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THE PLACE OF ANTHROPOLOGY.

FIRST LECTURE ON ANTHROPOLOGY BY PROFESSOR MCGEE.

The first lecture by Dr. W. J. McGee, ethnologist in charge of the Bureau of Ethnology of the Smithsonian Institute, was attended by a large number of students, the gallery and floor of the Armory being packed to standing room only. The lecture was upon "The Place of Anthropology Among the Sciences."

The subject-matter of Anthropology, said the speaker, is the most interesting of the world's phenomena. Anthropology deals with man as an intellectual organism. It is the science of man as an animate, a thinking, a self-acting organism.

The history of the sciences is the approach of knowledge from the far to the near. The first science was Mathematics, at first a cult. Astronomy, next in point of time, was a mystic art, with its origin in Astrology. Chemistry, Physics, Geology, and finally Anthropology, have become sciences. The existing relations between Anthropology and the older sciences are close. Man is but a biologic organism; man is the creature of his geologic environment, which he shapes to his liking; our hours of sleep and labor are regulated by the movements of astronomic bodies.

The primary nucleus of Anthropology is the Individual Man, the Lomatikos. The Ethnic group is an enlargement of the family, and has a great influence among all peoples on every-day life. The Demos is the social group of mankind.

There are four races of mankind, the White, the Yellow, the Red, and the Black.

The activities of man may be classified as those which are devoted (1) to the giving and the enjoyment of pleasure, and to the obtaining of pleasurable sensations; (2) to the industrial development, and (3) to those acts of co-operation of the first two kinds that are of such sort as to lead to a mechanism of co-operation, this being termed institutions.

The first culture stage is savagery, characterized by the fact that the institutions rest on blood relationship, traced in the maternal line. Barbarism, or Patriarchy, the second stage, is characterized by institutions traced in the male line. Civilization is attained when all law is based upon the recognition of property, especially in land. The fourth stage, Enlightenment, recognizes the right of the neighbor to think, to vote, to believe as he pleases. The entire course of human development is the accumulation of knowledge, the course being ever upward and forward.

SECOND LECTURE ON "THE SCIENCE OF ART" BY PROFESSOR MCGEE.

The second lecture in the course was given by Professor McGee yesterday afternoon. He said in part:

The activities of nature may be divided into two classes, the spontaneous and the regulated. But affinity must precede every action or combination in nature. In lower nature the survival of the fittest is the extermination of the weak;

on the other hand, among mankind this law tends to preserve the best and reform the weak.

Play is in a measure prophetic; it is the expression of an inherited faculty, an inherited spontaneous desire for exercise. Children have an especially lively imagination, while the older person is confined within the boundaries of memory and experience. The games of man represent an organization of the paly instinct. This instinct is especially strong in the infancy of a race. Thus we note the Indian's love for games of chance. To him the game is an invocation to the dark powers of nature, and is an augury of his success or failure. To him war is the greatest sacrament, and he enters into it not in his normal condition, but inspired by intense auxiliarion. The bow never leaves his hand except as a messenger bearing an invocation to the dark powers. These facts explain the predominance of the arrow game, the game of the Chinese, in which paper is substituted for the arrow, and finally our own playing cards are said to be descendants of the arrow game.

In every culture grade minds move alike, wherever that grade may be found; minds of similar development respond to similar conditions. The interaction of individuals results in the sports. Gambling among the lower classes is a cult, not a pastime. In the higher culture the pertinacity of the gaming passion is the result of inherent passions.

In the great majority of instances of expression of sound, as by animals, the cries are spontaneous. The vocal music of primitive man is a sort of invocation to the dark mysteries.

The primary element of music is the rhythm, and this is the first to be developed. Next is developed a combination of rhythms so as to produce melody. Then a combination of melodies in harmony. These different stages represent the three stages of mankind. The rhythm of the savage, the melody of barbarism, and harmony among the civilized races.

Medical Department.

Dr. Bierring gave out to the students the tickets for the McGee lectures. Many of them expect to make good use of the advantage.

Belsheim, '01, is still on the sick list, but is slowly recovering.

Speers, Logan, and Eaton, '01, were in Cedar Rapids to hear De Wolf Hopper.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman, '01, gave a party at their home on east Market street. About twenty-four were present, and all enjoyed a pleasant time.

Wells, '02, is rapidly recovering from his operation.

A TRIP THROUGH THE CONGO.

Mr. Fred Puleston, '01, who spent twelve years in the Congo region of Africa, will give a lecture at St. Brendan's halls, Saturday evening, March 11. He will endeavor to describe the customs of the natives of that region. His lecture will begin with the start from England, and will describe the places of interest along the coast of Africa, and will give the main characteristics of the natives of each place. We are sure that all who hear him will be instructed and entertained.

ATHLETICS.

LETTER FROM PRALL.—STANFORD UNIVERSITY METHODS.

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. C. Prall, formerly Athletic Editor of the VIDETTE-REPORTER, from which we print the following extract:

STANFORD UNIV., CAL., March 1, '99.
I certainly am very much pleased with the change which seems to have taken place at S. U. I. in things athletic. The retention of Dr. Knipe as coach the year round is a big improvement on the old system, or lack of system. A definite policy will fill at least a long want, though possibly not very keenly felt.

