WITH CAROLINA COLLEGES

UNIVERSITY.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 5.—Football is the order of the day in athletic life here now. Not only do the 'varsity and scrub teams have a hard scrimmage practically every day, but the class teams also are undergoing a rather rigorous course of training. Every afternoon candidates for the various class teams are seen on the old athletic field working faithfully and zealously for the glory of their particular class. It is by such practice that 'varsity material is manufactured.

The class football schedule is as follows:

Fresh-Junior, October 5th; Soph-Senior, October 8th; Fresh-Senior, October 11th; Soph-Junior, October 15th; Junior-Senior, October 18th; Fresh-Soph, October 22d. Winners, October 29th and November 2d.

After November 2d any games may be played necessary to decide championship.

The Modern Literature Club held its first meeting this year Thursday night in the Alumni Building. The meeting was called primarily for the purpose of electing officers and no papers were presented, though the members present tried in a generaly way to outline the work for the coming year. The officers elected were: Prof. E. K. Graham, of the English department, president; W. E. Yelverton, vice president; H. B. Gunter, secretary and treasurer. The men connected with The Magazine and The Tar Heel, the graduate students whose major subjects are made up of literary courses, and the new members of the faculty in the literary departments were made members of the club.

A meeting of the Press Association was held Thursday night for the purpose of perfecting the organization and of impressing upon the correspondents the importance and significance to the University of its birthday, October 12th. Prof. J. E. Latta made an interesting talk.

The Athletic Association adopted Wednesday night a constitution, which will turn the management of athletic affairs largely over to the students. Not a little dissatisfaction has been expressed in college for the last two or three years in regard to the management of athletics, and this constitution is the expression of this dissatisfaction. It is now up to the students to show that they can conduct their own athletics in a more satisfactory manner than the faculty was able to do. Time alone will tell.

Mr. Frank P. Milburn, the architect, was here Friday, looking after some business in connection with the library building.

Rev. J. M. Cole, superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, preached at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

Judge James C. McRae is delivering a series of lectures at the Episcopal church dealing with Biblical characters and Church history. His lecture last Sunday was on Saint Michael.

"Resolved, That the 'Dollar Fee' clause in the proposed constitution for the Athletic Association be adopted," was the query debated in the Phi Society Saturday night. The affirmative won and Mr. W. M. Gaddy made the best speech. Fifty-four men were initiated. The total number of men initiated this fall is fifty-eight.

No debate was held in the Di. Fifty-eight new members were added to the 15 already initiated, making a total of 73 new members.

The Philological Club held a meeting Tuesday night for the first time this year. Prof. Palmer Cobb, of the department of Germanic languages, discussed, "Hoffman's Influence on Poe." and Dr. James D. Bruner read an interesting paper on "The Climax in Corneille's 'Cid.'" The election of officers resulted in the choice of Dr. J. F. Royster, president; Prof. Palmer Cobb, vice president; and Dr. L. R. Wilson, secretary and treasurer.

Senator Champ Clark will deliver the first lecture in the star course series October 19th.

Mr. S. T. Stancill, ex-'06, has returned to college and will graduate with Naughty Eight.

The Guilford County Club met Friday night in The Tar Heel office. P. M. Williams was elected president; E. W. S. Cobb, vice president; E. C. Harllee, secretary; S. Glenn Williams, treasurer.

Miss Alice Noble and M. C. S. Noble, Jr., returned Monday to Wilmington, after a week's visit to their father, Professor Noble. They were accompanied by Miss Yarborough, of Wilmington.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew met Sunday and elected officers for the year, as follows: Duncan McRae, director; A. R. Morgan, vice director; L. N. Taylor, secretary; R. Dane, treasurer.

The advisory committee held a meeting Monday afternoon at which it was decided that a training table should be established at George Trice's restaurant, under the direction of Dr. R. B. Lawson. The maximum number to be admitted to the table is 18, and each man is to pay $11 a month—it being decided that this was the average price the players were paying for board—and the remaining $7 is to be paid by the manager of the football team, backed by the Athletic Association. The committee decreed that no player who had not paid his board by the first of the month should be allowed to play.

The Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society has elected the following officers for the current year: Dr. W. C. Coker, president; Prof. J. E. Latta, vice president; Dr. A. S. Wheeler, recording secretary.

The Buncombe County Club met Friday night in The Magazine office, initiated six new members and elected officers as follows: A. B. Greenwood, president; H. B. Connor, vice president; C. N. Sprinkle, secretary and treasurer.

