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PROF. NUTTING'S ADDRESS

THE PERPLEXITIES OF A SYSTEMATIST

Educated Men Needed to Work up Vast Collections of Material in Scientific Institutions

At the last meeting of the American Association for the advancement of science, Prof. Nutting delivered an address as retiring chairman of the section of Zoology and vice-president of the association. His text was "The Perplexities of a Systematist" and the defense of this much blamed worker was ably conducted by the professor. The full text of the address is contained in science for January 9, whence comes the following extract:

The systematist is laboring under discouraging conditions with the perplexities of his work increasing and conscious of the frankly expressed contempt of his co-laborers in science. Like all other humans, his sins are, in truth, many, and one of the worst is inadequate description of species. The scientific world has a right to demand good, clear descriptions and is not slow to express its contempt for any remissness in this direction. But in the estimation of the general scientific public the most grievous of the sins of the systematist is the making of synonyms, and there is no question he has much to answer for in this direction. However the difficulties which confront even the most conscientious worker amount almost to impossibilities. After he has exhausted every known catalog in every great library and made certain that his name is not pre-occupied, he is likely to be reminded by a loving friend that the name was used twenty years ago in a paper published in Russia and issued by a local scientific society in Kamchatka.

The universities are not paying sufficient attention to training men in systematization. For years there have been waiting for suitable men, the vast accumulations of material in our great museums, and it is impossible to find men able to work up some of the most important groups.

The intellectual equipments needed by the systematist are in the main; accurate observational power, a well trained and reliable power of discrimination and the power to describe accurately and in good English.

Systematic work possesses the highest pedagogic value. It teaches the student to observe carefully, discriminate with something of that judicial nicety so rare and so helpful in any life, and lastly—and it seems to me that this is the crowning achievement in education, to describe accurately not only from a scientific but also from a literary standpoint.

A perplexing question confronts the scientist when he con-

siders how far he is justified in over-turning that which is firmly established by usage in order to introduce schemes of classification that seem better and more rational. In this position the following of the old classifications will in most cases prove the most satisfactory, frankly calling attention, at the same time to any inter-gradation that may exist, so that no one will be misled.

In conclusion let me say that hearty co-operation and a good understanding between systematists and other workers in the field of biological research will accomplish much.

SIGMA XI SOIREE

Papers on Original Research Read at Meeting of Scientific Fraternity

The Sigma Xi society held their second scientific soiree this year in the mathematics lecture room last evening.

Dean L. G. Weld, who was delegate of the society to the national Sigma Xi convention held in Washington, D. C., during the recent meeting of the American association for the advancement of science, made a report on the proceedings of the convention.

Other members of the society gave reports on original research work along scientific lines, as follows:

Professor T. H. Macbride told of the cultivation of the Smyrna fig in California and illustrated his remarks with lantern slide views.

C. F. Lorenz exhibited some natural color photographs made in the physical laboratory by the method of three super-posed positives.

Prof. R. D. George reported on the peculiar crystallization of Olwine and Pyroxene in gabbros of the Lake Superior region.

Prof. L. W. Andrews made some interesting original contributions to the theory of electrolytic dissociation. W. M. Boehm discussed Hero's fire engine and explained a modification of Torricelli's experiment.

Corner Stone Laid

The corner stone of the laboratory building will be laid this afternoon at four o'clock in the presence of President MacLean, Superintendent Ellsworth and others. A full set of university publications will be placed in the hollow of the stone.

President MacLean will give a luncheon in honor of the visiting debaters from Illinois at the Burkley, Friday at 1:00 o'clock. The invited guests will include the debaters of both teams, the official delegation from Illinois the presidents of the debating societies and Professor Gordon.

The senior hop committee held their first meeting yesterday and organized by electing H. C. Watson, chairman.

