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## Baconian.

Dr. Gilchrist's essay on the "Genesis and Classification of Tumors," attracted an audience in which both Medical Departments were represented, but with a slight advantage in number of professors in favor of the older department. The efficiency of such a representation was shown in the discussion of the paper later on.

A morbid condition or action is usually thought to be a breaking down or destruction of tissues, but this is only one case or division, as a morbid action may be a constructive process, a modification of an under or over-growth.

A variety of results are presented from some aberration of energy, and may appear in any one of three classes; trophic, constructive or destructive. The constructive is represented by tumors, the culmination of this series.

There is a dispute among professional men as to a satisfactory and comprehensive definition of a tumor. Roughly it is the formation of new tissues which have no functions to perform in the body and which are usually the result of some inflammation. It is a local cellular activity, forming tissues of low organization which do not affect the whole body unless situated in some of the glands.

Tissues which lose their epithelial structure can return to their cellular condition by regeneration, but if some disturbance takes place in the re-organization, a new kind of tissue may be formed. The tissue in tumors may be normal to the immediate tissues, or may be embryonic of low organization which have no connection with the surrounding tissue, and may have no similarity to any tissues of the body.

Neoplastic organization refers to the morbid process which results from inflammation. Transposition or displacement of natural elements may cause abnormal growth; that is, tissues which, in their proper anatomical relation are harmless, may be very injurious when displaced. Transposition in adult tissues by their very separation causes in most cases loss of vitality in the tissues.

All tumors are due to over production of reparative material, and on the disposal of this material depends the formation of normal tissues or a tumor. The lower the organization the more malignant the tumor. The cells become separated and have an independent growth no longer subject to normal conditions.

A classification of tumors must be rational, scientific and practical. There are two classifications; the English or clinical and the German or anatomical. On one's end in view depends his choice; for laboratory or determinative purposes the anatomical is better, but for clinical work the English is preferred.

The essayist made three general classes, (1) innocent, (2) semi-malignant, (3) malignant. By the first is meant purely local tumors which do not endanger life, and offer no inconvenience except from weight, size or pressure. Semi-malignant send living organisms from the degeneration throughout the body and threaten

life, and malignant include the most dangerous of the second class. The essayist did not enter upon the purely pathological part.

A spirited discussion followed the reading of the paper, and was carried on by Drs. Bierring, Littig and Hutchinson, and some of the professors with the essayist, but the friendly combat was not unexpected by the speaker or the audience.

A voluntary report was given by Professor Nutting on experiments with mutilated tadpoles.

On Friday evening the paper will be given by Assistant Professor Arner on "The Principle of Wave Interference and its Applications to the Refraction of Light." One week from Friday night the paper will be given by Dr. Gilbert.

## Western Intercollegiate Association.

At a meeting of the representatives of the Western Intercollegiate Athletic Association last Friday it was decided to challenge the winners of the eastern intercollegiate track and field contests for a joint meeting for the championship of America. A committee will be appointed by the executive committee to confer with the eastern management as to place and time for the games.

An attempt was also made to settle the question of place and time for the Western Intercollegiate games this spring, but after two hours' fruitless debate the decision was deferred in definitely. Privately the members expressed themselves as preferring the old athletic grounds at Thirty-fifth street and Wentworth avenue. The grounds are in control of the local base ball magnates, and no trouble is anticipated in securing them. A. A. Stagg, of the University of Chicago, was present, but made no definite proposition. He intimated, however, that should the delegates desire it, Marshall field would be at their disposal. The knotty question was at last partially settled by leaving the meet in the hands of a committee composed of one alumnus or other representative appointed from each college or executive committee. It was said in the corridors before the meeting was called to order that Northwestern University had made efforts to secure the management of the meet, but Van Doozer, one of the Northwestern representatives, denied this. He said: "We gave up that idea a long time ago, and do not seek after the meet or its management. I understand that the old grounds where the meet was held last year can be secured, and I would favor that location. I do not know any of the University of Chicago's plans in the matter."

The meeting was held in the directors' room of the Chicago Athletic Association's building, and was called by order of President North of the University of California. California, however, sent no representative, and Minnesota and Michigan sent no spokesman for their representative colleges. The absence of the wolverines caused several remarks, and it is understood that Michigan has definitely withdrawn on account of the disqualification of Le Roy and Hall,

who were thrown out after the meeting last year on a charge of professionalism.

The Executive Committee consists of C. M. Lewis, University of Illinois; E. Perry, Northwestern; Henry F. Cochems, University of Wisconsin; P. L. Blodgett, Grinnell College; W. B. Allison, University of Iowa; G. A. Bliss, University of Chicago. The other members present were W. B. Potter and J. P. Van Doozer, of Northwestern; W. N. Woolsey and A. O. Jackson, of Lake Forest; L. R. Palmer, Grinnell, and A. A. Stagg, University of Chicago.—*Cardinal.*

## Medical Department.

Mr. Gardiner, M. '96, returned yesterday after spending a week at home, having been called there on account of a sick brother.

We are pleased to see Mr. Kephart, M. '97, is able to attend the regular lectures again, having been confined to his home since the holidays on account of illness.

