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An Affair of Pride.

The Philanthropic Society on Saturday night last appointed a committee of five to confer with the faculty of the University and with a similar committee from the Dialectic touching the re-establishment of the University Magazine.

Last year the Magazine was much talked of. A regret for its untimely dissolution was expressed and the necessity for its publication admitted by all. The only difficulty that prevented its revival at that time was the most essential matter of the pecuniary support. And it is with this same difficulty that we are now confronted when the subject of the Magazine again presents itself. It demands the earnest consideration of those who have at heart the best interests of the University in the college world.

The objection was urged last spring, with good show of reason, that it was hardly fair that the two societies should be taxed with the publication of a magazine in which the entire University was interested and for the publication of which the whole University was responsible. This objection from the society men is the result of a change that has taken place within the past few years in the relative position occupied by the societies. When membership in one or the other of the two societies was compulsory, they represented and were supported by the entire undergraduate body. Now-a-days since this policy is no longer insisted upon by the authorities, they have suffered serious losses in active membership. They now represent scarcely more than two-fifths of the undergraduate enrollment.

Consequent upon this sudden decline, the men most interested in the work of the societies have been brought to consider their position as one of isolation; and, contrasted with their former affluence, as a condition of comparative poverty and impotence. They have now neither the power nor wealth that they once possessed. But as has been intimated this objection resulted more from the sudden change in the condition of the societies than from any other cause. It has in reality little foundation.

Consider for the mere sake of illustration and not for comparison, the literary societies of the state

colleges. It is certainly highly improbable that the membership of any pair of them exceeds that of our own societies. At no one of the state colleges is compulsory society work required. And yet by a simple examination it may be ascertained that there are published by and under the auspices of the literary societies of the state colleges, The Davidson Monthly, The Trinity Archive, The Wake Forest Student. Literary activity would seem to thrive better in a partisan and religious atmosphere.

By the adoption of the plan suggested last year each member of the societies would have been required to subscribe to the Magazine. This was the only support to which the societies would have pledged themselves. And it is surely reasonable to suppose that the students of the University not members of the societies will contribute equally to the support of the Magazine. The societies many easily regulate their liability. Let the frequency of the publication of the Magazine depend upon its financial condition.

And then again the maintenance of the Magazine is above all an affair of pride. The University is now entering upon one of the most prosperous years in its history. It would be well signaled by a revival of literary activity and interest.

An Intolerable Offence.

From time to time it is discovered that books forming a valuable part of the working library of the Law Room have mysteriously disappeared, and that without a clue as to their removal. There can be but one hypothesis in regard to the missing books, which is that they have been appropriated by some person or persons with the belief that they would be more benefited by the possession of said books than would the Law Library. Or to put the matter more plainly they have been stolen.

It is a rule of the Law Room that no books shall be removed from its Library except by the permission of the head of the department. It is true that occasionally the text books are borrowed without permission and after a brief absence returned. But it has begun to happen frequently of late that a book has gone upon a far journey, from which it returns not. Among several that have disappeared permanently, according to the statement of the senior professor of Law, are numbered, Norton on Bills and Notes, 2nd Devereaux and Battle's Equity, 3rd Jones' Law and Brown's Blackstone.

The University perhaps has not before been brought to consider the theft of books more seriously since the time of the individual who instituted a thriving trade with several large book firms, having as the basis of his operations the University Library. It is said that before his business affairs were interrupted several dozen books had been disposed of.

The libraries of the University are placed so entirely at the disposal of the students and their preservation is so dependent upon the sense of honor of those who use them, that the severest prosecution of an offender of this class would be thoroughly justified and approved.

Class politics have subsided. The elections are all over.

Faculty Lecture Series.

The University offers to friends and patrons the following public lectures to be delivered in Gerrard Hall during the session of 1897-'98 by the faculty on the dates named:

September 30th. Charles Wilson Harris, First Professor of Mathematics U. N. C., Father of the Literary Societies.—Dr. K. P. Battle.

October 14th. The Kalevala (the Epic Poem of the Fins) and What it May Teach Us.—Prof. Wm. Cain.

October 28th. Living Lakes and Dead Seas. (Steropticon).—Prof. Collier Cobb.

