

### Historical Society Meets.

#### Interesting Papers and Discussions

The Historical Society of the University held their regular meeting last week. The body was called to order by President Battle and the program for the evening was read.

Mr. J. S. Atkinson read an excellent paper on "The career of Gov. Jesse Franklin". He traced this great man's life, telling of his opportunities in the world and his great success as a leader. Gov. Franklin was elected to the House of Commons and then was sent to the state Senate. In 1797 he was re-elected to Commons and in 1799 he was made U.S. Senator. In 1804-5 he was made President of that body. He then returned home but was sent to the state Assembly which in 1807 returned him to the U. S. Senate. In 1820 he was elected Governor of the state and at the expiration of his term, he returned to private life and died in 1824 in the 64th year of his life.

The next paper, a very instructive one, was on "The Beginning of the Reconstruction" by Mr. A. H. Jarratt. He told of the efforts to close the war and gave accounts of the frequent meetings in Hillsborough between Gens. Johnson and Sherman. Plans were proposed to Gen. Sherman to leave the states of North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The Confederacy was destitute of provisions and Gov. Vance appealed to the people and especially to the paroled soldiers to go home and settle down quietly to work. In 1860 he made a proclamation that war in North Carolina was at an end. He read the proclamation of Gen. Schofield that all slaves in this state were free, and also the recommendations made to both, the whites and blacks. N. C. again became a state of the Union and it expressed its abhorrence at Pres. Lincoln's assassination. Judge McRae and Dr. Battle made a few very interesting remarks about that very remarkable time in our country's history. Then they gave their reminiscences and told anecdotes of that time.

The last paper of the evening was by Dr. Battle. It was on a life at the University, during the administration of Pres. Chapman 1812-1816. Gov. Chapman was the successor of Pres. Callwell. He was a graduate of Princeton and was a minister. He gave up preaching very reluctantly to accept the Presidency of the University. He was unanimously elected President and his administration is generally considered to have been a failure. He had one great fault. He was a Federalist and of course the students were out of sympathy with him.

He gave up the Presidency and returned to preaching. Dr. Battle told several anecdotes of tricks played by the students upon the President and told of the remedies by the Faculty.

The whole meeting was a very enjoyable one and the interesting papers were listened to by a very large audience.

John Carr spent the Thanksgiving at his home in Durham.

### Meeting of Football Team.

At a meeting of the football team last Monday night the election of captain was deferred because of the absence of several members of the team. The team also unanimously voted a resolution to the "Scrubs" for their faithful work and to Mr. Jayne for his very valuable services as coach for the short time that he has been with us.

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Capt. S. E. Shall left for his home in Stroudsburg Pa. Tuesday in order to get needed rest from the strain of the foot ball season.

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