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All communications for this paper should be in the hands of the Editor-in-Chief by Wednesday at noon to insure publication the same week. We shall be glad to publish pertinent discussions of college topics. The Tar Heel will welcome news items, and hopes the whole college will aid it along this line.

The University and the Literary Societies have gone to great expense this year to get for our Star Course the best lecturers to be secured, and so they may not feel able to assume the extra expense of taking on another lecture this spring. But would they not assume this expense for the sake of hearing a celebrated foreigner who has made himself famous in the literary world? Mr. Sidney Lee, one of England's noted scholars is now visiting in America for the first time. In a recent letter to Dr. C. Alphonso Smith he states that he will deliver a lecture here for one hundred and twenty-five dollars. His engagements are all in the North and West; so far no engagement has been made in the South. This is a rare opportunity of hearing a man who has something to say and who knows how to say it. Let's hear him.

Mr. Lee is editor-in-chief of the Dictionary of National Biography which, in point of range and accuracy, is the most noted biographical dictionary in the English language. He is also editor of The Life of Queen Victoria, a work marked by rare judgment, unerring taste, unflinching tact and an accuracy of statement that will doubtless make it the standard life of England's best loved Queen. But Mr. Lee is best known to University students for his Life of William Shakespeare, a work that has superseded all others and yet a work that shows a knowledge gained from first-hand study. His latest work is a copy of the First Folio of Shakespeare. This work cost \$40, and all the copies were taken by subscription before it was published.

It seems to us that it would be well for the University to make an effort to get Mr. Lee here while he is in America, and we would suggest that the Societies take action on this matter tonight.

There is an increased interest in the Cecil Rhodes scholarships since the recent conference held in Atlanta. Dr. Parkin as agent of the Rhodes trustees, met representatives of most of the Southern institutions

offering courses which prepare students to meet the requirements of Oxford. He has held similar conferences in various sections of the United States. When the suggestions offered have been received and duly considered, he will make report to the trustees, Lord Rosebury, Lord Milner, Mr. Alfred Beit, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Hawksley, Dr. Jameson, and others.

In North Carolina and the other Southern States the nomination of Rhodes scholars will be intrusted to a committee, of which the President of the University is chairman, the other members of the committee being selected by him from the College faculties of the State. Two scholars will be chosen from each State. The recipient of a scholarship will receive \$1500 a year for three years. He must be able to pass the Oxford examination known as "responsions." In a general way, it may be said that, in order to pass this examination, candidates must have such knowledge of Latin, Greek, and Mathematics as a good student in a good college usually has after he has finished his Sophomore year. The Atlanta conference, however, suggested that candidates "must have been regularly enrolled for at least three years in the collegiate department of an American college whose standing is satisfactory to the Rhodes trustees." The conference also recommended that "the selection of candidates be limited to persons not less than 19 nor more than 24 years of age." It is not certain that this suggestion will be adopted, as the Oxford authorities prefer to have younger men. The age limit may be fixed by the trustees as from 18 to 21 years.

In addition to evidence of attainments in Latin, Greek, and Mathematics, the candidate must be a man who has such traits of character as fit him for leadership among his fellow students; and preference will be given to those who have done well in athletics.

If arrangements can be completed in time, the first elections to scholarships will probably be made in January, 1904, and the first scholars can become residents at Oxford in October, 1904. Some newspapers have recently been announcing appointments to Rhodes scholarships, and pictures of successful candidates have been printed. All these are fakes, though possibly unintentional fakes.

Omega Tau.

With this issue of the Tar Heel the advent of a new fraternity is noted.

It is Omega Tau, a fraternity limited to the Law Department. The impression we get of the main purpose of this fraternity is that it is organized to encourage and recognize excellence in the Law, that is for mutual advancement and to give opportunity for further development in the Law to those who can work together congenially and who in the Law Department have shown themselves to be good workers and the accomplishers of good results.

Conditions in the fast developing Law Department of our University seem naturally to have given rise and place to such an organization;

and we gather that it is not the object of Omega Tau's founders that their fraternity shall degenerate into a clique, but their ambition seems rather to be to make the presence of Omega Tau in the University operate as a stimulus to study and to legal excellence, and thus that many of our young lawyers may qualify themselves for membership. If such are the aims and objects of this new fraternity, we welcome it to the Greek world.

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