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BE SURE YOU ARE RIGHT; THEN GO AHEAD.—D. Crockett.

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Friday : : : Dec. 22, 1876

Two Songs.

I murmur not—when heart-break is my lot,
O love forever lost! I murmur not.
Though diamond-radiance clothes thy form in light,
There falls no ray upon thy heart's black night.

That knew I long, I saw thee in a dream,
And saw the darkness through thy bosom stream,
And saw the worm which feeds upon thy heart;
And saw, my love, how sorrowful thou art.

Yes thou art wretched, and I murmur not;
My love, we shall be wretched thou and I!
Till of each aching heart death breaks the knot;
My love, we shall be wretched, thou and I.

Upon thy mouth, scorn its light traces leaves,
I see thine eyes flash out defiantly,
I see the pride with which thy bosom heaves,—
Yet, wretched art thou, love, wretched as I.

Unseen the smart about thy mouth's unrest,
Concealed the tears which dim thy lucent eyne,
Secret the pain which wrings thy haughty breast,—
Perennial anguish, love, is mine and thine. SPECTATOR.

OUR UNIVERSITY LETTER.

CHAPEL HILL, Dec. 11th 1876.

DEAR SOUTHERNER:—The term closed last Thursday and by Friday all of the students had left except six who are going to spend the vacation here. The working of this term has had many good effects which tend to prove that the resuscitation of the University is not a mere venture, but a settled and well regulated Institution. It is one of the industries of the state, converting crude brains and dormant powers into active intellects and resistless energies. The only thing needed to make North Carolina first among the states is Education. Education is of slow growth but it buryes with it the hum of industries and awakens the prostrated energies of a people. The present session has witnessed additions to the Faculty—A President and two Professors—to the students and to the appliances of instruction; the standard of scholarship has been raised in nearly all the departments, and the manifold deficiencies of preparation, apparently inherent in the first students of any newly organized College, are gradually filling up with solid acquirements.

President Battle has since his appointment devoted his entire attention to the best interests of the University. His address, "The relations of the University to the Agricultural wealth of the State" defines fully the position of the University with respect to the education of practical and theoretical farmers. Under his administration the best interests of the University will be developed and carefully guarded.

Mr. Smith, the new professor, has been actively engaged during the past session with his classes in Physiology, Mineralogy and Zoology. His method of teaching is by lectures, text book's and experiments. He has dissected several subjects, among them two horses. The excitement over the horses was intense. There was a general exodus of the College to the woods when the dissection was going on, and boys sufficiently listless under the inspiration of Greek roots and Algibraic symbols brandished their dissecting knives in a manner that would do credit to Buffalo Bill in his palmiest days. Prof. Smith is now occupied in re-arranging the various museums and the mineral cabinets of the College. As yet no specimens have been received in answer to his call but it is to be hoped that a deep interest will be evinced in this department of the University by those who have it in their power to do much to advance the practical work of the Institution.

Prof. Grandy, who is assisting in Mathematical Instrution, will, it is said, devote his attention next session to the Chemistry department.

The Physics hall has been newly fitted up, and the new apparatus adds much to the interesting features of the department.

During the present session 103 students have entered the University, and of these 50 are new comers. Two new students have applied for admission next session and if the numerous applications for catalogues may be taken as a sign there will be a large increase over our present number.

There are certain customs among the students of Northern Colleges which ought to be adopted by the students of our Southern Colleges. In nearly every Northern College each class has its class officers President, Orator, Poet &c, and once a year they meet and have a supper if they wish. By this means the members of the classes are brought together and become better acquainted and better friends. The custom of having a class sapper was commenced on last Thursday night, Dec. 7th, by the Sophomore class. Considering the short time for preparation, the supper was a splendid affair. Lest any bad impressions may arise I think it due to the members of that class to state that they strictly prohibited the bringing into the room liquor of any kind and to exclude from their number any one affected with *spirits*. The table was set and ready by seven o'clock. After a short address by Mr. F. D. Winston, who was elected President of the occasion, the members of the class began to make deep inroads on the turkeys, chickens, Opossums, pickles, Cakes, Pies, and in short everything imaginable that is good and palatable.

The toast were responded to after singing the Sophomore Song which is as follows.

AIR—"*Vive l'amour*

We fill up our glasses with coffee not wine,
And drink to the health of our class—'79.

Now first to our B's our glasses will rattle,
And drink to the health of Prof. Barrow and Battle.

Next to our H's our glasses, we'll fill,
And drink to Dick Henderson, Ward and Hill.

To John and Jim Manning our respects we will pay,
And to Pender and Jo Pule we'll drink in *Café*.

To our good looking men our glasses we'll tip,
And to the health of Bob Strange and Stubbs we will sip.

