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THE SCIENCE OF ARTS.

THIRD LECTURE BY DR. W. J. MCGEE.

Dr. McGee, in the third lecture, Thursday evening, traced the growth of decoration from its earliest stages in development to the poets of to-day. Personal decoration was the first crude sign of a taste for the beautiful. As ages passed, the art of tattooing was gradually developed. The art of hair dressing tells us a similar story. The style of hair dress denotes a distinctive people. The feather on the head of the Indian by its position and form, denotes war, peace, a prisoner, or so many of the enemy killed. The house was at first decorated by the totem, a symbol of the family. The chiefs each had a larger house, which gradually became a temple, as the primeval peoples often elevated their chiefs because of a mystic or sacred character.

The transition from the symbolic to the conventional was slow. The symbols were modified by the upspringing of the beautiful. The purely symbolical grew by small increments to the conventional, and from the conventional to the realistic.

The growth of the graphic was then traced from the tree marks of beasts and men. The Indian left marks showing his tribe and the fact that he had passed that way. From this, the Indian began to portray on bark and skins the achievements of his tribe. Then the chief of the tribe had his comings and goings recorded upon a skin called the "Winter Count."

From the crude hieroglyphics of the Indian grew the statuette and mystic vessel; that stage of sculpture when only one side was represented. Then came the growth of perspective. As soon as the savage learned to associate two objects apart from the ego, he had grasped the perspective. From this stage to the modern times we have developed to painting and photo-mechanical picturing.

"Drama," said the lecturer, "is perfecting the spontaneous activities of the human breast." Just as the child bubbles over with play, so the older persons seek pleasure in the drama.

FOURTH LECTURE BY DR. MCGEE ON "TECHNOLOGY, OR THE SCIENCE OF INDUSTRIES."

In our study of the development of the regulated activities we pass from the relations between individuals to the outer world. The law of inheritance as applied to the spontaneous activities, applies also to the regulated activities. The cumulative growth of function depends upon exercise, and there is no development without it. The normal state is development from generation to generation. As play is organized by the social relations, the inspirations of the regulated activities are love, hunger and faith.

The data of archeology are very incomplete. Together with bones, we find implements which indicate the industry of early life, and we also find remnants of habitations, earthworks, mounds, etc., which are the leading data obtainable.

In considering the conquest of fire we have no facts of observation, and are forced to the use of the hypothesis. The hypothesis of Frank Hamilton Cushing is the most favorable. Things that exhibited self-motivity were considered as animals. From this Cushing made the hypothesis that fire was at one time considered an animal, treated as such, fed upon dry fuel, and punished with its greatest enemy, water.

The first work in metal was that of cold hammering. Meteoric iron was largely used. It is sometimes found beaten into thin sheets. This kind of iron cannot be forged.

Heat was employed to a small extent by our American Indian, but he did not understand alloying.

The earliest known industries were those of the chase, especially upon the sea. From this we conclude that the home of the primitive man was along the shore. The beliefs in the cults of the sea were very marked in the Indian, as is proved by their many ceremonies.

In the great development of agriculture it has become impossible to tell what was the original form of many of our plants, because they have been artificialized to so great an extent.

Schedule of Examinations.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

8-10 A. M.

Experimental Psychology 6 Latin 15.
English 1 C.

10-12 M.

Era of Napoleon Determinants 8.
American Literature.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

8-10 A. M.

German 4. Transportation.
History 1 D. Logic 1 B.
Speculative Zoology English 4 E.
Mechanics 9. Mathematics 7.
English 7. Abnormal Psychol.

10-12 M.

Latin 2 C. Latin 1 B, Cæsar.
French 1 C. English 12.

Economics 6. English 4 D.

Botany 1. U. S. History 6.

Mathematics 2 E. Morphology 1.

German 1 F. English 6.

2-4 P. M.

Political Econ. 9. Hist. of Philosophy.

History 1 E. Mathematics 1 J.

Mathematics 2 F. Botany 9.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

8-10 A. M.

French 3 B. Latin 1 A, Cæsar.

Latin 2 B. German 3.

Greek, Special. German 2 D.

German 1 E. English 1 A.

French 1 D. Psychology 3 B.

Economics 2. Physics 2.

Entomology 4. Mathematics 5.

Mechanics 10. Mathematics 2 D.

10-12 M.

Latin 2 A. Greek 1.

German 2 B. German 1 D.

German 1 B. French 3 A.

