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Anthropometric Research.

Some very interesting work in Experimental Psychology is now in progress at the Psychological Laboratory under the direction of Professor Patrick and Dr. Gilbert. This work is in the nature of anthropometric research, and consists of a series of tests and measurements upon University students. These tests and measurements include height, weight, reaction time, tests of sight and hearing, and a few others. The research will be extended until one hundred students of each age from 17 upward, —fifty of each sex,—have been examined; the results will then be tabulated in various ways for convenient use in Psychological study. The research is being undertaken for the purpose of marking out special problems, such as the time element of mental phenomena, etc., and its results are expected to prove of great value. The work is but the continuation of the research that was made last year along the same lines among the pupils of the city schools. All of the students of the University will be included in this present research, and when they receive postal cards inviting them to call at the laboratory, it is to be hoped that they will manifest a sufficient interest in this experimental work to respond to the invitation. By doing so they will confer a great favor upon Professor Patrick, and they will also undoubtedly find the experiments interesting and profitable to themselves.

Baconian.

The paper of Friday evening was read by Dr. Gilchrist on "Vis Medicatrix Naturae." The term is used to convey the meaning that in all organisms there is power to recover from the effects of morbid action without the assistance of art.

The ordinary objects of organisms isms are (1) the preservation of life, (2) the preservation of species, and (3) the maintenan e of life in general.

In addition to the ordinary objects are special qualities of organisms: 1. Vulnerability. 2. Resistance, or power to protect against the attacks of morbid influences. 3. Reproduction of lost tissue. The higher organism is like a machine, and for perfect performance of any function, perfect machinery is required.

Vulnerabiliiy increases with the complexity of the organism. There is always a certain amount of damage from mechanical injury, which is never fully repaired. The injury is filled in by scar tissue which forms a bond of union between the two severed parts, but does not repair the loss.

Resistance is not fully understood, but whatever this energy may be which maintains life, its second object is to protect life. Some resistance is merely physical and overcomes morbid influences by will power.

Perfect reproduction of lost tissues is not found in higher organisms, and either substitution or compensation takes place instead.

In the case of burns the work of excretion is taken up by other organs of the body, but in severe burns the extra burden is too great to be readily assumed, and death results. Thus nature seems also to fail on the compromise, and we are compelled to admit that nature is not a healer, and is at best a poor physciian.

Professor Patrick gave a voluntary report on the conditions of fatigue in reading, based upon recent psychological experiments in Columbia College, The experiments show that the most suitable type is 1.6 millimetres in height. A white light of twelve candle metres is not more fatiguing than daylight, and in order of legibility the letters of the alphabet are d, k, m, q, h, b, p, w, u, l, j, t, v, z, r, o, f, n, a, x, y, e, i, g, c, s. Nothing is gained by fur her spacing the letters, although increasing the distance between the lines, increases the legibility.

The voluntary report was discussed by Professors Andrews, Veblen and Rockwood, and the paper for next Friday night was announced to be given by A. G. Smith, on "The Quadrature of the Circle."

Irving.

A good sized audience in North Hall Friday evening listened to an excellent program, well-rendered.

"Paul at Athens" was declaimed by Roy Mosnat in a satisfactory manner.

"The Coming Farmer" was discussed by J. J. Louis. He summarized the ideal condition of the present farmer as: "He generally has enough to eat and to wear, he works and is happy."

"Resolved, that the co-operative system is better than the present wage system," was affirmed by Hutchison, who emphasized the inferior social position of the man who works for hire, and the economic loss by strikes. Kiser characterized co-operation as one of the "fancy methods" of getting to paradise, and a modified form of socialism. Taylor declared that co-operation would provide "a training-school in the science and art of labor. Co-operation does not s rike at competition, but simply forms a joint stock company wherein the stock-holders furnish both capital and labor." Blume closed the debate, denouncing co-operation as an ethereal theory, which in practice would not afford opportunity for individuals to find their proper sphere. He pointed out the difficulty unsuccessful co-operators would find in securing new places, which would lead to the re-establishment of the wage system.

The judges declared the negative winners.

"Daniel O'Connell" was the subject of an excellent oration by Geo. Egan.

Stemple's declamation of "The Raven" was of the very highest order.

The program closed with a cornet solo by Mr. McClellaud, accompanied by Mr. Lancaster.

Zetagathian.

In South Hall, Friday night, the following program was presented to a comparatively large and appreciative audience.

A cornet solo by Mr. McClelland was heartily encored.

"Spartacus to the Roman Envoys" was the title of a declamation aptly rendered by Mr. Holstein. For those who have heard this speaker in the past we need only to remark that his effort on this occasion was accorded deepest interest.

F. A. O'Connor next spoke on the theme, "Triumphant Democracy," in an oration which showed earnest and careful thought and preparation. Mr. O'Connor being one of the Freshman members the society may look for a strong literary light in him ere his course is finished.

The debate, upon the theme "Resolved, that the present tendency of young men to flock into professions should be discouraged," showed throughout either a lack of preparation or of interest. We are fully aware that the question in itself is not "brim-full" of inspiration, but a deeper into the problems clustering about such an economic consideration are far from solution.