If I interpret the reports correctly, there is a change for the better in University spirit. What a glorious thing it would be if some of those rallies could be held before instead of after important games! If the celebration after the Kansas game of '95 had taken place the night before the team went up to our neighboring college this year, it would have gone a long way toward winning that game. If some one can work up such rallies for the two teams this spring, he will do his University as great a service as any man on the teams. I often felt this at S. U. I., but I've seen it worked here and know the results to be greatly beneficial. Having done our part we could enjoy victory more intensely or take defeat more gracefully. Only a few days ago I received a letter from a very prominent athlete who is about to leave his college because he was severely criticised after losing a game. As he wrote, the students of that university are "good writers, but poor losers."

It's different at Stanford. This year, for the first time, we lost to Berkeley, but the spirit did not go back on the team then. Within a week both captain and coach were presented with \$50 loving cups—the subscription of students.

Stanford has a way of her own in managing student affairs. Every student is expected to pay a student body assessment of \$1 at the beginning of each year. It is nearly all paid during the first week. At the close of each year officers of the student body are elected by the Australian ballot system, nominations having been made by a caucus. All students are entitled to vote. In the same way managers of athletic teams, musical clubs, and editors-in-chiefs and managers of the college papers are elected. The treasurer handles all money, and nothing is received or paid out except by him. For this service he is paid a small salary.

Nominations are also made by caucus, for representatives on intercollegiate debates. These, naturally, come largely from the literary societies. The choice, however, is made by a sifting through preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals. Springer, ex-'00, S. U. I., won a place on both debates. In the minds of many he should have been awarded the medal in the Carnot debate, an annual discussion with the U. of C. on a French question, for individual merit.

This method does not do away with the individuality of any organization. It does increase the interest of the student body in all of these things. An executive committee is composed of the stu-

dent body officers, and representatives elected by each class. They have charge of detailed business.

I am sure I should enjoy running again with the Iowa men.

Sincerely yours,
JOHN C. PRALL.

Dental Department.

The clinics are very large just at present.

Dr. Booth, of Marion, visited his son, J. J. Booth, '99, last Friday and Saturday.

Dr. Hosford did not quiz the Seniors, Monday morning, on account of no heat in the amphitheatre.

Browning, ex-'99, was in the clinics Saturday afternoon, shaking hands with old friends and classmates.

The Junior class had review quizzes Monday and Tuesday night in Physiology. This is preparatory for the examination before the State Board of Examiners

The State Board of Examiners will be here about the 20th or 23rd of this month, and again during the Spring, to examine the Seniors, who graduate in June.

The Dental department was entertained by the Y. W. and Y. M. C. A. Saturday night. The event will long be treasured in the memories of the Dental students.

Dr. Hosford is not lecturing to the Seniors and Juniors, now, in Prosthetic Dentistry, but holds weekly quizzes; the Seniors being quizzed Mandays, and the Juniors Fridays.

Dr. Frank Elmer-Holland and May E. Pickering were married February 14th, in Seattle, Washington, in the presence of several friends. Dr. Holland was a member of the class of '97, and is a rising young dentist.

Alumni Notes.

Frank P. McGinn, L. '90, is visiting in the city.

Dr. G. E. Riser, D. '97, now located at Montrose, Ia., is visiting in the city.

Dr. Charles D. Tiffany, D. '90, visited Harry M. Payn, Monday. Dr. Tiffany is now practicing at Hampton, Iowa.

G. A. Green, L. '98, of Cherokee, left recently for Delta, Colorado, where he expects to locate in the practice of law.

Hon. Frank Nelson, C. '92, newly elected Superintendent of Public Instruction in Kansas, has changed his residence from Lindsberg to Topeka.

M. W. Williams, C. '98, formerly of Co. A, 51st Iowa Volunteers, who recently entered Leland Stanford Junior University, has accepted a call to a pulpit in San Francisco.

A. L. Lawrence, L. '96, is now connected with the law firm of Charles A. Brown & Cragg, of Chicago. This firm makes a specialty of patent, trade mark, and copyright litigation.

Baconian.

Instructor Barlow will read a paper on "Some Properties of Aluminum."

Notice.

All members of Co. I, 50th Iowa, will meet at City Hall at 7:30 sharp, Thursday evening. Business of utmost importance. By order of

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Sophomore Cotillion.

One of the most pleasing social customs of the University is the giving of special social functions each year by the three upper classes of the University. On these occasions many different students are brought together, and the opportunities afforded for general acquaintanceship, pleasurable enjoyment, and true social culture are great.

The Senior Hop is recognized as being beyond question the social event of the college year. Many are the alumni that each year return to renew their acquaintanceships and enjoyable experiences on the occasion of the Senior Class Hop. Next to this, and crowding close upon it for social precedence, come the Sophomore Cotillion and the Junior Promenade.

