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## MEETING OF THE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

### Gratifying Contributions to the Baseball Team—Mr. Townsend Elected to the Advisory Committee.

A meeting of the Athletic Association was held Friday night for the purpose of acquainting the students with the condition of the treasury of the Association and of soliciting contributions for it. President Venable gave a statement of the financial results of the last football season. Most of the money that was cleared, he said, had been set apart for the purpose of enlarging and improving the athletic field. The remainder would have to be saved to equip the football team at the beginning of next season. Consequently there is no money available for the baseball team. The team has practically no uniforms and but little other equipment. The team must have individual contributions from the students. He closed his remarks by offering to duplicate the amount that had been raised in a canvass of the college a few days before.

Prof. Noble then made a strong statement of the case. He referred happily to the great pitching Coach Lawson had once done for us. He was followed by Coach Lawson, who earnestly asked the students to back him up in his effort to develop the team into a winning one. Speeches were then made by Manager Jones, of the baseball team, Capt. Newton, of the track team, and Mr. McLean.

After the speeches, contributions were made in cash and by subscriptions that were very gratifying. The amount was not so large as it should be, but was much more respectable than the amount given last Spring.

At the close of the meeting President Kenan announced that there was a vacancy on the Advisory Committee caused by the election of the undergraduate member, Mr. Jones, to be manager of the ball team. Mr. Townsend was unanimously elected to the position.

Before declaring the meeting adjourned President Kenan stated that there would certainly not be another massmeeting this year to ask for money. The purpose of massmeetings, he said, is to get the students together for a good time, to show their appreciation of the teams and to rejoice with them in what they do. The successful massmeeting is the one where everybody goes; where everybody is there everybody enjoys it. He asked that we might have many such this Spring.

### Bishop Strange Here this Week.

Bishop Strange, of Wilmington, who preached the University sermon for March last Sunday night, will remain here the most of this week. Hereafter he expects to come here for a few days each year. His object is to become acquainted

with the men of the University, and especially with the men of his own denomination, so that when they get out into the life of the State he may know them from his acquaintance with them here. In order to be able to see any man who cares to speak with him, he has been staying from 2:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon and from 9 to 10 at night in the Y. M. C. A. room. He wishes any man who would like to speak with him to come there at those hours.

On Tuesday night he addressed the Y. M. C. A. at its regular meeting in the chapel. A great many students were in attendance. He spoke on the care of the ministry as a life work. His address was short but very much enjoyed.

### The Historical Society.

The Historical Society held its regular meeting for March in the History room Monday night.

Mr. John H. Vaughan gave a very interesting account of his research work during the summer. He gave a brief description of Fort Caswell which was built in 1826 and which was surrendered to the Federal government in 1861. He stated that this fort was worked over in 1897 and consists of five batteries, and is of some interest from the fact that it is the only garrisoned fort in North Carolina. He then gave a sketch of his work in five of the eastern counties.

Mr. Vaughan spent most of the summer in those counties doing research work for Dr. Raper and it is evident that he did his work well.

Dr. Raper then gave a short review of Dr. Fitch's book entitled, "Some Neglected Points in N. C. History." It is a strong defense of the Regulators, and holds to the idea that the battle of Alamance was the first of the Revolution. While it claims to deal with neglected points it is simply a restatement of the general views of various writers. It is extremely interesting but strongly partisan.

He gave also a review of a pamphlet on the "Internal Improvements in North Carolina" recently issued by Dr. Charles Clinton Weaver, President of Davenport College. The principal points brought out in this pamphlet are that improvements began by private companies, but that in 1815 the State began to aid in the work. The West sought to build railroads while the East wanted canals, thus giving practically a sectional setting to the efforts. The author makes the point that a central market was needed most and that a railroad connecting eastern and western sections was the best solution. He refers very interestingly to the ideals held by President Caldwell. The last point is the part taken by private companies and corporations in the development of railroads from their beginning to 1860.

The meeting was one of the most profitable held this year.

