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## GEORGE PEABODY.

### The One-Hundredth Anniversary of his Birth.

Monday, February 8th, being the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great philanthropist, George Peabody, the first hour was consumed by addresses made in his memory.

Dr. Battle spoke of the incidents connected with the life of this great philanthropist, but more especially of the relation of the Peabody Fund to the University.

In 1877, Dr. Siert, a trustee of this fund, proposed to Dr. Battle plans for the establishment of a Summer Normal school at Chapel Hill. Five hundred dollars were contributed annually toward defraying the expenses of poor teachers who could not otherwise have attended. For eight years this school was held exclusively at Chapel Hill, and at one time sixty-nine counties in the State were represented. After 1885 it was distributed throughout the State in four places. It was largely through the Normal School that the University became known throughout the State.

Prof. Alderman spoke of the influence of Mr. Peabody's example, and something of the work he had done both in England and America for the betterment of the poor. Mr. Peabody, although a native of Massachusetts and a staunch supporter of the Union, was the first great philanthropist who conceived the idea of aiding the South by encouraging the education of her youths after the ravages of the great Civil War. For this purpose he contributed three and a half million dollars to the Southern and South-western States alone. This endowment was created in 1867, or just two years after the close of the Civil War. The free schools of North Carolina owe their existence largely to the influence of this fund on education in the State.

Nearly \$20,000 has been donated to the various departments of the University of Pennsylvania in the last month.

Amherst has received the highest award for the finest college exhibit at the World's Fair.

Over \$100,000 has been added to the permanent funds of Yale during the past year.

Wellesley College has two eight-oared crews who practice regularly on the lake within the college grounds. Some exciting races take place as may be imagined.—*Ex.*

—At Dartmouth an annual prize of \$60 is given to the member of the athletic team who stands the highest in his class.

## Y. M. C. A. Building—Mass Meeting.

Mr. L. A. Coulter, Y. M. C. A. State Secretary, will be over here Sunday to assist in the canvass for a building. Sunday night there will be a union mass meeting of the College and townspeople at 7:00 o'clock in the Chapel. The need and benefits of a building will be presented from different points of view.

It is expected that President Winston will speak in behalf of the University, Faculty and Alumni; Mr. Horne will present the question from the standpoint of the student body; Dr. A. B. Roberson will speak for the townspeople, and Mr. Coulter will present the matter from a general standpoint. It is hoped that all will come out and hear this question discussed.

At 3:30 in the afternoon there will be a gospel meeting led by Mr. Coulter. Music will be a special feature. The Singing will be led by the Glee Club and orchestra.

### Chancellor Garland.

With the death of Dr. Garland on Feb. 12, ends the life of one of the South's greatest educators. Few men have ever spent a life so full of hard, energetic work, or so productive of good. The old Chancellor was nearly eighty-three years of age, and almost to the very last he found much for him to do.

"Dr. Garland was born in Nelson County, Virginia, March 21, 1810, and graduated at Hampden-Sydney College in 1829. From 1830 to 1833 he was Professor of Chemistry in Washington College, Virginia. In 1833 he became Professor of Physics and later President of Randolph-Macon College, which post he held for twelve years. From 1847 till 1866 he filled the chair of mathematics and physics in the University of Alabama, of which he became President in 1865. He was next Professor of Physics and Astronomy in the University of Mississippi till 1879 when he was chosen Chancellor of the Vanderbilt University, this city. Before taking up his duties in Vanderbilt University he travelled extensively in Europe to purchase the famous physical and astronomical apparatus in use in that institution. He resigned the Chancellorship of Vanderbilt a little over four years ago, being succeeded by Prof. J. H. Kirkland."

—*Nashville American.*

THE UNIVERSITY of Pennsylvania has asked the legislature of that state for \$500,000.00, while a paltry \$20,000.00 is begrudged the University of North Carolina.

