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Baconian.

In the absence of the secretary, Lieutenant Vogdes was appointed secretary pro tem.

The essay of the evening was given by Professor Nutting on "The Naples Zoological Station and some Remarks on the Fauna of the Region."

The Naples Zoological Station is the result of the interest and personal aid of Dr. Dahn, a noted German scientist, who some twenty years ago realized the value of such a station. He afterwards received aid from the German and Austrian governments, but now the institution is entirely self-supporting, being sustained by the rents for the use of the tables, so called. There are thirty tables which are rented at \$500 per year each year to governments and great institutions of learning, but not to individuals.

Its purpose is to put at the hands of specialists, not undergraduates, the best of instruments and equipment, and the best of marine fauna to work with. A most beautiful spot, capable of inspiring any one to his best work. It is situated along the shore of the Bay of Naples, and for a half mile on both sides a garden extends along the shore.

The station itself is a white marble palace of the severest style of architecture, but grand, and is surrounded by tropical foliage. Large windows open out on the Bay of Naples.

As to equipment, there are numerous aquaria, both general and special, supplied with water pumped in from the bay quite a distance from the shore. A library with frescoed walls of the best Italian art and containing every book the naturalist could desire.

Quite a fleet of boats, including the steam launch presented by the German government, are at the disposal of the station. In addition scores of fishermen do all they can to furnish specimens, and their long experience has taught them what specimens are the most profitable to collect, and they find this business better paying than ordinary fishing.

Dr. Dahn, the founder of the station, is still at the head, but he is now engaged more in administration than instruction, leaving the real work to his many assistants. The best known of the assistants is Lo Bianco, the chief conservator, who gained his first experience as a common fisher boy.

Appointment to a table in the station must come from a government or university which owns a table there, and from this country such an appointment must come either from Smithsonian Institute or Harvard. After its receipt the appointee receives a pamphlet of instructions and information on everything of interest, most minute as to sanitary and physical, but not as to moral matters, as all naturalists are moral, of course.

On arriving, one naturally wanders through the lower story where are located the general aquaria like beautiful grottoes in consummate colors, not mere tanks. In these clear colored aquaria are all the animals of the sea in suitable surroundings. In the first tank are star fish and crinoids,

purple, red, and different colored sea urchins. Then a tank of beautiful fish a tank of more than fifty species of translucent asidians, a case of coral, red of commerce, and others, a glorious display of sea anemones—a veritable sea garden, a case of sea worms, of devil fish, of lobsters, of sea turtles, etc. There was a case of animals so like their surroundings that at first the tanks seemed empty.

In the second story of the station are the special laboratories, one of which is assigned to each applicant, where all his specimens are in waiting and everything necessary provided. Each special room has speaking tube communication with an attendant. Thus the worker is relieved of everything that can be done by an assistant so that all the time can be spent in research.

The large general library is run on the card catalogue plan, no librarian, and every liberty is allowed as all are on their own responsibility or the institution they represent. Fees for attendants are expected generally in Europe, but here no fees are paid directly. When the naturalist is about to leave he pays to the secretary what he cares to for kindness of attendants, and on Christmas time these fees are divided equally among the attendants. By this plan every naturalist, rich or poor, receives the same courtesies and assistance.

In the summer time collecting trips on the bay are veritable pleasure trips; after a party has made four or five hauls with the dredge they usually visit some little town along the bay. The methods for dredging were not different from others and might be improved.

The bay is very shallow and its bottom very rich in specimens. All work on these trips is done by sailors and men, while the naturalists select their specially desired material as the dredge is hauled up.

On returning from the trip Lo Bianco and his assistants assort the specimens and send them to the different special laboratories. There is always a superabundance of material from the 1123 species of marine forms in the near vicinity of the station.

In the preservation of the material each of the species are subject to different methods. The many beautiful specimens shown illustrated the great skill in preserving and packing exercised by the assistants at the station. The most delicate animals were fully extended and life like.

An unusually large colloquium was necessary to allow the audience to see all the specimens. The paper was discussed by Dr. Andrews and Dr. Barrett.

