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TRUSTEES MEET.

Important Business Transacted.

In the Governor's office at Raleigh last Thursday, 27th of Jan. the trustees of the University met in annual session. There were present at the meeting, Gov. Russel, Pres. Alderman, Messrs. C. T. Bradley, R. H. Battle, F. H. Busbee, John S. Cunningham, Bennehan Cameron, Claude Dockery, Warren G. Elliott, T. W. Hancock, T. S. Kenan, R. H. Lewis, Fred. Philips, J. O. Ramsey, N. A. Ramsey, W. T. Whitsett, and Paul B. Means.

The officers of the University,—Pres. Alderman, W. T. Patterson, Bursar, and R. H. Battle, Treasurer, made their annual reports.

After these reports the most important business was the election of a professor of Pedagogy in place of Prof. C. M. Toms, who resigned last September.

The board chose Prof. M. C. S. Noble a veteran teacher and Superintendent of the Graded Schools of the city of Wilmington. Prof. Noble is forty two years old. He was born in Louisburg N. C. and was educated at Davidson College and the University. After teaching a number of years at Bingham School he was elected Superintendent of the Wilmington schools where he has been for sixteen years. Prof. Noble is well known here and needs no introduction to U. N. C. students. Since the opening of the Summer school he has been prominently connected with it and is the superintendent for next summer.

The old executive committee was reappointed. The Governor will name the visiting committee later.

The leave of absence which the executive committee has granted to Dr. Alderman for a three month's trip to Europe and the Orient was approved.

Dr. Alderman will sail on the 2nd of February and be gone till May. In his absence Prof. J. W. Gore who was elected Dean of the faculty for the time, will preside.

Mr. Henry Weil, a well known and liberal hearted merchant of Goldsboro, has given to the University a scholarship for the next term. The trustees also authorized the proper authorities to secure at once a competent man to offer to the students a course in elocution and the art of expression. This will be quite an addition to our life and fill a long felt want.

The President's report brought out the following facts;—

The total number of students at the University during the year is 685; exclusive of the summer school 501, or 100 in excess of last year's enrollment and an increase of over 40 in the largest previous enrollment. Above 475 of this number are North Carolinians; a larger percentage of natives than is shown by any other college on the continent. Five young women have entered the Uni-

versity this year taking post-graduate courses. Pres. Alderman concluded his report in the following words;—

"Our standard of admission was never higher and our standard of graduation never so high. Our curriculum is broader than ever before, by four full departments, three professional schools, fifty one classes, and 118 hours of instruction a week.

* * * Straining every nerve and making use of every opportunity the University only needs more generous endowments to become what should be the pride of the state to make it,—one of the really great factors in this country for the development of manhood, the conservation of truth and for the scattering of it among men."

On the Diamond.

Arrangement has been made with Capt. Winston by which he will give to the TAR HEEL from time to time individual criticisms of all the candidates for the team. The object of this is not to edify the candidates by allowing them to see their names in print but to call attention to their faults so as to give them opportunity to correct them. From henceforth all personal criticisms of the players which appear in the columns of the TAR HEEL will be made by the Captain or the Coach.

There are thirty-one candidates for the team according to the first handed in by Capt. Winston which is as follows: Rogers, McKee, Belden, Tate, Hines, Woodward, Alston, Graves, Hume, Davis, L. H., Person, White (Little G.), Conrad, Webb, Best-Graham E. R., Woodson, Bennett, Hearn, Donnelly, Abbott, Stephens Harkins, Cheatham, Copeland, Kerner, Arrington, Williams, White, (Little G. No. 2), Graham A. W., Gwaltney and Lawson.

The men who have done the best batting so far are Rogers, Belden, Woodward, Hume and Graham, E. K. The work in the field has, as a rule, been good but there's lots of room for improvement. Rogers and McKee would do better if they talked less. Belden and Tate don't come out regularly. Graves handles the ball fairly well but takes too long to move. Davis, L. H. doesn't make effort enough. Conrad shows a disposition to shirk and is very irregular about coming out. Webb and Williams are too fancy. Graham, E. K., comes out irregularly.

Captain Winston requests that the players be on the field every afternoon not later than 4:30.

The batting practice will be continued a week or ten days longer and then the 'Varsity and "scrubs" will line up every afternoon.

The inter-collegiate lacrosse championship and banner for the '97 were awarded to Lehigh.

J. Daugherty has been elected captain of the University of Georgia's foot-ball eleven for '98.

The Carlisle Indians cleared \$7000 from foot-ball last season. The money will be used to buy an athletic field.

