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## Musical Clubs.

### Annual Midwinter Concert of Glee and Mandolin Clubs.

Owing to the extremely cold weather, the audience that greeted our Glee and Mandolin Clubs was not as large as it should have been; but all those that dared the wind and cold were amply repaid. The University has certainly cause to be proud of the musical clubs this year, for taken all in all they are far better than those of former years.

The program was composed of music grave and gay, and was replete with Chapel Hill songs. The "boys" soon caught the audience and were called back for encore after encore.

The first number on the program was a new Chapel Hill song, the words by some anonymous poet, being set to a rousing air. The rendition of this so delighted the audience that they called the boys out again, and were given the pleasure of hearing again last year's favorite, "Neath the Oaks."

The quartet, "My Love," sung by Messrs. Gudger, Eatman, Pfohl, and Anderson, was one of the best pieces of the evening. The harmony and rhythm in it are exquisite, and to say that it was sung well, is putting it mildly.

The "Man of Thessaly," executed with perfect time and tone, was quite a hit. The best work of the Mandolin Club was on the "Standard Bearer March," though "Oriental Echoes" went well. By request Messrs. Dey, Elliott, and Lake played Rosey's popular new two-step, "The Anniversary," and Mr. Lake played several fine Banjo solos, which added much to the brightness and popularity of the program.

The last piece was the renowned tragic cantata, "The Grasshopper." The stately and dignified members of the Glee Club now came down from their lofty pedestals, and gave some excellent imitations of insect life amid shouts of laughter from the audience. The "grasshopperish twist" of "the old lady Eatman was alone worth the price of admission, and Askew's walk was a caution, while Coker actually looked tipsy from the effects of the grief caused by the sad fate of the gay and debonair grasshopper".

It has been suggested that Mr. Pfohl's mind was so occupied with Tarboro, that he could give very little thought to his "recitation" (as "Fannie" would say). We respectfully refer our readers to the aforesaid gentleman for an explanation of the above.

Every person in the audience was pleased with the concert. The thanks of the whole University are certainly due Prof. Harrington for his faithful and tireless efforts, through which we are enabled to have a Glee Club of which the State may well be proud.

The University of Georgia baseball team has a schedule of sixteen games for the incoming season, and thirteen of them are to be played on the home grounds.

## Historical Society.

The Society held its regular meeting in the History Lecture Room Tuesday evening. The meeting was called to order at 7:15, Dr. Battle in the chair.

Before the regular papers of the evening were read, Dr. Battle showed those present a South Sea Island war club, a sword used by Col. Gaston Myers at Malvern Hill, and a sword of the marines in the late Civil War, the gift of Mr. Wilson. These instruments were fully explained.

Mr. Ralph H. Graves read the first paper. Subject: "The Letters of Wm. Hooper," mostly taken from the life of James Iredell, one of his most intimate friends. Mr. Graves stated that the letters were characterized by quiet satire, sparkling wit, and by a scholarly familiarity with both Latin and French. A contrast was made between their joyful and hopeful nature at first and the rather subdued tone which they latterly assumed. The letters are full of Mr. Hooper's patriotic feeling, knowledge of Continental politics, his advocacy of the boldest measures, and extreme interest in all pertaining to the success or failure of the colonies.

Mr. Foscue next read a paper on the "Letters of De Graffenrid."

His many trials and vicissitudes in attempting to establish a colony at Bath, now New Berne, this State; his capture and release by the Indians, and the many attempts on the part of those with whom he was associated, to make his efforts of no avail, were all clearly brought out by Mr. Foscue.

He also stated that in his letters, De Graffenrid told of the way in which he was persuaded by Charles II to come to America. De Graffenrid finally gave up and returned to his native home, leaving the colony in the hands of the Lords Proprietors.

Mr. Whitener read a paper on "The North Carolina Troups at Gettysburg." He stated that in all there were thirty two regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery.

The positions of Pettigrew, Lane, Scales, Daniels, Ramseur, and Hoke's brigade under Col. Samuel McDowell Tate, were located and plainly put before the eye by means of a chart which Mr. Whitener had drawn especially for the occasion. He then went on to state the different part each of these men played in the battle, giving the time and duration of each movement. Quotations were made on the gallantry of Gen. Pettigrew. Gen. A. M. Scales brigade suffered heavy loss and he himself was partially disabled. Those killed numbered 55 officers and 545 men from this brigade alone. Gen. Hoke's brigade also suffered heavy loss and was not properly supported.

