Prof. Henry C. Davis

We are glad to welcome back to the campus our former popular Adjunct Professor of English, Henry Campbell Davis, who spent last year, on leave of absence, at the University of Chicago, pursuing graduate work for the doctor’s degree in English philology. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June last Mr. Davis’ scholarly abilities as a teacher and his other conspicuous services to the University were deservedly recognized by his promotion to the rank of Associate Professor.

Before returning to his work Professor Davis added to his new dignity a new and ancient degree—that of Benedict—by bringing with him to the campus a lovely bride, who was formerly Miss Eva Cassels, of Kirkwood, Ga. Mrs. Davis is already fast winning for herself, through her charming personality, a warm place in the hearts of the Faculty and students, for she is a young woman who will contribute not only to the happiness and usefulness of her husband, but to the social and intellectual life of the campus.

Although still quite a young man, Professor Davis has had a career of varied experience and distinction. Sprung from two families of great scholars and teachers that numbered among their members his beloved father, Prof. Robert Means Davis, and his renowned grandfather, Prof. Joseph Le Conte, Professor Davis was born March 13, 1879, in the famous old Mt. Zion College at Winnsboro.

After receiving his preparatory training in the graded schools of this city, Professor Davis was matriculated, in the fall of 1893, in the literary course of this University, where, after a brief transition to banking and journalism, he graduated with distinction in June, 1898.

He won his spurs as a teacher while presiding over what he called “a one-horse, backwoods school” at Bear Creek, in Fairfield County. From here he was translated to the principalship of the Bluffton Academy, in Beaufort County, where he showed the faith that was in him by instilling knowledge into “thirty-eight antebellum crackers and low-country aristocrats.” After a year at Lancaster he was promoted to the principalship of the Columbia High School, a position which he held until his election as Instructor in Rhetoric and Oratory in the University of Washington in Seattle. His fine record in the far West as a college instructor led to his appointment as Adjunct in English in his alma mater June, 1904.

As a student, Mr. Davis is thorough, scholarly and aspiring; as a teacher he is sympathetic, careful and enthusiastic. To broaden his knowledge of men, women and things he attended, for several summers, the sessions of the School for Teachers at Winthrop, and in the summer quarters of 1902-1907 and the entire session of 1907-8, he was engaged in serious graduate work in the University of Chicago with marked distinction and success.

Mr. Davis is an all-round college man, and The Gamecock wishes him and his accomplished bride many years of happiness at Carolina.

Prof. J. N. Frierson

Last year the Hon. Joseph Daniel Pope died in his 88th year, poor in this world’s goods, but rich in the esteem and admiration of the bench and bar of the State and the Faculty and student body of the University, and with “all the old man’s blessings, love, honor, obedience, troops of friends.” He died in harness, as he wished, working to the last for those he loved. He had been “called to the bar” over sixty years ago, “when Plan cus was Consul,” and he had studied at the feet of Petigrue, DeSaussure, Harper and the Wardlaw, and crossed lances with leaders of a bar that had no superior in the South.

Last year an eminent civilian, a high official in the Department of State under Cleveland, and lecturer on law at two leading American universities, chanced to be in Columbia. He was invited by Mr. Pope to attend one of his lectures. Afterward he was asked by a friend what he thought of the lecture, and his reply was: “I studied at Berlin, as you know, and I attended the lectures of Boutmy at Paris; but I have seldom been so impressed as I was today by the extraordinary old gentleman. If the book I am writing is ever finished you will know some day what I think of Joseph Daniel Pope.”

The Trustees at their last annual meeting elected Mr. James Nelson Frierson one of the Professors of Law, Prof. M. Herndon Moore succeeding Professor Pope as Dean of the Law School.

Professor Frierson was born in Statesburg, Sumter County, February 6, 1874, the son of James J. Frierson and Elizabeth N. Nelson. He was graduated from the Porter Military Academy, Charleston, in 1893; from Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., in 1896, and from Columbia University Law School, New York City, in 1899, receiving the Degree of B. L. from