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WE suppose there never was a "now" that could compare with the past. At any rate we all like to talk of the good old days and what good times we used to have. And though in nearly every respect, the new library is a vast improvement over the old, we have never become accustomed to the new way of selecting books. We realize fully that there are good reasons why the students should not be admitted to the stack room, yet a fond and persistent memory remains of ye olden days when we spent hours on Saturday afternoon perambulating among the shelves looking for a book to read on Sunday. Yes, we suppose that new wine necessitates a new bottle, that new things necessitates new methods, but the library is no longer the dear old haunt that it used to be.

And—we wonder in passing if it would not be possible to grant stack room permits to Seniors. Four years under the honor system is supposed to smooth out the rough places and to take from a man the desire to appropriate whatever seems good to the physical well being. At any rate a stack room permit would give to the dignified Senior yet more dignity, make him more sensible of his exalted position, and, besides, it would give the under classmen more incentive to press onward to the mark of their high calling.

Oh, for the good old days!

WEDNESDAY night The Tar Heel is put to press—a job that usually requires the presence of the editor-in-chief. And last Wednesday night Russell H. Conwell lectured in Gerrard Hall. On that night we finished our work about 9:30, and inasmuch as we had a ticket we decided to hear the peroration. To the gallery we went. And there we stayed, though it was painful to our nostrils. Not a window was raised and the smell of the atmosphere was something terrific. Of course if the windows were raised somebody would catch cold, and of course the smell was not noticeable to those who had been there all the evening, but the clean, fresh air of the outside, ye gods, how sweet! We are neither a physician nor the son of a physician, but common sense teaches that such

a condition is not good for the physical well being of mankind.

All of which goes to show that one of the many pressing needs of the University is a well-ventilated auditorium.

THERE is not a man in the University who deserves a vacation more than does Dr. Venable. We know of no man who sticks closer to business and who has a more personal interest in the success of the institution with which he is connected, than has the President of this University. May he have a pleasant voyage and return strengthened and fresh for his arduous duties.

**The Joys of Skating.**

The weather has been cold and the ponds have been frozen over and students have been borrowing alarm clocks. Tuesday morning, obeying the call of the said alarm clocks, a number of students sallied forth to Fisher's pond. And the skating was good, though the ice was thin. It broke. Buck Davis, Avery, and Waters tasted the joys of an early morning bath out in the open with the north wind playing a tune among the tree tops. Avery and Waters were near the shore, but Davis was out near the middle. The swimming was difficult, for he must needs blaze his way, so to speak, but he made it.

And the bunch paused not to make reply, paused not to reason why, but wrung several gallons of water from their garments and did track stunts towards the dear old campus.

**Y. M. C. A. Election.**

The election of Y. M. C. A. officers Tuesday night resulted in the choice of the following:

F. P. Graham, president.  
H. P. Osborne, vice-president.  
W. P. Grier, secretary.  
D. B. Teague, treasurer.  
Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, Messrs. S. B. Turrentine, and A. M. Scales were reelected to the Advisory Committee, and Rev. Kenneth Pfohl and Mr. W. D. Weatherford were chosen as new members.

**Another Star Course Show.**

A Star Course Show will be given in Gerrard Hall next Tuesday night, February 11, by the Floyde Featherston Company of Washington. The company is composed of Mr. Floyde Featherston and Miss Dora Varney, and it appears from the advance folder that these two artists will give a show light enough in character to please those who kicked so strenuously about the Schubert entertainment. Musical novelties are the specialty of the company.

**Dr. Keyser's Lecture.**

Dr. C. J. Keyser, of Columbia University, delivered a lecture on mathematics before the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society in Chemistry Hall Friday night. The lecture showed that Dr. Keyser has a profound knowledge of mathematics, and, while it was enjoyed by the math professors and by the graduate students in math, most of the time the sentiments expressed were not appreciated, for they were beyond the reach of the ordinary student.

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