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THE BOTANY OF SHAKESPEARE.

AN INSTRUCTIVE AND ENTERTAINING LECTURE BY PROFESSOR MACBRIDE.

At the request of the English department, Professor Macbride last Tuesday evening delivered his lecture on "The Botany of Shakespeare" a second time. Close Hall could scarcely accommodate the large audience. Professor Wauchope introduced the speaker, who said in part:

In Shakespeare we do not expect to find Botany, or Zoology, or Astronomy; nevertheless Shakespeare does talk of plants and animals and stars. By the "Botany of Shakespeare" is meant simply his references to plants, and the inferences we may draw as to his knowledge of the various plants. Essays have been written to prove that Shakespeare was a Protestant, a Catholic, a Unitarian, a doctor, a lawyer, a soldier, etc.; many writers have been versatile, but Shakespeare alone is universal. Here is an Anglo-Saxon Bible in which every soul finds himself depicted. In all use he makes of plants and flowers, he does exhibit a superior exactitude and perception, such, if it had been turned to scientific problems, it must have transformed the science of his age. Shakespeare was not a botanist, not a scientist at all. His plants are not dead and ticketed as in some herbarium; they live for us; the dew-drops still cling to their petals. Shakespeare mentions either outright or in such a way that they may be identified over two hundred species of plants. Most people to-day cannot name anything like that number. Some flowers he does but touch; others are before us often. The lily is mentioned twenty-eight times, the rose not less than seventy.

Professor Macbride then gave a series of quotations showing that Shakespeare used his own eyes and used them well. The microscope had hardly been invented, yet he has not failed to note the microscopic forms. He is accurate in descriptions as applied to a single flower. However, all he says concerning plants is not from his own observation; he often uses the current notions and superstitions; for example, the beliefs concerning the mandrake. There are, too, suggestions of some of the important principles of modern science; e. g., cross fertilization, the tendency of organisms to vary (one of the primary factors of the Darwinian theory) and cell-structure. Of course, Shakespeare did not understand these things; he was a better prophet than he knew.

Medical Department.

Dr. Butterbaugh was in the city Monday.

Burt Harrington, '97, is spending a year in Europe.

John Gardner, '98, will join the Scrubs in their game with the State Normal.

Dr. Guthrie and Dr. Bierring conducted the gynaecological clinic on Tuesday.

Dr. Shrader was in Des Moines on Tuesday. The State Board of Health met on that day.

Dr. Van Epps, who is well known to all the old students, is taking special work at the University of Pennsylvania.

E. B. Williams, of the Sophomore class, has been chosen to represent the Medical department on the Hawkeye Board.

Foot ball ought to be encouraged by the Medical department, as nose and throat and surgical clinics are benefited by it.

The Senior quartette have met for practice a few times and will soon be prepared to furnish music for all state occasions.

Dr. Middleton and Dr. Littig were in Chicago Monday purchasing supplies for the new hospital. It is reported that the main part will be ready for occupancy in about four weeks.

Homeopathic Medical Department.

Dr. Myrick, of the Chicago Homeopathic Medical class of '96, visited the surgical clinic Saturday.

Dr. Gilchrist will give an extra lecture every Wednesday to the Senior class on operative surgery.

Dr. C. H. De Myer, of Michigan University, class of '80, now practicing in Des Moines, was a visitor at the lecture on Surgery, Monday.

Dr. Homan occupied Dr. Newberry's hour on Tuesday with an interesting lecture on instruments used in treatment of diseases of the eye, ear and throat.

The paper read at the meeting of the Johnson County Homeopathic Medical Association Wednesday evening was of unusual interest. It was given by Dr. George Royal, and was entitled "Hahnemann's Psoric Theory."

The following is the program rendered Friday evening at the Hahnemannian Society:

Music.
Recitation..... A N Linn
Paper..... Metzinger
Instrumental Music.
"Klondyke"..... E E Abbott
Society Paper..... B P Blackstone
Lecture..... Farnum
"Headache."
Discussion of the lecture.
Music.

"In Buff and Blue."

The last number of the Critic, the leading literary publication of New York, contains an interesting review of Geo. B. Rodney's "In Buff and Blue." The fact of interest to University students concerning the article is that the critique is Professor Wauchope, of the English department.

Dr. Wauchope has been engaged by this magazine as the chief critic of their literary department. Men of this standard, who are recognized throughout the world in their particular line of work, do more to advertise the University than could be done by any other possible means. It is with especial regret that we hear of Dr. Wauchope's departure to Oxford, England, where he will take special work in his chosen profession.

Harvard has a Freshman Debating Club with a membership of 92.

IOWA DENTAL SOCIETY MEETS.

