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A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

THE UNIVERSITY CONTINUES TO ADVANCE.

Improvements in Scholarship and Instruction—Some University Records.

The prosperous condition of the University of North Carolina during the present collegiate year calls for especial comment. Taking everything into consideration this has been the best year the institution has ever known. The number of the students is one of the obvious indications of progress. Seven hundred and ten were registered during the first term and very close to 500 of them are in the regular academic department. The professional schools are keeping pace with the development of the college.

According to the judgment of the heads of the departments the students, as a rule, work better now than they did five or ten years ago—that is, they know more quickly what they want to do and go about doing it more directly and definitely. One reason for this is that the students are better prepared for entrance, but the chief explanation lies in the growth of the departments of applied science. College men like to prepare themselves for paying positions and consequently many men go each year directly from the University into good positions in electrical engineering, chemistry and geology.

In the chemistry courses of the University alone over 400 students are enrolled. The departments of electrical engineering and geology also attract large numbers, although both of these departments are smaller.

The recent record of the University of North Carolina in inter-collegiate debates upholds the traditions of the literary societies, the Dialectic and Philanthropic. In the past few years Carolina has won six out of nine debates with Georgia, three out of three with Vanderbilt and two out of two with Johns Hopkins. At present debates are being arranged with Georgia, Virginia, and George Washington Universities for this spring, and one is being arranged with the University of Pennsylvania for next fall.

The faculty is unusually active in scholarly work. During the fall Professors McGehee, Smith, Raper, Hamilton and Bruner published books; and during the holidays Professors Wheeler and Cobb have read papers before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in New York, and Professors Smith and Bruner before the Modern Language Society at New Haven. President Venable held last year the highest position with the gift of the American Chemists—president of the National Association.

AN N. C. ALUMNUS HONORED.

MR. HAYNE DAVIS RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL MEDAL.

Tar Heel Among Prominent Americans Honored By Peace Commission.

Mr. Hayne Davis, of New York, was among the prominent Americans recently honored by the International Peace Commission, in recognition of their part in promoting international good-will and comity. Mr. Davis is a member of the class of 1888. He is the son of the late Capt. E. Hayne Davis, of Statesville, and the grandson of Chief Justice Pearson, of the North Carolina Supreme Court. The other Americans who received medals are: Elihu Root, Andrew D. White, Seth Low, Nicholas Murray Butler, and Richard Bartholdt.

Mr. Davis is engaged in the practice of law in New York city. The question of international arbitration has been a subject of study with him ever since his graduation. In 1903 he established at the University a prize known as the International Medal, to be awarded for the best essay on the following subject: "The right relation of nations to each other under twentieth century conditions, in the light of changes which have occurred throughout the world in the relation of political organisms since the revolt of the American colonies."

Special Service.

Dr. Smith will address the students in Gerrard Hall Sunday night at 7:30. His subject will be "The Advantages of Bible Study." The DeKoven Quartette will furnish music for the occasion. The residents of the village are cordially invited.

Celebration of Lee Day.

J. W. Bailey, Esquire, of Raleigh, who was expected to address the student body in Gerrard Hall on the evening of Lee Day, Saturday, the 19th, has been compelled to cancel his engagement on account of injuries received from a fall from his horse last Saturday. Consequently the exercises will not be held, as announced last week.

Instead, appropriate exercises will be held at the regular meetings of the two literary societies. Mr. C. C. Barnhardt has been chosen as orator of the evening by the Di's, and the Phi's have selected Messrs. W. A. Jenkins and W. H. S. Burgwyn, Jr. Mr. W. S. Bernard, also, will address the Easterners.

At noon Saturday the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will hold in Gerrard Hall appropriate exercises in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Robert E. Lee. Professors Graham and Bernard, Dr. Hume, and President Venable will make short addresses.

GEORGIA-CAROLINA DEBATE.

QUERY CHOSEN FOR DEBATE AT ATHENS IN APRIL.

Fourth Series Opened—Our Record Against Georgia—Other Debates in View.

The query for the first of the fourth series of three debates between the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia has been decided upon. It reads "Resolved, That the ownership and operation of interstate railways by the government would subserve the best interests of the people of the United States." Carolina has the negative.

This debate will be held in Athens, Ga., on April 12th. It is the first of a new series of three debates that has been arranged between the two institutions. Out of the three series already debated Carolina has won six debates, losing one out of the three series, and winning all three of the debates in the last one.

Negotiations are now pending with George Washington University and the University of Virginia for two other debates to be held this spring. A debate has already been arranged with the Philomathean Society of the University of Pennsylvania, to be held late in November.

Gymnasium Work.

A large number of students are working daily in the gymnasium. The floor has been recently oiled, and the building wired for lighting. Two new boilers have been placed to furnish hot water and many new pieces of apparatus added.

Punching bags and medicine balls are very popular. Much work is being done, also, on the horizontal bars and mats. Johnson, McLain, Royster, Mason and Wardlaw are lively workers and have about completed their work for N. C. jerseys. It is reported a treat to see Mason and Royster do their stunts on the mats, so if you want to see a "whole show" and not go to Durham to see it, drop into the gymnasium any afternoon between four and six. Ladies are especially invited to visit the gymnasium on Tuesday and Friday afternoons of each week.

Historical Society.

The Historical Society met in the History Room, Old East Building, Monday night. Dr. Battle presided.

Dr. J. de R. Hamilton read a review of Dr. James Ford Reeve's "History of the United States, Volumes V and VI," and Dr. C. L. Raper reviewed "From the Cotton Field to the Cotton Mill," by Holland Thompson, Associate Professor of History at the College of the City of New York. Mr. Thompson is an alumnus of the University and wrote this book for his doctor's degree.

EXAMINATIONS HELD HERE.

TESTS FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP OCCUR TODAY.

University, Instead of Raleigh, the Place of Examination—As to the Scholarships.

The examinations incident to the Rhodes scholarship are to be held here at 10 A. M. today in the Alumni building, instead of at Raleigh as stated in the last issue. The change of place has been made in order to lessen the expense of holding the examination. Mr. Benjamin R. Lacy, son of State Treasurer Lacy, and a student of Davidson College, is the only applicant.

The present examination is the third held in the state. For the first examination in 1904 there were 7 applicants, for the second, in 1905 none, Mr. Henry Trantham of Wake Forest, who stood second at the first examination, being appointed to fill the vacancy in that year.

North Carolina is not behind the other states in the matter of candidates for the Rhodes scholarships, as only about three fourths of the scholarships due the nation are now filled.

The Shakspeare Club.

The Shakspeare Club met Tuesday night in Dr. Hume's study with a full attendance, indicative of much interest.

The papers read were: "The Self Realization of Juliet," by Miss W. V. Lambertson, "The Drama and the Novel," by Dr. Thomas Hume, "Shakspeare's Jesters and their Pre-Shaksperian Line of Descent," by Mr. W. H. M. Pittman.

Dr. Hume then gave a discussion of "Some Half-disguised Relations of the Jester" and Mr. S. Rae Logan spoke briefly on "New Plays and their Stage Representations."

Quartette and Reader.

The DeKoven Male Quartette, accompanied by Miss Estelle Van Horn, reader, will appear in Gerrard Hall, Monday evening, the 21st, under the management of the college Y. M. C. A. Both quartette and reader come to the University under the highest recommendation and deserve the patronage of the students on their merits, as well as on account of their appearance under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Ivon H. Blackman, the second tenor, is an accomplished musician, and from 1895 to 1901 was secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Norwich, N. Y., giving a part of his time to lyceum work.

This is the first of several attractions that will be brought to the Hill by the Y. M. C. A. this spring.