DR. BYNUM'S LECTURE.

The Economic Condition of the Russian Peasantry.

Last Thursday evening, at the regular time of the fortnightly lectures of the faculty, Dr. Bynum entertained an audience of the students and towns people with an account of his travels in Russia, comparing the economic condition of the Russian peasantry with that of the Southern negro. He began with the freedom of the serfs by an act of the Czar Alexander II in 1861, discussing their condition prior to this time: the origin of serfdom and the difference between that condition of life and slavery. Elaborating upon the causes which led to their emancipation and the economic progress since that time, he discussed the extremely miserable condition under which a class that constitutes four fifths of Russia's population now labors. They are pitifully imposed upon by the Government and Nobility, which constitutes the only upper class above them, since no middle caste exists in Russian society.

At the time of the emancipation of the serfs the government allotted about fifteen or twenty acres of land to each, the rent of which in many instances does not suffice to meet the exorbitant demands of even the taxes imposed upon them by the government, rendering it therefore positively disadvantageous to own land at all, as the great bulk of government revenue falls upon landed property. Dr. Bynum clearly demonstrated that they were in a state of abject dependence upon the landed nobility who mercilessly oppress them: paying them barely ten cents a day for their labor. The money which the peasant has borrowed in the cold winter months to save himself and family from starvation is in this way paid back during the short summer.

It is a strange fact that notwithstanding the tyrannical rule of the Czar, he is, to the peasant, a common father, a veritable god who is not only ready but eager to espouse their cause should the nobles allow him to do so.

The lecturer gave a detailed account of the manner in which these poor unfortunate peasants eke out a miserable existence, the usury practiced upon them by the money-lenders, and the extremity to which he is driven to obtain bread,—meat being a luxury.

A comparison with the Southern negro was here given, showing that the peasant is far more industrious than the negro, that he rules his village and commune, always passing upon such questions as marriage, divorce etc. as the negro could hardly do.

Dr. Bynum entertained the audience with an account of adventures while in Russia. He described the railways of that country which the government owns and controls, and can be favorably compared with

those of many parts of America. Instead of only first and second, they have first, second, third and often fourth class passage.

The extreme ignorance of the Russian peasant was shown, his peculiar ideas of religion, the idea prevalent that the earth is flat, and that America is another world. But the great hope for the class is the recent and growing facilities for their education.

The lecture was a very interesting one and bears upon a subject of especial economic value to the negro problem now confronting us.

Accessions to the Library.

A History of Germany in Middle Ages, Vol. I.—E. F. Henderson.

A History of the United States, its People and Institutions.—C. Morris.

Andubon and his Journals.—Maria R. Andubon.

A Damsel Errant.—Amelie Rieves.

A Year from a Reporter's Note-book. Richard Harding Davis.

Annual Trade List, Latest Edition.

A Handbook of Greek Sculpture.—Gardner, E. A.

A Hero in Homespun.—W. E. Barton.

At the Gates of Song (Sonnet).—Lloyd Milfin.

Artemus Ward's Complete Works in one Vol.

American Contributions to Civilization.—Chas. W. Eliot.

Brockenburne.—Boyle.

Beautiful Women.—Beatrice Sturgis.

Bird Life.—F. M. Chapman.

Colonization in the United States from the Earliest Times to the Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers.—G. B. Smith.

Celebrated Trials.—H. L. Clinton.

Christianity and Idealism.—Watson.

Corties of Frontenac.—Justin Windor.

Daniel: A Romance of Surry.—R. D. Blackmore.

Essays on French History.—Jas. E. Farmer.

Essays in Liberalism.—Six Oxford Men.

Forty six Years in the Army.—Gen. John M. Schofield.

Free to Serve: A Tale of Colonial New York.—E. Rayner.

Folling the Equator.—Mark Twain.

Gleaning in Buddafields.—Lafcodia Hearn.

Goethes Faust: A Commentary.—D. J. Snyder.

Going to War in Greece.—Palmer.

Gondola Days.—F. Hopkins Smith.

Guest at Ludlows.—Bill Nye.

Has State or Church Power to Educate?—C. W. Bordeen.

Horace Mann and the Common School Revival in the United States.—B. A. Hinsdale.

Hania.—Sienkiewics.

Hawaii: Our New Possessions.—John R. Musick.

His Grace of Osborne.—Francis H. Burnett.

History of Our Own Times, Last

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