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Scientific Expeditions.

The Geological expedition which is to go to the Bad Lands next summer, and the great success of last year's expedition, have brought the subject of western research prominently before Princeton. A short sketch of the different parties sent out by this college may be of interest here.

In 1876 the Nassau Scientific Association for formed. It was organized by members of the class of '77, and was "An association to undertake the work of western exploration." Under the leadership of Professors Brackett and Karge the first party started in the early part of the summer of 1877. The party was divided into two sections, the geologists, botanists and mineralogists working in Colorado, while the palaeontologists and typographers worked in Utah and Wyoming. An attempt was made to cover too many departments and the expedition was not wholly successful, although several valuable collections were made. In 1878 a small number of men under Professor McMaster explored the Bridger Eocene in southwestern Wyoming with great success. Under the leadership of Professors Scott and Magie a successful expedition was formed in 1882 to collect the White River Miocene of Dakota and Nebraska. In 1884 a party was sent to investigate the Wasatch beds of northern Wyoming, but little was accomplished owing to unforeseen difficulties. The Bridger country was again visited by an expedition under Professor Scott, and much valuable material was gained for the collection from that formation. In 1889 the eastern part of Oregon was visited and extensive collections from the Miocene formation of that region were secured. An expedition was formed under Professor Scott in 1890, which visited the Bad Lands of the Myenne river. This expedition brought many valuable fossil specimens with them to the east. In the summer of '93, another party was formed to visit the Bad Lands. It was under the care of Professor Scott, and was one of the most successful expeditions that has ever been made, over a year having been required to mount and describe the materials collected. The last expedition was sent out during the summer of 1894. Many exceedingly rare specimens were found, among them complete skeletons of animals which heretofore were identified by only a few bones. This was the most successful expedition ever sent out by Princeton, and it is hoped that the party which is to visit the Bad Lands during the coming summer will be as fortunate in their discoveries.—*Cardinal.*

The Iowa Meteorite

The Boston Commonwealth says: "A close examination of the fragments of the Winnebago County (Iowa) meteorite has been made by Professor H. A. Newton, of Yale College. More than a thousand pieces of the meteor are in the museum at Yale, and the examination of them results in some interesting deductions. The meteor was a very noticeable one and attracted the attention of very many persons over a large extent of country, from the com-

parison of whose stories the details of the meteor's approach have been determined. One man, a surveyor, had the presence of mind to direct his theodolite to the cloud left after the explosion, and an accurate reading of his circles gave most reliable data. The fragments were scattered over several square miles, and vary in size from a grain of dust, almost, to some eighty pounds. It is estimated that the meteor must have been at least five hundred pounds in weight and was perhaps as large as a small flour barrel; and that it approached the earth with planetary velocity, or about ten miles per second, in an orbit not unlike that of the earth itself until within about five miles, when it burst. After the explosion, the velocity of the pieces could not have been greater than that of sound, or about a quarter of a mile per second. After the primary explosion, there must have been numerous minor ones, evidence of which is to be seen in the fragments themselves. Their velocity was so great that the friction of the surfaces against the air caused the material to fuse and to flow backward over the edges. Different stages of fusion are clearly noticeable, and in addition many cases of fresh fracture, which must have taken place when the fragment was quite close to the earth.

New Foot Ball Rules.

At a meeting of foot ball players at Evanston, last week, the following rules were adopted to govern the game next year:

1. That there be two umpires and one referee controlling the game, and that the referee be empowered to call a foul in case of violation of rules.
2. That the side making a fair catch be rewarded with five yards, and from that place the side making the fair catch shall have the option of a free kick or a down, provided that such fair catch is not made within twenty-five yards of the opponents' goal. The player attempting such fair catch shall call out "fair catch," and if interfered with or tackled while making the attempt shall be given twenty-five yards.
3. That a substitute from each team act as linesman, and they shall use a line five yards long with a stake at each end.
4. That the side missing a goal shall have the option of taking the ball or giving it to the other side.
5. Whenever a side has tried to drop kick at the goal upon the first down inside the twenty five yard line and the result has been a touchback the line of kickoff shall be the fifteen yard line.

