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GEN. MARTIN died on Friday, Oct. 4th, at his home in Asheville.

We give our editorial space this week to the exercises of University Day.

It was not Father Ryan, the Poet Priest, whose death was published in our last.

THE Raleigh papers are filled with General Orders, Special Orders, &c. It really looks as if Sitting Bull was expected to raid that way.

BINGHAM SCHOOL will be well represented at the State Fair. There are now on the rolls 106 cadets present for duty. The forthcoming catalogue will contain the names of 140 pupils. The great success of this school proves a source of gratification to its friends everywhere. The Cadet battalion will make a good display at the Fair. The quarters of this company will be on Fayetteville Street.

THE Congressional Democratic Executive Committee of this District have made appointments in many portions of the District, and have secured able speakers to fill them. Durham being the nearest named on the list, we publish the names of the speakers secured and the time appointed for them to address the people. Durham, Monday night, Nov. 4th.—Hon. W. R. Cox, Julian S. Carr and F. H. Buebe.

THERE will be no paper issued from this office next week. We are compelled to suspend in order to give our employees an opportunity to attend court as witnesses. We are informed that there are some seventy-five witnesses to attend from Chapel Hill. We hope in our next, to publish a full report of the doings at court. We have been informed that there are eight persons in Hillsboro jail awaiting trial for capital crimes.

Only one prisoner in the jail of Wake county.—Ral. News.

The above seems almost incredible. We can only account for it in this way. Wake county has a Criminal Court that meets every three months, and remains in session until the docket is cleared. The officers of Wake are efficient, and clever gentlemen. The Solicitor of the Criminal Court, Thos. P. Devaux, and George V. Strong, Judge, are gentlemen well qualified for the positions they occupy. They command the respect of the whole people of Wake. The Clerk of the Criminal Court, Weston R. Gale, is a clever gentleman and promising young man. Sheriff J. J. Nowell is as popular with one party as he is with the other. So it is with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Charles D. Upchurch, Captain W. W. White, Register of Deeds, and John B. Neathery, County Treasurer. The county officers of Wake can't be beat.

UNIVERSITY DAY.

SPEECHES BY PRESIDENT BATTLE AND HON. JOHN W. NORWOOD.

WOOD.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11TH.

The day opened dark and rainy, and, in consequence, the assembly was rather small considering that this is to North Carolina one of the most auspicious days in the calendar. Near one hundred years ago the University was founded, and today its friends and the friends of advanced education meet to celebrate that great event. Glory to the noble men, who, sacrificing their own interests, formed with much difficulty and suffering this auxiliary of our people's glory. As the morning prayers formed a part of the exercises, these were omitted in the regular proceedings, and services were opened by singing "The Old North State," that beautiful, inspired song of the immortal Gaston. As the last, soft notes of this patriotic outburst died away,

Pres. Battle came forward and addressed the attentive audience on the History of the University Buildings. Throughout his entire speech a vein of genial humor flowed, that never failed to elicit much laughter and applause. It is impossible to do justice to his speech without reporting it in full and we regret that our selections mar what was truly a beautiful as well as instructive address. He began by giving the history of a cane presented to him by Hon. Samuel Phillips in the name of his father, who was a great friend to Pres. Battle, as much as any old man can be to a young one. This cane was presented by the second King of Siam to Dr. McGilvray and by him in its unfinished state to the Rev. Dr. James Phillips, a true, noble, and punctual man, ever performing his duties; a man of unswerving integrity, and who died while on his bended knees in the Chapel. He was an ornament to our University, which supplied with power our forefathers and sheds its lustre on us to-day. The Old East Building was originally 96 feet, 7 inches long, and 40 feet, 11-2 inches wide. Our forefathers were particular in all their works. James Patterson, of Chatham, was the builder, and it cost \$2,500. This building was, for many years, the only one. In 1843 it was extended. The Old West Building was constructed in 1822. There was only one house in Chapel Hill at the foundation of the University; this was owned by old Mrs. Nunn. How then could the boys obtain board? For this purpose a students' mess-house was constructed opposite to the present location of the Episcopal Church. The bill of fare was:—For breakfast, milk or coffee, or tea together with 1 roll or 1 biscuit, or one piece of corn bread. For dinner—bacon and greens, or beef and turnips, and sometimes a pudding or tart. For supper—coffee, or tea, or milk,—but no butter,—together with cold corn bread or biscuit. Wheat bread for supper, however, was a rarity and elicited much joy whenever it made its appearance.

