

RARE BOOK FOUND BY STC LIBRARIAN BEARS TIME'S MARK

LEFT BY DIALECTICALS

Is Autographed By An Entomologist Of Distinction

In looking over some old books left by the Dialectical society which flourished at LaGrange College in the eighteen thirties and the early years of the State Normal College, Miss Myrtle Emerson, librarian, found a rare volume: "Elementary Treatise on Arithmetic," printed at Cambridge in 1821 and autographed by Nickolas Marcellus Hentz.

The book, leather bound, discolored by time, is divided into two parts: one the arithmetic; the other "Introduction to the Elements of Algebra, by Euler."

Introducing the latter and midway in the book is an advertisement for the algebra set in 10 point straight matter and signed by John Farrar, professor of mathematics and nature philosophy, University of Cambridge.

The signature of Dr. Hentz gives the book historic value, Miss Emerson states, for he was an entomologist of repute. He was at one time a resident of Florence and it is believed wrote at least a portion of "Arachnides or Spiders in the United States," upon which rests his fame as an entomologist, at Locust Dell, which was located on a lot across from State Teachers College campus, now owned by the college. The house burned a few years ago.

The Alabama cottage at Mountain Lake Biological station in Virginia, was named Hentz-Mohr, partly in Dr. Hentz's honor.

Dr. Hentz married Caroline Lee and novels by Caroline Lee Hentz were once widely read.

During their residence in Florence Mrs. Hentz conducted a school for girls at Locust Dell.