November 11th. The Theory of the State.—President E. A. Alderman.

December 2nd. The Revival of the Olympic Games.—Eben Alexander.

January 13th. Cosmogony. (Steropticon).—Prof. J. W. Gore.

January 27th. The Conditions of the Russian Peasantry as Compared with that of the Southern Negro. (Personal Observations).—Dr. E. E. Bynum.

February 10th. Science and Modern Life.—Dr. F. P. Venable.

February 24th. The Messianic Ideal.—Dr. Thomas Hume.

March 10th. The Yellowstone Park. (Steropticon.) State Geologist J. A. Holmes.

March 24th. A Roman Boy. (Steropticon.) Prof. Carl P. Harrington.

April 7th. The Gasses of the Atmosphere. (Illustrated.) Dr. Chas. Baskerville.

April 24th. Christianity and Everyday Life.—Prof. H. H. Williams.

May 12th. To be announced later.

Alumni Building.

The committee of trustees appointed to select the site for the alumni building, are evenly divided on the choice of positions. One half favors the point just south of the Caldwell monument near the old Davie Poplar, in a position forming a quadrangle with the Old East, Old West and South buildings. The other half are partial to a point on the East side of the campus, corresponding to the Chemical Laboratory or Person Hall.

One of the large oaks near the well was cut down the other day, it having been found to be badly decayed.

Year by year, one by one, these classic oaks, so dear to the heart and memory of every son of U. N. C., are being numbered with the fallen. Like venerable men who have served their time on earth and are passing away, leaving their places to be filled by the young and the vigorous, these fathers of the forest are consigning their stations to the younger generations. Few are there left that joined in youthful songs with the Davie Poplar, when the gentle zephyrs played among their tender and scathless branches; few, that with him heard the stealthy tread of the savage in the wild wood. Each one that falls leaves a sad vacancy in this ancient family. But this is temporary. Others are put in their places, and soon grow up to fill the vacancies; so that the whole is being slowly transformed without losing any of its natural beauty or grandeur.

"Cheorkee" Cooper has made his appearance on the Hill.

Night-mare of a Freshman Sign Swiper.

He turned and tossed upon his bed,
Repose he could not find,
For all night long such things as these
Kept coursing through his mind.
"Keep off the Grass" and "Beer Draught,"
"H-O," and "Pyle's Pearline,"
"Look out for paint," and "Use Pear Soap,"
Were signs which he had seen.
And in the midst of all of these
A demon seemed to dance,
Who asked him with a fiendish grin,
"I say, 'Do you wear pants?'"
Harvard Lampoon.

Philological Club.

The first regular meeting of the Club for the session of 1897-'98 was held on Tuesday evening, September 28th.

The following papers were presented:

(1) Dr. Linscott. *Political Authority and Language-extension.*

From a careful analysis of the distribution of the Indo-European tongues in Europe at the present time, it was concluded that language-extension depends generally upon conquest, colonization and ability to maintain political organization.

(2) Prof. Harrington. *Roman Allusions in the Amphitruo.*

No places mentioned (except Thebes, the scene of the play.) References to persons found in *acclites*, *primorum*, &c. References to customs found in *respublica* (not *tertian*); *toga*; vows for safe return home, &c.

(3) Prof. Toy. *Hans Sachs' Dissimilar Children of Eve.* 1553. Interesting as connecting the old *mysteries* with the more regular form of the drama. Aims at simplicity, abounds in striking anachronisms and anthropomorphisms. Not liking in personal, known interest. The verse is Hans Sachs' regular rhymed doggerel tetrameter.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Prof. Alexander.
Vice-President, Dr. Linscott.
Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. May.

Junior Election.

The Junior Class held their election last Saturday.

Geo. Vick, President.
John Donnelly, 1st Vice-President.

F. J. Coxe, 2nd Vice-President.
F. Coker, Secretary.
C. B. Denson, Treasurer.
F. M. Osborne, Essayist.
J. D. Grimes, Poet.
George Pond, Orator.
P. Giles, Prophet.
R. A. Winston, Capt. Foot Ball team.
E. A. Lockett, M'g'r. Foot Ball team.

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