We'll fill up our glasses to him that is gone,
And drink to the health of good *Nimmy* Vaughan.

We now close our song but hold ere we do it,
We drink to J. Taylor, and Winston our —poet (?)

The first toast was the "Occasion" and was responded to by the President as follows:

This occasion should be one in which the sparkling of each eye is but a gleam of friendship, the throbbing of each heart a warm and heated impulse of love. On this occasion we should endeavor to find in his more durable than iron and more lasting than virtue the affections and sympathies of our classmates. Let this occasion be the means of instilling into the hearts of each of us, a high and pure regard for each other—such a regard as shall last not only through our connection during our pleasant sojourn among the honored halls and groves, but also in after life. May fond recollections of this meeting be perpetually embalmed in the recesses of your memory and may it be the means of creating with in the breast of each of us a lofty and ennobling love for our class—a pure determination to stand by our class to perpetuate its name and render most sacred its memory.

THE UNIVERSITY.

The University received the following good wishes from S. T. Pender, of Tarboro. May her prosperity be only equalled by her deserts. May her reputation be world wide; and may this her first Sophomore class be the means of establishing for her an everlasting reputation.

ZEB VANCE.

To that pure patriot, whose name awakens a responsive chord in the breast of every North Carolinian, John M. Manning, of Chatham, paid the following tribute—: May Zeb Vance's progress on Fame's ladder increase as his raven locks are silvered. May his glorious victory bury in an ignominious grave the foul carcass of radicalism and may he never weary of his toils until the bright banner of Reform spreads over North Carolina's sunny land. May North Carolinians appreciate his merits and may the name, "Old Zeb," be handed down to generation as the watch word for deeds of valor and patriotism.

THE OLD NORTH STATE

was responded to by H. W. Stubbs, of Martin, as follows—

Carolina, Carolina, the patriots home,
God's fairest children on they shores do roam
Their sons the first to sound fair freedom's blast,
With noble hearts defend thee to the last.
The cradle of liberty the birth of the brave,
Thy sons have filled none else but honored graves.
May spotless robes they fair image bind,
Thy brow with justice and with truth be twined.
Brave classmates now will consecrate anew,
With throbbing hearts with purpose strong and true.
A strong resolve our noble State to save,
In freedom's bath her feantoons limbs to lave.

THE LADIES,

by J. S. Manning, of Chatham,—May their enchanting smiles ever delight the victor's eye, their deep sympathies renovate the despondents hope, and impel him forward with increased determination, their gentle touch ever waken the dormant energies, their timid, "yes" the potent ward of their influence ever exalt and guide us.

Now let us drink in coffee not wine,
To the beauties of the Southern clime.

THE BAR

was responded to by Robt. Strange, Jr., of Wilmington, in the following handsome style—

What is law? *It* is the fear of the rich; the safety of the poor; the restraint of the strong, the protection of the weak, the enemy of the oppressor, the friend of the oppressed.

"The good need fear no law.
It is his safety, and the bad man's awe."

Under the shadow of the great name, the small man walks the earth as boldly as the giant, the white winged bark flies over the ocean's pathless water as fearlessly as the mighty man-o-war. In her might she has a limit to the restless ambition of many a Ceasar, and has curbed the mightest monarchs of the earth in their corese of aggrandizement and tyrany. May we see its exponent in our own beloved old State, the judiciary the very fountain of all law and justice,—once adorned by a Badger, a Battle and a Ruffin, now degraded by a Cloud, a Reade and a Pearson,—again raised to its former high standard of honor and integrity, and decorated with the names of the wisest and noblest in our land.

THE MEDICAL FRATERNITY.

by K. P. Battle, Jr.—To the guardian angels of man who minister to his distress in the hour of tribulation and who have it in their power to perform the functions at once of preacher and murderer, the Doctors. May the ranks of the Fraternity be filled with the best of men, who will advance its interests and may their brows be wreathed with crowns of gold at the hands of their grateful fellow creatures.

TO THE SOPHOMORE CLASS.

Mr. W. J. Pule, of Jackson, responded in his usual happy and graceful style as follows:

The Sophomore year is that happy period when just having immerged from the horrors of Freshmanism, we begin to drink indeed of the Pierian fount, whose waters once tasted are never to be forgotten. Other years may be remembered but that to which our minds will always recur with pleasure will be the Sophomore year, as one full of joy and jovial companions. To the present Sophomore class *I* would say, "Long may you wave." May your course be not like that of some meteor bright flashing across the midnight sky, but you like some sun, rise slowly and grow brighter and brighter, until having arrived at the meridian of your glory you sink slowly down, when it must be that you must fill the destiny of all mankind. May the twilight of your influence still be felt by those you have left behind. As for my part I have lived here a Sophomore—a Sophomore I shall quit the University, and to the antiquarian wandering among the vine clad hills and grassy slopes of old Northampton a tombstone shall appear with this inscription:—'He died a Sophomore.'