One of the most enjoyable events of the season was held last night when the Y. M. C. A. was "at home" from 9 to 11 to the students of the University. A large number of students was present, a large amount of music was dispensed, apples and bananas were served in profusion, speeches were had from a number of prominent men and everybody had a general good time. Irwin L. Potter, who has charge of the department of public speaking, was present and rendered two very good readings. Mr. Adolph Vermont, a native of Flanders, who teaches in the department of romance languages, made a delightful extemporaneous speech. Mr. Vermont enjoys the unique distinction of being able to speak and write eight different languages, among which is Latin; and this accomplishment, added to his attractive personality and well-developed sense of humor, has secured for him many friends and admirers among the students since he came here in September. On the whole, the evening was a decided success, and "Big" Rankin, the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is to be congratulated upon the prominent part that the association plays in university life.

The new library was opened Monday, and the throngs of students that have crowded the building since its opening show to what extent the lack of a library was felt.

The Odd Number Chapter of Sigma Upsilon held its first meeting Friday night and organized for the year's work. President H. H. Hughes appointed on the membership committee H. B. Gunter, W. E. Yelverton and K. D. Battle and on the programme committee S. Rae Logan, S. H. Lyle and Drury Phillips.

A. & M.

Correspondence of The Observer.

West Raleigh, Oct. 5.—All the students at the A. & M. College are now either busily occupied in drilling or in football practice. Every afternoon the parade ground is alive with the gray uniformed cadets who are at constant work now getting in fine shape for the State Fair, where the battalion will make its first public appearance. It is thought that the commandant, Lieutenant J. S. E. Young, and his corps of officers will turn out this session one of the best drilled organizations in the history of the college. On the afternoon of October 16th there will be held in the fair grounds a competitive drill between the five companies of the battalion and the best-drilled company will be awarded a beautiful silk pennant in college colors. The band is also busy, being under the instruction of Professor Hagedome, musical instructor of the Third Regiment Band, and has already made rapid progress. The band consists of 26 men as follows: One drum major, six cornets, six altos, four trombones, two tenors, two tubas, two snare drums, one bass drum, cymbals and one baritone.

The football squad is at constant practice every afternoon from 4 until 6.30 and Dr. Whitehurst, the coach, is turning out a very fast and aggressive eleven. There are about two men trying for every position on the team and thus there are some very lively scrimmages. The game with William and Mary which was to be played at Raleigh October 8th has been canceled on account of a conflict in that team's schedule, so A. & M.'s next game is some time off. The next game is with Richmond College at Richmond during the Virginia State Fair.

The Red and White, the college magazine and the official organ of the Athletic Association, was received from the publishers October 1st. The first number of the magazine is an excellent one and one which would do credit to any university or college in the United States. It is not quite as voluminous as it might be in some of its departments, but this can easily be excused as it is the first issue. The students are already eagerly awaiting the next issue.

Every year the faculty arranges for the appearance on the campus of some of the best concert companies. This year five first-class companies have been secured. Last Thursday night the first one of the series was held in Pullen Hall, and the auditorium was filled with the students and visitors from the city. The Temple Quartette Concert Company, of Boston, gave the entertainment of the evening and it certainly is a first-class company and frequently the hall rang with encores.

Friday night the Y. M. C. A. tendered the faculty, seniors and the old and new members of the organization a reception in Pullen Hall. The young ladies of the various Sunday school classes of the city and also of the various female institutions, were present. Refreshments were served latter in the evening in elegant style. The occasion was an especially enjoyable one, as all those previously given by this association have been.

There are now only two literary societies here, the Leazar and Tenerian having consolidated. The Pullen and Tenerian meet every Saturday night and are each preparing their respective material for the various declamatory and debating contests held during the year.

WAKE FOREST.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Wake Forest, Oct. 5.—A mass meeting of the students of Wake Forest College was held on the evening of September 29th for the purpose of finding out the will of the student body with regard to athletics. Mr. H. H. McMillan called the meeting to order and asked Mr. Vander Couch to state the object of the gathering. He said that he had made a number of engagements for the ball team, which would be played next spring, and that the chairman of the faculty athletic committee had suggested that these engagements be canceled. He said that this committee was not willing for the boys who played summer ball to play on the college team and that this meant that Wake Forest would not have any team at all this year unless something was done and decided definitely.

