lafayette College,	Chapel Hill	" 7
Lafayette College,	" "	" 8
University of Pa.	" "	" 13
University of Pa.	Greensboro	" 14
Lehigh University,	Chapel Hill	" 17
Lehigh University,	Winston	" 19
Yale,	Danville	" 20
Princeton,	Greensboro	" 21
University of Va.	Charlottesville	" 26
University of Va.	Danville	May 1
University of Ga.	Atlanta	" 7
University of Ga.	Athens	" 8

Mr. McDade's barn burnt down Thursday night.

Caps and Gowns.

Some Arguments for their Adoption.

As there seems to be much discussion at the present time as to whether or not the present Senior class should adopt the cap and gown for next commencement exercises, a few facts as to their use at the present time would not be out of place.

We have often heard it stated that to adopt them would be going backward and reviving a custom long out of style. This is exactly the opposite of the case. Caps and gowns were never more worn than at the present time. At most of the colleges and universities of the country they are considered as much a part of commencement as diplomas, speeches and the like, and their use has become so prevalent that even female colleges and preparatory schools have adopted them. To tell a Northern or Western university man that the University of North Carolina does not use them occasions great surprise and wonderment, and an evident desire to know what kind of a university this is anyway, that can be so "behind the times" in this particular.

No person who has ever seen the cap and gown in use at a commencement exercise could fail to be impressed with the simple dignity and solemnity they lend to the occasion. At the "Commencement Day" exercises at Johns Hopkins University last week, President Gilman of that institution, Dr. Patton of Princeton, and many other scholars present, wore the gowns fitting to their degrees, as well as handsome hoods with the colors of the institutions conferring them.

The wearing of them is considered so important, that not very long ago a special conference of eminent educators was held in New York, such men as President Elliott of Harvard, and President Seth Low of Columbia being present, to discuss the form and manner of wearing them.

We refer our readers to extracts from an article in the February number of *Harper's Magazine*, printed in another part of the TAR HEEL of this issue, which gives a valuable non-partisan view of the subject.

Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Yale, Chicago, Vanderbilt, and indeed, as we said above, all the larger colleges and universities in the United States use them, even Harvard, which boasts of being radically different in many respects from other institutions, having adopted them several years ago, the students before that time being compelled to wear dress suits at the graduating exercises, which occurred in the day-time.

It is to be hoped that the present Senior class will show a progressive spirit, and, by adopting the cap and gown, place the University of North Carolina in line with the other institutions of this country and abroad, who practice this time-honored custom.

Historical Society.

Papers by Mr. Lentz, Mr. McCormick and Dr. Battle.

The Historical Society had its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday night, and a large audience listened with pleasure to the following papers:

Mr. Lentz on "North Carolina Troops at the Battle of Seven Pines."

The paper was skillfully divided into separate heads and each taken up in systematic order.

A map of the locality served to give the audience a vivid idea of the position of both armies and also of the battle ground relative to Richmond and other prominent localities.

Gen. J. E. Johnston had charge of the Confederate forces and was met by McClelland, the Northern general.

Gen. Johnston's plan of action was thoroughly discussed and the N. C. troops' position in his ranks properly placed. In the right wing there were the 13th and 14th Regiments who were not so much engaged, the 5th, 23rd and 4th Regiments who did themselves everlasting honor, and in the left wing the 5th, 16th and 22nd, who were held more or less in reserve. The 23rd Regiment, commanded by Christie and afterwards by Col. Johnson, of Charlotte, were continuously engaged and conducted themselves bravely.

The 4th Regiment was commanded by Gen. Bryan Grimes and advanced to within 30 or 40 yards of the enemy, lost 46 men, but owing to poor support had to fall back.

Later on they captured the strong redoubt right in front of Seven Pines; but night coming on all action was stopped and they retired to the cover of the woods. The left wing had several hot engagements of short duration.

The North Carolina troops were not much engaged the second day.

The next paper was by Mr. J. G. McCormick on "The Convention of 1861."

It was called May 20th, 1861, and Hon. Weldon Edwards of Warren was elected President. Mr. Steele of Richmond Co., Secretary and Mr. C. Edwards Assistant Secretary.

The nature of the convention was thoroughly discussed and then the paper proceeded to give the lives of the men who composed it.

Mr. Edwards, the President, and a strong Secessionist; Mr. W. A. Graham, who was opposed to Secession; Mr. George E. Badger, Mr. Burton Craige, Mr. Thomas Ruffin, Mr. James Mebane, and Mr. W. W. Holden were taken up in order and Mr. McCormick bro't out many things of interest connected with their lives. We are more or less familiar with these men, but through diligent inquiry on the author's part many things were brought out which most of us had never heard before, and the paper, when finished, promises to be one worthy of general circulation throughout the State. There are yet over one hundred names to be considered.

The last paper was by Dr. Battle, a continuation of his study on the Early History of the University. Many interesting cases of how

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