THE SOUTHERN BRAVES.

To the sainted memory of our hallowed Southern dead, W. S. Hill, of Duplin, paid the following tribute:

Never has such bravery been recorded in history as the Southern heroes displayed, in late most lamentable struggle between the North and the South. They went to battle with few men and less money, but went with a determination to conquer the enemy about to drink the life blood of the last infant clinging to the icy bosom of its slaughtered mother and to preserve the rights which had been given them by their forefathers. Seeing the dangerous condition of their beloved country, they voluntarily enlisted under the Southern banner. They contended with an enemy almost ten times their number, and the last sad scene of all—Appomattox—when the Southern bars and chivalry went down before the thousands hurled against them. Then it was they displayed such bravery as the world has never known. But alas! they were conquered not without leaving a monument that time will never eradicate, and now their bones lie bleaching on the battle fields of Virginia, and their graves watered by the tears of their widows and orphans. Yes, may we ever be able to say—

When hope's expiring throb is o'er,
And despair can prompt no more;
Our country's lay shall be the grave,
Of the lost fond few,
Who vainly brave
Die for the land they cannot save.

MATRIMONY.

Rich'd B. Henderson, of Warren, said:

The bliss for which all mortals sigh,
Was ordered from on high,
To those who make the better half,
These brimming cups we quaff.

We are sorry not be able to give "The Professors," as responded to by J. M. Taylor, of Chapel Hill, and "Vacation" by J. F. Hill, of Duplin. After a long supper and a good time the first meeting of the class adjourned after the following toast to

HOME,

by F. P. Barrow, of Jackson,—

Last but not least to our homes let us drink,
The places where taught from our cradles to think,
While there's pleasure abroad may peace be at home,
Let us hurry and be met with pleasure alone.

COMMENCEMENT

is a long time off, but at the beginning of next session, I will write you the names of the Commencement officers and the Programme of Exercises.

Fair ladies of Edgecombe, your presence at our next Commencement. Come all of you. We surely give you the most enjoyable time you ever had in this State.

More at another time.

Yours truly.

Why is our young dog like a cat fish? Because he has more mouth than brains.

Our Washington Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13th, 1876.

I opine that you care very little now—a-days the social and fashionable frivalities of the National Capital, at least we care little for them here. Every subject becomes contemptible in presence of the momentous political questions peering above the horizon of the second century. Are majorities to rule, or are the office holders strong enough to declare their tenure perpetual? No well informed person doubts that if it were not for this class, from the cabinet campaign minister, down to the postmaster who edits a county newspaper, the country's demand for a change would have been respected and conceeded, and that now, instead of anarchy and industrial paralysis, the country would be healthfully engaged in merchandise and agriculture. In talking with leading Democrats, the most alarming and sickening thing is the hopelessness with which they seem to regard all appeals to the constitution and laws. Their hopelessness is not expressed in a pronounced manner, but it is nevertheless apparent. The Republicans mocked the constitution and laws in the planetude of their power, they will not respect them now in their desperate death struggle. Thadeus Stephens said: "to hell with the constitution," and the President of the United States has in the last week expressed his contempt for the supreme court of one of the thirteen original States, in language coarser but not less emphatic. It may be very well for us as Democrats and patriots to fortify our conciences, and plumb our souls, with abstract right, precedent, and constitutional law, but let us at the same time realize that those who have clutched the government, look upon the constitution as an effete instrument, and know no law but might.

In crises like this, nothing concerning the men whom fantastic fortune has made the arbiters of our fate can be uninteresting. The President has supplemented the ignorance of politics, of which he boasts in his last message, with ignorant and mediocre advisers. Since Bristow and Jewell were kicked out there remains scarcely a first rate man in his cabinet. His constitutional advisers are not Statesmen, they are simply partisans and cronies. The most influential among them are Mr. Don Cameron, Secretary of War, and Mr. Chandler, Secretary of the Interior. Of the Senators who have the confidence of the president, Mr. Conkling is the only one who has claims to Statesmanship, but his visits to the Whitehouse are few in comparison with those of Patterson of South Carolina, Spencer of Alabama, and Boutwell of Massachusetts. Senator Patterson, who represents Chamberlain (not South Carolina) at the White House, is a native of Pennsylvania, and a protege, or rather puppet of the Cameron's. The influence of the Cameron's in national politics is immense. Cameron *pere* superced Sumner in shaping our foreign policy in the Senate, and Cameron *fils* dicated the Republican presidential nomination. Among the Senators who have come to the front in this complication is John Sherman of Ohio. Heretofore he has not been conspicuous for anything but thrift and stature. The average newspaper reader knows little more of him than that he votes with his party, and has become, in some way, enormously wealthy. The name is eminently respectable, and so is the Senator. The name is historic; it carries back to the heroic days of the public and we equally associate with the New England Statesman of that name. But let us hope if misled by coincidence of Sherman Hayes had been elected Judiciary committee man would have had a chance for greater even than he is. Sherman putting money in his pocket this nomination was the first to recognize Cameron, and to himself for his Hayes is chiefly to study these candidacy. Whatever to the parties relations we have in regard to Senatorship of the Louisiana, and the Senator in his representation of the disgraceful young Secretary army by the I know Senator Sherman of it is not easy to describe Sherman or he is "neither hot nor cold but negative and mediocrity in every thing except avarice and covetousness. He is most marked and conspicuous caution, he has often his back, but he keeps behind them and the observer.