A voluntary report by Dr. Andrews on calculating machines and their construction, also a brief report on his experiments with photography, was given.

On Friday evening R. A. G. Smith will give a paper on the "Laws of Chance."

Medical Department.

Dr. Guthrie went to Des Moines Tuesday night. He delivered four lectures on Physiology on Tuesday.

Decker, M. '97, has returned from

Davenport, where he has been employed as interne at Mercy Hospital for a couple of weeks.

As stated in Saturday's issue of this paper the Tri-State Medical Association met in Des Moines to settle several important questions of mutual interest. Below we give the result of this meeting as reported from the Des Moines Capital:

Representatives of the State Medical Examining Boards of Illinois and Missouri met with the Iowa Board yesterday and attempted to fix a standard of requirements for medical colleges in the three states. But they were unable to agree. The Missourians would not adopt a standard high enough to suit the others in some respects and they left the meeting and returned home before the two main questions were put. The question of what the requirements for entrance to a medical college should be was debated at some length. The doctors were in favor at first of requiring one year of Latin and that arbitrarily and against a scientific preparation ever so good—all this would be of no avail if the year of Latin had not been gone through with. Dr. Stalker, of the Agricultural College, sailed into this and showed its absurdity to such an extent that the Latin requirement was dropped and the scientific course acknowledged to be the best training for entrance to a medical college. A diploma from any literary or scientific college, high school or academy, certificate from the state superintendent or evidence of having matriculated in any first-class college, may be accepted for entrance to a medical school under this agreement. The requirement for graduation in Iowa is to be four six-month courses in different years, to take effect after this year. The other states do not require as much, but are trying to. The Illinois men are divided as to whether this could be enforced in that state, which now requires three years of eight months each. This is a disadvantage to Iowa schools. Students may go to Illinois and graduate in three years. The Iowa Board might refuse to allow them to practice, but that rule might be declared unreasonable by the courts. If the other states adopt it all will be well. It now remains to be seen whether they will or not. The Iowa Board is trying hard to keep down the cheap medical colleges and prevent them from turning ignorant boys loose to prey upon the lives of the people as physicians.

"This Board of Health is the hardest official body or office to get information from that there is in the state house. They want it understood that there is something mysterious and secret about their deliberations, or disputations, a better word. Reporters are told to wait a few days for the news till it passes through the hands of the official press censor, one L. F. Andrews. Thus reporters are compelled to pick up what they can get, and put to the trouble of hunting for what might be given them by the secretary, in five or ten minutes.

"The State Board of Medical Examiners is protesting against the adoption of one of the recommendations of the code commissioners in regard to requirements for admission to practice in Iowa. Any graduate of a medical school of good standing outside the state may be admitted by paying \$5, but the graduates of Iowa schools must pass the regular examination for admission and pay \$2. This means that the Iowa schools are inferior and their graduates cannot be accepted. The Board thinks this rank discrimination should be removed; that when an Iowa college comes up to the standard its graduates should be recognized the same as those of outside colleges."

Law Literary.

The Law Literary of '96 met in the Law lecture room last Thursday evening and rendered a very interesting and instructive program.

T. M. Fairchild delivered an oration entitled "Liberty." This was a masterly production, and showed the patriotic and purely American spirit of its author.

The question, "Should cemeteries be destroyed and crematories established in their stead," was ably argued on the affirmative by E. C. Orton and C. M. Stillwell, and by W. H. Hughes and Knittle on the negative.

The affirmative desired the discontinuance of cemeteries because of their menace to public health; because of the great amount of territory necessitated for their use in populous districts; because of the early obliteration of graves; and desired the establishment of crematories because it was more civilized, more reasonable, and allowed the preservation of sacred ashes for an almost unlimited time.

The negative argued that cemeteries caused no bad results from a sanitary standpoint, and made an earnest appeal for a continuance of that sacred sentiment respecting the graves of the dead.

Mr. Orton in his closing argument made a very forcible and eloquent speech.

