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### Death of Dr. John Manning.

On Sunday night, February 12th Dr. John Manning, Professor of Law in the University, departed this life. He had been sick for a few weeks but no one thought that he was dangerously ill. His death has saddened the whole village as well as the student body.

He was beloved and respected by all who knew him and in his death the students lose one of their best friends.

The funeral will take place Thursday at Pittsboro.

He leaves a wife and seven children: Dr. John Manning and Mr. James Manning of Durham; Dr. Isaac Manning of Wilmington; Mrs. F. P. Venable of Chapel Hill, Mrs. W. W. Huske, Miss Mary Manning, and Mrs. W. R. Webb of Bellebuckle, Tenn.

Hon. John Manning, LL.D., was born on the 30th of July, 1830 at Edenton. His grandfather moved from the Manning Manor plantation, near Norfolk Va., first settling in Currituck county and then becoming a merchant at Edenton. He obtained for his eldest son, John, an appointment in the Navy, secured through James Iredell, the



THE LATE DR. JOHN MANNING.

younger. He rose to the rank of captain and then resigned owing to ill health. He married Tamar Leary, a member of one of the leading families in that section, and as her husband was frequently absent on long cruises, under her wise and loving care her children were chiefly reared.

The late Dr. Manning was named for his father. After attending school at Edenton, he was sent to the Norfolk Military Academy. In his senior year he was made captain of cadets. In 1847 he entered the Sophomore class of the University of North Carolina and graduated with honors in the class of 1849. After graduating he sailed with his father as captain's clerk in the United States brig Bainsbridge along the shores of South America. The life was not to his taste and he began the study of law under his cousin, that eminent lawyer, John H. Haughton of Pittsboro. He received county court license in 1852 and Superior court license in 1853, having become the partner of Mr. Haughton. Soon thereafter Mr. Haughton moved to Newbern leaving his large practice to Dr. Manning. He retained it all and more and for more than a quarter of a cen-

tury was the acknowledged leader of the bar in his circuit. On the 6th of June, 1856, he was married to Miss Louisa J. Hall, daughter of Dr. Isaac Hall, a lady of that force of character and grace of manner that fitted her to be the wife of one of the State's great jurists. In 1861, Dr. Manning was elected a member of the Secession convention of 1861. He had been an "old line Whig" and opposed Secession, but he went with his State. He volunteered in the army and was made adjutant of his regiment. He was later appointed Receiver under the Sequestration Acts. At the close of the war he returned to the practice of law, devoting himself assiduously to repairing his shattered fortunes.

In 1870, upon the death of Hon. Robert Gilliam he was elected to fill out the unexpired term, defeating Joseph W. Holden 350 votes. He at once took a high stand in Congress and made a great speech against the old Force bill which set aside safeguards of liberty under the plea of suppressing the Ku Klux Klan.

When the Constitutional Convention was called, Dr. Manning and Congressman Strowd were elected the members from Chatham. Dr. Manning was one of the ablest lawyers in that body of giants. In 1880 he was elected to the House from Chatham and had the honor of introducing the first bill that ever passed giving the University an annual appropriation. The bill carried \$5,000. At that session he was with Hon. W. T. Dortch and Hon. John S. Henderson elected on the Code Commission. Afterwards he was tendered appointments as Superior court judge and Secretary of State, but declined both. In 1881 without his knowledge or solicitation, Dr. Manning was elected Professor of Law at the University. No salary was attached. He accepted the place, stipulating that he could continue to practice in the courts of Chatham. He began with a class of seven, but his instruction was so thorough and so popular that he built up the greatest and most largely attended law school the State has known.

Dr. Manning was a consistent and devout christian, an official member of the Protestant Episcopal church. As long as he was able he was at his place in church.

Prof. J. Crawford Biggs, of the law department here, has been elected Secretary and Treasurer of the State Bar Association recently organized at Raleigh.

The TAR HEEL is indebted to the News and Observer for the cut of Dr. Manning in this issue.

There will be memorial services in the Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in honor of the late Dr. John Manning.