Drs. Middleton and Chase visited the capital Tuesday in the interest of the Medical Department, and brings back flattering reports from the encouragement they received. There is a strong sentiment in favor of a Medical hospital, and many legislators have promised their earnest support. The visiting committee from the House and Senate are here to day looking over the S. U. I. This afternoon they will probably visit the surgical clinics and certainly will be impressed with the fact that we need a hospital, and that without comments, our old, barn-like operating room speaks for itself. Much good work is being done in behalf of the hospital, and we urge strongly that nothing will be left undone that can be done to insure its success.

Many institutions have their bills already formulated and ready for introduction. The I. A. C's. bill, asking for \$131,000, was one of the first bills prepared.

## Homeopathic Department.

Dr. Haman began the instruction in the use of the ophthalmoscope and saryngoscope to the Senior class Monday evening. The class will be in two sections.

Quite a large number of the students have been out lately entertaining the gripe or some kindred disorder. It's a little tough, on the constitution, but it furnishes good practice for the rest of them.

The Hahnemannian, Saturday evening, had an interesting program. After an opening number by the male quartette, Mrs. Thomas entertained the society by an illustrated talk on "Atlantis," followed by a variety of literary treats. The literary feature was closed by a selection from the quartette. After a short intermission the annual election was held. The parliamentary "Tactics" were exceedingly interesting.

Dr. C. C. Gethman, class '93, from Eldora, Iowa, visited his Alma Mater Friday, and in a brief but neat talk he expressed his high appreciation of the excellent teaching done here, a sentiment which found an echo in

every heart. In fact the S. U. I. is doing excellent work, and the character of instruction furnished the Medical Departments is not at all excelled by the over-lauded schools east and south. It is generally conceded that the S. U. I. graduate in medicine is found in the van of his profession.

Certainly no one has any reason to find fault with the character of clinical material furnished. Nearly every week we have illustrations of this fact in well filled clinics, with sub-clinics held subsequently, and the Senior is afforded an opportunity to put his finger in the ear marks of some pathological lesion, and be a doubting Thomas no more. These advantages should be appreciated, and we believe they are.

## Base Ball Schedule.

At the meeting of the Iowa Intercollegiate Base Ball Association held at Grinnell last week, the following schedule of games for the spring of 1895 was arranged:

I. C. vs. S. U. I. at Iowa City, exhibition, April 18.

S. U. I. vs. I. C. at Grinnell, April 25.

Ames vs. Cornell at Mt. Vernon, May 1.

S. U. I. vs. Cornell at Mt. Vernon, exhibition, May 9.

Ames vs. S. U. I. at Iowa City, May 2.

I. C. vs. Ames at Ames, May 9.

Cornell vs. S. U. I. at Iowa City, May 29.

Other business of importance was also transacted. The college papers were requested to print the constitution of the association.

## College Notes.

A new foot ball constitution has been adopted by the Amherst students, whereby the regular membership of the foot ball eleven shall consist only of those who played in championship games.

Le Moyne, the former Tech guard, won first place in the shot put at the B. A. A. held recently. His actual put was 38 feet 8 1-2 inches; but his handicap brought the distance up to 38 feet 2 1-2 inches.

The Extension Department of the University of Wisconsin issues a weekly bulletin for editors, which contains items of news pertaining to the university and is sent to the editors all college papers.

The herbarium of the University of Wisconsin is not endeavoring to make general collection of the plants of the world. Its director, Professor Barnes, believes that the function of state collections should be to represent the local fauna and flora, leaving the accumulation and maintenance of great collections to institutions which are established or endowed for this purpose, where proper provision can be made for the use of such materials. It is intended at Madison, therefore, to direct effort to the collection and proper care of specimens of all the plants growing in the state of Wisconsin. These are kept separate from such others as are incidentally obtained and are open to examination by any one interested.

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Now that the management of the Glee Club have taken the pains to provide free vocal instruction for all members of the Chorus Class, which meets Tuesday evenings at 6:30 o'clock we wish that all students of the University who possess any musical ability would do their part in making this Glee Club an assured success. Last fall a number of students attended the chorus class conducted by Mr. Kallenberg, and it is desired that Mr. Smith, who has now undestaken the work, may meet with sufficient encouragement to justify him in continuing the class. Mr. Smith is a teacher of ability and is connected with the Iowa City Conservatory of Music. The instruction will be free to all and we feel that this fourth effort to organize a Glee Club should meet with success. There is sufficient talent in the University and now that a good instructor has been found who will donate his services free, we think the Glee Club should meet with the patronage it certainly deserves.

Work on the Hawkeye is progressing nicely, and from present indications the book will be out by the middle of next month. As is generally known, the work is being done in the city, except the half tones, which is in charge of one of the best engraving and printing establishments in the west. The advantage gained by a personal supervision of the work by the editors is not small, and the book when completed will undoubtedly be one of which the University may feel proud. Members of the Board report subscriptions plentiful, and we are informed that from present indications every copy of the whole number will be sold. The Board has assumed a considerably larger obligation than that of any former class in the matter, and it is gratifying to observe, in the demand for the book, an

appreciation of the fact. We are informed that a comparatively small number of volumes remain unspoken for, and those who desire copies should avail themselves of an opportunity to subscribe soon. The plan adopted last year of charging twenty-five cents per copy extra for those who buy without subscribing before publication will be strictly adhered to.

