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Our first game is to be played this week—next Saturday. Then is the time to give the team a good start. The interest shown by the students in the practice has been much appreciated by the players. Now let us keep this up and turn out a good large crowd to Saturday's game. Let us help the team to pile up a large score and give them a helping hand on the upward road to victory.

One of the most serious—we might say the most serious—brawls back to our athletic life in the University, is the lack of united support of our alumni in regard to this important phase of our college life. Our alumni, as individuals have always shown a remarkable interest in the development of our athletics, and this interest and support has been much appreciated by the University. But it has always been as single individuals and no united or organized whole. However much work the separate alumni may do the effect cannot be so beneficial or work such good results as if this work were done by an organization. We could then urge that some movement for this purpose should have its beginning here.

Our Athletic Advisory Committee is the proper organization to take hold of such a movement. A revolution could easily be wrought in the athletic spirit here by means of such an action and no time should be lost in putting forward plans for something of this sort. People are naturally more inclined to show interest in a successful thing than an unsuccessful one. Now, with every prospect of a successful year in football, now is the time to interest alumni. An opportunity is at hand which should be seized.

A matter of the greatest importance to us at the University is the great interest that is being shown in athletics by the preparatory schools in the state. But there is among them the same dangerous tendency to run into professionalism, that so long blocked the way to good amateur sport in our colleges. Nothing gives such a great drawback to real sport among colleges and schools, as professionalism. And nothing is harder to root out, when once established, as this dangerous practice. An effort

should then be made at the beginning, before this spirit has got too great a start, to prevent its becoming a part of the prep-schools' athletics. We at the University are as much interested in this phase of their life as they, for just as the University in its scholastic departments depend upon these schools for students, so is our athletics dependent upon them. Professionalism prevents the development of amateurs. We cannot use professional athletes in our athletics and so we lose all benefit of the athletic development in the preparatory schools as long as they tolerate it.

Opening of the University.

Once more the faculty and student body have gathered together with one of the most auspicious beginnings in the history of the institution. The relation between teacher and taught seems closer and warmer than ever before and the old pedagogue of years ago has sunk into oblivion.

As the old students returned to the Hill one by one they met on the campus with cheerful countenances and glad hearts, welcoming their fellow students with a hearty hand shake. Never before have the influences tending to unify the student body been stronger than at this the beginning of the 104th year of the Institution's life.

To the new students is accorded a hearty welcome. The dear old 'Varsity is glad to take unto herself all those who are in search of truth and of a higher, nobler life. She wishes every new member to feel that he has become a vital part in her life, a partaker of her privileges and her responsibilities. She would nurture them because in them is her hope for the coming years, and because from her they hope to gain fitness for life's battle. Take her, use her, and when the time shall have past, be able to say to her, "Nothing thou gavest has been used amiss."

Trustees, faculty, students, all congratulate themselves on the number and high standing of those who have matriculated this year. The total registration is 434 and advices in the office indicate a total enrollment of 475 by Christmas. The senior class is the largest that has been here since '48. There are 55 seniors present, eight of whom entered the class from other institutions. An unusually large number entered the other higher classes. There are also in the University nine graduates and eight women taking post-graduate work. Up to date, one hundred and forty two new men are in college. The pres-freshman class made an unusually good record on entrance examinations and their preparation indicates higher and more careful work on the part of our preparatory schools.

Such is a long stride forward, for there is where real progress must begin. Cannot we see that ere long the Old North State will cease to be classed with the backward in education. Already can we not claim a higher rating? Let "onward and upward" be our watch word, and may we advance until this old 'Varsity shall become so deeply rooted into the hearts and minds of the people of the whole state that they all shall count her progress as their gain and her downfall as their ruin.

Professor Raper's Lecture.

"Variety is the spice of life", so they say, and it is certainly true in college life. After a student works hard all the week, confined closely to his room, with his mind riveted on his books, some change, some recreation, is necessary to relieve the strain on his mind. He needs to throw aside his books, and spend an evening without a thought of them,—an evening purely of pleasure and recreation. Under such circumstances, an entertaining lecture is most refreshing. It draws ones mind entirely away from triangles, ellipses etc., as well as from the puzzling problems of Philosophy.

An occasion of this kind was afforded us last Friday evening, when a large audience of the Faculty, students, and townspeople gathered in the Chapel to hear Prof. Charles L. Raper give an account of his recent trip to Europe.

Such a trip, said Prof. Raper, is the event of a lifetime; and it requires years of careful study and preparation to enable one to appreciate it fully. That Prof. Raper was thoroughly prepared to get the full benefit of his tour, was evident from the striking familiarity which he showed with the historic places and personages of the Old World. And not only did his acute knowledge of them enable him to enjoy them more, but it made his description of them so vivid and so lifelike that one could almost see them.

The first important feature about a trip abroad is the long sea voyage. This Prof. Raper described most graphically. One could almost see the great ship cut loose from the dock and move slowly away from home and friends, while thousands of people stood on the shore, waving their handkerchiefs till the ship vanished from their sight. Soon the scene changes.

America, home, and loving friends can be seen no longer; all is one broad expanse of water. A dense fog hovers round the ship. All is dark, and damp, and dreary. The ship begins to reel and rock, and ere long thirteen hundred souls experience the horrors of sea sickness.

At Liverpool they first touched land. There, the speaker said, were few things to interest him except the great docks where lay at anchor ships from every nation under heaven, so after one day's stay at that great commercial city, he proceeded to the historic town of Oxford. The whole audience followed him with intense interest through the stately halls of that old College which had its beginning far back in the 13th century. Reverently, too, they went with him to the rooms of John and Charles Wesley, the founders of Methodism.

London was the next place visited. It is too large, and the places of interest too numerous, to attempt to enumerate them. St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, the British Museum, and the old tower built by William the Conqueror, are a few of the many things the speaker mentioned. Great and interesting as all these are, the description of them was not nearly so interesting as that of the homes of Milton, Shakespeare, Carlisle and the hosts of others whose names

will live forever to the glory of England and the good of the world.

But all of these became comparatively insignificant when the speaker began to tell about the Queen's Jubilee. One could almost see the millions of people thronging the streets in that great parade, while the doors and windows on both sides of the street were packed to the utmost with spectators. Vivid, too, was the picture of the ten thousand bonfires lighted that night, and the crown made of electric lights, on the front of every house.

But the greatest attraction of all, was the queen herself. The ambition of every man in that vast assemblage was to get a glimpse at the great and good queen, Victoria. From London, Prof. Raper took his audience with him through northern England up into the highlands of Scotland, and across her lakes of magnificent beauty, thence to Edinburgh and Glasgow; to the homes of Scott and Burns; and finally, to the care of the outlaw, Rob Roy.

Everybody present at the lecture spent a most delightful hour, and we hope it will not be long before Prof. Raper will favor us with another similar treat.

Our new Gymnasium Director.

Mr. James William Calder, our new Director of the gymnasium arrived last Wednesday. Mr. Calder being a Scotch-Canadian by birth comes from a country noted for its athletic spirit. For a number of years past he has been a resident of Charlotte. He is a thorough, all round gymnast and athlete. He received his training in the gymnasium of New York City and Brooklyn, and was Director of the Young Men's Christian Association gymnasium at Charlotte for two years, and at Brooklyn he was Junior Director for eighteen months.

Last year he was Director at Davidson College, where he awakened remarkable enthusiasm for athletic, and especially track work.

Before coming to the University Mr. Calder received several flattering offers from large Y. M. C. A's.

He comes to us with a splendid reputation as a Director, and the University is to be congratulated upon securing his services.

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