## The University Magazine.

Cornelia P. Spencer is a familiar name to the readers of the *University Magazine*, and it is a genuine pleasure that she gives them by her article on the *Mason-Morgan Family* in the February number. She dwells especially upon that branch of the family which became extinct in the death of Mrs. James P. Mason, in July, 1894. The peculiar interest that the friends of the University have in the family lies in the fact that Mrs. Mason and her husband, a minister in the Baptist church, bequeathed practically all of their property to the University as a memorial of their two daughters, who died just after reaching young womanhood. The permanent historical value of the article is no less than its present interest. There are rather indifferent reproductions of portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, and of the Misses Mason.

Wharton J. Green writes of *Trilby*—a wholly condemnatory article. He compares it with *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, and seems to think that the influence of the latter in the political world will be equalled by *Trilby* in the moral world.

We beg to differ from Mr. Green on two points in his review: first, the Civil War and its attendant horrors were not due to *Uncle Tom's Cabin* to the extent that he seems to indicate. The book had a wonderful influence in arousing an opposition to slavery, and in crystallizing the opposition that already existed; but the effect was, at best, simply to hasten the final conflict, not to give rise to it. The second point on which we differ is in the probable influence of *Trilby*. And here we must speak guardedly, because we have not read the book. We have, however, read quite a number of criticisms on it, and we do not think it is a book that will exert a wide or deep influence during the short time that it will live.

Leonard C. Van Noppen, in a letter to his brothers, Charles and John, tells of his voyage across the Atlantic and of his first impressions of England. Mr. Van Noppen was graduated from this University in 1892. He has given good evidences of his intellectual and literary ability, and we shall expect some substantial results from his studies in Holland.

The department of *Anecdote and Reminiscence* has, among other things, a letter from W. F. Lewis, of the Class of 1842, to his classmate, Dr. Summerell. But two members of the class now survive, Dr. Hayes and Mr. Lewis. This department, on the whole, is not up to its usual standard.

Dr. Baskerville gives a short ac-

count of *The Serum Treatment for Diphtheria*.

We cannot say much for the poetry of this issue. *The Skies at Night* is a quatrain by Henry Jerome Stockard. We fail to get the author's meaning; we can guess at several things, but have no assurance that any one of our guesses is correct.

*Come Soothing Sleep*, By Leonard Charles Van Noppen, has a meditative and somewhat melancholic touch, as does all of this author's verse.

*Perseverance*, by Hight T. Moore, is too ostensibly didactic. Let poetry teach all the lessons it will, but, to the extent that it consciously teaches, sermonizes, to that extent it fails of being true poetry.

Very indifferent verse is *The Ideal*, by William Thornton Whitsett. It is too suggestive of a sickly, brooding youth who needs fresh air and sunlight.

Funk and Wagnalls's *Standard Dictionary*, *The Schoolmaster in Comedy and Satire*, and *The Century Book for Young Americans* are reviewed under *Book Notices*.

Mr. Holland Thompson comments on *The Pearson Meeting*, *The Revival of the Societies*, *The Loyalty of the Alumni*, and *The Value of Coaching*. In the *Loyalty of the Alumni*, is discussed what we spoke of a few weeks ago in the *TAR HEEL*,—that the University alumni, as such, are not formally recognized in connection with the institution. We should like to see the matter taken up and agitated until this state of affairs is changed. The *College Record* is exceedingly brief. The *Alumni Notes* will have their usual interest.

Marriage, death, and class notices follow.

The readers of the *Magazine* wonder if the "Jap" articles have been abandoned; we hope not.

This issue, in contents, is not up to the usual standard. The letter from London, however interesting it may be to those directly concerned, is not in place. The criticism on *Trilby* is written in bad English, and has, in subject matter, scarcely a redeeming feature.

We must criticize severely the mechanical make-up. It is unworthy of the *Magazine* and of the University. It has the general appearance of being the work of a "prentice hand," and not of an experienced printer. The typographical errors are quite numerous.

As a maid so nice,  
With step precise,  
Tripped on the ice,  
She slipped; her care in vain—  
And at the fall  
The school-boys call—  
"Third down; two feet to gain."

—*Ex.*

The following, taken from a State paper, is a good description of the recent weather:

What a fickle, changing thing  
This Winter weather is:  
It blew, and blew,  
And then it thawed,  
And now, by jing, it's friz.