There happened to be in the hall one of the trustees of the college, who is at present taking law here, Mr. J. W. Bailey, formerly editor of The Biblical Recorder. He was called on for a speech and amid great applause he went to the front and spoke for ten or fifteen minutes. He said in part, that he had ever been an enthusiastic supporter of athletics. He said that he wanted Wake Forest to have a baseball team and also a football team; for he knew nothing that would develop a college like athletics. As an example, he mentioned Davidson College and pointed out the growth of that school in the last few years, a great part of which was effected by the winning ball teams that the school put out. "It's up to Wake Forest to have a ball team, and a winning team," he said; and there was not a hat in the hall that did not go spinning up to the ceiling, nor a voice that by its howling failed to show the appreciation of its owner for the speaker's words. Mr. Bailey further said that as far as he was personally interested in the matter, he saw no reason why Wake Forest should remain in the Southern Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association. He said that if this college played under the rules of that association the only other school that she could play with, which adhered strictly to those rules, was Trinity, while on the other hand we have every other college in the State to play outside of the association. "As far as summer ball playing is concerned," said he, "it is as honorable as any other occupation."

Mr. Bailey's remarks were received with great enthusiasm by the students, every one of whom agreed heartily with him on every point.

At the suggestion of Mr. Bailey a committee was appointed to wait on the athletic committee of the faculty and express to it the sentiment of the student body. The following men were appointed: F. F. Brown, chairman; J. Foy Justice and Edward L. Conn.

A movement is on foot to organize a North Carolina Inter-Collegiate Field and Track Association, the object of which will be to promote interest in field and track athletics in this State. The first meeting will be in Raleigh just after the present football season closes, for the purpose of discussing and formulating plans by which the different colleges may meet in the spring to contest in handicap events. There are as good athletes in North Carolina as any other State and it only remains for them to be properly coached and trained. This is the aim of the association and it is earnestly hoped that the several college will be in hearty sympathy with this movement. Those who will promote this movement, and with whom it originated, are Mr. C. D. Harris and Dr. H. M. Whitehead, of the A. & M. College; Edward L. Conn, of Wake Forest, and Albert Cox, of the University of North Carolina, all of whom are experienced in field and track athletics.

Dr. W. L. Poteat will speak in Goldsboro early in November under the auspices of the Woman's Club, on the subject, "A Natural Despotism and Its Lessons, or the Problem of City Government."

The senior speaking, which was scheduled to come off October 18th, has been postponed until the 1st of November.

According to the bureau's report the registration up to date is 345. The number of men in the law class who will stand the Supreme Court examination in February is 18.

Rev. J. H. Bateman, an alumnus of Wake Forest, was a visitor on the hill Thursday and led chapel exercises Thursday morning.

Prof. L. R. Mills has contributed an article to the fall bulletin entitled, "Forty Years in the Wilderness."

Dr. Lewis M. Gaines and family returned from Atlanta the first of the week, where they have been spending the summer.

ERSKINE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Due West, S. C., Oct. 5.—President Moffatt has made arrangements to send out monthly reports to the parents or guardians. These are not to take the place of the regular term reports, but will be something additional to these. Dr. Moffatt hopes by this method to keep in closer touch with the parents and remove much that has in times past stood between the home life and the college life. At occasional call meetings of the faculty each professor will submit a careful report of each student under him.

Prof. T. H. McDill has been added to the teaching force. He has charge of freshman English.

At a meeting of the Philomathean Society Friday afternoon the following officers were elected: John D. McClelland, president; R. C. Grier, vice president; William C. Miller, general secretary; Ralph Stevenson, recording secretary; medal judges, from senior class, J. D. McClelland, G. R. McCormick—Mars and W. P. Grier; from sophomore class, C. H. Mabers, Brice Williams and Neal Bell. The last-named officers are for the year.

The mission study classes will be organized in the Y. M. C. A. at the next meeting. There will be over fifty boys to take the course. These will be in five classes. The following teachers have been selected: Prof. T. H. McDill, R. I. McCowan, Grier Carson, William Boyce and Rev. Mark Grier. Mr. Brice Williams conducted the last meeting and impromptu talks were made by Palmer Chalmers, Irvin Alexander and R. I. McCowan.

The movement is on foot to organize a glee club in Erskine. It is hoped that such will be done. There are, through the college year, many calls for music, and owing to the somewhat isolated situation of the college, the music has been a costly thing for the college and societies. There are several young men with some talent and skill in college, and with these for a beginning a glee club could be easily formed.