The delegates set themselves to defending the game against the attacks made upon it from every direction. They expressed themselves in the following resolutions:

Whereas, We sincerely regret that the unwarranted roughness of a few foot ball teams last fall gave occasion for the serious agitation in several colleges in regard to the advisability of abolishing the game of foot ball from the college campus; and while we also regret that to some extent foot ball

is regarded as a brutal game by the general public, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we sincerely believe the game of foot ball to be an excellent form of physical exercise which legitimately belongs to the college campus.

Resolved, That we do not believe that brutality is a necessary incident to the game, but is due to lack of proper discipline.

Resolved, That we believe the style of play depends in a great measure upon the captains and coaches of the different teams; and that it is the unanimous sentiment of this conference that all kinds of intentional roughness and brutality be strongly condemned and discountenanced on our respective college grounds.

Resolved, that the practice of playing coaches and non-bona-fide students, or students of an inferior grade of scholarship, be entirely discontinued, and that we call upon the assistance of our respective college faculties and student bodies to execute these resolutions.

Hesperian Social.

An annual Hep entertainment has become an almost as established fact as the society itself. Last Saturday evening the Hesperians received their alumni members as well as the present members in a delightfully informal sociable at their hall. Despite the inclemency of the weather a goodly number assembled, and soon the rooms were filled with merriment. A large part of the evening was passed pleasantly, with simple, old-fashioned games. An interesting and instructive diversion was provided for by placing around the room a number of unfinished quotations, to be filled out. As is customary, two prizes were awarded, the first one, a small fancy booklet, being won by Fanny Davis, and the second a spelling book, won by Harriet Shields.

A pleasant feature of the evening was the "Nuts to be Cracked." Each person present was given an English walnut tied with the "corn and wine," which when opened revealed a paper star, the Hesperian symbol, on which was written a member's or guest's name, together with a sentiment indicative of her character or some characteristic. The aptness of the sentiments was verified by the skillful and accurate guesses which were frequently made.

Margaret Van Metre favored the company with several vocal solos. Cake, ice cream and fruit were served. The company dispersed later in the evening, feeling that there was a greater unity and a closer bond of sympathy among them as sister Hesperians than ever before.

Base Ball.

Our base ball team was forced to abandon its trip to the south owing to the cancellation of games by the Memphis league team. No other games could be secured to fill the vacant dates, and for financial reasons an abandonment of the tour was deemed advisable. Although this incentive to good work was removed the men have nevertheless been constantly at work, and during the plas-

ant weather of the past week they have had out door practice in batting, fielding, etc. Thursday afternoon the men were divided into two teams and a short game played. Another game was played between the first and the second nines Saturday.

Nothing definite as to the formation of the teams is yet known; only the work of the next few weeks can tell who will fill the vacant positions. This fact should encourage new men to get out and work, for the combination of a little base ball ability, with a determination to practice constantly and faithfully, often makes first-class ball players.

The team is slightly handicapped at present, owing to the absence of Captain Brownlie, who cannot be here this spring.

In Saturday's issue appeared a communication that will be of interest to all base ball enthusiasts. It was a challenge from the Junior Collegiate to the other classes of the University for a series of class games. Their challenge, if accepted and carried out, will prove to be of vast benefit to base ball at S. U. I. Such a series of games could be made intensely interesting, and would bring out much latent base ball talent.

Manager Emry has finally arranged a schedule of games with various college teams. As will be seen, the team will be given a very pleasant trip to the east, and local lovers of base ball will be given an opportunity to see six games. Other games may be arranged with Des Moines, Davenport and Cedar Rapids. The only objection to the schedule that appears at present is that only one league game will be played here.

The schedule as it now stands is as follows:

- April 19—At Des Moines with Drake
- April 20—At Grinnell with Grinnell
- April 27—At home with Grinnell
- May 3—At Mt. Vernon with Cornell
- May 4—At Ames with I. A. C.
- May 6—At Champaign with Illinois
- May 7—At LaFayette with Purdue
- May 8—At Lake Forest with Lake Forest
- May 9—At Evanston with Northwestern
- May 10—At Chicago with Rush Medical
- May 11—At Chicago with U. of C.
- May 20—At home with Michigan
- May 24—At home with Nebraska
- May 29—At home with Illinois
- At home with Rush Medical.
- At home with Northwestern.