MANY PROMINENT DENTISTS IN ATTENDANCE.

The Eastern Iowa Dental Society held its ninth annual convention at this city, and interesting and instructive topics were presented in a scholarly manner. The meetings were held at the Dental building, and were well attended by the local practitioners and advanced Dental students.

The following prominent dentists of eastern Iowa were present:

Ex-Presidents—

W G Clark, Cedar Rapids.
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F T Breene, Iowa City.

Doctors—

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W J Coughlan, Monticello.
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I S Mahan, LaPorte.
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S R Swain, Marengo.
C A Palmer, Grinnell.
R S Bandy, Tipton.
F E Ferris, Waterloo.
T L James Fairfield.
S C Grove, Tipton.
Bessie Casebeer, Tipton.
F E Miller, Cedar Rapids.
J E Fleener, Oskaloosa.
C A Lewis, Ottumwa.
W S Hosford, Iowa City.
R W Baldwin, Iowa City.
R T Pearson, Anamosa.

The following members were elected for the coming year, and made short speeches before taking their seats. On taking the gavel Dean Hosford was heartily applauded.

President—Dr W S Hosford, Iowa City.

Vice-President—Dr R S Bandy, Tipton.

Secretary—Dr I S Mahan, La Porte.

Treasurer—Dr J B Pherrin, Central City.

It was decided before adjournment that the next annual meeting should also be held in Iowa City.

Notice.

The paper at Baconian Friday evening will be given by Professor Calvin, subject, "The Mesozoic Faunas," and will be illustrated with lantern slides.

The estate of Columbia University has increased \$5,870,000 during President Low's administration.

The Seniors of the University of Nebraska have adopted golf caps and silver-headed canes as distinguishing marks.

The Freshmen at Bowdoin have wisely adopted the rule that no one shall wear the class letters unless he shall have earned them by having represented the class in some bona fide athletic contest.

A Chicago alderman is trying to prohibit foot ball in Chicago. The gentleman evidently is after a little cheap notoriety. Foot ball is here to stay. Its evils can be eliminated, but the vigorous and rugged character of the sport will prevent its abolition.—Republican.

College Notes.

Yale spends over \$59,000 a year on athletics.

The Universities of Kansas and Missouri have arranged for a joint debate.

Harvard has organized a band composed at present of about sixteen members.

Ohio has the largest number of college students, 24,000, one-third of whom are women.

Yale has accepted Harvard's challenge for a third annual whist tournament this year.

The outgoing class of Cornell contributed \$2,000 toward the alumni endowment fund. This fund has nearly reached \$40,000.

Harvard and the University of California have arranged for an intercollegiate chess match by telegraph, to be played a month hence.

At Carlisle Indian School there are enrolled 808 students, representing 61 different tribes. Their graduating class this year numbers 26.

An intercollegiate bowling league has been formed, composed of the bowling teams of Princeton, Cornell, Brown, Rutgers and Pennsylvania.

One of the most promising candidates for center at Yale is a young minister from Nova Scotia, who is preaching his way through college.

The University of Georgia has refused to admit women, even on the Chancellor's recommendation, unless the state legislature shall compel it to.

Much disturbance among foot ball enthusiasts at Yale is aroused by the disagreement between members of the coaching department and Walter Camp.

The first foot ball game played by a team representing the University of Wisconsin was against the White-water Normals, who were smothered by a score of 106 to 0.

Harvard sustained a great loss recently in the death of Dr. Justin Winsor, the librarian. Dr. Winsor was one of the best known of contemporary historical writers.

The receipts of the Princeton Glee Club last year were \$12,727.77, and the balance \$420.77. The clubs will take a two weeks' tour through the South and West at Christmas.

Although both the Secretaries of War and Navy favored the game between the Annapolis and West Point Academies, it was opposed by the superintendent of the latter, and hence has been declared off.

Thomas W. Stanford, who has made a large fortune in Australia, and who is a brother of the late Leland Stanford, has recently donated \$300,000 for the erection of a library for the University which bears the family name.

The Universities of Chicago, Wisconsin, Lake Forest, Minnesota and Illinois have arranged for a gymnasium contest to be held in the gymnasium of the University of Chicago on Feb. 22, 1898. Individual prizes will be offered for the first three places in addition to a special prize for the best all-round gymnast and for the best team.

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It is rumored that the Handbook may possibly be ready for the holiday trade again this year.

Chapel Exercises.

It is with no small amount of regret that the majority of students view the notices announcing the discontinuance of chapel,—not that the majority attended by any means, far from it, but there seems to be a prevalent opinion that chapel services give a certain beneficial tone to the University in general and should be maintained. This spirit generally becomes rampant shortly after the Faculty sees fit to stop the exercises on account of attendance, and many who were total strangers at those devotions will complain about the lack of religious interest in the University, and the general tendency to negligence in such matters.