The faculty is aranging a lyceum course for the year. It is not known just yet what the attractions will be. Several speakers are being negotiated for and will likely come. In times past Due West has been honored with such men as Bryan, Editor Monroe, of The Atlantic Monthly, and T. DeWitt Talmage.

The postoffice has been moved from the old stand into Mr. D. S. Edwards' store room till a new one is erected. A large brick building is to be put up on the ground of the old postoffice and in it Dr. Jesse Bell will have a drug store, and probably another firm will have an apartment in it.

Mr. J. R. Devlin, of Anderson, who graduated in 1906, is in Due West, visiting his mother. His friend, Mr. Palmer, also of that place, is here with him, and a party was given to-night at Mrs. Devlin's in his honor. The following friends and classmates of Mr. Devlin were present: Misses E. Swartzer, Agnes Grier, Alma Kennedy, Julia Moffatt, Lavinia Kennedy, Irene McCain, Ola Barron, Margaret Flenniken, Jessie Boyce, Susie Mills and Ola Devlin, Susie Mills and Ola Devlin, and Messrs. T. H. McDill, Edgar Long, John Pearson, W. H. Stevenson, R. A. Young, Henry Pressly, Sam Rabb and Grier Carson.

Miss Lilian Morrison, of Statesville, was in town this week attending a meeting of the Young People's Christian Union committee. Miss Morrison has been the secretary of this young people's work, but resigned her position at the meeting here. Her successor will be appointed at the fall meeting of Synod. Mr. W. W. Boyce, of Rock Hill, another member of this committee, attended the meeting.

Mr. Palmer Chalmers left Friday for Charlotte, where he goes to attend the Chalmers-Kirkpatrick marriage. Several other friends of these young people will leave the first of the week to attend this marriage.

TRINITY.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Durham, Oct. 5.—The annual opening sermon to the student body was preached in Craven Memorial Hall last Sunday at 11 o'clock by President John C. Kilgo. This custom of an annual sermon was inaugurated several years ago, since which time the event has been one of unusual interest not only to the members of the college community but to the people of the city as well. Last Sunday a very large crowd was present to hear Dr. Kilgo, and, as is usually the case, he preached a great and powerful sermon, putting into the discourse that force that always characterizes his preaching. He selected for his theme for the occasion, "The Ascendency of Personality," using the text "Thou art a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec," as a basis for the discourse, and those who heard it say they have not heard so powerful a sermon preached in this community in a great while. Special music was provided for the occasion, and the service was in every respect one of great helpfulness.

The College Glee Club and Orchestra Association held its first meeting for the year a few nights ago for the purpose of discussing plans and re-organizing for the work of the coming year. Prof. R. L. Flowers represented the faculty, and made an interesting talk in behalf of the organization. Mr. A. W. Horton, of the senior class, who was elected manager of the club last spring, also spoke for the work of the association. At an early date a rally will be held for the purpose of arousing some enthusiasm in the work of the club, and of making some definite plans for the trips to be taken this year. At this rally several men will speak for the club, and new men will be allowed to join with the old members in promoting the musical interests of the community. During the past three or four months the manager has been making arrangements for the trips to be taken by the club this year, and he states that he has about completed arrangements for a fine trip in the early part of the winter.

Mrs. S. F. Mordecai and little daughter, Margaret, who have been spending some time at Blowing Rock, have returned to the campus. Mrs. Mordecai has been away from the park almost all the summer, having been called to Blowing Rock immediately after commencement to attend the bedside of her son, William, who had gone there to spend his summer vacation. For a long time the young man was extremely ill, and his parents became very anxious about him. He has sufficiently improved now, however, that his mother has left him, and it is hoped that he will soon be able to return home.

Prof. W. H. Wannamaker, of the department of German, entertained a party of young men at his home Friday evening, principally those of the graduate department. Those present report a very good time.

The October number of The South Atlantic Quarterly, which is published here, will be from the press in a few days, and from the table of contents it is a very good and interesting issue. The table of contents follows: "The Real Grievance Against the Railroads," D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte; "The Two-Cent Passage Rate War in North Carolina," Judge Robert W. Winston, Durham; "Ferdinand Brunetiere," Prof. Otho Guerlac, Cornell University; "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness in Modern Society," Prof. D. Y. Thomas, University of Arkansas; "Political and Social Conditions in the Philippine Islands," M. DeJoya, Yale University; "Recent Studies of Shakespeare," Prof. Robert A. Law, University of Texas; "The Preceptorial System at Princeton," Prof. Edward G. Elliott, Princeton University; "Dunning's History of Reconstruction," Prof. William K. Boyd, Trinity College; "Recent Educational Progress in the South," the editors; book reviews.

