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Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society.

The 122nd meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society was held in the Chemical Lecture Room on Tuesday evening and a most interesting and instructive program was carried out.

Prof. Gore explained the construction and workings of the system of wireless telegraphy which is attracting so much attention at present. The apparatus seemed to be very simple but exceedingly delicate and its working was shown to depend on the transmission of ether vibrations due to the spreading and collapsing of lines of electrical force about a vertical conductor.

Prof. Cain presented a paper on "The History of Mathematics." He traced the origin of the science to the Egyptians who however made almost no advances in it for many hundred years. The mathematical knowledge of the Babylonians was more extended and more accurate, and it is to them that we owe the universally used sexagesimal system. Their attention was largely directed towards Astronomy.

Maj. Cain then showed us how far advanced were the Hindoos. They introduced the so-called Arabic notation and made the first use of the principle of position to indicate numerical value. Their knowledge of trigonometry, arithmetic and algebra was considerable but they made little advance in Geometry. Continuing Maj. Cain pointed out the fact that it is to the Greeks in general and Euclid in particular that we are largely indebted for our knowledge of this particular branch of the science, the original propositions of Euclid being even used in England to-day. It was further shown that some of the greatest mathematicians of ancient time were members of the famous Greek school of Alexandria and after this school was broken up no advance was made for nearly a thousand years. Then refugees from Constantinople, after that city had fallen into the hands of the Turks, brought Greek manuscripts into Italy and since that time great progress has been continually made.

The attendance at this meeting was quite large, showing the lively interest taken by the members of the University in the up-to-date, scientific questions which are discussed by the Society.

Recent Base Ball Scores.

Trinity 8,	Mercer 4.
Trinity 4,	Mercer 5.
Wake Forest 1,	Oak Ridge 10.
Wake Forest 5,	Oak Ridge 4.
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Univ. of Va. 6,	Univ. of Penn. 4.
University of Va. 3,	Harvard 9.
Yale 18,	Lehigh 4.
Yale 0,	New York League 0.
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What Commons Needs.

Communicated.]

It is much to be deplored that the institution known as Commons Hall seems to be steadily losing favor in the eyes of those whom it was primarily intended to serve. This, it seems to us, must be a matter of regret to all who have an interest in the welfare of the University and its students. In these modern times we hear a great deal said about physical education; and it is generally agreed that a sound body is just as necessary to enable a man to attain success in life as is a well trained mind. This being true, it is the duty of every institution of learning to see to it that its students get good food; for without this there can be no physical development. Unless the student eats wholesome, well prepared food he cannot grow muscles, though he spend many hours each day in the gymnasium.

Now, it is not depravity on the part of the students that makes them quit Commons; the trouble must be with Commons itself. The cause of this trouble ought to be inquired into and removed, if possible. The writer has no intent to criticise; he wishes simply to make a suggestion. What Commons needs most is a trained cook, a man skilled in preparing meats for the table, a cook, not a tanner. We have no need of a tanyard. One good cook would be worth three poor ones. Commons has a good baker; now give us a trained cook, and Commons will be a grand success and will have as many boarders as can be accommodated.

In the College World.

Yale has an endowment of \$4,500,000; Columbia \$6,000,000; Cornell 5,000,000; and Chicago University \$12,000,000.

Thirty candidates for next year's foot ball team at Harvard are lining up daily, and getting in trim for next year.

During the presidency of Dr. Dwight of Yale, he has given the University more than \$1,000,000, or twice the amount of his salary.

Gen. Joseph A. Wheeler will deliver the annual address before the literary societies of Washington and Lee University at their Commencement, June 12.

The Gulf States inter-collegiate oratorical contest, which was to have been held at the University of Alabama on April 29th., has been postponed until May. 12.

An appeal to Yale graduates for \$2,000,000 has just been made by the Yale bi-centennial committee on funds. This sum is to be used for the erection of a commemorative hall and for University endowments.

Prof. Noble returned from Selma Monday afternoon. He went down to see his father, who is seriously ill at his home in that town.

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