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The lectures by Prof. Holmes on the resources of North Carolina are exceedingly interesting. The subject is one that every student from within the borders of the State ought to know something about.

North Carolina abounds in undeveloped industrial resources, and her future depends largely upon the development of these resources.

The lecture to-night will be on the water power of the State. Let everybody hear it.

We are glad to see the interest taken by many of the students in the work of Prof. Cowan, our new teacher of expression. There are a great many, however, who would like to take his course, but, having arranged their studies before he arrived, are unable to do so on account of conflicts. Prof. Cowan is commending himself to the students by the earnest work he is doing among them. Besides the two large classes of Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, he devotes all of the other afternoons to private and individual work among those who desire it. Those who do not attend his classes both public and private are missing a great opportunity.

We trust that the trustees will, before another year, add this course to the regular curriculum of the University.

We happened to notice posted in the library last week the queries for debate in the two Societies Saturday night. Under one was written in the librarians hand,—"Nothing on Subject in Library," while the other bore the sad intelligence in fewer words,—"No references." Now, when a query is so worthless that a careful search through 40,000 volumes brings to light absolutely nothing bearing upon it, the subject is not likely to present a very wide field for discussion.

If there is a tendency towards better speaking in the societies this year than heretofore, for goodness sake let the speakers not be hampered by futile queries. The committees for selecting questions ought to realize that to them is due largely the quality of work done on the debates. They should select live queries, such that the men would take interest in discussing. A University student can't debate with any enthusiasm such a ques-

tion as whether or not the whipping post should be re-established in North Carolina; nor is the latitudinous "Resolved, that the forces of Union in the United States are greater than the forces of disunion" any more inviting. What we want is good live common sense queries; and one that is not that ought to be considered beneath the dignity of the Societies.

We are in receipt of a letter from Prof. Gray, Principle of the William Bingham School, of Mebane, calling our attention to the fact that in our account last week of the game between the William Bingham School and the University our head-line read: "Mebane Against the University", whereas, we should have said: "The William Bingham School Against the University". He adds that Mebane has a base ball team and that the William Bingham School has no more connection with Mebane than the University team has with the Chapel Hill, or Hillsboro nine.

We acknowledge our error, and assure Prof. Gray that we shall be glad to call them by their name in the future. It was mere thoughtlessness with us. The University is often called Chapel Hill; the University of Virginia team is sometimes referred to as the Charlottesville boys; and the University of Georgia team, as the Men from Athens. Then again you'll hear us called Carolina; U. Va., Virginia; U. Ga., Georgia, etc.

Of course there is more in Virginia and Georgia than the base ball teams of their Universities, but people generally know what we are talking about. In this same way we inadvertently called the William Bingham School base ball team "Mebane".

ON THE PYRAMIDS.

A POSTAL FROM DR. ALDERMAN.
Saturday, Feb. 26, 1898.

To the Editor of the Tar Heel,
Chapel Hill, N. C.,
U. S. A.

I have just descended from the very top of the great pyramid and am about to mount a camel for a ride around the desert to the Sphinx. The ascent was formidable but the wondrous scene compensated for the test of endurance. My thoughts amid all of these wonderful scenes are of the "boys", who seem dearer to me now than ever before.

E. A. A.

The following is some extracts from a letter written to Prof. Gore from Cairo three days later, Mar. 1.—

You can not know how difficult it is to calmly write a letter on a cruise like this. Things are in such a rush and there is so much of vast interest to call one away from one's desk that there is really no time. We have been in Egypt since Friday and today is Tuesday. Our time at Algiers, Naples, Pompeii, and Malta were days of beautiful weather and marvellous enjoyment. I am quartered at an elegant hotel in this great city, and for five days have put in every available moment in exploring the wonders of the town and country.

We have been up the Nile to Memphis, on donkeys over the desert of Libya to Heliopolis the bazaars, and up and down the mosques, University and so-forth to weariness but never failing interest. We spent the morning in the University and Schools. We were hustled out of the University because I got a slate from a child that had "There is no God but God and Mohamet is his prophet" written on it. The "Christian dogs" were unfit

to have the sacred name written for them by the Arab pupils, it seemed. I have climbed the Pyramid and ridden camels to the Sphinx, but with far more care I have been studying the life of the Mohammedans and the traces of the wonderful civilization here.

The batch of news sent by Mr. Harris was very good to get.

Away here in this land of eternal summer, and amid oriental life that takes me back to my boyhood and the Arabian Knights I find it difficult to realize that I am away from the Hill and the duties there.