There is little news here that you will not have received by telegraph before this reaches you. The plot is becoming day by day more transparent. The hoofs and horns are disclosed and the barbed tail is unfolding. Why has the general distinguished for his raid on the Louisiana Legislature, and by the "all of us" approving dispatch of Gen. Belknap, been ordered to take charge of this military department, and why has Gen. Hancock been banished to the Pacific slope? Does any one doubt that Grant meditates the role of Cromwell with the British parliament of Bonaparte with the council of five hundred? But why cross the Atlantic for precedents? Has he not tried the experiment with success, two years ago in New Orleans, and two weeks ago in Columbia? C. A. S.

Would be a Clerk.

(Louisville Commercial.)

A retail dry goods dealer on Sixth Avenue had a couple of visitors the other day, where he expected a couple of customers. A woman, appearing to be about fifty years old, entered the store in company with her daughter, a thin-faced old maid of about thirty—and when the clerk slid forward the mother said:

'Not any dry goods for us to-day. Where's the owner?'

'Do you wish to see the proprietor?' asked the clerk.

'He's the man.'

They were shown in the office. The merchant supposed they owned a village store and desired to stock up, and he welcomed them with a winning smile.

'My daughter Minerva—Minerva Bolton,' said the lady by way of introduction.

Minerva and the merchant shook hands, chairs were placed, and as the two sat down the old lady said:

'She's one of the best girls in the State of New York.'

'No doubt—no doubt, madam.'

'After she has been in the store one month you wouldn't part with her for $10 a day,' said the mother.

'Ah—yes—yes.'

'She's smart in figures, honest as an old-fashioned winter, and she wouldn't be giggling 'round with the clerks.'

'Ah! But I have no vacancy just now.'

'*I* don't want any vacancy. I want Minerva to be a clerk. She's just as smart as a wolf, and if she comes here I shall do all my trading with her. I don't know but I'd take some bed ticking home with me to-day, for they say ticking is on the rise.'

'Yes—but—but——'

'I know how you feel,' she interupted, 'but you can depend on her. Our Postmaster 'Squire Johnson, and heaps of others, will recommend her; she has got a character that girl has. You might leave million dollars with her and be perfectly safe. Minerva, if she sold four yards of factory at 6 cents a yard, how much would the whole thing come to?'

'Forty cents, of course,' replied Minerva.

'See there—see there,' claimed the mother. 'Have clerk in the store who can reckon figures as quick as that?'

'But *I* have all clerks I want,' he managed to get in.

'You might discharge that cross-eyed young man here, and give this poor girl a chance,' pleaded the mother. 'If she doesn't get a place she will certainly go into a decline and die.'

'Yes—but you sold four bunches of hair for six cents per bunch, how much money would you get?' 'Four cents,—any fool knows that,' replied the daughter.

'Can't beat that in this store?' acquired the mother. 'If you prove her you can depend on you're always home nights, is a hearty eater, can put up with men, and I know your wife don't like her. She can sort o' do sework in the morning and after breakfast, and so you'll be killing two birds with one stone.'

'I can't take her—no—no. Got all the help I want!' replied the merchant.

'Three dollars a week and board takes my daughter,' persisted the mother.

'Can't—can't do it.'

'Say $2.'

'No—no!'

'That settles that,' remarked the mother, as she rose up. 'I see your object. You want me to come down to $1 a week, but *I'll* see you hung first. Come on, Minerva, I did think of looking at some bed-ticking but we'll go up the street. I'll get you a clerkship where you can look right down on this store as a horse looks down on a grasshopper.'

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Much has been said about the go-aheadativeness of the Western people, but there is many a man in the region of Chicago who has been known to stop short in the midst of an important job just to watch an Illinois girl trying to clutch a hay stack.

The laziest man is on a Western paper. He spells photograph, '4tograph.' There have only been three worse than he. One lived in Kansas, and dated his letters "11worth;" another spelled Teanessee "10aC." and the other wrote Wyanotte 'Y&."

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