

Elisha Mitchell Society Meets.

The second regular meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society for this term and the 122nd meeting of that body was held in Person Hall last Tuesday night and was called to order at 7:15 by President Cain. The first paper was on the "The Union Pacific Expedition to the Fossil fields of Wyoming" by Prof. Cobb who stated that early in May the Union Pacific Railroad issued invitations to 100 Geologists and each one was asked to bring two of his assistants or students. In response to this invitation Geologists from all over the country and several from foreign countries met at Omaha, where a special train was furnished to take them to the fossil fields of Wyoming.

The party visited the fields already made classic ground by the researches of Marsh, Cope and others, and extended their researches across the Wyoming desert to beyond the Grand Canyon of the Platte. They traveled more than 300 miles over treeless sagebrush plains camping sometimes beside alkaline lakes or sodawater springs, though generally small springs or streams of good water were reached at the end of a day's march. The speaker described a snowballing on the 23rd of July with snow-cream for dinner, followed by wild strawberries for breakfast the next morning, and ice was formed in August. The midday in this region was excessively hot.

Forms built up from few bones were found in their entirety. Almost complete skeletons were found all over the place. Several of the reptiles of former days were found to be different from what heretofore pictured, and lizards 130 feet in length, according to Prof. Reed, and mammals the size of mice were brought to light.

Many interesting finds were recorded and finally the party broke up, returning home by different routes. A few remained on the fields and what they have discovered later is not yet known. It will be several years before the results of the expedition will be known.

The fossil fields were found to be much more extensive than usually supposed, and data were obtained for turning geological time into years.

The next paper was to have been read by Dr. Whitehead, but he was unavoidably absent and the paper was postponed.

Professor Gore then talked on "Polaris—A Triple Star." Astronomers are very much indebted to the photographic plate and to the Spectroscope for many of their observations. The Spectroscope is the only instrument which tells us of the motion of stars toward or from the Earth.

Recently in Lick Observatory it was found that Polaris is a triple star, and Prof. Gore then explained how that was known and gave many interesting statements about the Star. A profitable discussion then arose from Prof. Gore's paper; and the whole evening was much enjoyed by the very large audience present.

R. H. Lewis, '98 of Raleigh was on the Hill a few days ago, on a visit to his brothers, Messrs. K. P. Lewis '00, and I. F. Lewis, '02.

Resolutions of Respect.

Philanthropic Hall,

Nov. 11, 1899.

Whereas, It has pleased God in His alwise Providence to remove from time to Eternity our late friend and fellow-member, Edward L. Abbott, be it therefore

Resolved 1st. That while bowing in humble submission to the will of Him who hath the power to give and to take away, we, the members of the Philanthropic Society cannot but lament over our sad bereavement.

Resolved 2nd. That we extend our warmest sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Resolved 3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the afflicted family, that a copy be sent to the Elizabeth City Economist, the Elizabeth City Fisherman and Farmer, the University Magazine and The Tar Heel with a request that they be published, and that these resolutions be placed upon the minutes of our Society.

C. E. Thompson, }
J. L. Harris, } Com.
S. B. Skinner. }

First Year Medical Class Election.

The first year Medical Students held their annual class election, Saturday night, Nov. 18th, '99. The following officers were elected:

J. G. Murphey, President
W. H. Everheart, 1st. Vice-President.
W. W. Craven, 2nd. Vice President.
W. W. Sawyer, Sec. and Treas.
J. W. Lynch, Historian.
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