FOOTBALL CHAT

A RESUME OF THE GRIDIRON GOSSIP

Nebraska Legislature may Prohibit Football—Big "M" Football—No More Betting

The biggest football in the world is now possessed by the university of Michigan football team. It is a fitting trophy for the team that made the biggest season's score ever recorded. The gigantic pigskin is the gift of a Chicago firm. The football measures one yard through from end to end, and is nearly two feet in diameter. The pigskin is of the finest, without blemish, and contains within it the largest bladder ever made of the finest para rubber. It took a church organ bellows to inflate the ball. On it are printed the names of the fourteen "M" men who composed the championship team.

Coach Yost has never yet coached a losing team or lost a championship.

Dr. Williams has been elected coach for the Minnesota team at a salary of \$3,000 a year.

A Nebraska legislator is said to be contemplating the introduction of a bill to prohibit football at the public educational institutions of the state.

Additional Alumni

F. W. Beckman, L. A. '97, has lately become editor of the Council Bluffs "Nonpareil."

L. L. Broodeen Ph. '01 of Essex, Iowa is in town and will soon go on the road for the Boerner Fry company.

Miss Mina Maudlin, of the graduate college, has left school to accept a position made vacant by the resignation of Mildred Hershire, '02.

On Christmas Day occurred the marriage at Des Moines of Miss Helen Allabach and Mr. L. Ward Bannister, of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Bannister was a student in the liberal arts department of the university with the class of '94.

Graduate Club Lecture

On account of conflict with the King lectures given under the auspices of the department of public speaking, the Graduate Club lecture, "The Hawaiian Islands," by Prof. Nutting will occur Monday night, Jan. 19, instead of Tuesday night as stated in invitations issued.

The dressing rooms of the university of Minnesota armory have been considerably enlarged and rearranged. A girls' study and lounging room has also been fitted up.

Miss Collins, Ph. '03, is enjoying a visit from her mother.

ANENT THE ALUMNI

The Old Students--Where they are--What they are Doing

Fred Gleason, L. '01, of Davenport is in the city on business.

E. F. Consigny, L. A. '00, was a guest at the Sigma Nu house yesterday.

P. E. Johannsen, L. 'Ex. '98 is engaged in the banking business at Carson, Ia.

Miss Edna Mingus, L. A. '02, is teaching in the public schools of Estherville, Iowa.

Frank S. Bailey, L. A. '02, who has been teaching at Ireton, Iowa, has resigned his position and returned to his home in this city.

F. W. Neal, L. A. '93, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of Julius Lischer, L. '90, of Davenport. Mr. Neal was assistant to Mr. Lischer.

Horton Smith, C. E. '01, is located in Minneapolis, Minn., where he is doing engineering work for the Minnesota Tank Co.

E. J. Hornibrook, L. '01, who has been clerk of courts of Cherokee county for the past two years, has opened an office in Cherokee for the practice of law.

On December 31, Miss Sadie Sullivan of this city was married to Dr. Frank Weiland, D. '02. Dr. Weiland is enjoying a good practice at Redfield, South Dakota.

A. H. Storck, L. A. '02, has resigned his position with the Des Moines Daily News and accepted a more lucrative position with the Register-Leader of Des Moines.

Hon. Frank Nelson, L. A. '92, superintendent of public instruction in Kansas, is the author of an article in the Review of Reviews on "Concentration of Country Schools."

Robt. Nixon, Ph. '98 of Modale was united in marriage on January 5, to Miss Clara Bourn of Modale. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon are now in Boise City, Idaho, where Mr. Nixon has a position.

Lieutenant E. H. Yule, L. A. '01 has been ordered from Key West to the Philippines for two years' service. He is in charge of a body of troops who are appointed to service at that point.

Joe R. Frailey, L. A. '98, L. '00, has accepted a position as claim agent of the Kansas City division of the Santa Fe railroad company. Mr. Frailey will have his headquarters at Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Fred Ingham who attended the university in 1884-85 passed away Monday in Omaha, Nebr. Mr. Ingham was a brother of former regent, Harvey Ingham and of Mrs. Will McChesney. Mr. Ingham had established a substantial law practice in Omaha when his health failed him some six months ago.

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Calendar for the Week.

January 16, Philomathean-Illinois debate, opera house.

January 20, Tuesday, Samuel Arthur King.