By a special appropriation recently the regents of the University of Wisconsin have authorized the construction for the botanical department of an experimental room for the study of plant physiology. As the botanical department occupies part of the third floor of the Science hall, this additional room will be supported on brackets at the level of the third story and will communicate directly with the present laboratory for plant physiology. It will be constructed in the fashion of a greenhouse or conservatory (glass on four sides) and will be 9x18 feet. The interior will be fitted with benches for the growing of plants and rigid shelves for the use of recording and other apparatus. Tanks for experiments with water plants will be provided. This small addition to the equipment will render possible much more effective study of plants in action. Heretofore material has been transported from the horticultural greenhouses nearly half a mile away, and experimented on in the extremely unfavorable atmosphere of the laboratory room.

**Notice.**

There will be a meeting of the Senior class Friday evening at 7 p. m. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

CHAS. G. BURLING, Pres.

Professor White of Cornell and Mr. Watson, the coach of the Harvard crew, upon inspecting the course of Poughkeepsie, Springfield and Troy, have expressed themselves in favor of the first for the annual Harvard-Cornell race.

Interest in musical studies at Cornell University will doubtless be increased by the action of the Faculty. At its last meeting, it was decided that students taking either of the courses of instruction controlled by the Executive Committee of the Choral Union should receive one hour's credit for university work

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**Fact and Rumor.**  
Orton, L. '96, is on the sick list.  
Baptista Kirby is suffering with the gripe.  
The Phi Delts will give a party Friday night.  
Professor McConnell returned yesterday morning.  
Mittie Pile has been confined to her room since Sunday.  
The Sophomore Latin class had an examination to-day.  
Miss Jean Bishop has resumed her work in the University.  
The Delta Gammas had supper at their hall Tuesday night.  
Misses Lasheck and McDonald are said to be on the sick list.  
Soleman was absent the first of the week on account of sickness.  
The Sophomore Greek class will have an examination to-morrow.  
Fred Irish, ex-'96, has accepted a position in the schools of Arizona.  
Preparations are being made for a military ball some time this term.  
Tabard will meet at the rooms of the Messrs. Cook and Hughes to-night.  
The Freshman German class have begun reading Storm's "Immensee."  
Professor Currier spent Tuesday in Des Moines so his classes did not meet.  
Our basket ball team will probably go to Chicago soon to redeem themselves.  
The Hawkeye, '97, is nearing completion, and will soon be ready to go to the binders.

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Mrs. Rowell, of Iowa City, has entered the University this term for Psychology.

Miss Della Alford was confined to her room by an attack of facial neuralgia on Monday.

Master Dan Clark returned home yesterday after several weeks' visit with his brother.

Fred Yule and Oliver Johnson, of Tipton, visited University friends the first of the week.

Hon. J. J. Mosnat, L. '75, paid his son Roy, of the Freshman class, a short visit this week.

Mutchler, '94, has recently been married to an accomplished young lady at Center Point.

Purdue is to have a new gymnasium, and has placed an order for apparatus with a Chicago firm.

Mr. Hopkins, '94, has been promoted to the position of head of the West Publishing Co., of St. Paul.

Dolly Wickersham was initiated into the Pi Beta Phi fraternity last evening at the home of Mae Henry.

A number of Harry Hanson's friends surprised him with a delightful surprise party Monday night.

J. L. Kinmonth has become a partner of his uncle in the management of the *Shore Press* at Asbury Park, N. J.

Several members of the Legislature who are also alumni of S. U. I., are here to-day looking over the University.

The Tau Deltis postponed their party last Saturday evening on account of the bereavement of their brother, J. T. McVey.

The Sophomore French class have finished "La Chute" and are now reading other selections from Victor Hugo's works.

Professor Nutting gave a very interesting lecture on "Pompeii the Buried City," at the Presbyterian church last night.

Owing to the serious illness of his little daughter, Professor Van Steenderen did not meet his classes in French Tuesday.

Professor Patrick gave a lecture on "Criminology" to the Sociology class Tuesday morning in place of the usual lecture by Professor Loos.

Mary McGuire, '95, has been elected by the Iowa City school board to fill the position of Miss Dabal, who will be transferred to the north school.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER staff has been strengthened by the addition of Lester Jackson to the Associate Editors and M. E. Geiser as editor for the Law Department.

President Schaeffer will give a reception to the visiting committee from the Legislature and the professors and instructors of all departments at his home this evening.

A pleasant party of young ladies, consisting of Misses Bale, Cook, Coldren, Moore, Edwards, Koehler and Webb, attended the theatre Tuesday evening, with Mr. J. A. Edwards as escort.

The second session of the School Masters' Club met last night at Professor McConnell's rooms. Miss Bertha Horack read an excellent paper on "The Natural Sciences in the High School." The officers of the club are Professor McConnell, President; Mrs. Davies, Vice-President; Miss Davis, Secretary.



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