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FRIDAY, NOV. 14, 1890.

THE CHAIR OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY.

The CHRONICLE is glad to see that earnest efforts are being made by President BATTLE and others to secure the additional amount needed to establish the chair of History. We are very glad to know that the alumni and others are contributing liberally, and it is earnestly hoped that the amount needed will be raised by the first of January so that the Professor of History can be elected at that time.

At the meeting of the Alumni Association last June the following resolution offered by R. H. BATTLE, Esq., was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That a committee of three alumni, resident at Chapel Hill, be appointed with power to appoint an agent or sub-committees in the different Congressional districts, to solicit subscriptions to increase the endowment to thirty thousand dollars.

2. That in full confidence that the Chair of History will be endowed, the President of this Association notify the Board of Trustees that they are requested to elect a Professor of History at their regular meeting in January next.

The President of the association appointed as that committee MESSRS KEMP P. BATTLE, L. L. D., JOHN MANNING, L. L. D., and ED. E. WINSTON, L. L. D. The committee has issued the following address:

It was confidently expected that the alumni not present at this meeting could be relied on for an amount sufficient to raise the endowment to thirty thousand dollars, the sum designated in the resolutions of Mr. Battle. The undersigned committee, however, are clearly of the opinion that this sum is insufficient, and that the endowment should be at least thirty-five thousand dollars, as the interest rate will probably fall to six per cent. in the near future. An income of twenty-one hundred dollars will not more than suffice to administer the fund and pay the professor's salary.

We earnestly invoke the assistance of every University alumnus in completing the endowment of this Chair. The further sum of ten thousand four hundred dollars (\$10,400) is required. When we consider the large number of the alumni, and the importance of this movement to the University and to the State, we cannot doubt that the sum will be quickly subscribed.

The proposed chair is scarcely less important than any in the University, being not only essential to the proper instruction of our youth in the principles of history and political science, but also indispensable to the vindication of North Carolina against the misrepresentations of careless or malicious historians. Never was there a time in the annals of our country when statesmanship demanded men more thoroughly indoctrinated in the great truths of historical and political science. The problems of society and government are daily becoming subtler and more complex, requiring for their mastery all the wisdom that may be gathered from the study of the past, and all the powers of intellects thoroughly trained and equipped by study and instruction. Our young men must be taught those principles of historical science, without a knowledge of which it is difficult to form a just estimate of human character and progress, or to comprehend the fundamental principles of modern civilization, or to realize the dangers of the future and provide the necessary safeguards.

A love of history once inspired in our youth, there will arise an enthusiasm for the study of the history of North Carolina. Confidently do we believe that the establishment of this Chair will secure a preservation of the many memorials of the past (essential to true historical record, but now rapidly vanishing through indifference or ignorance as to their value), and will ultimately produce a just and impartial history of our State, whereby the good name of our ancestors may be transmitted with untarnished lustre to our descendants through all generations, a priceless heritage of public and private virtues.

The University must lead the work. The glories of a century illumine her halls. The brightest pages in the annals of the State are hers or her sons'. Let the glorious past inspire her for a noble future. Her usefulness, her influence and her power must continue, ever expanding. Her corps of professors, her methods of instructing, her appliances of education, her courses of study, and her power to mould character must grow and strengthen with the progress of the age. As parents, as citizens of North Carolina, as members of this great republic, we cannot allow the University of our State to be inferior to other universities in the space of its work or the character of its instruction.