The decision of the judges was in favor of the negative.

M. H. Kepler read a paper on "The elements of success," in which he pointed out the erroneous opinion of a large mass of people as to what constitutes success. He held that one was not a failure in life simply because he failed to amass an immense fortune, to reach some high office, or to receive the plaudits of a great people.

Attorney Murphy, of the firm of Bailey & Murphy, this city, was present at the meeting, and made a forcible address which was highly appreciated for its fitting counsel and sound reason.

E. A. Walsh and J. M. Wilson, of the Hammond Law Senate, were called upon and responded with speeches which were appreciated.

A business meeting of considerable length was held, during which it was decided to accept the challenge of the Junior Laws for a joint contest to take place in the near future.

The Junior Laws received their grades in "Study of Cases" Tuesday.

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There seems to be an increasing interest manifested in indoor athletics of late. The basket ball games recently played are to be followed by several within a short time. Saturday night, as has been announced, will occur two games, and moreover it is announced that several challenges will be read which will probably prove the initiative to a number of interesting games. It is a matter of no less satisfaction than interest to those who look upon athletics as a means rather than an end to observe the above facts. Certainly nothing could be better calculated to render our athletic training more effective than these games afford. At the same time they not only afford training for men who will enter the events in next spring's field meet, but also give an opportunity for the students who are not so constituted as to be able to go into such events to secure the athletic work they need. The interest now being made manifest can be productive of a great deal of good and we trust the games will be liberally patronized.

To all students who regard with interest the success of the University in athletics, we would urge the necessity of patronizing the Battalion Ball which will be held to-morrow evening at the Armory for the benefit of the Athletic Association. It is a common cry with many that the students are continually called upon to pledge subscriptions for the aid of the various athletic teams. While we admit that in the past there has been some cause for this complaint, we believe that all fair-minded students will see the necessity for placing our athletic department on a firm financial basis. The management dislike to return to the old method of circulating subscription lists, and have devised this means of raising the in-

debtedness. The idea of a Battalion Ball is especially appropriate, as it unites the military department of the University into closer sympathy with its athletic interests. Every person who attends the Battalion Ball to-morrow evening will have an enjoyable time guaranteed him, and will moreover feel that he is assisting one of the most worthy enterprises of the University. The price of admission is very reasonable, and a snug sum should be netted for the Athletic Association.

"The Progress of the World," the editorial department of the Review of Reviews, is especially live and vigorous in the February number. Its paragraphs are packed with information about Venezuela, British Guiana, South Africa, and Canadian politics, to say nothing of its comment on the American financial situation and other matters of immediate national importance. The department is illustrated with the usual number of timely portraits and maps.

Mr. Charles D. Lanier, writing in this issue of the magazine, ascribes the general disappointment occasioned by the appointment of Alfred Austin as poet laureate to an erroneous popular conception of the laureateship itself, arising largely from the long incumbency of Tennyson, who was really the greatest English poet of his time. The fact is that the laureateship has always been, as Mr. Lanier describes it, "a household office in the ménage of the British sovereign." Not every laureate, indeed only now and then a laureate, has been the leader among the poets of his generation. Mr. Austin aspires to no such leadership.

The Zetagathians Entertain.

That the Zets know how to entertain right royally was attested to by the most delightful reception which they tendered to their sister society, the Hesperians, Tuesday evening in the society halls. About a hundred from the membership and alumni of these two societies responded to invitation, and by means of "acquaintance lists" the unknown became known to each other. Conversation topic cards and the ever popular crokinole formed a share of the evening's enjoyment.

Most dainty refreshments were served in the South Hall, where long tables were tastefully decorated with potted plants and flowers.

After supper, under the direction of Mr. Rigg, the Zetagathian president, the following toasts were responded to in a most fitting and witty manner:

"Our Guests".....Rigg, '96
"Our Hosts".....Amy Zimmerman, '96
"Zetagathianism" Ensign, '97
"South Hall".....Mary Hornbrook, '97
"The Freshmen from a Sophomore's Standpoint"..... Barr, '98
"The Sophomores from a Freshman's Standpoint"..... Jessie Popham
"The Freshmen Girls" Page, '99
For a time the old South building resounded with the echoes of college songs, then the merry party took their leave pronouncing the evening a marked social success.