At a recent meeting of the athletic council Mr. J. M. Daniel, of the senior class, was elected manager of the baseball team for the coming year, and he has already taken up the work. It will be remembered that at the last meeting of the board of trustees, held last June, an athletic council was created for the purpose of looking after the interest of athletics in general at Trinity College. The first meeting of the council was held immediately after college opened, and as soon as representatives from the classes could be named. At the first meeting Mr. W. B. Lilly, of Albemarle, was elected manager of the basketball team, and he began work at once arranging games in this line of athletics. At the recent meeting Mr. Daniel was elected and he has taken up the work of making preparations for the games in the spring. It has not been decided yet whether the team, which, from all indications, will be one of the best in recent years, will take a Southern trip or go North. Nor has anything definite about the number of games to be played here been decided. From all that can be learned, however, the athletic situation is very gratifying, and it is to be believed that this is going to be another banner year in all lines of athletic sports here.

A great deal of interest is being taken in tennis now. The excellent courts near the Hanes Athletic Field are being put in good condition and some splendid practice is being done every day by those who play the favorite game. The tennis association has begun the arangement of tournaments and some games will be pulled off soon between representatives of the several classes, with the view of selecting men who are to represent Trinity in any inter-collegiate contests which may take place this season. It will also be decided which class contains the champion player or players in college. The game has grown to be very popular here.

Mr. Frank R. Wrenn has been on the campus recently, en route to his home in Siler City. "Rummy," as he was known here for four years, has been catching for the Danville, Va., team this summer, and has kept up the same reputation that distinguished him on the diamond here.

Prof. E. C. Brooks, of the department of education, spent the latter part of last week at Kernersville visiting his family. He returned to the campus Monday.

Dean W. P. Few has returned from South Carolina, where he has been for the past few weeks on account of the sickness of his mother.

ELON.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Elon College, Oct. 5.—The alumni association of the college and the three literary societies, the Clio, Philologian and Psiphelian, have decided to undertake the publication of a college magazine, to be called "The Elonian." The first issue of this magazine will shortly appear. It will contain not less than 48 pages, and there will be 10 issues to the college year, one issue being for the summer. The pages will be numbered consecutively and the tenth number of each volume will contain an index to facilitate the reading and make the binding of the magazine worth while. It is understood that the magazine will be at some time in the near future printed on the hill, but for the present it will be done by jobbers in one of the nearby towns. There is no reason why The Elonian should not rapidly take a leading place among the magazines of the Southern colleges.

The interest in athletics continues to grow. Tennis and basketball and other field sports are very popular with the students. Miss Helfenstein, who has charge of the physical culture of the young ladies, is giving them excellent training, and Mr. Pritchetto, the director of athletics for young men, is infusing new life into the student body for athletics and gymnastics. Some time in the near future a field day will be given and prizes awarded the successful contestants.

Mr. Thomas, traveling secretary for the Y. M. C. A. in North Carolina, was on the hill during the past week looking after the interest of the organization here. The Y. M. C. A. has always had a strong organization at Elon College, and this organization has never been before stronger than now. Mr. J. A. Vaughan is president at present and is making an effort to have a large representation from Elon College at the Bible Institute to be held at the A. & M. College during the State Fair. While Mr. Thomas was here he held conferences with the various committees and the executive council of the Y. M. C. A. and also addressed the young men of the association.

WHITSETT INSTITUTE.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Whitsett, Oct. 5.—The past week has added numbers of students to the roll. They have come from Randolph, Granville, Rockingham, Pamlico, Warren, Caswell, Alamance, and from Greensboro and High Point. It is expected that a new boarding hall now in course of erection will be completed by the 15th of October, which will help to meet the demand for boarding places.

This evening from 8 to 10 p. m. the Dialectic and the Athenian Literary Societies gave a geographical party to the entire student body. Several handsome prizes were given and the occasion was one of much enjoyment.

