

Elisha Mitchell Society.

The regular monthly meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society was held last Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the chemical lecture room. In the absence of the President, Prof. Gore called the meeting to order. The first paper of the evening, entitled 'A New Rhizopod' was presented by Dr. H V. Wilson. This paper contained a very excellent description of Dr. Wilson's among the lowest forms of animal life which coming under the general type Pelomyxa, he has appropriately named Carolinenses. The character, forms and habits of this new species of Rhizopod were minutely described, as was also its method of food getting and thrusting out of protoplasm in search of stimulus. It was further more shown that although the Carolinenses is clearly a Pelomyxa yet the peculiar character it assumes causes it to resemble more nearly the recently discovered Argentine Republic species. Owing to the sickness of Dr. F. P. Venable the presentation of a paper by him, the next thing on the program was postponed to another meeting.

Dr. Baskerville next made a very interesting report of 'A case of Spontaneous Combustion in a Cotton Mill' upon the explanation of which he had spent some considerable time during the past fall. This case of fire originating from spontaneous combustion was shown to have been brought about primarily by oxidation of the tallow contained in the cotton yarn, and accelerated by the liberation of the oxides of nitrogen due to the acidity of the tallow.

Dr. Baskerville concluded the program for the evening by giving a very graphic description of the newly invented Nernst Incandescent Lamp. The principle upon which this lamp depends was clearly pointed out, namely, that magnesium oxide, which does not ordinarily conduct electricity, when heated at a certain temperature acts as a conductor of electricity.

Mrs. J. W. Scott Robinson, wife of Senator Robinson of Sampson, and Mrs. W. H. Battle of Anson are visiting at Professor Cobb's.

We regret to learn that Mr. John Hinsdale, '00, is confined to his room with a severe attack of Grip.

John Carr spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Durham.

Mr. Geo. Coffey has been appointed assistant in the Geological laboratory for next year.

Miss Elizabeth Pond who spent last year in Chapel Hill died of pneumonia in Washington D. C. She had many friends here who are shocked at this sad news.

Dr. E. A. Alderman left for Red Springs Wednesday where he lectures before the Female Seminary at that place.

Mr. A. S. Root, '01, left for Raleigh Wednesday where he goes to attend the funeral of the Rev. Dr. Smedes.

The North entrance of the Old West Building seems to be the arena for conflicts of late—just five in the last few weeks. Let others come—something to arouse college spirit.

New University Trustees.

On last Tuesday the Legislature elected the following trustees of the University: K. P. Battle, C. M. Stedman, F. H. Busbee, H. C. Wall, Benahan Cameron, J. S. Manning, J. Fries, R. M. Furman, W. Guthrie, T. S. Kenan, R. H. Lewis, J. A. Lockhart, J. D. Murphy, J. L. Patterson, Fred Phillips, J. A. Roebing, Henry Weil, W. T. Whitsett, E. J. Hale, C. M. Cooke, T. J. Jerome, H. E. Faison, T. B. Pierce, James Sprunt, L. J. Picot, H. A. London, Frank Wilkinson, E. R. Outlaw.

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