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It seems to us that the candidates for the Track Team as well as the college at large, do not take their work and responsibility as seriously as they ought. During the baseball and football seasons every man who has the slightest hope that he can make one of these teams, comes out to try for a position, and the student body uses its best efforts to bring out any promising material. This is all very good, the only fault we have to find is that the same plan is not pursued with regard to the track team. At present the students show almost no interest in its work and give no substantial encouragement. Nor do the men trying for the team go about their work as they should. On some afternoons fifteen or twenty candidates will come out and go through the practice, at other times only three or four. Such desultoriness and indifference will never win anything and Carolina cannot afford to lose. A good many people seem to think that we are almost belittling ourselves to enter a contest with "prep" schools. The contest however is most distinctly *not* with "prep" schools, but with the colleges of the state, all of whom, except ourselves, have entered it with enthusiasm and the determination to win new laurels for themselves, and unless we wake up *they* will win, and the University, which for so long has been looked up to as the undisputed leader in the state of every branch of college activity, the literary and athletic, will ignominiously bring up the rear. Defeat would be insupportable, but defeat stares us in the face unless we go to work now, and every man does a man's part. We can win if we will, if every member of the team will do his utmost, and the college give the proper support. We shall lose unless we exert ourselves.

We have once before had occasion to call attention to the necessity for the exercise of more carefulness and thoughtfulness on the part of the users of the library and we recur to the same subject. By the system under which the works of fiction are arranged it is necessary if the fiction alcoves are to be properly kept that a book be put in exactly the place in which it belongs. The system is very easy to understand and readily allows works of fiction to be found

without reference to the card-index, that is, provided the works of the different authors are kept together and in their proper sequence. But if a book plainly marked J-35 is put in between a lot marked L-40, there is no clue by which its position may be traced, the whole alcove must be gone over. The disarrangement is most largely due to carelessness or ignorance in putting back books which have been taken down for examination. If you do not exactly understand the system or do not know exactly where any book belongs, consult the librarian. He will much prefer explaining to you or putting up the book properly himself to having a distorted arrangement or to spending some time in rearrangement. In fact he has not the time to properly care for the books unless he is assisted by their users.

While on the subject of the library we would like to suggest to the proper authorities that a library clock would be quite a convenience both to the librarian and to the library's frequenters. Possibly if the loiterers could see for themselves the time for closing come they would be willing to get out promptly and give the librarian some little time to "straighten up."

Prof. Smith Resigns.

Mr. W. C. Smith, who for the past three years has so acceptably filled the instructors chair in English and History has tendered his resignation as a member of the Faculty and has accepted a position as a travelling salesman for Allyn and Bacon, text book publishers of Boston. Mr. Smith's resignation was accepted with regret as he has proven himself an unusually able and conscientious teacher.

In the English Department, Mr. E. K. Graham '98, librarian this year will succeed Prof. Smith, and Prof. Noble will take his History classes.

Mr. Geo. McKie, Instructor in Expression will act as Librarian for the rest of the term.

Col. French's Lecture.

The lecture last Friday evening by "Col. French, the noted traveler" did not attract a very large crowd, though it was for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The subject, which was "The Klondike Region" might almost as well have been "Washington Park of Chicago, or some subject which would have included these two together with our national capitol, President McKinley, the American eagle, the Coliseum and a variety too numerous to mention. In the division of his subject actually devoted to the Klondike, the speaker declared in language more flowery than the exuberant tropical vegetation which he assured us made the great part of the country a garden of dazzling brilliancy that though he had been to the Mediterranean, to the far East, to India, to China, to the North Sea, some scores of times, he had nowhere regaled his entranced vision upon such a glittering dazzling magnificence as in Alaska. He also impressed upon us by repetition that to reach that region one must at the mouth of the Yukon River

transfer from the palatial ocean steamer to a river boat drawing only two and one half feet of water.

Though the audience was small it was about the lecturer's size.

Historical Society Meets.

The University Historical Society held its regular monthly meeting last Monday night in Gerrard Hall. Dr. Battle, president of the body was in the chair and Mr. A. H. Jarratt was Secretary.

The first paper was by Mr. Thos. D. Warren and it was a well prepared one on "The Quits Rents Controversy in Gov. Johnson's Time."

Mr. J. S. Atkinson read a short history of the life of Nathaniel Macon, who Thomas Benton says is the greatest statesman North Carolina has ever produced. The history of Macon's life is interesting. He had the confidence of his people as is shown by the number of public offices which he held. Among other things he was a Congressman and a Trustee of the University.

Dr. Battle concluded the evening's exercises with reading a part of the History of the University, in the preparation of which he is now engaged. His subject was "Military Land Warrants of the University."

The meeting proved very profitable to the large audience present, and the papers read were very ably prepared.

Yale defeated Harvard last week at New York City in a game of Hockey. The score was 5 to 4.

The matter of having the treasurer of Yale University do a banking business with the deposits of the students is under consideration by the corporation of that institution. It is said the banks of New Haven do not care to be troubled with the money of students because they deposit such small amounts at a time.

Yale is contemplating erecting a monument on her campus to the memory of Nathan Hale.

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