### Governor Bob Taylor.

It was a large audience that greeted Governor Bob Taylor in the chapel Saturday night, and his jokes, oratory, and songs were thoroughly appreciated. Governor Taylor is well known throughout the State and those that had never heard him knew that a pleasant hour was in store for them. And the speaker was up to his best in his new lecture, "Castles in the Air." It was a combination of oratory and humor seldom seen in a public speaker. His castles in the air were beautiful pictures drawn with the power of a master orator. Mingled with these pictures and yet necessary to them, were the many jokes which have made the Ex-Governor famous. His forte lies in his combination of passionate eloquence and broad humor. The one contributes to the other. And Governor Bob knows when the climax has been reached, knows how, by introducing a joke, to bring down the house in applause.

Governor Taylor's introduction was very happy, and caught the audience at once. He said that when he visited the University ten years ago it had three hundred and sixty students. That now it has six hundred and sixty, and that he hoped that by the end of the next ten years it would have twenty-six hundred and sixty. But that, he said, was a mere castle in the air. His lecture from then on was one air castle after another. The castle of Adam in the garden was the first one. His next castle of a young man wooing his girl on the river and in a swing was well done. The animal band was a splendid structure. His air castle of the boy was probably enjoyed more than any of his pictures. His picture of the man who built air castles as against the man soured on the world was good. But his humor after all was the main part of his lecture and that will not bear description.

### Reflections Suggested by "Castles in the Air."

The student who found Sunday morning that the laundry agent had not returned his collars and cuffs was constrained to remark, "Even the laundry man was blowing soap bubbles last night."

A party were exchanging their views on the lecturer when one man said,

"Yes, he is a strong man. Only a man of power could reduce the glory of ancient Egypt as he did, to 'a bone, a stone, and a hank of hair.'"

"But what bothers me," returned another, "is where did he get that hank of hair?"

A provoking laugh was the response.

The power a freshman wields—when he has Bob Taylor to back him up. There is something to

think about. To see it is worth the price. The unfortunate average man has to wait until a joke is told before he laughs. Even if the transparency of the joke reveals the point prematurely, regard for the speaker and for the part of the audience who might not have heard so distinctly restrains him from going at once into a state of thunderous ecstasy. Not so the freshman—the bright one, we mean. Just let a joker say, "Once when I was a bare-footed boy," and the bright one scents afar the joke, and sends forth such a clapping and such a shouting that the joker is overwhelmed, the luckless jokelet frightened back to cover—it might have been a sad, sweet tale of a boyhood love, there is no way of knowing—and the unfortunate average man who has not a front seat decides that he paid to hear not the jokes but the freshman. Such is the persuasive power of the freshman—when backed up by Bob Taylor.

It takes a bright freshman to do this, however, and they are not all bright. Unbright some of them are. At least three hours and twenty-five minutes would be necessary for them to catch a joke that was told under circumstances the most favorable. They sit in silent wonder and amazement at the perspicuity of their fellows who finally subside from exhaustion into a semi-silence and gaze proudly at themselves. The joker, taking advantage of the lull, makes another attempt. The average man's hopes rise. Crash! they're gone. One of the unbright has at last decided that he must have let a joke go by—surely his cheering classmates saw something. So with a clapping of hands and a vigorous stamping of feet he calls his unbright fellows to their duty. He cheers, they cheer, the bright ones cheer, and even others join the noisy throng. So the joker is scared and the joke is lost and the average man gets cheated. Such is the power of a freshman—when backed up by Bob Taylor.

Bob Taylor got ahead of one man, and he did it well. Only Bob could have done it, but he did it to a finish. The man who was "did" goes to every show in the chapel and sits always in the gallery. Evidently he spends most of his time calculating just the moment when the show will be over. He has not a second to lose in the chapel. Of course after the show he will spend a quarter of an hour around the front door, and then loaf in somebody else's room till the lights go out. But that is another matter. The time he spends at a concert or lecture is *valuable*. So he watches carefully for a sign that the end is coming. He uses all his knowledge, acuteness and experience in detecting this. As he is a man of wide knowledge and one who spent quite

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