Some of the Junior Laws believe that physical and mental training should go hand in hand, and have become so enthused with the idea that it is difficult for them to remain inactive during lectures.

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Wm. F. Muse, of the Ottumwa Quartette, became renowned in the famous M. C. Club of Cedar Rapids.

Fact and Rumor.

Miss Deplaine, of Tipton, is visiting University friends.

Jennie Leonard, '99, is enjoying a visit from her mother.

R. J. Gaines is attending military school at Ames this week.

Professor Wauchope failed to meet his class in Nineteenth Century English.

Jake Hess, L. '95, is expected to be the guest of the University to-morrow.

Fay McClelland, D. '99, was called home by the sudden illness of his father.

Professor Rohbach finished his course of lectures in Corporations yesterday, and is now giving the class quizzes on hypothetical cases on the subject.

The gallery of the Armory will be open to-morrow evening at the Battalion Ball and a general admission of twenty-five cents will be charged for spectators.

Professor Currier has returned from Des Moines, and reports that the outlook for the Collegiate building is very fair, and for the Medical hospital quite certain.

The Athletic Park Association has engaged Professor Roche the hypnotist to give a three nights' entertainment for the benefit of the association, on Feb. 17, 18, 19, respectively.

Among the officers of the Iowa City Allison Club we notice the names of Walter M. Davis, '95, editor of the Iowa City Republican as President, and Professor James A. Rohbach as Secretary and Treasurer.

The young ladies of Nineteenth Century English recently took active steps toward starting the new woman movement. As usual the initiative was taken by their placing themselves in the position usually occupied by the men.

Erodelphian.

Erodelphian Hall was filled to overflowing Saturday evening, and the large audience listened to a most interesting program.

A zither solo by Miss May Taylor, with violin obligato by Miss Ida Kriechbaum, made a most pleasing beginning. That this was one of the most appreciated numbers was shown by the prolonged applause which it received.

The first literary number was a declamation, "Oh Sir," by Miss Bertha Remley. The humor of this piece was well brought out by Miss Remley in her customary pleasing style.

"Resolved, that reason has more to do with the progress of civilization than reason," was the question for debate and was affirmed by Miss Baptist Kerby and Miss Winston Osborne, and denied by Miss Dorothy Wickersham and Miss Louise Boesche.

Miss Kerby, in opening the debate, showed thorough preparation, and based her argument upon the fact that sentiment leads to rashness.

Miss Wickersham spoke first in defense of the affirmative. Her argument was that in art, science, literature and music, sentiment is the pre-eminent agent.

In closing the debate for the affirmative, Miss Osborne claimed that inventions, discoveries and improvements of every kind are due to reason.

The last speaker for the negative was Miss Boesche. Her arguments were very strong and convincing. She showed that sentiment is the basis of every good and noble action, and that sentiment is the foundation upon which our religion rests.

The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

This was Miss Wickersham's and Miss Osborne's first appearance on an Erodelphian program, but they proved to be debaters of no slight ability.

Following the debate was a piano solo by Miss Myers. This was very entertaining and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

"Good-bye, Jim," was the subject of a declamation by Miss Ethel Charlton. Any one who has heard Miss Charlton knows her ability as a declaimer, and it is not necessary to say more than that she spoke as usual.

A violin solo by Miss Ida Kriechbaum closed the program. This number was heartily endorsed.

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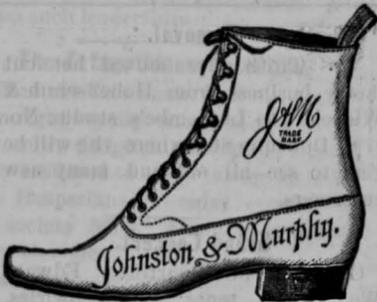
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