Phil. Ed. 2. English 1 B.

Botany 3. English History 5.

Sociology. Pedagogy 2.

Morphology 3. Geology 2.

Mathematics 4. Mathematics 2 C.

Latin 1 B, Vergil. Mathematics 1 H.

1-3:30 P. M.

English 9. French 4.

Mediæval History 3. English 4 B.

Pedagogy 8. Political Science 5.

German 6. Botany 7.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22.

8-10 A. M.

Latin 3. Chemistry 1.

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RUSSELL IN THE FAR NORTH.

RESULTS OF THE UNIVERSITY EXPEDITIONS IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS. FROM 1892-4.

The story of adventure and hardship always holds interest and excitement for the reader. This is intensified in the case of "Explorations in the Far North," by Frank Russell, by local interest in the writer and his travels and results. The book, which comprises in all some 290 pages, appears in a neat volume. The cuts, which appear in the volume to the number of twenty-five or more, add much to its attractiveness. A very complete map is also included, showing the route taken by Mr. Russell while in the "Great Lone Land."

The first two chapters deal with the author's stay near the Saskatchewan district in the winter of 1892, where he studied the life of the natives, became enured to the northern climate and customs, and learned the use of the snowshoe and the handling of the dog-team. Accounts of several moose hunts are given, the author being successful in his first attempt, but meeting with failure in his later stalking of the big game.

He says of the dogs, which carried his sleds so many miles of his journey: "The Northern dog is always a draft animal. Regardless of age, sex or birth, his destiny is to haul. I have seen every variety, from a greyhound to a water-spaniel, toiling painfully along in the harness. * * * A few are willing workers, for which they are seldom rewarded; some are vicious brutes, and have to be stunned by a blow upon the nose before they can be harnessed. All are accustomed to fight their way through summers of starvation and winters of ill-treatment, hunger, and the whip."

Tea, he found, was the staple article in the north. "After an experience of two years," he says, "spent in arctic or sub-arctic regions, I can testify to the efficiency of tea as a stimulant in a cold climate. It was wonderfully helpful in cases of extreme fatigue. No depressing effects followed its use, though it was often consumed in immoderate quantities."

Of his experiences with the Cree Indians, the following, written as he left for the Athabaska district, affords a sample: "On the morning of February 20th, I bade farewell to the little group of natives that had assembled to see us off. Some of them had been friendly and hospitable, and I parted from them with regret."

Going down the Mackenzie river in a boat, he met with narrow escapes from capsizing in the rapids. One time a drunken steerer gives trouble, at another time—here are the author's words: "As we entered the channel leading to the island, the roar of the rapids drowned the voice of the bowsman, who indicated the channel to the steersman by signals, but losing his head at a critical moment, he raised the wrong hand, resulting in the boat being swept against a rock, with a swing and a lurch that nearly capized us. The crash of timbers and the yells of the frightened Indians, mingled with the roar of the rapids, over which it would have been certain death to have gone. Happily for

us, the boat swept clear, and reached the landing place safely."

The sumptuous diet of the northern lands is indicated by this brisk sentence: "The clerk in charge at Fort Smith was living upon dried snakes." Indians, too, are chivalrous in their rude way: "The men had lighter loads than the women."

Russell's life about the Great Slave Lake is a fascinating story of hardship, cold, and hunger experienced in his indefatigable search for game, birds, and ethnological material.

The most interesting chapter of the book tells of the hunt after the rare musk-ox. The Dog-Rib Indians refused to allow him to accompany them, he would "hoodoo" the hunt. But he persisted. "I was not in a cheerful mood," he says, "as I hitched in my dogs for the long journey which the Dog Ribs emphatically declared would kill me, as they, accustomed to such a life, 'found it hard.'" Five magnificent specimens were secured as a result of almost incredible exposure and hardship. Five days after his return from this two-months hunt, the explorer dashes north for the Arctic Ocean. The way lay down the Mackenzie river for 2,000 miles, through trackless brush and dismal barrens, where the white man had not yet penetrated. He nearly starved before he reached the ocean and found the whaling fleet which picked him up from the ice floe on which he and his guide were floating. The whaler Jeanette landed him at San Francisco on the 27th of October, 1894, which was the end of his travels, if we except his triumphant return and reception at Iowa City a week later.

The author writes in a pleasing, modest style that at once wins the attention of the reader. The material secured on his explorations, ethnological, mythological, and zoological, is summed up in a concise and scientific way in the latter chapters of the book. The volume is one which every student will find most interesting and instructive. It is one which does honor to the author and to the University.