Rev. D. H. Comann, of Lenoir, has been here for some days conducting a protracted meeting for the Methodists. Much interest has been aroused, and the services have been well attended. He has been assisted by Rev. R. R. Clark and Rev. A. S. Raper. The Methodists have selected a lot and will soon begin the erection of a church.

Some of the State's best speakers will be here during the year with addresses and lectures, and this popular feature of school life will be better this year than usual.

The senior class, which numbers 28 this year, has elected Mr. John D. Paul, of Beaufort county, as its president.

The senior, junior and sophomore classes all held meetings this week and adopted mottoes, selected class colors, etc. The junior class has over 50 members.

Mr. J. F. Braxton, a student from Pitt county, was taken suddenly sick last week and left for the hospital at once. He feared that he would have to submit to an operation for appendicitis but thus far it has not been necessary.

The Sunday school and also the Y. M. C. A. have both recently selected officers for the year, and have begun work with the best attendance they have yet had.

Mrs. W. T. Whitsett and little daughter, Lucille Elizabeth, have returned from a ten days' stay at Winston-Salem with friends and relatives.

Numbers went down to Burlington to attend the Alamance Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

The Dialectic Society is at work upon an entertainment which it will soon present on the school stage. The Star Literary Circle is also preparing to give soon a splendid exercise before the public.

Rev. J. D. Andrew, of Burlington, spent two days here last week attending the services being held by the Methodist church. Sunday night the Whitsett M. E. church, South, was organized with quite a number of members, and active work will begin here. Other churches are discussing the propriety of building here, and it is hoped to soon have several others. The Reformed church at this place, which was the first one built, has prospered greatly.

BINGHAM.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Mebane, Oct. 5.—Bingham School opened on time and with a large increase in attendance over any year for the past ten years. Nevertheless, regular work was promptly begun and everything is moving along smoothly. The personnel of the student body is fine—in fact one of the most representative bodies of boys and young men seen here in ten years has matriculated and the increase in attendance is nearly 100 per cent.

Every afternoon the cadets may be seen enjoying tennis, football, hunting, etc., at recreation period. The football prospects are bright. The team is being ably coached by Mr. D. B. Privett. Strict regulations have been enacted, limiting the number of games played and ruling that all games must be played on the school holidays, and by those cadets who receive an average of 85 at least on their studies each month. Clean language and friendly spirit on the field are also absolutely insisted upon. These restrictions were recommended by President Gray in a paper read at the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly on the subject of "Athletics as a Means of Discipline." They will be strictly enforced.

A number of improvements are being planned in order to secure additional equipment for the old and new boys who continue to come in.

The military system under Commandant E. A. Roads is a great success, every one being pleased with the neatness, order, punctuality and obedience secured.

HORNER SCHOOL.

Correspondence of The Observer.

Oxford, Oct. 5.—The football team which has been laboring under disadvantages for the past few days is again hard at work and with brighter prospects. The manager is now in communication with Bingham School, of Mebane; Warrenton High School, Durham High School and other institutions for the purpose of arranging a schedule. Capt. V. Reinhardt is working with his men and hopes to put out a winning team.

Messrs. Yarborough, Neal and Satterwhite are among those who have entered school during the past week. The number of students in attendance is larger than it has been for the past few years, and Professor Horner is pleased with the prospects.

The sophomore class at a recent meeting elected Mr. Daniel, of Weldon, as its president for the coming term.

The gymnasium will soon be re-arranged and made larger for the accommodation of the cadets. This is gratifying information to those students who do not play football and yet like to exercise their limbs in other ways besides drilling.

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AS TO MR. BOWER.

The Cause of His Animus is Set Forth by the Statesville Bad Debt Collection Agency—The Endorsement of Officials and Others Who Approve the Business of the Agency.

To the Editor of The Observer:

We notice in Friday's Observer a communication from one "C. M. Bower, M. E.," who has aforetime been in Iredell county jail. Where Bower is known, it is not necessary to reply to anything he says. However, as thousands of the good readers of The Observer have never heard of him, and might attach some importance to his letter, we wish to reply to him briefly.

The cause of his animus against this agency is the fact that a debt of long standing has been placed with us for collection, and we have been putting strong pressure on him to force him to pay. He owes other people here, who have given up hope of getting any settlement. Bower writes pretty good English, but is about as sorry a man as you would meet in a long time. We are reliably informed that he was at one time ejected from a house belonging to a citizen of this town because of his non-payment of rent. Numerous other instances could be cited to show what manner of man he is, but we do not think it necessary.

