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THE NEW GYMNASIUM.

To be Opened for Use To-day—A Description of the Splendid Equipment of the Building.

The opening of the new gymnasium will take place to-day. The classes will resume their work then.

The building would have been ready for use several weeks ago had it not been for the slow work done by the carpenters and painters employed. The heating has been arranged and the plumbers finished the greater part of their work several days ago. The baths will most probably not be ready for use until March when the main pipes will be connected with the building.

The entire building will be wired for electric lights, but there will not be any classes held at night. The lights will only be for use during special occasions.

The exterior of the building will not likely be finished before April or May as there is yet a great deal of work to be done, such as cementing the steps, painting the window sills and painting the cornice of the building.

This gymnasium when completed will without a doubt be one of the best in the South. There are 200 lockers in the main dressing room besides the 50 which are in the dressing room set aside for the Varsity and scrub men of the athletic teams.

There is one large room on the second floor which is to be called the "faculty room". This room is fitted up with a punching bag, "chinning pole", mats and chest-weights, and only the members of the faculty will be allowed to exercise there.

The gymnasium instructor has for his use three small rooms, one to be used as his main office and the other two connecting to be used as dressing and measuring rooms.

The gymnasium is well equipped with parallel bars, horizontal bars, basket balls and racks, medicine balls, punching bags, spring boards, horses, mats of all kinds, chest-weights, Swedish bar stalls, flying rings, travelling rings, Albany ladders, ropes suspended from the ceiling, and a suspended horizontal bar.

The track which extends around the sides of the walls on the second floor is a canvas one with banked concave corners. Only shoes with rubber bottoms will be allowed on this track.

Classes will be held every afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and only those wearing rubber bottom shoes will be allowed to enter. The doors of the building will be closed every day at 6 o'clock.

Francis A. Gudger, an alumnus of the University who has been engaged in Panama as sub-consul to his father for several months, has returned to his home in Asheville, where he is engaged in the practise of law.

Washington and Lee Debate.

That we are to have two inter-collegiate debates this year is now a certainty. The question submitted to Washington and Lee some time ago has been accepted. The debate will be held in Gerrard Hall on the second Friday night in April. The question submitted by Carolina is: Resolved, That the time has come when the fact of the solid South is not to the best interest of the progress of the South. Washington and Lee has the negative.

Took His Jokes With Him.

Dr. Charles Baskerville, who recently discovered a new element which he named Carolinium, put up an examination in chemistry at the College of the City of New York a few days ago, relates the New York Times. One of the questions which he asked was:

"Give the uses of ethyl alcohol."

The next evening he examined the papers. The first he chose out of a big pile belonged to a man who was notorious for never having given a correct answer in all his career at the college. But now he broke his record. Here's what Dr. Baskerville saw:

"Give the uses of ethyl alcohol."

Answer—"It is often used to excess."
"That was too good," said the scientist to a fellow-teacher the day after. "I gave him a hundred."

The Historical Society.

The Historical Society held its regular meeting Monday night. Rev. Mr. Plyler read a carefully and well prepared paper on "Sherman's March through the Carolinas". His paper was based upon the official reports. He gave a description of the military condition before Sherman entered the State and the difficulty of driving back his forces. He said that taking Sherman at his word, the spirit animating his army was to destroy the country and starve Lee's army. His description of the things done and of the conduct of Sherman during the peace proposal was very striking.

Mr. J. F. Brower gave a splendid account of Mr. T. H. Ely's experiences as a teacher in the Philippines. Mr. Ely is an old student of the University and is one of the 499 men and women who left only a few years ago to enter the American service as a teacher in the islands. He gives a splendid description of the country and houses and also the rules by which the teachers were to be governed. The description of the first reception attended and the dance that followed is very interesting.

Mr. P. E. Seagle's review of "Bain's Letter" was very interesting. The whole book is a collection of letters and meditations. The main point of view is that of the Christian. He holds that national sin is the cause of all calamities. The meeting was most interesting.

The Buncombe County Club.

The Buncombe County Club will hold its regular monthly meeting in the history room next Wednesday night, at which time the club will entertain several members of the faculty at a smoker.