The resolution was affirmed by Burge and Brockway, either of whom are well known to Zetagathian audiences, and denied by Moody and Hollingsworth. The appearance of Mr. Moody being his first, was comparatively good. Mr. Hollingsworth, perhaps viewing the position of the affirmative as ridiculous, drifted into a channel of good natured irony and humor.

The negative won the decision of the judges.

H. E. C. Ditzen next favored the audience with a speech entitled: "A Psychological Impossibility." This number was throughout very interesting and highly instructive.

Mr. J. F. Ogden now declaimed "Pyramus and Thisbe" in a very creditable manner.

Professor Berryhill closed the program with a violin solo.

Philomathean.

Judging from the program presented last Friday evening, and for several meetings previous, we are sure the Philos have good cause to feel encouraged. The society is well aware of its disadvantages, as compared with the other societies, in not having a nicely equipped hall and in not being an old established society, but if it continues to progress as it has of late there is no reason why it should not become a factor for good equal to any in this institution. There are already quite a number of men doing literary work, because of this organization, who would otherwise be excluded. In view of this fact the society earnestly invites your fellowship and encouragement.

Following program was rendered:

An oration given by Mr. Angus was rich in thought and was delivered with good spirit.

Next followed the debate, in which Mr. Albert strongly supported the affirmative of the question "Resolved, that a monarchial is stronger than a republican form of government."

The negative waf logically supported by Mr. Penrose, who is a new and promising member.

Mr. Thielen again argued the affirmative with that old time persistance that is beginning to leave its stamp on the society.

The negavive was closed in an able manner by Mr. Joseph.

A declamation, "Napoleon's Departure from France," rendered by Mr P. Vaughan, was well received.

The last number on the program was given by Mr. E. B. Williams, who delivered a most elevating and instructive speech on the subject, "The Object of Life." He clearly showed that if we could reach a stage of supreme happiness in this life we would be fit to walk with saints.

Hesperian.

The Hesperians were greeted last Saturday evening by their usual large number of friends.

Miss Grace Gardner opened the program with a well received vocal solo.

Jessie Bullock declaimed "Tapestry Weavers" with ease and grace.

The "Influence of an Ideal" was the subject of a very thoughtful, carefully prepared oration, delivered by Mabel Hanson. Miss Hanson's delivery was forceful and pleasing throughout.

Miss Bess Bishop sang a heartily encored vocal solo.

The question for discussion, "Resolved, that our modern industrial age affords less opportunity for the poet than did the past ages of war and adventure," was sustained by Nina Shaffer and Margaret Van Metre, and denied by Florence Joy and Amelia McDonnell. Many good arguments were brought out and well presented by the affirmative. The negative refuted some of the points ably, but they lacked spirit and convincing power.

Martha Emry followed with an oration entitled "The School of Difficulties." This was full of good wholesome thought and was well presented by the author.

The literary program closed with a declamation "Ahwingawa," by Nellie Leitz. This is an excellent selection and furnished a good opportunity for a display of the speaker's really superior elocutionary ability.

Miss Leitz and Miss Hanson are new members of Hesperian and bid fair to add much honor to her.

College Notes.

Michigan very easily beat the foot ball aggregation from Lehigh last Saturday by a score of 40 to 0.

At Harvard the athletic committee has appointed an instructor in base ball. All students who so desire may learn the game.—Ex.

President Cleviand has presented the manuscript of his address at the Princeton sesquicentennial celebration to the Princeton University library.

Manager Stagg has presented the members of last year's base ball team with beautiful gold watch charms as trophies of their victories. The charm is in the shape of a diamond, having in the center a base ball, in the front of which is set a small diamond. Two base ball bats cross in the center, running through the ball. The front of the charm has the title "Champions of the West" and "U. of C.," the latter in maroon lettering. On the reverse side is engraved the name of the player and the position played by him, and the date of the year. The whole thing is very neat and makes a durable and handsome trophy.—University of Chicago Weekly.

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We beg leave to correct an unfortunate error that marred the report of the 'Varsity-Grinnell foot ball game which appeared in last Saturday's issue. The brilliant drop goal kick from the thirty-five yard line made by Thomas was not credited to him, but to another member of our team. The error was entirely unintentional and was due only to a mistake upon the part of our reporter. Leighton played tackle for S. U. I. instead of Gardner as was reported.

To our mind the most gratifying feature of the S. U. I.-Grinnell game last Saturday was the absence of the bitter, narrow-minded spirit, that at times in the past have marred the contests between the two schools. There is the same old-time rivalry between the schools, and undoubtedly Grinnell played a better game against us than she would have against any other team, because of the unusual interest taken by the students and friends of both of these institutions in their contests with one another.

Our boys are unanimous in their praise of the treatment accorded them by the Grinnell students. When our team came upon the field they were greeted by the S. U. I. yell; and the members of the team regretted greatly that they could not accept the kind invitation extended them to attend the reception given by the Grinnell girls that evening.