Foot Ball at Harvard.

The Harvard Faculty at a recent meeting reiterated their former statement in regard to foot ball in that institution. The following is the motion as adopted:

"The Faculty having received and considered the communication from the committee on the regulation of athletic sports, remain of the opinion that no student under their charge should be permitted to take part in intercollegiate foot ball contests."

The next meeting of the Faculty will be held April 2, when it is expected they will report something definite.



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The action of the Junior class in challenging the other classes to meet them on the base ball diamond is to be commended. It shows a proper class spirit and interest in athletics. Class contests of this kind are of great value. In the first place they open the field of athletics to those who have neither the time nor the ability to compete for a position on the Varsity team. It is the bane of college athletics that they are too restricted in their benefits, only a few taking an active part, and any action tending to eradicate this evil is rendering a good service. In the second place it is only by these minor contests that latent material can be developed for the Varsity team. Many an athlete takes his first step and first shows his ability along athletic lines in striving to uphold the honor of his class team. For both these reasons we would urge upon the other classes the advisability of answering the challenge and not allowing the Juniors to hold the title of champions without a contest. Which class will be the first to respond.

Fridays issue of the State Register contained an article which was presumed to be written in Iowa City attacking the citizens in this city for their laxity of government of municipal affairs and for the general lack of interest in the welfare of the University. It has become a recognized fact that whenever an enemy of the University wishes to deliver himself of some grudge which he may bear her he only needs seek the columns of the Register for an opportunity. In fact it is remarkable with what readiness the Register will publish these anonymous contributions, even though they be culled from the silly productions of a fruitless brain. That the individual who wrote the article in question is a citizen of Iowa City or even a friend of the University, no one pretends to believe. If such persons are

the friends of the University they pretend, they would accomplish much more if they would direct their efforts toward persuading a penurious legislature to be more liberal than they will by attacking the citizens of Iowa City. It is true that there has existed a prejudice against the location of the University, but the grounds for such a prejudice are wholly false, and this fact is rapidly being discovered by the people of the State, despite the malicious attacks which the Register allows to appear in its columns from time to time. There are a few individuals who seem to feel that the citizens of this town should devote all their time and energy toward building up the University, and should make this the chief end of their life. It was never the intention of the founders of the University that it should be supported by the voluntary contributions of the citizens of the place where it is located, and the sooner the people get this idea out of their head the better it will be for the University. As to the good citizens of this city being "hopelessly in the minority," as the author of this article states, we will venture the assertion that no town of equal size has more good people, nor would any town of equal size be more liberal in its support toward the University.

Miss Stuart, State Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Baptist Church, addressed the Y. W. C. A. meeting, Sunday afternoon, on the subject "Women who have left their impress on the Nations." Miss Stuart was formerly a teacher in Central University.

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Arthur Cox returned yesterday from Boston.

Annabel Collins, '94, is visiting friends in the University.

The Phi Psi's initiated McCord, Neff and Miller, Saturday night.

Beecher, I. A. C., '95, is visiting friends in the city and the University.

Roy Palmeter was unable to begin work with his classes on account of illness.

I. E. Munger, '92, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city Saturday a few hours.

P. A. McMillan and C. C. Stover, of the Oskaloosa High School, are visiting the University.

Lena Seitsinger, a former student, and Hattie James, of Clinton, are visiting University friends.

Professor Patrick has begun his lectures on Memory, and the class report without taking notes.

B. L. Wick, '91, has an article in the current number of the Midland Monthly on "The Icarian Community."

R. H. Toll, '96, who was obliged to quit school the latter part of last term, has returned for the spring term.

Number three of the subjects for the Sears prize essays, as it appeared in our last issue, should have read "The Natural Rate of Wages."

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Sorrow at Newton.

The Register's Newton special contains the following sad news of the death of one of Iowa's most successful S. U. I. boys, Alanson Clark, L. 74: Newton, March 27. — "Alanson Clark, Esq., a prominent attorney of this city, died this morning at 6 o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks. His ailment was typhoid fever. Until two weeks ago Mr. Clark had apparently enjoyed the best of health. Mr. Clark was about 41 years of age, and at the time of death was occupying the position of county attorney of this county. Mr. Clark was a man of marked ability, having been engaged in the practice of his profession in this county since 1873. He also was the first attorney in this district to institute suits for the rebates against the railway corporations, and up to the time of his death had been successful in the cases and had won laurels in coping with the combined legal talent of the great corporations. Mr. Clark had grown from boyhood in this county and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who will mourn his loss. He leaves a devoted wife who is stricken with grief."