It behooves every alumnus of the institution who is grateful for the benefits received in its halls, or who wishes well for the future of the State, actively to co-operate in the work of building up the University. In vain shall we invoke the aid of public sentiment unless we first give proof of our own devotion by substantial assistance in the cause we advocate. If the Sons of the University love her not, and will not help her, how can she ask help of others? She begs her sons to come to her aid. She begs them for sympathy, for counsel, for aid, for help. She feels that she needs now best her merits and her help, and she desires their assistance

in correcting what is vicious, strengthening what is weak, and enlarging what is good in her organization or work. Something can be done in every county, in the State. Local committees or agents will be appointed, who will call this movement to the attention of every University alumnus in the county. Subscriptions have already been made by gentlemen who will pay from wages yet to be earned. Surely the enthusiasm of such men will inspire others who have the means to give freely and generously. Any who prefer may send their subscriptions direct to Hon. W. L. Saunders, Treasurer Board of Trustees, Raleigh, N. C., or the undersigned. Never yet has the University appealed to her sons in vain; and now every consideration of loyalty and affection and patriotism calls for active and immediate help.

KEMP P. BATTLE, JOHN MANNING, GEO. T. WINSTON, Committee.

The following are the contributions made at the commencement last June:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Julian S. Carr (\$10,000), James Grant (\$8,000), D. G. Worth (\$1,000), W. H. S. Burgwyn (\$1,000), E. A. Alderman (\$150), J. D. Currie (\$500), C. D. McIver (\$150), Ed. Chambers Smith (\$250), Jno. S. Hill (for class of '89) (\$200), F. P. Venable (\$500), John Manning (\$250), Haywood Parker (\$25), W. H. McDonald (\$25), Geo. T. Winston (\$250), Walter L. Steele (\$500), W. A. Guthrie (\$100), John A. Gilmer (\$500), A. R. Ledoux (\$250), Rufus Barringer (\$250), Eugene G. Harrell (\$100), Fred Phillips (\$500), R. B. Redwine (\$100).

Total, \$24,600. There is needed \$10,600 more before the Chair can be established. In the past few days more than a thousand dollars has been added to the amount.

The CHRONICLE urges all the friends of the University and students of North Carolina history to respond to the need not alone of the University but of the State as well. Let those who have contributed talk to others. Let the appeal go all over North Carolina and it cannot be disregarded. All such undertakings need publicity; for publicity begets public interest, and public interest begets public action; and public action can accomplish anything. The editors ought to take hold of this question and agitate it; and if they will, success must come and that right early.

A RASPING LETTER. MR. A. V. DOCKERY has developed into quite a letter writer during the campaign, and his letters have not pleased the Republicans. In a note to the CHRONICLE he says: "You have failed to remark that Oklahoma Territory endorsed Harrison's administration by a plurality." True we had omitted it and inasmuch as it was the only hook or corner that did endorse the President, the omission was almost unparadonable. Mr. DOCKERY also furnishes us a copy of the following letter which he has sent to the Protective League:

CARTHAGE, N. C., Nov. 10, 1890.—The Secretary, I despise the "I told you so party," but cannot help recalling your memory to my warning addressed to you last Spring about the McKinley Bill. See the result—protection is set back.

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THE PUBLIC CONSCIENCE RESPONDS.

The Democratic members who were ejected from their seats by the House Committee on Elections have been returned to the next Congress, with one possible exception, by heavily increased majorities. This is the answer of defrauded and indignant constituencies to an unscrupulous committee packed by Speaker Reed for the purpose of swelling a party majority by violating the rights of representation. The partisan members of this committee have discovered by the election returns for Congress that there is a public conscience in this country which cannot be offended with impunity.

THE FIGHT IS AHEAD.

Governor Hill said what every Democrat knows to be true. We have carried the preliminary battle only. The great contest is ahead. Let every Democrat join a Democratic organization. Let him study the paramount issue upon which the preliminary battle has been won. On that issue—the issue of sound economics—the great contest of 1892 will also be won. Let us have two years of constant effort, of spreading organization, of diffused education in Democratic principles. The array will be in line for the Presidency and the enemy is bound to go down before us.

Down in the Argentine Republic there were serious riots during the recent election. We do these things better in this country. We had an election that resulted in overturning a party of imperialistic purpose and there was never a riot. They had the troops out at the polls in the Argentine Republic; but we do not need them here, and, by the way, Mr. Lodge, we don't propose to have them, either.

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