We hope that this same typical college spirit may be shown by the students of both schools in their future contests. Every representative student of our University appreciates the treatment accorded our men, and we must not be out-done by our sister college in this respect. In the future every student should do what he can to honestly and fairly win from our rival, and at the same time be courteous and gentlemanly; so that their visit to our city and University may be a pleasant one, whatever may be the decree of Nemesis as to the outcome of the contest.

After a rest of two years the Grinnell and S. U. I. foot ball teams met again on the gridiron last Saturday in a stubbornly contested game, and for the first time in four years our boys are given the credit of a clear victory over the scarlet and black.

The score was a surprise to both sides, as on account of the absence of Templeman, Grinnell had expected a much larger score against them than was made. The S. U. I. players had hopes of shutting out the Grinnell team, but these were dashed to the ground when Grinnell made the first touchdown of the game after ten minutes of play. The effect was to brace our boys up, but a great part of their work was lacking. Blodgett cut great holes in our line, and the work of our backs was not phenomenal. Meyers was hurt several times, but pluckily stayed in the game, although his playing was clearly affected by his injuries.

Holbrook and Hobbs did not follow their interference well, and instead of hitting the line hard seemed to be looking for easy places to go through without getting hurt. Stipp, the referee, said after the game that the work of our ends in getting down the field after punting was the best he had ever seen.

Taken as a whole the work of the team was not quite up to its usual standard, and the boys will have to work hard during the next week to accomplish all that is expected of them in our next two games.

Bull says we must have more men out for foot ball practice, and it is the duty of every man who can play foot ball to get out and give the 'Varsity some hard practice games this week. We have too much at stake to lose our prospects of winning the pennant by inefficient practice.

Dr Shambaugh delivered a scholarly address on "Politics and Religion" to a large audience at the Unitarian church Sunday evening.

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Fact and Rumor.

Sigma Nus will have a party Friday night.

Claude Saner, the boy soprano, will sing here soon.

Hal Reynolds, '00, enjoyed a visit from his mother Sunday.

The preliminary Chicago debate will be held Saturday, Nov 21.

Miss Anna and Ida Kriechbaum attended the Grinnell game Saturday.

Professor Loos gave the class in Socialogy an examination yesterday.

Miss Katharine Taylor is receiving a visit from Miss Damatt, of Camanche.

Professor and Mrs. McConnell entertained the gentlemen of the Faculty Monday evening.

Adelaiaide Lasheck, C. '98, has returned from the country where she has been teaching.

Thomas has been unable to attend foot ball practice the past few days on account of an injured knee.

A rumor of a week's vacation at Thanksgiving has been current about the University, but Dean Currier says it is only a rumor.

Miss Anna Kriechbaum, who has been visiting her sister, Ida, the past week, returned to her home in Burlington, Monday afternoon.

The Dental and Medical students met on the gridiron at the athletic park Saturday afternoon. The Dents won by a score of 10 to 0.

One of the Seniors had an unexpected call the other evening. The guests made themselves so much at home that the Senior was obliged to spend the night out.

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Clyde Kirk, formerly of the S. U. I. Law department, now connected with the firm of Park and Odell, of Des Moines, spent Sunday and Monday with Mr. Nate Barber.

O. H. L. Mason, '93, and G. W. Lawrence, '95, L. '96, were spectators of the Grinnell game Saturday. Mason is now preaching near Marshalltown, and Lawrence is in a law partnership with C. S. Aldrich, '95, L. '96, at Marshalltown.

Word was received Sunday by cablegram that I. E. Munger and wife, both of the class of '92, have arrived safely in Calcutta. They will be stationed at Tura, three hundred miles to the northward.

Thomas may be proud of making the only drop kick, which was make at Grinnell Saturday, yet recorded in the west in a regular game. A correspondent to the Des Moines Leader said that Thomas' brilliant punting was a feature of the game, as he punted several times for 50 yards, and averaged over 40.

The Omaha World-Herald says in speaking of the Iowa-Nebraska game which is to occur in that city on Thanksgiving day: "Every student in the University of Nebraska who can beg, borrow or walk will be here for Thanksgiving day." Our University should meet them with a large number of enthusiastic supporters.

When the 9:25 train arrived Saturday night it was greeted by a crowd of students to welcome home our victorious foot ball team. Aided by the band an unusually jubilant demonstration was made. The boys were escorted to Close Hall where addresses were made by Judge Wade, Chancellor McClain, Rev. Dr. M. A. Bullock and Professor Sims. Call for speeches were given for Coach Bull and Manager Price, but neither of these modest young men would respond.

The last number of The Nebraskan contained the following: "However strongly the Missouri foot ball players were justified in striking Umpire Dehn, of Iowa, their action will go on record as one of the accumulating blotches which are added to the already questionable sport of foot ball. That the deed was ungentlemanly, is putting it too mildly. Henceforth Missouri will hold a position in foot ball circles that will not be enviable. Missouri has not heard the last of that disgraceful fight on Franklin field."

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