Natural History Bulletin.

The Natural History Bulletin, Vol. III, Nos. 1 and 2, has recently been issued from the press. It consists of a narrative and preliminary report of the Bahama Expedition, by Professor C. C. Nutting. It is a neatly bound volume of two hundred and fifty pages. It contains numerous full page illustrations of the locality, and the numerous specimens obtained. The book is written in an easy and narrative style, and by many, competent to express an opinion, is spoken of as equal to any work of its kind published. The work is divided into eight chapters; first, "Plans and Equipments;" second, "From Baltimore to Egg Island, Bahama;" third, "Egg Island and Bahama Banks;" fourth, "Havana;" fifth, "The Dry Tortugas;" sixth, "Key West and the Pourtales Plateau;" seventh, "Harbor Island and the Spanish Wells;" eighth, "Little Cat Island and Homeward Bound;" Appendix A, "List of Commissaries Actually Used;" Appendix B, "Dredging and Shore Stations." Also a complete index. The Bahama Expedition has been the source of considerable interest to many, and this complete report of the trip, prepared by Professor Nutting, will be read with no little pleasure by those interested. Our Our Science department is indebted to Professor Nutting for the efficient and complete manner in which he has prepared this report, which will be of great value to students of the department as well as to many others.

College Notes.

Harvard has twenty-two candidates for the battery positions. Lehigh has arranged a schedule of lacrosse games with seven clubs. There are about twenty men trying for the Princeton Freshmen. They began work with light practice in the cage last week. Since the Harvard Faculty have taken their action regarding foot ball the candidates for next year's eleven have abandoned training. On account of the misbehavior of the Yale Freshmen at the Glee Club concert in January, the Yale Faculty has voted to prohibit the class from playing any base ball games outside New Haven, and all intercollegiate games whether in or out of New Haven.



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Baconian. The paper of last Friday was read by Dr. Gilchrist on the subject "Dislocations, with Special Reference to Reduction." Dislocations are considered by authorities to be among the most difficult of surgical operations. The location, defined, is a disturbance of the relations of a joint, hence to understand the subject of dislocations, we must consider the elements of a joint or articulation. The elements are the bones, which move upon one another at the articulation, the ligaments, which bind the bones together, the muscles, which serve to move the joint, and the synovium or fluid which lubricate the articulating surfaces and render the movement smooth and free from friction. The relation of the muscles and ligaments is of great importance. Dislocations are classified into complete dislocations in which the articulating surfaces are entirely separated, and partial dislocations, in which the bones are only partly displaced. The classification is not arbitrary, but is based upon the prognosis and method of reduction to be employed. Complications may occur, such as fractures, or damage to important vessels or nerves. Dislocations are further classified into recent, that is those in which the parts remain in the same position which they were at the time of the injury, and ancient, in which there has been a material change in the position of the articulating surfaces, rendering the reduction difficult or impossible. The ancient refers not to the time which has elapsed since the injury, but to the changes which have taken place in the parts. In such cases the reduction is attended with danger of injury to nerves or blood vessels. In a primary dislocation the bones remain in the position in which they were thrown by the accident. In a secondary dislocation the bones have moved into a new position. Since it is a rule of surgery that the displaced bone must go back to its original position, which it has been forced out of, in the case of a secondary dislocation the bone must first be put back into its primary position before reduction can be effected. The causes of dislocations are either spontaneous, due to muscular contraction, or traumatic, due to a blow or fall. The causes of dislocation are those which are more liable to occur than another, or exciting, or immediate cause from which the injury results. Some of the causes are age, looseness of the articulating surfaces, or muscular insufficiency, or contraction. The last is the case in large scars of the skin, in which the contracture with surplus tissue is sufficient, in some cases, to produce a hip joint. The more common excites are force or violence, usually that necessary to produce