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Dr. Bierring's Lecture.

(Continued from last issue.)

In his studies on the cultivation and characteristics of micro-organisms he laid the foundation of the new science of Bacteriology, one that has been attended by such rich results, both at his hands and those of his successors.

The industrial arts recognize in Pasteur a benefactor. His studies on the diseases of silk worms have saved the silk industry of France from 10 to 20 million dollars annually. His studies upon wine, vinegar and beer have been equally fruitful.

He discovered the microbe of fowl cholera, and established the etiology and modes of infection of splenic fever. In the study of these two diseases he first presented his methods of attenuation of virus, forming different grades of vaccine, the inoculation of which into the animal prevented the contraction of the disease. His services to the sheep and cattle industry of France and the world are incalculable. But the work that alone would insure him an immortal name, and which formed the crowning effort of his life, was his discovery of the cure for hydrophobia. His anti-rabies treatment has been thoroughly tested and is now firmly established. Of the hundreds of cases treated at the Pasteur Institute in Paris during the past five years—cases of mad-dog bite in which the diagnosis was definitely confirmed by a veterinary surgeon, and subsequent laboratory control experiment,—the record of deaths averaged less than one per cent.

Pasteur has been more fortunate than were Harvey or Jenner, in that so far as he enjoyed, while still living, the triumph of his doctrine. The natural sciences have largely benefited by Pasteur's discoveries, but medical science has been most powerfully affected. Medical thought has undergone a revolution. To him we are indebted for our knowledge of contagion and spread of disease, our improved methods of isolation and disinfection, preventing the transmission of infectious diseases, a protection against epidemics, and the saving of innumerable lives.

Surgery owes to him the discovery of aseptic and antiseptic treatment, with all their brilliant results. Thanks to them, erysipelas, hospital gangrene and septicemia, which formerly devastated hospitals, only exists in the memory of the surgeon. Obstetrics has been revolutionized and puerperal infection no longer transforms the lying in hospital into a huge necropolis.

The testimony of the famous English surgeon, Sir Joseph Lister, is most significant. On the occasion of the celebration held in Paris, a few years ago, in honor of the seventieth birthday of Pasteur, at which meeting representative medical men were present from all parts of the world, Lister, in presenting the address of Royal London Society, exclaimed: 'Really, there is not in the whole world a man to whom medical science owes more than it does to you.' Certainly, there is none to whom our suffering humanity owes a greater debt of gratitude. His services to it

in the past and in the future are incredible. He was certainly the glory of his native land, even more, he was also the glory of the close of the nineteenth, and if it was still the usage to bestow upon an age the name of a single man, ours might justly be called the 'Age of Pasteur.' His life is a record of extraordinary scientific ardour and success, the picture of a mind on which facts fall like germs upon a nutritive soil, and, like germs so favored, undergo rapid increase and multiplication. Endowed with keenest insight, a cultivator of the critical spirit, with his enthusiasm under constant control, he never announced anything that he could not prove in a simple and decisive manner. His constant goal in his investigative labors was the good of humanity, and the practical benefit to be derived from his researches. With unwearied energy and tenacity he concentrated during long years his thought upon the same subject without being discouraged by opposition. His genius bore down all contradiction and his triumph was complete.

In the words of Renan, spoken on the day of his reception into the French Academy: 'His scientific career is a luminous track in the profound night of the 'infiniment petit' in the lowest levels of being, where life originates.'

He was a great teacher; it is great to achieve, it is greater still to inspire others to achieve; Pasteur has done both. Able assistants and disciples will continue the work he has begun.

Two representatives from our alma mater have worshiped at his shrine Professor Littig spent the summer of 1893 at the Pasteur Institute in Paris. He paved the way for another,—the writer—who has been ever grateful for the opportunity. The happy hours spent in the sphere of the great savant will serve as constant inspiration in future work. A nation shed tears at his death. Scientific medicine mourns a founder, but his work remains. Suffering humanity will always accord him a grateful remembrance. Surely such a life has not been lived in vain."

Zetagathian.

A large audience assembled last night at Zet hall to hear the second open program.

The first number, a violin solo by Professor Van Steenderen, was rendered with good effect. Following this Mr. Fitzpatrick delivered an oration on "Abraham Lincoln." This beyond all doubt was the best production of the evening. R. B. Cronie next delivered a good declamation.

The debate of the evening was upon the question: "Resolved, that convict labor should not be allowed to compete with wage labor," and was affirmed by Messrs. Clark and Hollingsworth and denied by Messrs. Veblin and Sayers. The decision of the judges was two in favor of the negative.

C. E. Luce in a very deliberate way delivered a declamation on "A Tribute to our Forefathers." Brock next delivered an oration, subject, "Poetry." A finely rendered vocal solo by Miss

Dow closed the program, which, as a whole, was good, but the debate showed the lack of animation which arises from insufficient preparation. Mr. Hollingsworth might be excepted, but the other members spoke rather too deliberately and showed, or seemed to show, lack of a set plan of debate. Nevertheless it is quite true that the subject matter of the debate ranked considerably above the delivery.

