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For sometime past the TAR HEEL has not been favored with any communications from outside. We have fre quently stated that we are always glad to receive articles of any nature, and will publish anything of merit it is true that since the base-ball season opened our columns have been necessarily filled to a great extent with games etc., notwithstanding this, we are never so crowded with matter as to refuse to publish any contribution worthy of publication.

A new board of editors will be elected the first of next session, and those who have shown interest in this kind of work will not be forgotten.

Prof. Gore is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Byrd of Asheville, who was here two weeks ago as preacher to the He expresses gratifica-University. tion at the moral, social, and intellectual tone met with in his short stay at the University.

Dr. Byrd is a loyal triend of the University and has never lost an opportunity to champion her against her assailants in the western part of the It is a fact gratifying to the state. students as well as the management of the University that whenever people visit the institution and spend a day or so examining into its inner life, whether they were previously friends or enemies, they invariably go away praising the work of the University, and realizing that in supporting her the State of North Carolina is fostering her own growth and shaping her future destiny in the highest possible degree.

Easter comes in as a sort of break in the spring term-a caesura, as it were Though the in the session's work. University gives but one holiday, still many of the boys go home and there is practically a relaxation of work for several days.

Since we have no March examinations now, we don't know but that it would be a good plan for the University to give several days off at Easter, as many of the Northern Colleges do. The term from January to June is long and wearisome. If the boys had a short vacation Easter, they would resume their work with renewed vigor. As it comes along about the first of April, it is a good place to take a rest before pitching into the arduous task of reviewing for examinations.

to get out of work for that length of ple. time, but we believe that in a period then attempted.

of five months work one week of rest, at least, is demanded by the mind.

How many students are there in the University who fully avail themselves of the great advantages afforded by our Library? study with great diligence the books spend little time in systematic reading On the other hand in the Library. there are an equally large number who spend a great deal of time reading, but who read indiscriminately and without system.

Carlyle said, "The true University of these days is a Collection of Books" But it is not everybody that knows how to make use of a collection of The man who skims over all the light literature from Puck to the latest Italian novel is not likely to derive much benefit from his reading.

Gibbon says, "Let us read with method, and propose to ourselves an end to which all our studies may point. Through neglect of this rule gross ignorance often disgraces great readers, who, by skipping hastily and irregularly from one subject to another, render themselves incapable of combining their ideas".

The student who reads with most profit is not the one who devours the most books, but he who makes each one of his studies a nucleus to be clothed and enriched by reading.

Many seem to think it a necessary part of culture to read every new book that comes from the press and to be able to talk fluently about every modern novel writers-and, alas, this is usually about the only pleasure to be derived from such reading.

There are thousands of books that have stood the test of generations. We won't have time to read all of these, but let us read what we can of them, and leave the new and doubtful ones to be passed upon by posterity. In this way we shall run no risk of being cheated out of our time.

Shakespere Club.

The regular monthly meeting of the Shakespeare Club was held in Gerrard the party report a most enjoyable Hall last Thursday evening.

The first paper introduced was by Mr. Chas. Johnston, subject; Moral Element in Macbeth and Lady Macbeth". Rapidly surveying the play, he showed the peculiar charm of the poet's delineation of the character of the Usurper and his wife-the cool deliberation of the woman, the heartless ambition of the man; she, capable of planning but quailing before revolting action, he, trembling at the thoughts of murder but gaining strength in the execution. Mr. Johnston ended by pointing out that the moral of the play is, "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap".

The president of the club, after commenting on this paper, made some interesting remarks on Milton's reconstruction of the tragedy of Macbeth. He gave some comments of Mr. Hales' on Milton's plan and style, showing the difference of the modern drama as represented by Shakespeare, and the antique classicism of Milton.

Mr. J. A. Cowan, teacher of expression, was then presented and gave a rendering from the dagger scene in

Macbeth. The study of "The Merchant of Venice" was then taken up, and Mr. E. K. Graham read a most interesting paper entitled, "If Justice be thy Plea': a Defence of Shylock". skill he handled the subject, first pointing out the importance of the villain as a hero and the place he has ac-We do not say this in the spirit of quired in the drama, taking Shylock in the boy who wants a holiday merely the Merchant of Venice as an exam-A vindication of Shylock was The sufferings and in English.

trials of the Jew, the indignities heaped upon him, the hatred borne the nation by the people of that time were graphically depicted. He was despised and illtreated for no reason except that he was of the tribe of Israel. Many there are who The writer defended his action in regard to Antonio's bond on the ground required in the various courses, but of the natural love of revenge-for he was human. Moreover, he was the avenger of his people's religion; and when we think of his deeds in this light, they loom up with grandeur. The paper showed careful study and research into the subject.

The meeting closed with a selection from the Merchant of Venice-the money lending scene-by Mr. Cowan. Both the renderings by him were well done and were highly appreciated by the audience.

This meeting of the club was a particularly interesting one and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The Easter Geology Tramp.

On last Thursday afternoon Prof. Collier Cobb, accompanied Messrs. Alston, Gudger, London, Chadborne and Ross, set out on the Easter trip of the geological department enroute for the Deep River coal fields.

After making an examination of the coal measures at Egypt and after taking a hasty view of the old \$6.00 up. Golf Stockings, Trousers, furnaces along Deep River, the party moved westward along the Dur- Beautiful line of Shirts. Fit guarham and Charlotte railroad, whose anteed. Call and see Samples. superintendent kindly gave them the use of a special train, thus giv- 25 Old West, under History Room. ing them good opportunity for a careful inspection of the crystallines and gold deposits of Moore county.

The brownstone quarries near Sanford were visited as well as the coastal plain deposits just below

that place.

In addition to these features of the trip a good view of the old volcanoes along the western border of the Triasic area was given.

On the whole every member of trip the pleasure of which was due in no small part to the courtesy and kindness shown them by Mr. T. N. Cobb, the general manager of the Cumnock Mines, and Mr. Addison, the mining engineer.

Exchanges.

We welcome "The Sewanee Purple" among our exchanges again. The first issue of the present session came out April 9. It contains six five-column pages, and is chock full of readable matter. This is one of our best southern college pa-

"The Reveille", the students' publication of Louisiana State University has again made its appearance in the world of college journal-We clip the following from the issue of April 2:

"Dr. C. Alphonso Smith, our worthy Professor of English, has been honored by an election to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa Society of Johns Hopkins University. This is a very old society (nominally secret) having been founded at William and Mary College, Virginia, in 1776, and one to which only scholars of great merit, and men of high literary standing are elegible."

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