SPEAKERS NAMED.

THE SIX CONTESTANTS IN THE HOME ORATORICAL CONTEST CHOSEN.

Friday morning President Currier posted a notice giving the names of the fortunate six who are to speak at the coming home oratorical contest. These speakers are chosen from the six orations marked the highest in thought and composition. Their names and the subjects of their orations are given in alphabetical order, the exact markings being withheld until the evening of the contest:

C. C. Converse—"A New Watchword."

M. L. Curtis—"A Champion of Commercial Freedom."

Geo. W. Egan—"Oliver Cromwell."

Ira T. Hawk—"The Man of the Wilderness."

Percival Hunt—"Samuel Adams."

Thomas Kingland—"James G. Blaine."

Notice.

A meeting of the Tennis Association will be held next Friday, March 17th, at Close Hall, 4 p. m., for the annual election of officers. PRESIDENT.

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Owing to an unusual amount of other matter, we are compelled to cut all editorials in this issue.

Communication.

DES MOINES, IA., March 8, '99.

EDITOR VIDETTE-REPORTER:

I notice in your issue of March 4th, a communication censuring Drake University and its community for their untimely expression of sympathy for W. W. Coffey — notorious of late. The writer thought it wise to bring charges against Chancellor Craig also.

As one knowing the attitude of Drake and community toward Mr. Coffey, and also the position of Chancellor Craig upon the subject mentioned in the communication, I think it possible that the readers of the VIDETTE-REPORTER might wish to know something of the facts in the case after they had read a few of the opinions of the writer called "D." The last sentence of his reads: "And it is indeed a great surprise to see such expressions of sympathy extended from that institution to a man who is deserving of the censure of the better element of society." This is a reckless statement in the light of facts:

Coffey was not an ordained minister, nor had he a license to preach.

He had ceased work in the Bible College on account of his inefficiency as a student.

He preached in a suburban church, as is permitted to those preparing for the ministry.

When suspected of guilt he was brought before the officers of the University Place Church, of which he was a member.

He confessed his guilt, and was then turned over to the officers of the law.

The story of the demonstrations at the jail has been much exaggerated. Some of the members of the congregation to whom he had been preaching did bring him flowers. Anyone might have done that with propriety.

Drake University, by its officers or students, did nothing to make the criminal think himself a martyr. The people of this community did not. They did not take him flowers or indulge in any form of mawkish sentiment.

The old lady he robbed visited him and forgave him—that was her privilege

if she so wished. The fact does nothing to relieve the black crime of the culprit.

Drake University and this community feel the full weight of this man's weakness and fall. There will be many reckless writers use the event to work them an injustice. Bad men will creep into any institution, and the only thing that can then be done is to bring them to punishment when detected. This has been done.

In the words of Chancellor Craig, in his sermon last Sunday—published in the Daily Iowa Capital, March 6—the sentiment of Drake and community is fully expressed. In speaking of Coffey, he said:

"He has betrayed every trust put in him. He has made victims of his best friends. The trusting heart of womanhood, the divinest thing in the world, the guardian angel of our rougher lives, an inspiration to all noble hearts, whether in the beautiful friendship of youth or in the mother's care of later years—the trusting heart of womanhood found him a sham—a hypocrite. His character will receive a new rating in the estimation of his friends. They cannot forget, they ought not to forget, that this young man, with his smiling and innocent-looking face, deceived his friends, and for months lived and flourished on the proceeds of theft; that during all this time he bolstered up his deceptions by lying on the right hand and on the left, and to crown all his wrong-doing he entered the pulpit on Sunday, and with a smiling face, looked into the faces of the people that loved and trusted him and preached in the name of that Christ who forever more has held up the hypocrite for the scorn of all good men."

Concerning the charges against Chancellor Craig, they utterly conflict with the spirit and actions of the man as I know him. I doubted the truth of his denunciation of the State University as represented by "D." My interview with him confirmed by suspicions that the quotation was a misrepresentation. He says: "The words quoted as coming from me are not mine. The writer has a poor memory or a vicious one."

As an alumnus of S. U. I. Chancellor Craig has always been faithful to it. While he insists that the Christian school has better and stronger Christian influences than any state institution could possess, and he advocates the virtues of Drake University as a Christian school, yet he has never denounced the many good works of his Alma Mater.

