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We call attention to an article in another column in regard to the formation of basket-ball teams by Mr. Calder. This game should meet with encouragement from the students. With the introduction of any healthy game our athletic life is broadened and affords a wider and more attractive field. So let those who will interest themselves in basket-ball go to work and push the game for all its worth. We trust that there will be reserved for it a better fate than has pursued our Golf and Tennis Teams.

In last week's issue we announced that the Advisory Committee had been asked to allow the Horner School and the William Bingham School foot ball teams to meet on our field. We are glad to say, now, that permission has been given and that these two teams will play here on November 5th. Here is an excellent opportunity for the University to lend a helping hand to our Preparatory School athletics and join with them not only in words but in fact in developing good strong athletics in these schools. We have always felt the lack of Prep-School athletics and now is the chance to correct the evil. It is a good move on the part of those schools and we sincerely trust that it will prove successful. We extend to them a hearty welcome feeling sure that they will meet with kindness and encouragement from the entire student body.

Another sister University comes knocking at our doors in search of a President. Profiting by the example of Texas University, Iowa is now seeking in our midst for one fit to take charge of her great University. But this time no one will open the door or give heed to their requests, for we need all we have. We cannot spare him who now directs our course with his strong hand nor have we others to spare. Let them search among their own sons, as we did, and while doing so they have our good wishes, but they must not distrust us.

The Dramatic Club, a very interesting, instructive and entertaining addition to our college life has been reorganized. The Club this season will prepare two plays, "The Little Rebel," played by our first Club, and "Evening Dress".

Trips through the State will be taken Christmas and Easter. Unusually strong talent will be in this year and the club will no doubt sustain its high standard.

Why not?

[Communicated.]

In the last issue of the TAR HEEL some thoughtful writer very properly spoke of the pleasure as well as the profit of the series of faculty lectures, and asked why we could not have a few professional lecturers now and then. The question may well be repeated. Why can't we have a regular series of lectures by such men as General Gordon, Tom Dixon, and Bob Taylor?

Heretofore it has been left to the Y. M. C. A. and the Athletic Association to secure what lecturers visit this place. For a while they had some good ones, but of late they have had none at all. They have either lost interest in them, or they have become financially unable to pay the lecturer, in case there should be a shortage in receipts.

This lack of interest or the means on the part of the above named Association, should not prevent our having a few good lecturers. It should not deprive us of the advantages of the pleasures, recreation, and general culture offered by them. Evidently, there is as great a desire, and as great a demand for them now as there has ever been, and it only needs a few men to work them up, to make them a financial success.

Why should we not follow the example of other colleges, and work up these lectures by subscription? If the students will take three hundred season tickets at \$1.25 each, it will enable us to hear five lectures at \$100 each, which will secure the best lecturers that can be had. This allows \$1.25 on the five lectures, for single tickets sold at fifty cents a piece. The holders of season tickets would, on this plan, get in at every lecture for twenty-five cents, while single tickets would cost them double that amount.

Let somebody start the ball to rolling, and then keep rolling it, 'till the success of the enterprise is insured. We need, we want, and we must have with us this year, some of the finest talent in America, so give us your co-operation boys.

Something of Interest.

Last Saturday night Dr. Kemp P. Battle presided over the meeting of the Di. Society.

It was just fifty years since Dr. Battle was the acting President and he was extended an invitation by the society to preside at their last meeting. He accepted and gave the society a short but very interesting address. It is a matter of interest also to know that Dr. Battle is a connecting link between the past and the present. For when he was acting President an invitation was extended to James Mebane, the first President of the Di. Society to visit the Society and preside at its meeting. It was accepted and James Mebane, then a very old man, paid his last visit to that historic organization. Long may it live and continue its grand work.

Notice.

The University Press Co. is in need of a compositor. Any young man in college who has had experience and wishes work, would do well to call at the

UNIVERSITY PRESS OFFICE.

Dr. Alderman's Lecture.

The Chapel was crowded last Thursday night with students and townspeople to hear Dr. Alderman lecture on "Egypt and the Nile".

Beginning with his departure from New York harbor and the statement that he never got seasick he told us the story of his wanderings until he left the great Mohammedan University in Egypt to visit Oxford. One felt almost as if one were on the vessel with him as he vividly pictured the different types of passengers and the peculiar oppressiveness of the immensity of his surroundings. Passing Gibraltar, into the Mediterranean Sea he soon landed in Alexandria on Feb. 27, 1898. This was the first oriental city that gave him an opportunity to study and to visit some of the almost modern antiquities of the East.

Leaving Alexandria he passed out among the blue-coated peasants plowing the buffalo yoked with the camel as they did of old, on through the fertile fields of the Nile, and "the undermining nature of an Egyptian sun", to Cairo, the city of Saladin. Standing for hours at the time he watched with intense interest the moving, yelling mass of humanity. People of every race, color, civilization and religion passed before us in their national dress as we followed the speaker and with our mind's eye looked, as he did, out on the narrow, dirty, streets of Cairo that existed when Saracenic civilization was at its zenith. Indeed his description of life in Cairo was so graphic and true that one could almost hear the Mohammedan priests as they cried out at the prayer hour "There is no god but Allah and Mohammed is his prophet."

Having journeyed out into the citadel in Eastern Cairo saw the sun "go down" and got as it were a bird's eye view of an oriental city with its hundreds of spires pointing heavenward.

Dr Alderman next visited the pyramids. This trip to the pyramids caused him to take his first ride on "the ship of the desert" which he claims to have moved out of the harbor "in sections". Using familiar distances, he pictured to us the largest of the pyramids whose base covers 13 acres. With hard climbing and the help of a guide he at last reached the top of this, the largest pyramid from which he saw Egypt "like a green carpet with the silver thread of the Nile dividing it," Saharah Desert, Memphis, Cairo and the Sphinx, the type of immutability.

From the pyramids he next visited the Nile. As the speaker brought before our mind's eye the vast expanse of water, its beauty in the Egyptian sun; and the story of its wonderful actions as the seasons change was told, and how it is revered to-day; those present thought of the heathen and blamed him not because he worshiped this great force of nature as a god, holding their fats in his hands.

Leaving the Nile the traveler visited the great museum where in are laid the mummies of Rameses II and his father, the lasting monuments to the vanity of human glory. In this small space we can't enum-

erate the things of interest to be seen in that old museum.

In company of his guide Dr. Alderman next visited the Mohammed-dan University of 365 teachers and 13000 students. There was to be seen in that University types of every race and sect of those who believed in Mohammed.

Nothing short of hearing him deliver this lecture will in any wise give you any idea of the Mohammedan University and its life.

Would it not be interesting to enter a great college where they teach that the world is flat and that Egypt is its center?

From there Dr. Alderman went to Oxford.

The lecture was in every respect a master-piece. You cannot from any account learn to appreciate Dr. Alderman's lectures. You must hear him.

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