Miss Eva Lawson of Richmond while here attending the Choral Society concert was the guest of Mrs. Dr. Hume.

### The Sub-Committee on Education From the General Assembly Visits Us.

The regular inspecting committee appointed by the committee on education of the General Assembly visited us last week. Though their stay here was a short one, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Friday morning they met the student body in the Chapel and after prayers made short but very appropriate and entertaining speeches.

Dr. Alderman introduced first Hon. H. Clay Wall of Richmond county, the oldest member of the committee. Mr. Wall said that it appears but yesterday when he assembled morning after morning in these same sacred precincts. He came to the University in August 1858 as a student. At that time he had to go to Durham depot and drive over to Chapel Hill in a shackling hack. He humorously told of his arrival and his reception by the students. After 41 years he is permitted to stand again before the intelligent University audience. He expressed his great love for the University. In '61 war called him to the front when he lacked only one year of graduation. Mr. Wall then told of a few nicknames given to the professors of his day such as calling Gov. Swain, "Old Bunk," Dr. James Phillips, "John Bull" commonly "Bull." He ended his speech with an exhortation to the students to keep "duty" as their guiding star now and ever afterwards.

The next person introduced was Hon. R. L. Smith, '88 Chairman of the Senate. This gentleman told reminiscences of his college life and that he recognized many faces among the faculty such as Drs. Hume, Battle, Venable and Professor Gore. He was well pleased to find the University so prosperous. He ended by saying that he prized the University as one of North Carolina's greatest institutions.

Hon. Locke Craige of Buncombe, chairman of the house committee on Education next spoke. He began by complimenting Dr. Battle as one who revived the University. He was glad to know that the Old North State has the greatest University South of the Mason and Dixon line. It is not now as it was before the war a University of Aristocracy but of yeomanry. All parties have respected, cherished and honored the University. All recognized that the University is a University of the people which stands for the honor of the State and all the State stands for it. North Carolina must go forward by young men and they must go forward by the University. The University with an attendance of 500 young men is only a promise of what it should be. North Carolina is not poor and it should give to the University whatever is necessary to make it what should be.

Senator James of Pitt next spoke.

He said he came to the University at its re-organization and that there is always a tie of friendship between the University and her sons. He helped to re-organize the University when a boy of 14. The only professor of the faculty left is the honored Dr. Battle. He finds that we need water and heat for he came here to find out what we need. He was on the committee in 1893 and helped Dr. Winston get increased appropriation. He closed by saying that he is with us for any thing we want.

Representative Davis of Franklin county was next introduced. He was here 31 or 32 years ago when Gov. Swain was President. He recognized no familiar faces among the faculty. He said he was no orator but he would always be proud to speak well for the University, and help it on for the future of the state rests with its young men.

Representative Bryan of Madison county began by saying he regretted that he was not a son of the University. Nevertheless he was a friend to it and will help to take care of it.

Representative Williams of Yadin said that although he is not a son of the University still it shall be his greatest pleasure to do anything he can for the benefit of it.

Representative Maunery of Cherokee never had the opportunity of attending the University because he was reared in the devastating time of the Civil War still he would help to foster and protect it.

Representative Williams of Cumberland said he was unfortunate because the War came on when he was 16, when he was ready to enter here, and thus deprived him of a University education. By going to the war he missed much, he knew, but still he was proud to have been a Confederate Soldier. He loved the University and was taught to do so. He has been impressed by our need of water and the committee would endeavor to give us water, better heating of the library, and a more convenient way of getting books. Towards the end he got very humorous. He told how his sweet-heart made him promise on going to the war never to use whiskey, tobacco or to use profanity. He never broke any of them although they were made with no intention of being kept. The woman in question has since become his wife and he urges every one to make promises. He ended his speech by saying that any thing we want they will give us.

### Notice!

There will be an important meeting of the TAR HEEL editors in the Chapel Saturday afternoon at half past two o'clock. The whole attendance of the board is requested. Editor-in-chief.

Dr. Thomas Clark left for Raleigh Saturday morning where he delivered lectures before the State Chemical Society.