The Old Chapel was completed in 1797 by the liberality of Gen. Person, who was wealthy, noble and distinguished as a legislator and friend to education. The Old Chapel was named "Person Hall" in his honor, and the Legislature also gave his name to a noble little county. The South Building was begun in 1798, but was unfinished for many years on account of monetary depression. In this work—sorry to say—the aid of lotteries was invoked, but without success; then Dr. Caldwell made a tour of the State during the vacations of 1811 and 1812, and the work was finished in 1814. This building should be named after Gen. Davie, whom the trustees were pleased at one time to call the "Father of the University." The next in order of construction was the New Chapel commenced in 1818 and completed in 1838 by the munificence of Charles Gerrard, who donated to the University 12,500 acres of valuable land in the State of Tennessee. On the occasion of the visit of Pres. Polk with John Y. Mason and Commodore Maury in 1847 the Chapel was enlarged in order to accommodate the large concourse which gathered to do honor to these distinguished men. Smith's Hall, the University library, is named in honor of Hon. Benj. Smith, a very distinguished man in his day, and liberal in his aid to the University.

The New East and New West buildings were constructed in 1858, in order to accommodate the large influx

of students which the gold mines of California poured into this and other places of learning.

The doors of the University were opened in 1795. Tuition and room rent were \$35 per year; and board only \$30 for the entire session.

At the end of four months there were 41 students. In 1796 there were over 100 students. Person, Smith, Gerrard, Davie, and others of those noble men who sacrificed all for our advancement, still live and will continue to live through all times in the hearts of a grateful people who owe to them the advantages which we possess. Pres. Battle took his seat amidst rounds of applause, having invoked the young men in most eloquent language to be true to the trust which the labors, toils, perseverance, and success of their distinguished ancestors left to their care, for improvement and culture. After the President's speech, the choir sang the University Song composed by the accomplished Mrs. C. P. Spencer.

Hon. John W. Norwood was then introduced by the President, and came forward. To you, said he, turning to President Battle, I feel under the deepest obligation as a citizen of North Carolina for the work which you have done towards uniting Agriculture and Education. In 1663 the first white settlement was formed in North Carolina. Today we find the soil exhausted. Unless something is done we shall soon find ourselves in the condition of English India, which Froude says already contains so many people that it cannot furnish food for them. The University has taken a new course and united Science and Agriculture, and thereby becomes entitled to the good wishes of the people. Let our noblest men remain at home and cease to enrich other States with the powers of their intellects to the loss of North Carolina. The greatest resource of North Carolina is the purity of her women. Preserve that purity inviolate; keep their character untainted by the foul breath of suspicion, and you will elevate yourselves and your State. Young men, protect them as you would the undimmed perfection of your own sisters.

The speaker continued in this beautiful strain for some time. He then reviewed his class in the University and closed by calling upon the young men here to be true to themselves, to take as their infallible guide the Holy Bible. The speaker spoke at considerable length and introduced many things of interest and beauty, but space forbids a longer report. Mr. Norwood was a student in the University 60 years ago and with Judge Manly, and Dr. DeRossett are the sole survivors of his class. Gov. Graham was also a member of his class.

[From the Reidsville Times] DIED GOING HOME.

