

THE PHILOLOGICAL CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting of the Philological Club was held Friday evening, March 3d, Prof. Toy in the chair.

Prof. Alexander gave a brief account of the recently published Apocryphal Gospel of Peter and Apocalypse of Peter, which add much to our knowledge of early Christianity. According to experts they were written in the first half of the second century, A. D., but not by Peter. Dante seems to have been influenced by this "Apocalypse." Prof. James thinks that here we have the earliest Christian account of Hell.

Prof. Harrington reviewed various articles in the *Berliner Philologische Wochenschrift*. Attention was called to a tendency in Germany to abbreviate and popularize certain of the classics, a sign of the times which means much in that conservative land.

Reference was made to some recent archaeological excavations in Athens near the Areopagus.

Some discussion followed of the theory recently advanced that the Greek adverb *prin* gained its conjunctival force from an originally independent use with an Infinitive used with the force of an Imperative; comparison was made with the Latin *prius*.

Mention was made of a paper on Chaldean Chronology read by M. Oppert before the French Academic des Inscriptions on December 3, in the course of which the accession of Nebuchadnezzar to the throne was put in June, 605 B. C.; the destruction of Jerusalem, Monday, July 31, 587; the taking of Babylon by Cyrus, Wednesday, October 28, 539.

Dr. Hume mentioned having discovered several instances of end-rhyme in Judith, although it is rare in that period; and called attention to the species of assonance found throughout the poem. He also compared some recent articles discussing the relations between "literature and philology."

Prof. Toy followed this with an interesting discussion of the meaning of the term, "Philology," in its varied acceptance in different places and by different people. It ranges widely, from meaning sometimes merely "science of language" to the broadest signification possible, including the study of language, literature and all that helps elucidate both.

An account was given, also, of the last meeting of the Modern Language Association, in Washington. "Y."

THE SHAKESPERE CLUB.

The University Shakespere Club held its monthly meeting February 28th, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, which was thronged with the members and their friends. A few ladies graced the scene. The subject was Latin Comedy and its Influence on Shakespere. The president, Dr. Hume, gave a brief sketch of the plot of *The Comedy of Errors* as an introduction to the first paper of the evening which was presented by Mr. J. F. Pugh, on *The Menechmi* of Plautus and Shakespere's use of it in *The Comedy of Errors*. The paper was elaborated with scholarly care and accuracy, and was notable for its thorough survey of the classical and English sides of the subject.

A paper of remarkable interest was then read by Prof. K. P. Harrington on "Roman Comedy, with a special study of Plautus." It bristled with principles and illustrations most compactly and vividly "put," and was received with evident appreciation. Dr. Hume called attention to the "University method" adopted in the Club of showing the relations of the different departments of literature, a method happily exemplified once more in the excellent papers of Prof. Harrington and a special student of his Latin Seminary.

A short paper was then read by Dr. Hume on the Debt of the First English Comedy Roister Doister, to Plautus and the interest excited by Plautus studies in certain types, like the *Miles Gloriosus* and his successors, *Bombastes*, *Falstaff*, *Parolles*, and others in French literature.

A considerable addition was made to the roll of members.

The University is represented in the following institutions by the subjoined list of post-graduate students:

Harvard—A. H. Patterson, '91; J. V. Lewis, '91; Hunter Harris, '89; G. H. Curin, '91; A. W. Long, '86; Bart Gatling, '92.

Yale—W. E. Rollins, '92.

Cornell—W. J. Andrews, '91. Columbia—John S. Hill, '89.

Jefferson Medical—J. J. Phillips, '90; Chas. Mangum, '91; W. W. McKenzie, '92.

Vanderbilt—W. B. Ricks, '90; J. Lee Cunningham, '91.

Mr. John Gatling spent Sunday here. He will not apply for B. L., but goes to Harvard to complete his course.

REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE BASE BALL CANDIDATES.

Owing to lack of space in the last issue, we were forced to cut down the athletic news, and so now will briefly review the work of the candidates for the team for the past two weeks. The weather has been mild enough to permit of some good work on the diamond and as a result the individual players have shown marked improvement but as yet no team work has been developed, the players exercising very little judgment in their playing and showing no unity of action. However it is too early to expect much in this direction. Captain Busbee has acted wisely in cutting down the number of candidates to eighteen, which was previously referred to in these columns.

As to the old men, Robertson is feeling with his old-timed sureness and has improved wonderfully in his batting. We note with pleasure the absence of "fancy" playing to which he was addicted last spring. Moyer plays his position as left-fielder beautifully, but he is not a sure hitter and there is room for much improvement in his batting. Kenan is weak at batting—he is playing right-field well. Honeycutt, as catcher, has shown considerable improvement and his throwing is much better than that of last year. He does not play however with any view and is what we would denominate in common parlance, "lazy." Busbee's playing at short is not strong. He stops the grounders, but does not handle them cleanly and his throwing is not very accurate. He is not a hard hitter but a sure batter. Oldham is catching in his accustomed good style and his throwing to second while very good is hardly as accurate as that of last year. He is one of our strongest batters. He has one habit which should be criticised and that is his great fondness of throwing to third, which is dangerous and apt to cast a run, as was evidenced in one of the games last spring. Ellis at second does remarkable work at times but he is not steady and sometimes makes costly errors. Gray bids fair to be a valuable addition to the team. He is very quick and throws well but is not sure in handling ground balls. As to his batting we have not yet formed an opinion. Stephens, in the box, will be a great addition to our nine and his curves will

cause trouble abroad. He is a heavy hitter but should try and place his ball to better advantage. Devin, at first base has been doing splendid work. He needs practice, however, in fielding grounders. His batting is strong. Wilson does not cover enough ground at first base and should exercise more judgment in filling his position. Mason, at short stop, is a fine thrower—both quick and accurate, but his fielding has not been good. He makes the mistake of running back on the ball instead of advancing to meet it. He is a very good batter. Gregory's playing in field has been very good and his batting is sure. Stanly will probably be substitute pitcher. He has had so little playing at third base that we have been unable to judge of his fitness for that place. He is a good batter. Love has not done good work at third. He throws well and his batting is not bad but he does not play with any enthusiasm, and does not seem to go into it with heart and soul.

It should be borne in mind that the players have had comparatively very easy pitchers to bat against and that therefore the above estimates of their hitting qualities should be taken with some reservation.

Every one recognizes the fact that the team is greatly crippled in the loss of Lanier.

Under the rules of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association he is debarred from playing. His playing last spring was invaluable and it is with deep regret that we are forced to part with him this spring. However, we will have the benefit of his catching which will be of great value to the team.

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