

LOCAL NOTES.

Mr. Bert James was elected captain of the baseball team last night.

Mr. Roach Stewart, our old football star, is spending a few days on the Hill.

Mr. Otho Ross, '05, who is studying medicine in Philadelphia, spent a few days here last week.

A beautiful new pipe organ costing \$1100 has been installed in the Presbyterian church.

Mr. G. L. Paddison, '05, who holds a position in the chemical department of the University of Mississippi, was here last week.

Mr. F. M. Crawford, '06, was here last week. Mr. Crawford is Instructor in physical culture at William and Mary College.

Mr. R. M. Brown, '06, who has a good position in the Raleigh Graded Schools, was on the Hill last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brown.

Mr. Archie C. Dalton, '06, spent Tuesday night of last week on the Hill. Mr. Dalton studied law at Harvard last year and will return to that institution in a few days to resume his studies.

Dr. Venable has issued a proclamation decreeing that no student dressed merely in his bathrobe shall be admitted to the Gym. A great sorrow has descended upon us. Overcoats are in demand.

Mr. Kemp B. Nixon, '06, spent a few days here last week. Mr. Nixon, who studied law at Trinity College last year, passed the Supreme Court examination in August and received license to practice law.

Mr. Sugg, who has been the keeper since the opening of the new Gym building, has resigned, and now has the position of college policeman. Very little fear is felt that there will be any stealing in college now.

The press drawer has been moved from the Alumni building to the reading room of the Y. M. C. A. building. News of general interest will be found therein from time to time for the use of any correspondent who may wish to use it.

Practically all the boarding houses in the village have increased the price of board, and as a result Commons, where the price remains \$8.00, has been in a state of siege. Quite a number were turned away for lack of accommodation.

Mr. Stahle Linn, one of the business managers of the Yackety Yack, has accepted a position teaching Latin in Staunton Military Institute and will not return to college. Mr. L. P. Matthews was chosen Saturday night by the Di Society to act as his successor.

First Student Meeting.

The first student meeting of the year was held last Thursday in the chapel at the call of President Venable. It has long been the custom here to have such a meeting on the first day of lectures, so that the new men may be introduced immediately to University ways. The meeting, however, was varied this year by speeches by Drs. C. Al-

phonso Smith and C. H. Herty, in addition to that made by Dr. Venable.

Dr. Smith spoke on "The Opportunities of a College Career," and in his usual pleasant and impressive manner called attention to the great advantages of the college man, and to the exceptional opportunities offered here for the proper self-development. He closed with a strong appeal to the new students to make the most of the first month in college, declaring that the work done during the first month determined in a large degree the standing a man was to have here.

The theme of Dr. Herty's splendid talk was athletics. Dr. Herty is an athletic enthusiast, and his remarks showed him to be thorough in sympathy with the athlete's struggles. In the course of his remarks he paid a well deserved tribute to Story, declaring that he stood for all that was manly and upright in athletics.

Dr. Venable in a few well-chosen words laid the plan of discipline before the new students, and appealed to the student body as a whole to stand by him in his effort to preserve order and to make this institution worthy of the State that fosters it.

The New Law Quarters.

The professors of law are holding forth these days in their new quarters, the old library building. The change is a great improvement. Aside from furnishing more room, it lends dignity and individuality to the School to have a building of its own. The School has been materially strengthened by the addition of a new professor, Dr. Ruffin, who has the degree of Doctor of Common Law from Georgetown University.

Terrible Wreck.

The Chapel Hill Limited was ditched a day or so before registration began, on its way to University Station, and it was several hours before it could be replaced on the tracks. Several students and members of the faculty bound for Chapel Hill, rather than spend the night at the station, took a little cross-country walk through mud which in some places was ankle deep, arriving in Chapel Hill at all hours of the night. According to well authenticated reports, the walk was not exactly a pleasure stunt.

Secretary Rankin's New Office.

Secretary Rankin of the Y. M. C. A. has had a door cut in the wall between his office and the old game room, which is now used as the reading room. The Y. M. C. A. business has assumed such large proportions that the change was necessary. Mr. B. L. Banks, Jr., has been appointed assistant secretary, and Mr. Banks or Mr. Rankin will be on duty all the time.

The Information Bureau.

The Y. M. C. A. A., as usual, rendered good service during the registration days by means of its information bureau. And for several days the book exchange run in connection therewith, caused the reading room to assume somewhat the appearance of a department store on a bargain day.

Football Practice.

Coach Lamson has lost no time in getting to work and already has a good squad of candidates for the Varsity and Scrub football teams hard at work. There is a good number of men out and although the majority of them are lighter than might be desired, they are working hard, and will no doubt develop into a fast and steady team. Some of last year's men who are back are McNeill, Davis, Mann, Sutton, Thompson, Williams and Manning. With these and some of the new men and last year's scrubs we ought to get a good team.

As yet the practice has been confined to punting, passing, and falling on the ball, interference running, etc. Coach Lamson has taken under his special supervision the coaching of the linemen and we may look for a good strong line from him.

The coaching force this season is especially strong and efficient. Coach Lamson is ably assisted by Coach Simmons, Foye Roberson, and Jacocks, the old star quarter back.

With this force and the material there is at hand there is no reason why we should not have a good team.

First Meeting of Y. M. C. A.

Sunday afternoon Dr. Venable delivered the opening address before the Young Men's Christian Association. He urged every man, old and new, to make Bible study a part of his college course, in fact a part of his life course.

He maintained that a knowledge of the Bible would stand a man in good stead when tried by the many temptations which are sure to beset college men. He pointed out the fact that when Christ was tempted in the wilderness the weapon with which he withstood the wiles of the devil was the Holy Scriptures.

The speaker wondered that it was true that men had to be urged to study the Bible, a book with a universal appeal. It appeals to the rich and the poor, the high and the low; no man is so wise that he can fully understand it and no man is so simple that he cannot find comfort in it.

The speaker then showed that a mere literary study of the Bible made it well worth while. It contains masterpieces in poetry and prose. The poetry of the book of Job is unsurpassed, and the short story of Ruth is unequalled.

Finally, the speaker waived all his other argument and staked his case on the fact that the Bible is the book of God. In it are contained the perfect principles for life conduct; in it is contained the life of Jesus Christ, a life after which every man should pattern his own.

Among the old men who were here during the opening were H. B. Haywood, Walter Murphy, R. E. Calder, A. H. Bahnson, F. Cox, John G. Wood, Jr., and Hal Worth.

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