Examined with X-Ray.

Miss Haynes, of Raleigh, accompanied by Dr. Wren of that place, came over to the Hill one day last week, to have her throat examined with the X-Ray machine to find out whether a shawl pin she had swallowed a few days before had not lodged in her throat. For two or three days after Miss Haynes swallowed the pin there was but little attention paid to the matter, but as she was afterwards troubled with a bad cough, it was thought that perhaps the pin had lodged somewhere in her throat.

Prof. Gore, with Dr. Wren and Dr. Whitehead, conducted the examination and found that it had not lodged in the throat as was supposed. The pin was not definitely located because it could not be removed from the stomach or intestines without a surgical operation, and this was deemed unnecessary unless the pin should cause serious trouble.

The University Press Association.

Last week the University Press Association was reorganized, the following officers being elected:—

Walter Thompson—President.

R. E. Follin—Vice-Pres.

W. S. Wilson—Sec. & Treas.

The prime object of the Association is the dissemination, in a systematic manner, of the news of the University. The Association is formed of the correspondents of the state papers.

Co-operation has been entered into with the faculty, and a suitable place provided as an office of the association, where news of the University will be collected as officially sent in by the various organizations.

This is a move in the right direction, and will aid materially in the advancement of University interests.

Prospectus of the University.

It is a matter of some surprise to us that some enterprising photographer or bookseller has not got up a Prospectus, or view book, of the buildings and scenery in and around Chapel Hill.

There are few if any places in the state around which cluster more halloved memories than do around Chapel Hill, and there are hundreds of people who would be only too glad to have pictures of the principal buildings and places of interest in and around the village. What student is there at the University who would not like to have pictures of the college buildings, of the residences of the faculty, and some of the private residences in town, as well as the pictures of such places as "Piney Prospect", "Lover's Rock Chair", the "Trysting Poplar", "Dogwood Dingle", "Flirtation Knoll", "Otey's Retreat", and many others, well known to the student both for their beauty, and for the legends connected with them?

Not only would the students that are here now like to have such a book, but every succeeding class would want them. Each and every student would want one to keep in memory of his

college days, and he would want others to give as souvenirs to his friends, so there would be a constant demand for them.

It would be to the interest of the University to encourage such an enterprise. No better advertising matter could be sent out than these pictures of the University and its surroundings. The young men of the state could then see the University for themselves and get some idea of its beauty and attractiveness, and such a glimpse of it would fill them with a longing to visit it personally, and enter into its life.

Coming March 30th.

Mr. Livingston Barbour, B. A., of Rutgers College, will present David Copperfield, Charles Dickens' Masterpiece, in Gerrard Hall, Wednesday evening, March 30th. Mr. Barbour comes under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is highly recommended as an impersonator and reader and those who attend may expect an entertainment of real merit. Admission 35 and 25.

Napoleon's Death Mask.

Probably few of those who see every day the death mask of Napoleon in its glass case in the Library know anything of its historic value.

In the University Magazine of April, 1895, is to be found an article by Dr. Alderman entitled "A Napoleonic Death Mask" in which the writer gives the history of this mask. In brief it is as follows:—

On the morning after Napoleon's death, Dr. Autommarchi, his physician, took a plaster cast of his face. From this cast was taken, by Dr. Autommarchi, himself the copy in the Library. About 1836 the Doctor came to America, bringing the mask with him. He visited New Orleans, and while there presented the mask to Dr. Edwin B. Smith, of that city. After the death of Dr. Smith, it passed into the possession of Captain Francis T. Bryan, of St. Louis, and was given by him to the University of North Carolina in the fall of 1894. Those who are interested in the great leader would do well to read Dr. Alderman's article.

Field Day.

It is gratifying to note the large number of schools that have already notified the Advisory Committee that they would send Track Teams to Chapel Hill to compete in the Inter-Prep. School Field Day Events on April 16th.

Dr. Baskerville has already arranged for reduced railroad rates from all points in the state.

The school teams will be given complimentary reserve seat tickets to the Harvard game which occurs on the afternoon of the 16th.

Forty-four men are in training for University of Ga. Track Team.

Mr. A. J. McBride has been elected captain of Ga's. base ball team. Hugh Jennings, coach, went to enter upon his duties last Monday.

Sixty men are training for the University of Pennsylvania foot-ball team.

The "Red and Black" tells us that the Atlanta City Council has reconsidered its action, and now there is no ordinance against foot-ball being played in Atlanta.

Furman University of S. C. has applied for membership in the S. I. A. A.