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## POE CENTENARY AT THE UNIVERSITY

Cultured Audience Overflowed the Chapel.

### A VERY BEAUTIFUL PROGRAM

The Original Essays and Poems and the Reading From Poe's Works Greatly Enjoyed.

The centenary of the birth of Edgar Allan Poe, the genius of American letters, was fittingly celebrated at the University of South Carolina, Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The chapel was filled with people from the city, and the ladies from the two female colleges.

The exercises and gathering was significant of the great literary genius of America. The success of the celebration was due to the efforts of Dr. G. A. Wauchope, who arranged a most appropriate program. The large audience was given a clear insight into the life and literary fame of the versatile genius. The sonnet and eulogy rendered by R. E. Gonzales were most suitable for such an occasion. The musical renditions by Miss Lucile Alexander were beautiful, and added much to the celebration. The reading of "The Raven," which was rendered by Mrs. Pillsbury, brought out many hidden beauties of the text. Each of the speakers of the evening dwelt on a different side of the poet's fame. "Poe as a Poet," and "Poe and the Short Story," were presented in a most pleasing manner by Professors Davis and Baker, and each in turn emphasized Poe as a poet and a short-story writer.

Dr. G. A. Wauchope read the following telegram from Poe's alma ma-

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## D. E. FINLEY WINS CONFEDERATE MEDAL

Many Competitors—Medals Awarded by Gov. Ansel Tuesday Night.

The Confederate Essay Medal, which is awarded each year by the Daughters of the Confederacy to the student of the University who hands in the best essay on a subject relating to the Civil War, was won by D. E. Finley, '10, of Yorkville.

The medal was awarded to Mr. Finley Tuesday night by Governor M. F. Ansel at the exercises which were held in commemoration of Robert E. Lee in the State House. It is quite an honor to win this medal, for there are always a large number of students competing for it. There were thirty-five essays handed in to the committee which grades them, and the papers were weighed with care. The subject of the essay for the medal was: "The Confederate Navy."

## PLANS FOR GROWTH OF UNIVERSITY

Work Will Be Carried on Gradually As Money is Donated.

### DEVELOPMENT OF INSTITUTION

The Plans Laid Out By the Trustees of the College in 1895. The Future of the University.

In order that an institution may develop in the most effective and most economical way, it is necessary that there should be some plan to work by. Recognizing this, the board of trustees of the University elected an architect who should study the possibilities of the University's land and formulate a plan, so that it could be built up in such a way as to best utilize the space and be a thing of beauty. In this manner the most can be obtained for the money that is put into the institution. The plan means, also, that a little can be appropriated by the State each year and in a few years she will have a plant worthy of the name of University without feeling the expense and without waste. One building, the Wallace Thompson Memorial Infirmary, was the munificent gift of Mrs. Ann Jeter. It was completed last summer and was ready for occupation in October. A second building in the plan is nearing completion, a much-needed structure for class-rooms. This handsome brick building is situated on Gibbes' green, east of the wall surrounding the campus. The Legislature appropriated \$30,000; the contract price was a little over \$28,000, which shows that the trustees are careful not to exceed the amount given them. A double campus is the idea of the architect, another east of the wall on Gibbes' green to correspond to the present campus. Some day the present wall will be removed and a line of buildings erected facing on Pendleton street, and another facing Green street, with campuses between them, and the present rows round the campus. On the unoccupied space of Gibbes' green, professors' houses will be put up in the course of time. A gymnasium and a swimming pool are also part of the plan and are especially needed. It is a man's duty to care for his body as well as for his mind and soul, but in due proportion and harmoniously, not to the exclusion of mental and moral culture. Swimming is one of the best forms of exercise, and a suitable pool could be made for a small sum. The library is now crowded so as to prevent the best work. Science is calling for a building that will be up-to-date, and what should it be but up-to-date? The law school is provided with one of the best faculties in the South. It needs equipment and a separate building. Properly housed

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## PRESENT SESSION IS SUCCESSFUL

Much Progress is Observed on All Sides.—New Buildings Added.

### STUDENTS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Good Order and Harmony Have Prevailed. Cooperation of the Students For the Good of the College.

The present session of the University is a decidedly successful one. The many changes in the faculty and the absence of the newly-elected president at the opening added a slight element of uncertainty as to what turn things would take. The venerable and beloved Professors Sloan, Pope and Joynes are not in their accustomed places, but their mantles have fallen upon young men who are taking up the work with great enthusiasm. As a result, the affairs of the institution are going along as usual.

Many signs of progress are observed. The opening of the Wallace Thompson Infirmary was an event of great significance, and when this beautiful building is properly furnished, as it should be by the Legislature, it will be an important addition to the University. It has cost the State nothing so far, having been given by Mrs. Ann Jeter in memory of her nephew, Wallace Thompson, an alumnus of the college.

The new classroom building on Gibbes' green is nearing completion and will give great relief to a number of classes which have up to this time been crowded into poorly lighted and heated rooms in the old buildings.

The students have entered into the work of the session with enthusiasm and satisfactory progress is being made by them. Acting President Moore, in a recent report to the Board of Trustees, had the following to say of the students: "Remarkably good order has prevailed upon the campus during the period covered by this report. The general bearing of the students has been courteous and helpful. There are many evidences of greater harmony in the student body and closer sympathy between the various groups of students. There seems to prevail a desire for co-operation and mutual helpfulness, and a general pulling together for the upbuilding of the University."

Mr. David Hamilton, '07, who is practicing law at Chester, was in the city last week to attend the meeting of the Bar Association.

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It is very seldom that the students have the opportunity to hear such an able man as Hon. Leslie M. Shaw. Those who heard him derived much benefit.

## STUDENT SECRETARY FOR UNIVERSITY

\$500 Raised By Students, Will Ask Legislature For Help.

### ASSOCIATION NEEDS SECRETARY

The Experience of Our Sister Institution, Clemson, Shows the Efficiency of a Student Secretary.

A movement is on foot to obtain a Y. M. C. A. Student-Secretary for Carolina. For years such an officer has been needed by this institution. A sentiment has been spread over the State that there is something in the influences at Carolina. But to those most conversant with the actual conditions, this is erroneous. All know that this University is not denominational. But this by no means argues that it is not a religious school. The standard of honor and morality among the students, in Christian earnestness of faculty, this institution can challenge comparison with any school or university.

But it is the aim of the students, faculty, and trustees, to increase the moral earnestness and religious life of this institution. And towards this end have on foot this movement to secure a General Secretary, to give his whole time to the religious work of this University.

The Y. M. C. A. has grown to such a place in its development that now such a head is a necessity. The work of the Association is done through committees, and these committees need a guide, and one who will push them in their work. The Bible study needs a trained leader to teach the leaders of the group classes. The students need one among them who leads always a strong and clean life, and who ever holds up to them an example worthy of imitation. Such is the function of

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### The Minstrel.

Before Christmas, a movement was put on foot to produce a minstrel, and it was expected to come off about January 10th, but, owing to the failure of securing certain pieces of music and the near approach of that much-feared "viper"—Exams.—it was decided to postpone all practice until after February 15, 1909. Immediately after that time, however, things will start up with a vim, and under the skillful training of Mr. Jim Fowles, a capital minstrel will be put on to help defray the athletic expenses. There will be good songs, jokes, local hits, and many new stunts, and everyone will be guaranteed a royal, hilarious, good time. If you are not already in the minstrel, offer your services and any good suggestions or pointers. They will all be greatly appreciated.