It may not be out of place to observe here that there seems to be rather too much rivalry between the two societies in securing an audience. We mean in the matter of drawing the crowd at the tops of the stairs. It is often embarrassing, especially to strangers, to have to pass so many members who line the hall, each proselyting for his society, and it really seems that the same result would be accomplished if the matter were left to the ushers, who should maintain a position nearer their respective doors. This hint is meant for the benefit of both societies, and has been suggested by a good many remarks verging on complaints.

Circular.

H'DQ'RS UNIV. BAT., JAN. 18, '95.

The following having received the approval of the Faculty is published for the information of all concerned:

The following rules and regulations in addition to those already prescribed shall govern in granting excuse from military drill on account of work on athletic teams.

1. Excuse will only be granted to students of good standing in the military department.

2. All applications for excuse shall be made in writing to the athletic advisory committee through the manager of the athletic team and the battalion commandant; who will endorse thereon their approval or disapproval.

By order of Major Vogdes.

H. C. DORCAS,
1st Lieut. and Adjt. Bat.

Athletic Association Meeting.

In accordance with the announcement the Athletic Association met at 7 o'clock Thursday evening and the following business was transacted: Mr. Toll's resignation was brought before the meeting and accepted. The vacancy thus created was supplied by the election of Kaleburg. The last year's base ball manager next reported and his report was duly adopted. The association next constituted the president, secretary and treasurer a committee to canvass the University for membership to the Association. It was furthermore decided that all those contributing one dollar or more to the aid of the Association should be allowed full membership without payment of fee.

All the old students have cause to regret that Professor G. A. Wauchope has gone from us. He has accepted a chair in the English department of the Iowa State University. Professor Wauchope was a favorite with all the students, and especially esteemed by those who were in his classes. We congratulate our sister institution in having procured his services.—M. S. U. Independent.

Irving.

A large number were in attendance at Irving's program last evening. The program was opened with a finely executed piano solo by Miss Dow. Chas. Stempel rendered "The Vision of Clarence," in his usual pleasing manner, and fully upheld his reputation as one of Irving's best declaimers. The oration, "Political Independence," by J. Don Kiser, showed deep thought, and was well delivered.

The debate of the evening was on the question, "Resolved, that the U. S. should establish and maintain a system of postal savings banks."

Briggs opened for the affirmative, and said among other things: "We have not enough savings banks. They are not conveniently situated; they are not open at convenient times for laboring people; are not safe and conducted for the benefit of the public. The plan proposed would alleviate these difficulties."

Hamann for the negative maintained that it was unwise for the government to enter any more commercial transactions than were necessary for the public benefit. There is too much delay and procrastination in government undertakings.

Whiting made a strong closing speech for the affirmative, and asserted that the plan proposed encourages industry and thrift among the laboring classes. Petersberger closed the debate and cited the bank laws of the different states, showing that the regulations are stringent.

Following the debate W. C. Dewell gave a very interesting speech on the career and literary productions of J. W. Von Goethe, taking for his subject "One type of a Great Man—J. W. Von Goethe."

C. S. Aldrich declaimed the "Modern Gladiator," which was one of the most entertaining numbers on the program.

The violin solo by Professor Van Steenderen closed the evening program.

It is a satisfaction to Westerners to know some of the inside facts in regard to John V. Crum's defeats by Wefers. Our faith in Crum and his exceptional sprinting abilities is unshaken, even though he has not finished first in the trial races at New York. The treatment accorded him by the management at Traversé Island was certainly disheartening, if not discourteous. Trainer Mike Murphy is also blamed for Crum's poor showing. He has evidently not forgotten the sound beating his pet Yale sprinters received from the doughty Western runner at the Eastern Inter-collegiate and does not mean to exert himself to help Crum. The fact is, Crum strained a tendon in his leg at the meet of the New Jersey Athletic Club, and was ordered to Manhattan field to compete in the so-called trial races, notwithstanding his injury. Until Mr. Wefers under favorable,—nay, fair conditions, succeeds in defeating the Iowa boy, we will stake our hopes on John V. Crum!—Scarlet and Black.

The Delta Gammas gave a very enjoyable spread to some of the new girls in their hall Friday evening.

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There can be no doubt that an abiding faith in humanity is a very good thing, and if more general would be even better. Nevertheless this same sentiment is often productive of evil results, and notably so in college. Often a student is led by a mistaken idea to follow the advice or be influenced by the example of a chance acquaintance to identify himself with a class of students or organization which later developments prove is in no wise fitted to receive him. It may be readily seen that he will be very likely to receive much more injury than good by such an action. Indeed examples are not few which will illustrate this fact. President Schaeffer's admonition in this regard is one which each student should bear in mind. The evil results, however, are not restricted to the individuals. The organizations take the same risk if they act with undue haste. Due deliberation should be observed on both sides as the surest safeguard against bad results, and though, as we said, it is best to give to all we meet the benefit of a general faith in humanity, it is not in accordance with prudence or wisdom to act in haste concerning the establishment of a confidence which time may prove had no sufficient cause or foundation.