Institutions exist only so long as there is a demand for them. In a school of the nature of ours, the intangible student body are entirely responsible for the maintenance of these exercises, and however it may reflect upon S. U. I., no one is to be blamed save those who are her patrons and attendants.

Junior Annual.

Last week the VIDETTE-REPORTER published a communication from the editor of the Junior Annual requesting the students to send in material for the literary and humorous departments. As was then stated, the literary editors are endeavoring to obtain articles that deal with some phase of college life. This is a move in the right direction. The Hawkeye is "of the students, by the students and for the students," and should contain only such matter that will be of interest to those who are connected with

the University. No one wants an Annual for a story book. There are dozens of magazines that publish better stories and cost but a tenth as much. What the students want are pictures of school life—something that in after years will recall their college days.

Perhaps the most popular part of the book is the humorous department. No matter how diligent the editors may be, they must have assistance from others to make a success of their work. Roasts and grinds are always in demand and always acceptable.

The success of these two departments will depend largely upon the support and assistance of the students from the various classes. Let everyone do what he can to aid the editors and to make this year's Hawkeye even better than those that have appeared before.

Minnesota Debaters.

In a late number of the Ariel, University of Minnesota, appears a notice of especial interest to University debaters and students of forensic art. In this notice, dated Oct. 16, warning is given that on Nov. 1st the preliminary contest for selection of intercollegiate debaters will be held. Each contestant is to be allowed five minutes in which to present his argument, the six ranking highest to contest against S. U. I. and Wisconsin.

In these few lines may be read the entire history of S. U. I.'s victories and Minnesota's repeated defeats. Instead of a careful and persistent preparation, such as required with us, a two weeks' notice is given, with the excuse that "students cannot afford to give much time to preliminary work," and need put more time upon the final.

If history teaches any one lesson, it is that Minnesota needs to "brace up" in some manner, but there might be an honest difference of opinion as to whether it were better to choose men according to the merits of a hastily prepared extemporaneous speech, having no connection with any other speech, or upon their ability to carefully formulate argument and make the prevalent ideas plainly perceptible throughout all the speeches. Iowa has ever clung to the latter idea, and she has no reason as yet to change her tactics. Trained ability rather than extensive time for preparation has ever been her watchword.

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Guard mount will be held Friday afternoon.

Grading has been begun around the new hospital.

Geo. Kennan, the noted explorer, will be here Nov. 23.

E. B. Brockway, L. '97, has located at Spokane, Wash.

W. H. Brush, '99, spent Sunday at his home in Ottumwa.

Freshman German classes had a written quiz Tuesday.

Instruct r Kelly was able to meet his classes again on Tuesday.

Miss Rita Stewart, and a friend, visited the English History class yesterday.

Dan Gaines has recovered from his threatened attack of appendicitis.

Professor Stonerook, of the Springdale High School, was visiting in the city yesterday.

The Sophomores are to line up against the Freshman team at the Athletic Park, Saturday.

Wilton College was defeated by the Wapello team at Muscatine 20 to 0. J. B. Hoskins acted as umpire.

Friday afternoon at 1:30 is the time announced by Professor Rohbach for examination in Elementary Law.

The Museum has received a male sealion—from the Fur Seal Islands—sent to Professor Nutting through the intervention of President David S. Jordan, of Leland Stanford University. It is a fine specimen.

C. W. McCord, who has been confined for some time past with a lame knee, is again able to attend classes.

Freshman Mathematics class enjoyed a written examination on Tuesday.

G. E. Hilsinger, L. '98, and Bert Lewis, L. '98, have returned from a visit at the home of the former, in Sabula.

Mrs. T. H. Macbride gave an informal reception from 3 to 5 o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, in honor of her sister-in-law and cousin.

The first team will play Drake University at Des Moines, Saturday. The line-up will be the same as at the beginning of the Ames game.

In our last issue, we by error said the feminine addition to the Junior Law class was Mrs. Holbrook. It should have been Mrs. G. B. Holbert, of this city. Mr. Holbert, L. '89, is located here.

The question for the Junior intersociety debate is: "Resolved, that the principle of the cabinet (parliamentary) government should be introduced into the general system of government in the United States." It will be affirmed by the Irvings and denied by the Zets.

Another of our recent graduates, F. P. Hageman, C. '95, is a successful candidate for County Superintendent. Mr. Hageman was elected to this office by the people of Bremer county, and is accordingly subject to the congratulations of his many friends at S. U. I.

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