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WITHIN the past year or so an idea has been steadily implanting itself in the minds of men, especially those connected with educational institutions, namely that the development of the intellectual faculties is greatly hindered by the lack of development of the physical part of man. The truth of this can be readily seen from the fact that throughout the universities, colleges and schools of the United States, particularly in the North and West are being built well fitted and convenient gymnasiums and that all branches of athletics are being encouraged. We of the South have been deficient in this, but are now advancing to the front. Some have objected to gymnastic instruction, etc., seemingly thinking that their children would leave the gymnasium circus-men, but this is a narrow view. Careful and systematic athletic training wherever tried has been found to increase the healthfulness of the individual, thereby greatly aiding intellectual development. Not only does it aid the individual intellectually but also morally. Our faculty are taking steps to further this idea here and in doing so are in perfect harmony with the students, as stated elsewhere, progressive changes are to be made in the gymnasium during the coming summer, giving greater facilities for physical culture. It would be well if this idea was carried out to its significance in all the schools of the State, public and private, its effect would soon be seen. Our gymnasium instructor is to lecture at the Teachers' Assembly at Morehead during the coming session on the "Aim, Method and Results of Athletic Training," and is also to instruct the teachers in gymnastics. It is to be hoped that many will receive the instruction and will put it into practice when they return to their schools.

We are glad to see among the toasts for the alumni banquet, one entitled "The Student-body and the University." This shows that the students are being recognized as an integral part of the University. Indeed they should be regarded as such. They if interested and made to feel that some work is for them to do, that the success of the institution depends to some extent upon their efforts, will be aroused to greater efforts and will do all in their power to advance the usefulness of the University. Indeed it can be said, and truthfully so, that unless the student-body is in hearty co-operation with trustees, alumni and faculty the growth and development of the University will be materially retarded. We are glad to find this idea now in greater prominence than heretofore and look for very good results.

OWING to approaching examinations the last issue of THE CHAPEL HILLIAN for May will not appear until the 9th of June, when will be given a full account of the commencement exercises.

For the Chapel Hillian.]

## DIED.

In Chapel Hill on Tuesday evening, May 19, 1891, of pulmonary thrombosis, Mary Lee, the beloved wife of Dr. Stephen B. Weeks (U. N. C., 1886.)

Mrs. Weeks was the oldest child of the Rev. Joseph B. Martin and Clara Scarborough Martin, and was born on Long Sault Island, St. Lawrence county, New York, June 27, 1865. On her father's side she was a descendant of General Joseph Martin, a Virginia pioneer and Indian fighter of the last century. The Martins were Huguenots originally, having settled in Virginia. Martinsville, the county seat of Henry county, is named for the family, once large and influential there, but having scattered among the earliest settlers of others Southern States.

Gen. Martin was in many respects a typical pioneer, being a man of large nature, and utterly without fear, deserving and retaining the confidence of whatever community he entered. He was a representative of Sullivan county, Tenn., in the North Carolina Constituent Convention of 1789, and was a commissioner to survey the boundary line between Virginia and Tennessee in 1802.

The Scarboroughs are Canadians originally, and have extensive connections also in New York State, in New England and in the Northwest.

The Rev. J. B. Martin has been since 1845 in the active ministry of the M. E. Church South, N. C. Conference, a most useful, influential and respected member of that body. He and his admirable wife have made their permanent home in Chapel Hill for twenty years past, and have raised here a large and interesting family, seeing each one of their eight children in turn become communicants of the church of their parents.

Mrs. Weeks was converted when nine years old under the ministry of her father. She was educated at Greensboro Female College, was married in Chapel Hill, June 12, 1888, and dying has left one child, Robertson Jackson Weeks, now just two years old.

Her life was brief, but long enough to impress all who had seen her grow from childhood to pure and lovely womanhood, with the belief that that here was one who was endeavoring to be all that she should be in every relation of life. She was by nature exceptionally upright and truthful, and had an outspoken, cheerful courage and energy and hopefulness that were inspiring. As a daughter she was truly admirable, devoted to her parents, loving, docile, industrious, helpful, and unselfish. Her husband was a close and ambitious student, and she threw herself with ardor into his pursuits and interests, sympathizing and animating as only a true woman can.

Had she lived she might have accomplished much, but it has pleased God that all this fair early promise should come to a sudden and untimely close.

Chapel Hill has seldom seen a sadder spectacle than when on the morning of Thursday, May 21, nearly the entire village population met in the Methodist Church to pay the last sad rites of love and grief. When the heart broken young husband, the mourning parents, the six sad sisters shrouded in black, followed the flower-laden casket to its place, there were few dry eyes in the assembly.

Youth and beauty and hope and love were all laid low under the hand of death. Surely here was a scene for the moralizer. No need was there of a sermon on the vanity of human life.

But mortal pleasure what art thou in truth?  
The torrent's smoothness, ere it dash below!

## CHANGES IN GYMNASIUM.

During the past session much good work has been done by the students of all classes in the gymnasium. This work has not been as thorough as it could have been, owing to lack of apparatus; however this will be remedied during the coming summer. Our Faculty have decided to

employ an instructor skilled in boxing, fencing, &c., at a good salary, and also to appropriate \$500 for the purpose of purchasing gymnastic apparatus. The present instructor, Mr. Chas. S. Mangum, has been selected for the position and will during the summer, go to Springfield, Mass., where he will be in training for sometime, returning to open the gymnasium by the first of September. Also plans are on foot, which if successful, will cause bath rooms to be added to the gymnasium. The students are rejoiced at this and will show their appreciation to the Faculty by giving in the future from their number carefully trained men who are capable of competing, and successfully competing with any foot-ball or base-ball team that can be found.

Real fidelity may be rare, but it exists in the heart and cannot always be detected by outward signs. Nor does the man who possesses it toward another keep continually prating of it. Hence it follows that a man does not always know who his truest friends are, but is carried away by the noisy and brazen pretensions of those who have only their own selfish desires at heart and are really no friends at all.

Did you ever think of the fact that, whether you are rolling in affluence or trudging along in squalid poverty, the unwritten romance of your heart's history is greater and more deeply interesting than any that has ever seen the light of day in cold print?

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