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LOCALS AND PERSONALS

—Mr. K. B. Johnson of Cardenas, N. C., attended a meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees on Tuesday evening last. His daughter, Miss Ruth of West Dormitory, was of course glad to see him. Mr. Johnson spent his while in the village with Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Harper.

—Dr. Newman, who has been confined to his room for the past few days is out again. Mrs. Newman and Urquhart remain indoors as yet.

—Mr. Bunn Hearn of Chapel Hill, N. C., visited the College Sunday last.

—Mr. E. T. Hines, member of the class of 1911, who now has charge of Jefferson Academy at McLeansville, was a pleasant caller on the Hill Sunday evening. Mr. Hines attended the Christian Endeavor meeting and made an impressive talk on "The Value of Attending Some Religious Service Regularly."

—Another of the illustrious band bearing 1911 on his shield in the person of W. W. McPherson, accountant for Holt, Gault and Holt, Burlington, N. C., called Sunday on his friends locally.

—Perley C. White, manager of the Darlington Hotel, Darlington, S. C., is on the Hill. Mr. White was formerly a student here and is contemplating a stay here until June, taking work in the music department.

All these over Sunday, and not the first Sunday either.

—Mrs. P. H. Fleming has returned to her home in High Point after spending some days with her daughter, Miss Nellie Sue, at West Dormitory.

—Mrs. Rose J. Machen has been confined to her room for the past several days with La Grippe. During her absence Miss Annie Watson has most graciously and satisfactorily filled her place as Housekeeper.

—The many friends of Miss Viola Rollings rejoice to see her back in college after having been several weeks at home in response to a telegram announcing the serious illness of her father, Mr. R. H. Rollings, of Seibrell, Va. Mr. Rollings' condition has improved very materially and barring complications will soon permit the usual pursuit of his busy life.

—Misses Lorie May Haylor, Janie Lee Beale, Essie Houchins, Mary Lou Pitt, Ethel Clements, Linda Barnes and Eula Long witnessed the production of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pines" in Greensboro, Monday evening.

—Rev. Rufus King of High Point, N. C., visited the Orphanage Sunday last.

—Mrs. J. L. Bowman of Liberty, N. C., visited the Ladies' Club and her daughter, Miss Dophna, Saturday and Sunday.

CONTEMPLATED CHANGES IN THE GRADED SCHOOL.

A movement is on foot to make the graded school of this town into a practice school under the department of Education of the College. Advocates of the idea

think it would be advantageous both to the community served by the graded school and also to the College.

It is to be hoped that the matter will be investigated and carefully considered so that the very best for all concerned may and will be done.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING.

The executive committee of the board of trustees of the College met in called session in the President's office to consider certain items of interest and importance which could not be postponed to the annual June meeting.

Among these was the matter of a larger chemical laboratory. Increased attendance and growth in every particular in the science department have rendered the old quarters too small. Hence the executive board took the matter under advisement and at their recent meeting decided to equip the eastern half of the basement to the new gymnasium building for that purpose, leaving the old room in the administration building to be used for a biological laboratory.

Students in this department will hail these changes with delight and the science department will be glad to know it has equipment of the most modern sort to offer its students.

DE ROY FONVILLE HONORED.

It is always pleasant for those at home to hear of honors and confidences placed upon and in those who have gone out from their midst. This time we are glad to read in the Charlotte News of recent date that Mr. De Roy Ransom Fonville of the class of 1904, member of the Charlotte Bar, was chosen to deliver the principal address of the day on the occasion of the Lee-Jackson celebration on January 18th in Trinity Church, Charlotte.

The speaker was introduced by Mr. C. R. Preston in fitting terms whereupon he entered upon his discourse in a masterly way. His speech throughout gave evidence of forethought, cleverness and oratorical ability, together with a manly life and thorough preparation for same which have brought him to his present position of confidence and respect and which augur still better things for him in the future.

While in college he won the esteem of his fellows and was chosen by the Alumni Association to deliver the annual address last June which he did in a highly creditable manner and which all who heard it will remember with pleasure.

Elon College is proud of such sons as these and wishes for them all god-speed.

TEACHERS' NORMAL COURSE.