Rev. Samuel S. Burton, who married Miss Mary Hines, the daughter of Rev. Edward Hines, of Granville county, N. C., arrived here Saturday night with his wife and child, an infant 18 months old. The reverend gentleman was in the last stages of consumption. He had come all the way from Fayetteville, Tenn., where he was the pastor of a Presbyterian church, and also had a large male school of one hundred scholars. His anxiety was to reach his old home at Leaksville, 12 miles from this point, and see it once more. His father, Mr. James W. Burton, of Leaksville, with his mother, met him in Greensboro at the McAdoo. They reached here Saturday night. On Monday evening a comfortable hack was procured, and the sick man, on a bed, was made as easy as lying in a room. The hack drove two miles an hour. Mr. Burton and the young preacher's wife were in the hack with him. Dr. John W. Smith, of this place, followed behind in a buggy containing Mrs. Burton, (the sick man's mother), and his infant child. Sad, sad, it was, as they crossed the bridge, in a half mile of Leaksville, in sight of his old home, he drew his last breath, and his spirit "crossed over the river" as his body had just crossed the bridge. Mr. Burton was a graduate of Davidson College, and went to Tennessee some two years since. He was an ornament to his church and beloved among all his people. To his grief-stricken parents and his mourning widow with her tender young babe, our people would offer all they have to give, their sincerest sympathy. It is for God alone to comfort. Mr. Burton was 25 years of age. The scene at the end of the bridge was truly affecting. Amid the sobs of the parents and the young wife, the old toll-keeper at the bridge, so infirm as to be almost helpless, fell on his knees and from his heart prayed eloquently and earnestly. The good citizens of Leaksville came out in warmest sympathy for the afflicted ones and escorted the corpse into town.

UNIVERSITY ITEMS.

BY R. L. B.

The melancholy days have come—around college.

Mr. Lincke begins his school of gymnastics immediately after the Fair.

There are nearly 180 students in attendance upon the University now, with a fair prospect of 200 before the end of the session. Still they come.

The money being nearly all made up, an order has been given to clear out Stroud's mill-pond, so it can be used by the students and villagers for skating and boating.

Prof. Simonds has been confined by sickness for two weeks. The boys rejoice to hear that he is steadily improving, and to know that he will soon be able to take charge of his classes.

Mr. Dare has left the Hill, leaving the heating apparatus in good condition. He also did a good deal of work on Physics Hall, fitting up the gas and water works for the new laboratory.

Mr. W. B. Phillips, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, will read an essay before the State Agricultural Society at its annual meeting next week. The essay is set for Friday night, and will be upon the subject of *Marl*.

There is a daily prayer meeting at 7 P. M., in the Y. M. C. A. room. It has a good attendance by the boys. The influence of the Y. M. C. A. is steadily increasing, all its power being exerted in a good direction. It is a blessing to the University.

Passion-hunting time has come, and almost every morning at the breakfast table the fun of the preceding night is discussed. The night is filled with the blowing of horns, and the air with the barking of dogs and the shouting of men, ready and eager for the hunt.

One of the most pleasing features of the Demo Party last night, was the good behavior of the young gentlemen of the University. They attended in large numbers and encouraged the laudable work by bestowing plenteously from their well-filled purses. Such liberality and behavior must secure the applause of everybody.

Physics Hall is undergoing a complete change. It will be divided somewhat diagonally, into a recitation room and laboratory for the students in applied chemistry. It is furnished with convenient gas and water works. Ventilation will be almost perfect. Its advantages cannot be surpassed, and when completed it will be equal, if not superior, to any in the United States.

The boys are working harder this session than any preceding one. As President Battle announced at the beginning of the session, the boys will be graded by daily recitations and term stand, and not so much by final examination as heretofore. This does away with the practice of cramming. The boys, seeing the necessity of it, have gone hard to work, for such is the way to win success.

President Battle has adopted a new plan in his classes. He has a debate by his class, dividing it into halves, who debate the affirmative and negative of all leading questions brought up in this department. This is a good plan, as the boy cannot then depend on the book for his part, but must rely on his own thought. It gives the boy a more extended idea of the question, by relying on his own opinion, as well as by hearing the opinion of his classmates. The last subject debated was, "Is the division of labor as applied in the manufactories of the civilized world injurious to the laboring classes?" It was debated pretty warmly, as well as ably. Everyone must have been benefitted by it. It is a good plan, and must be crowned with abundant success.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Raleigh National is opposed to beer being sold on the State Fair grounds. Give us your hand.

