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EDUCATION STUDENTS PROFIT BY STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

ALUMNI HOLD BANQUET

Notable Addresses, Conferences and Social Affairs Pre-dominate Session

The meeting in Columbia of the State Teachers' Association on March 15, 16 and 17 afforded the Carolina students a rare opportunity for hearing educational addresses as well as for the renewing of friendships among the hundreds of visiting teachers. The convention was especially profitable to those pupils who are in the school of education, and classes were practically suspended in that department.

The first general session was held in the Columbia Theatre on last Thursday night, with President W. C. Bynum of Georgetown presiding. Addresses of welcome were made by Dr. Currell, of the University, and Gov. Manning. Particularly pleasing was the announcement by the Governor of his intentions to use the entire weight of his influence in bringing about a genuine compulsory education law. The principal address of the evening was then made by Dr. P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education of the United States, whose general theme was "Real Democracy Thru High School Education."

All Friday morning was taken

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BASEBALL SQUAD IS REDUCED BY FOSTER

Coch Makes First Cut of Season For Efficiency

Coach Foster made quite a cut in the baseball squad in order to center his attentions upon those of the squad who show promise of developing into regulars.

With the warm weather the squad is rounding into nice shape and prospects are good for a winning team.

Those kept by the coach are: catchers; Brown, Chandler, Haggood, Mims, Seaborn and Simril; pitchers, Hinson, Means, Mims, Waring C., Waters and Wolfe; infield, Captain Horton, Duke, Sims, Evans, Bates, Turner, Clark and Kohn; outfielders, Browning, Chandler, R., Duckworth, Chandler, D., Brockinton, and Waring, R.

STATE LIBRARIAN HOLD CONVENTION

Clemson College Chosen Next Meeting Place

Kennedy, University Librarian, Again To Head Library Association

The South Carolina Library association opened its first a-



R. M. LENNEDY
Re-elected Head of South Carolina Library Association

nual meeting Wednesday evening with a session marked with many entertaining and instructive addresses. After the opening prayer by the Rev. S. C. Byrd of Chicora College for women, W. S. Currell, president of the University, delivered the address of welcome. President R. M. Kennedy then followed with his report on the "Objects of the Association and a Review of the Library Situation in South Carolina." He reviewed the works of the association during its year of existence and called attention to the deplorably small number of libraries in the state. Miss Mary B. Palmer, librarian in the Charlotte Carnegie Library told of her work there. Miss Minnie W. Leatherman, secretary of the North Carolina Library Commission outlined the work of the North Carolina Commission and suggested several benefits that would result from the establishment of such a commission in South Carolina. The meeting closed with an address on "Antebellum Libraries in South Carolina" by Prof. Yates Snowden.

TRUSTEES INDORSE VOLUNTARY MILITARY TRAINING FOR U. S. C.

UNIVERSITY HOST TO TRAINING CONFERENCE

South Carolina Y. M. C. A. Officers Convene for Instructions

Weatherford and Elliot of the International Committee and Bergthold to Attend

The State Officers' Training Conference for officers of the



W. D. WEATHERFORD
Leader of Y. M. C. A. Training Conference Next Week

Student Young Men's Christian Association will be held at the University March 25-27.

The conference will be attended by the presidents and treasurers of all the student associations in South Carolina. About thirty delegates are expected in all.

The delegates will be entertained by members of the Carolina Y. M. C. A., members of the faculty and the people of Columbia.

The conference will be led by Dr. W. D. Weatherford, international secretary for the South, Mr. H. S. Elliott, the International Committee's Bible study expert, and J. W. Bergthold, state student secretary for the Carolinas.

The morning sessions will be for delegates only. The addresses at night will be open to the Carolina student body.

Prof. Snowden brought out a large amount of original material concerning the antebellum libraries both public and private.

Business Meeting Thursday

At the business meeting held

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TO BEGIN NEXT SESSION

United States War Department Will Detail Army Officer For Instruction Duty

Voluntary Military Training will be introduced at the fall session of 1917, having been passed upon by the board of trustees at their meeting last week. The details of the installation were referred to the military consisting of President Currell, D. R. Coker of Hartsville, W. T. C. Bates of Columbia, C. E. Graham of Greenville, members of the board, and Professors Coleman and Keith of the faculty. It is practically assured that the government will detail an army officer for instruction duty by the next session of school.

The details are still being worked out but it is probable that physical training will be increased to three hours a week and freshmen and sophomores be allowed to select between the two. The other students will be allowed the privilege of taking the training course as they desire.

VAN METER ELECTED PHYSICAL DIRECTOR

Trustees Select Widely Known Athletic Authority to Succeed Blackburn

At a meeting of the board of trustees on last Wednesday, J. O. Van Meter was elected physical director at the University for the season of 1917-18, to succeed John C. Blackburn who has resigned to enter the ministry.

Mr. Van Meter is known to every Carolina student as referee or umpire, as the occasion requires. He took four years work under a physical instructor at the Louisville (Ky.) Y. M. C. A., specializing in boxing and wrestling. He was later assistant instructor at the same institution. At the Kentucky State University he took special work in coaching football, baseball, basketball and track.

On leaving Kentucky he went to Meridian, Miss., where he had entire charge of the athletics in the city schools. While he was there the attendance at the city play grounds was the second largest in the South.