At this meeting a paper concerning the economic conditions in Buncombe county will be presented by Guy Weaver, a member of the club. At the last meeting a paper pertaining to the history of Buncombe county was presented by O. J. Moore.

This club was formed before Christmas by the men here from the western county and for the purpose of making them not only acquainted with each other but causing a healthy fellow feeling to exist between them. The officers of the club are: President, Robert R. Reynolds; vice president, Marshall R. Glenn; secretary and treasurer, John W. Haynes; chairman of the reception committee, George M. Pritchard; members of reception committee, Vanno Gudger and Ralph Weaver.

There are now twenty-five members of the club, four more than there were before Christmas.

The Modern Literature Club.

The second meeting of the Modern Literature Club was held in the Geology room, Thursday evening. The meeting was a repetition of the distinct success of the first one. The following was the programme:

Modern Greek Stories, by Dr. Alexander.

An Analysis of the "Six Best Sellers", by Mrs. Pelton.
Stories of Old Japan, by Prof. Collier Cobb.

The papers were all exceedingly interesting. Dr. Alexander gave some general remarks on the Modern Greek short story, and translated one entitled "At the Oculist's." The story was a good one and was much enjoyed by the audience. Mrs. Pelton's paper was a review of the "Six Best Sellers" of the December Bookman. The review had the unusual charm of being the work of a successful novelist. The "Stories of Old Japan" are mainly those learned by Prof. Cobb from his Japanese associates at Harvard and from the natives during his travels in Japan. They were cleverly told and their similarity in several cases to folk tales of other countries was pointed out.

The Club has issued a neat programme of its work during this term. The programme is well arranged and in keeping with the high purpose of the Club.

Philological Club Meets.

The Philological Club met Tuesday night. The following was the programme: A Note on Skeat's "Legend of Good Women", ll. 1336—1340, Mr. C. A. Smith; Decay and Growth of Language, Mr. W. D. Toy; A Review of a Recent Dissertation, Mr. J. M. McBryde, Jr.

PREPARING FOR NORTH CAROLINA.

Ten Men Will Try for Places in the Georgia-North Carolina Debate.

Greater interest is being taken in the preparation for the annual debate with the University of North Carolina than has ever before been displayed in an inter-collegiate debate, and there is now being done a great deal of the serious work which makes debating so valuable and important in college training.

The choice of representatives for Georgia is confined to the Academic Department, and already ten men from the Junior and Senior classes have gone into the race for places. The preliminary contest will be held about the middle of February, the exact date to be announced later. Lack of time was a serious drawback in the preparation for the contest with Sewanee, but abundance of time has been allowed for the present contest as the subject was announced early in December and the debate does not take place until April 7.

The question for debate as submitted by Georgia and accepted by North Carolina is as follows, "Resolved, That the best interests of the United States are opposed to her permanent occupation of territory in the eastern hemisphere, barring coaling stations". The choice of sides was with North Carolina and they took the negative. Last year the debate was held at Chapel Hill; and North Carolina won; this year it will be held in the college chapel here and we hope for a change in the result with the change of place. If we can equal the all-around success of the Sewanee debate, this year's work will have done much toward assuring Georgia an enviable place.—Red and Black.

Elisha Mitchell Society.

The 157th meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society was held Tuesday evening in the chemical lecture room. The following program was carried out: The Theory of Metal or Reinforced Concrete Domes, Prof. Wm. Cain; Steel Hardening Metals, Dr. J. H. Pratt; Modes of Infection with Hookworm, Dr. R. H. Whitehead.

Our Chemists.

The Department of Chemistry of the University is continuing its record of sending out trained chemists to important positions. Last month Mr. R. W. Perry left for Memphis, Tenn., to become assistant chemist to Mr. Edwin Lehman Johnson, the cotton oil expert. Mr. W. McKim Marriott, for two years an assistant in the chemical laboratory, has just gone to New York city to accept a position as Research Assistant in the Cornell University Medical College. On January 1st Mr. George McNider assumed his duties as assistant chemist to Dr. Kilgore in the state laboratory in Raleigh.