Raleigh News: That was a rare sight at Clifton's Mill, in Franklin county, as described by Turner with evident pride at his achievement. Moses went there to meet him. Josiah didn't wait to be "met." Moses commenced to speak, whereupon Josiah produced a cow-bell and rang it vigorously to drown his utterances. Moses, thereupon, according to Turner's version, commenced to whistle, and so the people had the benefit of a remarkable instrumental and vocal duet, instead of a debate on the great questions of the day.

Raleigh News: William Jeffreys, colored, who was convicted at the late term of Warren court, of rape upon a colored woman, and is under sentence of death by hanging on Nov. 8th, refuses to make a confession, as he says the details of his crime are too horrible to relate. This is equivalent to an acknowledgment of guilt. It is said that application is to be made for commutation of the death sentence to imprisonment for life. It seems that this Jeffreys is a villain of the blackest sort, as a white man from Northampton was present at his trial to prefer charges against him for having raped a colored woman and attempted to commit the same horrible outrage upon a colored woman in that county.

Hillsboro Recorder: We learn that the operations of cutting and curing tobacco are going on with great activity. The tobacco is better ripened than usual and the results are considered as more satisfactory than for some years past. From present indications, the proportion of inferior tobacco will be very much smaller than last year. While curing is going on we hear of more than the usual number of barns burned by defective flues, most probably. Mr. W. H. Anderson, of this county, lost one on Wednesday evening last, filled with very fine tobacco. Mr. Moses Anderson, Mr. Pittard, David Terrell and Jos. Umstead, also of this county, each lost a barn, and also Mr. Chas. C. Risp and Mr. Wm. Corbett, both of Caswell county, not far from the Orange line.

Wilmington Review: A gentleman who arrived here this morning from South Carolina, tells us of a bloody affair, which occurred at Sumter, yesterday morning. On Thursday night, at Timmonsville, an escaped penitentiary convict was captured and was taken to Sumter on the train in charge of his colored guards, to be put in jail. Arriving at Sumter yesterday morning, the prisoner, who was heavily ironed, was taken from the car and the party had not proceeded far on their way up town, when the prisoner resisted. His guards wanted him to go one way and he wanted to go another, so it is said, whereupon one of the men stepped back three or four paces, drew a pistol and shot the poor devil three times, in the abdomen, the thigh and the neck. At 12 o'clock last night the man was still alive, but the doctors said he could not possibly live. The parties were all ejected. No arrests.

Wilmington Review: The Pawnee Indians who are traveling with the Buffalo Bill troupe had never seen the ocean, and so their guide, or guard, took them down to the Sound in an ambulance, and then had them transported to the banks in a sail boat, but whether they were transported with delight or joy, or whether they were impressed with the awful grandeur of the scene as the broad Atlantic burst upon their view as they clambered over the hillocks on the ocean beach, it was impossible to tell (so we are informed) from a casual or even a close scrutiny of their inflexible countenances. It is a part of the Indian nature and one of their chief characteristics to betray no emotion whatever on such occasions. They gazed long and earnestly, however, at the blue water as it rolled into shore and watched the breakers as they capped and foamed when they broke upon the beach. The party returned to the city last night, the Indians bringing with them quite a number as well as quite a variety of shells which they had gathered upon the sea-beat shore.

A NEW PEOPLE.—It is claimed that a new people have been discovered in a district of India. They are supposed to be the descendants of the Jews sent into that land by Solomon to capture elephants and work in gold mines. They call themselves Sons of Israel, not Jews, and declare that they have autograph prayer books written by the Patriarchs, and also a written Bible, although Hebrew has become almost a dead language with them. They observe the Sabbath, but know nothing of the Passover and Day of Atonement.

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