January 21, Wednesday, Samuel Arthur King.

January 21, Assembly, 9:45 a.m.

Lies With Supreme Court

It appears from a careful perusal of the statute that the matter of examining law students on their general education, previous to their admission to the bar, is a matter within the jurisdiction of the supreme court, Section 315 of the supplement which relates to the mode of examination reads, "The supreme court may by general rules, prescribe the mode in which examinations under this chapter shall be conducted, and in which qualifications required as to age, residence, character, general education, and term of study shall be proved and may make any other and further rules, not inconsistent with this chapter, for the purpose of carrying out its object and intent." Section 311 relating to examinations enacts, as far as material, that "the sufficiency of the general education of the applicant may be determined by examination before the commission, or in such other manner as the supreme court may by rule prescribe."

From the above it is apparent

that the commission has not much discretion in the matter but that the supreme court has full power to say what shall be taken as proof of the applicant's general education.

Wants to Cut the Tax

"Already there are signs that the friends of the university may have to get their fighting clothes on to prevent the state support of the university being cut down. The Evening News tells of a bill already being prepared for this purpose as follows:

"Representative Randall, of Oceana county, is going to introduce another bill in the house to reduce the State University tax from one-fourth to one-fifth of a mill of all the state tax moneys. He says the university got last year \$118,000 more than the authorities of that institution asked for when they were here opposing the bill at the last session, and that this is a good argument to use in support of his proposed new measure."—Michigan Daily News.

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The authorities at Leland Stanford have asked fifty-three students to withdraw for a semester and have warned nine others because of lack of scholarship.

"Law Notes" tells of an inquest on a case of suicide recently held in England, where the foreman returned this remarkable verdict—"The jury are all of one mind—temporarily insane."

Amusements

The most successful of all romantic dramas is "The Prisoner of Zenda" underlined for early presentation here. Do not fail to witness the performance which from an artistic and scenic point of view, is perfect.

Samuel Arthur King, Master of Arts of the University of London, will entertain Iowa City at the opera house, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20 and 21. He comes with a tremendous reputation as an interpreter of Shakespeare. Iowa City has never had a man here who could approach him as a delineator of the characters in the great dramas of the greatest of dramatists.

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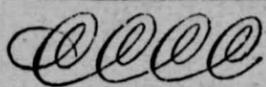
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The English club will meet Thursday evening, January 15, at 8:00 o'clock, at the home of Dean Young, 111 North Clinton Street.

There will be a meeting of the class of '03 on Friday, Jan. 16, at 3:30 p. m. in the general lecture room, hall of liberal arts.
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Business meeting of the Professional Women's League at 6:30 p. m., Friday, Jan. 16, in Miss Grothouse's room at No. 4, East Jefferson.

By order of the President.

Special Orders No. 18

State University Battalion, Iowa City, Iowa, Jan. 14, 1903. Until further orders companies A and C will drill in Smith's Armory on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 and companies B and D will drill at the same time and place on Wednesdays, instead of Tuesdays as previously announced. The freshmen of companies A and C will recite in drill regulations in rooms 116 and 110 respectively on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. and the freshmen of companies B and D at the same time and place on Mondays, instead of Wednesdays, as previously announced.

The sophomores of companies A and C, who have not taken drill regulations, will recite in same in room 116 Wednesdays from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. and the sophomores of B and D at the same time and place on Thursdays.

The Juniors will attend lectures in the Art and Science of War in room 110, Fridays, 3:30 to 4:30.

The sophomores will attend lectures in guard duty in room 110, Fridays, from 4:30 to 5:30 p. m.

The seniors will receive instruction in the "Paper Work of the Company and Battalion" and lectures on "First Aid to the Wounded" in room 110, Wednesdays, from 3:30 to 5:30.

The freshmen in the artillery detachment will attend drill and recitations with company C. The sophomores will attend drill with company A and recitations in drill regulations on Wednesday's at 4:30 to 5:30 in room 116.

The juniors will attend drill with company D and recitations in room 110 on Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30.

The seniors will attend recitations as prescribed for the seniors of the battalion.

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