The Junior Promenade, on the 10th of last month, filled the social cup of February to overflowing, and set an enviable record for future social events.

The Second Annual Sophomore Cotillion will be the event of April, the month of post-Lenten festivities and social gayety. The Sophomore class has determined to make their Cotillion the most brilliant social function within their power. And with the past records, the present attitude of society, and the efficient committee all at work, a most successful evening of brilliance and pleasure seems assured for whatever date the class may set the event.

The date, we are assured, will be some time in the first part of April, the exact day being held open, pending the securing of the best orchestra that can be had in the state to furnish the music for the evening.

The Sophomore class is enthusiastic in its individual membership to render the Cotillion a success, and a large attendance from the class seems assured. Such individual co-operation from the class renders it certain that the Cotillion

will be a function which all society goers in the city will desire to attend.

Anthropology.

The series of lectures on Anthropology now being given by Professor W. J. McGee, are valuable and instructive to the many that attend them from day to day. While necessarily brief in survey, and somewhat skipping in their trend, they furnish an opportunity for everyone who chooses to hear a discussion of some of the principles and interesting data of anthropology, the science of man.

These lectures are delivered by a skilled specialist from the Smithsonian Institute, and are one of the pleasing new features that have been introduced into University affairs. From the popular appreciation shown them, we hope that the University will often, in the future, afford similar courses of free lectures to its students. But it should not be presumed that these lectures, novel as they are as a short, special, voluntary course, do not comprise in themselves the only instruction which is offered by the University in the science of Anthropology. This is an impression which seems to have prevailed in certain quarters, and which we desire to correct.

Professor B. F. Shambaugh has for several years past given a course in Anthropology in connection with his course in Historical and Descriptive Politics. This course, comprising three or four weeks in its extent, is, in the custom of the popular professor, made most thorough and scientific in treatment, and has always aroused the greatest interest in his students. This course indeed, is most unique of its kind; other universities of the country do not afford in a general course, such opportunities for the study of Anthropology as are enjoyed under the department of Government and Administration.

When, therefore, it is said that this popular course of lectures by Professor McGee is the only course ever afforded in this branch by the University, considerable ignorance is manifested concerning the advantages which are really offered by the department of Government and Administration.

The course of University lectures now in progress is beneficial in many ways, in the direct knowledge gained, and in the stimulus to further knowledge. We hope that among those who hear the lectures will be found many who will desire to pursue the interesting subject farther.

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FACT AND RUMOR.

The Phi Deltas give a party Friday night.

Ivy Lane met with Miss Hess Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Wilson is visiting her daughter, Mame Wilson, C. 'oo.

Polygon met last evening with Miss Laura Anderson, C. 'oi.

Miss Myra Bloom, C. 'oo, has returned from a few days visit in Chicago.

Miss Nellie Walker, of Atlantic, is visiting with her friend Miss Cushing.

Misses Agnes and Margaret Safley received a visit from their brother, Tuesday.

Miss Parker, after a week's vacation, has resumed her duties at the library.

Several members of the Senior class held an informal sociable in North Hall last evening.

Mr. Prescott, father of Miss Bertha Prescott, C. '02, has been visiting with her the week.

The '01 Hawkeye Board held a very enthusiastic meeting at Close Hall Saturday morning.

One of the most valuable and recent additions to the library is Creelle's Journal fur Mathematik in 119 volumes.

The entertainment given by the Presbyterian Y. P. S. C. E. at Irving hall, Tuesday evening, attracted a large audience.

The Homeopathic and Pharmacy departments will hold their joint commencement exercises, at the Opera House, Tuesday evening, March 28th, at 7:30 o'clock.

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The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. for the election of officers will be held at Close Hall, Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

Gymnasium work is interrupted for the time being, while the beams supporting the floor above are undergoing their periodical raising and adjusting.

By special request Dr. Pickard has consented to deliver his address on "Authority of the Scriptures," as given at the Congregational church, last Sunday, at the Y. M. C. A. meeting next Sunday afternoon.

The Johnson County Normal Institute has selected the following from S. U. I. among their corps of instructors for the session of 1899: Professor W. C. Wilcox, Dr. W. E. Barlow, and Assistant Professor A. G. Smith.

The S. U. I. Supreme Court met, Saturday, and the case of Harrigan vs. Iowa City was heard. Harrigan had contracted to dig a sewer, and in the construction of the sewer the contractor's house was injured to the amount of \$1,500. The defendant relied for its defense upon the negligence of Harrigan. The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff. Weed was on the bench. Carlson and Moothart were attorneys for the plaintiff, and Allen and Hollingsworth attorneys for the defendant.

A movement in favor of co-education is on foot at Rutgers.

On May 30th, Princeton and Cornell will, for the first time in their history, hold a dual track meet.

A bill will soon be introduced in the English Parliament providing for the raising of Queen's College, Belfast, to a university status, and also for the establishment of a university for Catholics at Dublin.

A meeting of the Athletic Council of the University of Wisconsin was held one day last week to consider the arrangements made by the captain and manager of the foot ball team for the Yale game next fall.

There is more catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address,

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