The need of a medical hospital will undoubtedly be urged before the next general assembly, and if that body can be made to realize the urgent demand for such a building there is little doubt but that a proper appropriation will be made. It is well known to any one has taken the pains to investigate that the Medical Department is greatly in need of a suitable hospital within a reasonable distance from the building where the other part of their work is done. Under the the present arrangement the students are obliged to pay for their hospital privileges, and that in a remote part

of the city and in anything but comfortable quarters. The clinic work is certainly a very important part of the Medical student's work, and it is as necessary that he should be afforded a place suitable and convenient for such work as that the Collegiate and Law students should be provided with libraries. The present clinic room is a barn-like structure and so situated as to make it necessary to expose patients to unpleasant ordeals during cold weather in order to remove them from the hospital to the clinic room. Such being the case it is impossible for the professors to secure such an amount of clinic work as they would had they a comfortable place for the patients. It is frequently urged that Iowa City can not furnish a sufficient number of clinic subjects for the students, but if the Department were fortunate enough to be provided with a hospital where patients could be taken into the clinic room without any unnecessary or dangerous exposure there is little doubt but that a sufficient amount of clinic practice would provide itself. Our Medical Department is a worthy institution, and considering its age it has built up an enviable reputation. It has played its part remarkably well in building up the name and reputation of the University, and as the number of students increase it should be provided with every available want.

Foot Ball.

Following is the schedule of the Western Interstate University Foot Ball Association games, for 1895:

November 2, Missouri vs. Nebraska, at Omaha.

November 2, Iowa vs. Kansas, at Lawrence.

November 16, Iowa vs. Missouri, at Iowa City.

November 16, Kansas vs. Nebraska, at Lincoln.

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Fact and Rumor.

La Force has been appointed sergeant in Co. B.

Judge Seeds gave the Zets a talk Friday evening.

Swartzlander and Brewer, of '96, arrived last week.

Professor Loos was unable to meet his classes yesterday.

Will Lomas is here this week visiting University friends.

Will Boyd, of the Cedar Rapids Republican, was in the city Friday.

The first and second foot ball teams play a match game to-day.

Frank Capell has been elected captain of the Sophomore foot ball team.

L. J. Rowell left this morning for Tipton in the interests of the Lecture Bureau.

The Pi Phi's report a pleasant "spread" at Anna Robinson's last evening.

Quite a good many books were returned from the bindery to the Library Friday.

Messrs. Vollmer and Ballard, L. '96, and J. V. Cantwell, C. '99, have gone home to Davenport to spend Sunday.

The Freshman class at their meeting Thursday afternoon elected the following officers: President, Lancaster; Vice-President, Curtis; Secretary, Winifred MacFarland; Treasurer, Lee.

Polygon elected the following officers for the fall term at its business session last Thursday evening: President, Cora Dorcas; Vice-President, Mr. Hardman; Secretary, Mary Hornbrook; Treasurer, J. B. Shorett; Scroll-Keeper, R. L. McCord.

CALL ON BLOOM & MAYER FOR CLOTHING AND HATS.

J. L. Marshall, traveling secretary of the student volunteer movement, will address the students Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in Close Hall.

The Sophomore class has elected the following officers: President, F. W. Brown; Vice-President, Fred Holsten; Secretary, Gussie Gray; Treasurer, August Ende; Sergeant-at-arms, Ruth Paxson, Edith Bale.

The VIDETTE-REPORTER and S. U. I. Quill came to hand promptly with the opening of the term at the State University, and will continue to be among the most sought for of our exchanges. The Quill will devote a page each week to each of the professional departments of the University. We learn from the VIDETTE-REPORTER that the enrollment at the University promises to be larger than ever, and also that a number of changes have been made in the Faculty. —I. A. C. Student.

Miss Iowa Felkner passed quietly away at her home on Capitol street Friday afternoon. To many of the old and new students of the University this will come as painful news. Miss Felkner's genial home has long been a favorite abiding place for students of the University, and her unselfish, hospitable ways have lightened the homesick load in the bosom of many an attendant of S. U. I. To her sisters, and the friends so bereft, the VIDETTE-REPORTER wishes to offer most heartfelt sympathy.

Medical Department.

Mr. Talcott, '95, has returned to graduate with class of '96. He was absent last year.

Dr. W. L. Bierring delivered a very interesting address at the Baconian, last night, on the life and work of Louis Pasteur.

Dr. W. B. Whietis has been absent the past week, to be near the bedside of his sick father. During his absence Dr. Bierring has had charge of the pathological laboratory.

Dr. C. S. Chase was elected treasurer, last Wednesday, of the Tri-State Medical Association, including Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. The association holds its next meeting in Chicago in April.

Dr. W. L. Bierring will read a paper on anti-toxine before the Cedar Valley Medical Association, which meets at Waterloo next Tuesday. The regular lecture in pathology, Tuesday morning, will therefore be postponed.

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