Elon College will again this year offer to the teachers of the State a Normal Course. This course will begin on April 8th and close June 4th. As heretofore, this work will be under the supervision of Dr. T. C. Amick to whom all inquiries should be addressed. A Teachers' Normal

Bulletin is now in press and will be ready to mail next week. This is free to any one interested in the work.

COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS.

Among the many difficult problems of college life, the college publication has a very prominent place. Few college papers, we are told, pay any dividend, and yet they must be in existence. We say must because the public expects it, the students want it, and the Alumni demand it. But not until you become editor or manager of some college paper will you see and understand these things fully, and at the same time find out how indifferent those who make the demands are about giving it their support. We go to the post office when our paper should arrive, and if perchance it does not come on that mail, many inquiries are made and complaint coming from many ways. We call upon a student, a Junior or a Senior, and ask him to write us an article, and a "cannot" is the (glad) response. We call on a man for his subscription and 50 cents cannot be found on his person. Then what shall we say about it? How shall we define it? We shall at least make the attempt.

A college paper (to many) is a kind of thing that makes its appearance and no one knows how it did it. The editor is a good fellow who has nothing to do except to write it up. The printer sets the type and prints it for pastime. The United States mail carries it because there is room for it and to keep some man a job. The manager is never called upon to settle any bills, but has all the money he can collect for his own use and the honor of his job. Our ship is safe and easy—travel our way awhile.

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.

The Young Men's Christian Association of the Carolinas convenes in Greensboro today (Friday) and will be in session until Sunday night. Many able speakers will be present to address the delegates and visitors on the work of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. A. L. Hook goes as Elon's representative.

The Y. M. C. A. is doing a great work in the State and should have the endorsement of every Christian worker.

CARING FOR THE CAMPUS.

One pride that every college man should have is the proper respect for the College Campus. Seemingly, this is small; but when viewed from the proper standpoint it is a thing of importance.

At this time we see men cleaning up the trash and hauling away the old leaves, all of which is having its effect. But all should be careful and not throw rubbish and papers around in any place, for this will make the grounds look unkept and has its effect on student life. Let all unite in making Elon's Campus one of beauty and attraction.

SCHOOL SOCIAL CENTERS.

Three hundred and thirty-eight schools in 101 cities of the United States were used as social centers during the past season, according to report compiled by Charles Arthur Perry for the Sage Foundation. Officials of the United States Bureau of Education, who have examined the report, declare that it is bound to stimulate interest in this rapidly developing phase of the movement for wider use of the school plant.

Mr. Perry finds that in 44 of the 101 cities social centers were directed by paid workers. New York had 48 such centers and Chicago 16, while Philadelphia, Boston, Columbus, Detroit, Jersey City, Louisville, Rochester, and Trenton are also among the cities included in this list. There is wide variation in the length of the session, from five to six weeks in some localities to the full school term in the others. In fact, little uniformity prevails as to what constitutes a social center. Mr. Perry presents in the report a tentative definition of a social center as follows: "A community may be said to have a schoolhouse social center if one of its school buildings is thrown open to the public on one or more fixed nights a week for at least 12 weeks a year, for activities of a social, recreational, or civic character, regularly directed by one or more trained leaders."

The report also presents data on the growing use of school buildings for political meetings. In Cleveland, Ohio, meetings were held in the schools to discuss the constitutional provisions that were before the people for adoption. In Jersey City the public schools were opened to partisan political meetings with gratifying results; eight public school auditoriums in New York City were also opened for the same purpose, and in Chicago the assembly halls were employed for political rallies and provided a distinctly popular innovation. Milwaukee, Wis., and Worcester, Mass., are cities where the schools have for some time been used for political meeting places.

The use of schools as polling places is a recent development. Thirty schools in Los Angeles were used for this purpose in 1911. In the past year Milwaukee used the basements of school buildings as polling places. In New York the commissioner of accounts recommended that the school buildings be used for registration booths throughout the city, declaring that the plan would mean the saving of a considerable part of the hundred thousand dollars expended for rental every year. Definite adoption of the idea of schools as political places is reported from Boston, Mass., Berkeley and Long Beach Cal.; Grand Rapids, Mich.; Madison Wis.; and Salt Lake City, Utah.

—India has a Christian population today of 3,876,196, as compared with 2,923,241 ten years ago.