He finally made mention of the fact that a night attack was planned, but was given up until the next day.

The last paper read before the Society was that of Dr. Battle on "The Early History of the University."

The thought of a University occupied the minds of the framers of the Constitution as early as December, 1776. In 1789, North Carolina entered the Union and the next year a charter was granted the University under the leadership of Wm. R. Davie, and soon after the University started out to do its valuable work.

Dr. Battle classified the Trustees and showed how this body was made up of great soldiers, statesmen, divines, etc., thus giving his hearers the benefit of information not generally known by the younger men of the State.

The charter was then taken up and discussed and reasons given for some of the most peculiar conditions in its make up. It is thoroughly characteristic of the age in which it was written. After telling how the University received its livelihood in these early days, he closed, the time being up. This very interesting and instructive paper will be continued at the next meeting.

The attendance was very good and the papers unusually interesting.

## Philosophical Club.

What has become of the Philosophical Club? About a year ago, through the energy of two or three men, with the cooperation and interest of quite a number of others in the University, a Philosophical Club was organized. A constitution and by-laws drafted and adopted and the Club started off in good working order, with an enrollment of thirty or forty members. It held regular monthly meetings the remainder of the spring. An interesting program was provided, the meetings were largely attended, and the discussions always lasted to the limit of time allowed by the constitution. On returning last fall a number of its charter members met and spent an hour in discussion, elected officers for the ensuing year, and adjourned. Since then it has not been heard from. Its officers whose duty it is to provide a program and announce meetings, have either gotten in a state of "innocuous desuetude" in regard to the matter or have come to the conclusion that the University has not enough of philosophical interest to support such a club. If the former be a solution of the matter we would ask them, the officers, to bestir themselves and not let the above be the history of an organization which started off with so much interest and promise. If the latter answer the question we would say they have assumed too much authority in the matter. They have no right to say that the young philosopher in college shall not develop and have an opportunity to air his pet ideas in this line. But to come to the truth of the matter, it really looks like there is some carelessness or negligence on the part of those who have charge of the club for letting it go down in any such way. With the growing interest in philosophy, as shown by the increased number in the classes of all the elective courses, we see no reason, if the proper spirit is at the head, for not having the Philosophical Club in the University.

## Alpha Theta Phi

### Annual Meeting of the Honor Society.

The annual winter meeting of Alpha Theta Phi, the honor society, was held on last Tuesday afternoon in the Greek room, with President Burton Craige in the chair. Secretary McNairy read the minutes of the last meeting, after which the following gentlemen were initiated as members: D. Eatman '97, W. C. Lane '97, A. Henderson '98, P. H. Eley '98, H. P. Harding '98, R. H. Lewis, Jr. '98, and E. K. Graham '98. These gentlemen have all attained an average of "two" in their collegiate class work, this being the requirement for membership in the society. Mr. Eatman was prevented from joining last year by a prolonged sickness during the Fall examination period.

Mr. Craige announced to the society that he was occupying the President's office on account of an accident, viz. Mr. Eatman's sickness, as the latter was really leader of the senior class. This was discussed at some length and it was found that Mr. Craige could not constitutionally resign, although he expressed a wish to do so in favor of Mr. Eatman. It was resolved, however, that in all publications about the society a note should be added, stating the case and showing that Mr. Eatman, the class leader, was debarred from being made president on account of illness.

The next question to come up was whether or not a picture of Alpha Theta Phi should go in the *Hellenian*. After some discussion it was decided in the affirmative and the group was taken several days later.

Two gentlemen who are eligible to the organization were not initiated at this meeting, but will be installed later. They are Messrs. Linscott, who being a Phi Beta Kappa is eligible to honorary membership in Alpha Theta Phi, and Mr. C. S. Carr '98.

### The Hellenian.

The college annual, published by the eleven fraternities in the University, will be out on or before the first of May. In former years the value of the book has been much lessened by the fact that it has always been late, often not appearing before commencement, but this time it has an unusually energetic editor-in-chief in Mr. Eatman, who promises an early issue. All pictures and written matter for the *Hellenian* must be handed in by February 15th. The editors will be glad to consider any contributions, either literary, historical or comic, so try your hand as a humorist or comic poet and it may be your first step to literary fame. Several years ago there were two or three men in college with a pronounced talent for comic writing but if there are any now they hide themselves and do not let us hear from them. If you have such talent bring it to light through the *Hellenian*.