Now a word if you please about this agency. Its object is the collection of honest debts, where the debtor is in a position to pay, or where he makes no effort to pay. We have enlisted in a war against deadbeats and business leeches—people who live on the honest earnings of other people, and never trouble about paying. We have no quarrel with, nor do we proceed against the honest man or woman who is in hard luck, and wants to pay. We help these people when we can. But the method we use against deadbeats is strenuous, and it does make them squeal sometimes. We advertise their non-payment where they do not wish us to do it. And we believe we are making deadbeats odious. Almost every business firm in Statesville endorses us. The sheriff of the county, the chief of police, and constabulary force endorse us, contrary to Bower's statement. We append the endorsement of these last to this letter, and respectfully ask you to publish it. We also append the endorsements of the Statesville merchants, and ask you to publish it, in justice to us.

In addition, but by no means least, The Landmark, Statesville's great conservative newspaper, and its strong, honest editor, Mr. R. R. Clark, have been kind enough to say a good word for us occasionally, and strongly support our campaign against men of Bower's class.

As to the men who compose this agency, Statesville knows them, and the banks here will tell who we are. Their names are not kept secret, and Mr. Bower or anyone else who wishes to see us personally, can find us in our offices in the Loan & Trust Building, Statesville, ten hours of every working day.

Thanking you, in advance, for the publication of this,

THE BAD DEBT COLLECTION AGENCY.

Statesville, Oct. 4th, 1907.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that we believe the Bad Debt Collection Agency is doing great good in Statesville, and that we endorse it.

C. W. CONNER, chief police,
W. A. SUMMERS, sheriff,
J. W. WARD, deputy sheriff.

Statesville Business Men Endorse the Bad Debt Collection Agency.

We, the undersigned, citizens and business men of Statesville and Iredell county, heartily endorse the Bad Debt Collection Agency and its methods. We have already felt the influence of this agency and wish, in this way, to express our appreciation for what it has already done for us:

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ASHEVILLE'S BIG PARADE.

A Scene of Tremendous Magnificence at Asheville When Prohibition Forces, Thousands Strong, Parade Streets With Flying Banners and Voices Ringing Out Prohibition Songs.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Oct. 6.—Asheville people yesterday witnessed a sight that perhaps was never witnessed in any other North Carolina city. It was a parade of the prohibitionists. From all parts of the county men, women and children poured into the city a-foot, on horseback and in wagons and carriages. The streets were literally thronged with people by 11 o'clock, and to the casual observer there was nothing but white badges, the emblem of prohibition. At 11:45 the paraders started from the Auditorium and, in fact, from every portion of the city. Headed by the First Regiment Band, the men, women and children in the line strung out over the streets of the city and a conservative estimate placed the column at four miles long. Another conservative estimate placed the number of persons in line at from 3,500 to 4,000. Enthusiastic prohibitionists allege that there were not less than 5,000 men, women and children in line.

And what a sight! As the column found its way across Pack Square one great cheer after another went up from the assembled multitude not in line. In the line of march there were at least 75 vehicles, containing members of the W. C. T. U. and children dressed in white and singing prohibition songs. Following came men on horseback, then little boys and little girls, several hundred strong, waving banners and flags. Following came a long line of ladies marching two and four deep. There were also many ladies wheeling their baby carriages containing infants. It was a sight never before witnessed here. It completely swept the anti-prohibitionists off their feet. If after the great demonstration at the Auditorium Thursday night there was a lingering doubt in the mind of any one as to how Asheville will vote Tuesday, that doubt must certainly have been dissipated by the parade. Monday night there will be a march of the prohibition voters, when it is declared that a large majority of the registered vote of the city will be in line.

New Cotton Mill at Randleman.

Special to The Observer.

Randleman, Oct. 6.—A new 5,000-spindle cotton mill for the manufacture of hosiery yarn was organized here yesterday, with the following officers: President, J. H. Millis; secretary and treasurer, W. N. Elder; superintendent, C. C. Randleman. The capital stock is $100,000. The success of this enterprise is assured with such men as Messrs. Millis, Elder and Randleman at its head. There is a large hosiery mill here to work the product of this mill.

Charlemagne Tower

Ambassador Tower, who is the representative of the United States at the court of Emperor William, has written President Roosevelt asking that he be permitted to retire from the diplomatic service next spring. He desires to return to this country and look after private interests.

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