It is so easy for a man small enough to hide behind a single letter of the alphabet to hear "astounding" sayings of public men.

I know fair-minded people see things as they are, and judge after they know the facts.

F. P. WILLIAMS, S. U. I. '98.

Notice.

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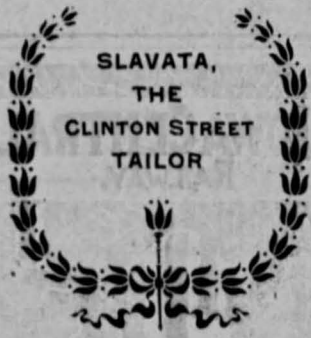
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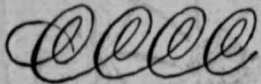
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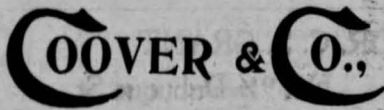
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FACT AND RUMOR.

The Heps will entertain the Zets to-
night.

Elizabeth Carrol, ex-C. '00, is visiting
friends in the city.

Call, '02, has not been able to attend
classes for several days.

Kinney, '02, is confined to his room
with a badly sprained foot.

J. C. Carmichael, of Davenport, has
entered the Junior Law class.

Rev. C. R. Zimmerman, a former
graduate of S. U. I. is in town.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity will
give a dancing party at their halls this
evening.

D. P. Thomas, L. '96, of Williams-
burg, Ia., was in the city on legal busi-
ness this week.

R. A. Cook, C. '01, went to his home
at Independence this morning, for an
over-Sunday visit.

Joseph R. Frailey, C. '98, was elected
1st Lieutenant of Co. F, 50th I. N. G.,
stationed at Ft. Madison.

G. G. Walker, L. '99, of Waverly, Ia.,
is in the city, preparing to take up the
work with his class this spring.

Professor W. J. McGee will lecture on
"The Dawn of Civilization" to-morrow
evening in the Presbyterian church.

The Freshman contestants elected to
represent Irving Institute are: G. S.
Calkins, orator; Merritt Brackett, de-
clatmer.

The officers elected by the Forum so-
ciety last evening were: Pres., C. J.
Turner; Vice-Pres., J. F. Sargent;
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C. Clinete; Treas., T. W. Bittle.

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The Heps elected Miss Jessie Popham as June Orator.

On account of the approaching examinations the literary societies will dispense with their regular programs next Friday night.

The Zets elected M. L. Ferson June Orator; R. Downing, Decoration Day Orator, and A. P. Speers Decoration Day declaimer.

All the elections of managers and officers of the Athletic Union were yesterday confirmed by the Faculty in accordance with its rule.

Dr. B. F. Shambaugh, F. C. Ensign, C. '97, and Theodore Anderson, C. '98, were judges in a society contest at the Academy Wednesday evening.

The Zets elected the following officers last night: Pres., W. Holt; Vice-Pres., M. E. Weldy; Sec., W. F. Moore; Cor. Sec., H. A. Stork; Treas., E. E. Rall.

Lieutenant Lewis, of Co. L, 50th Iowa, shook hands with a large number of University friends this week. Lieutenant Lewis served with the 50th Iowa in the late war.

The Heps elected the following officers yesterday: Pres., Anna Roberts; Vice-Pres., Margaret Hurst; Rec. Sec., Jennie Slavata; Cor. Sec., Nina Shaffer; Critic, Lillian Jones.

The foot ball trophy, heretofore mentioned in these columns, given by R. E. Morgan, of the M. & H. shoe store, arrived this morning, and may be seen in their display window.

The trusses in Close Hall have been thoroughly repaired, and the assembly room floor is now absolutely safe. Ex-President Pickard should be greeted by a large audience Sunday afternoon.

Irving Institute elected the following officers for the spring term: Pres., M. L. Curtis; Vice-Pres., F. A. Williams; Rec. Sec., Austin Cass; Cor. Sec., M. V. Boddy; June Orator, S. S. Stockwell.

Mrs. H. S. Caswell, the eloquent and interesting lectures on "The Homeland Work," will speak in the Congregational Church Sunday morning and evening. All students are cordially invited.

The Hammond Law Senate elected officers for the Spring term as follows: Pres., H. M. Havner; Vice-Pres., Mina Talbott; Rec. Sec., A. B. Williams; Cor. Sec., J. F. Webber; Treas., C. C. Heninger; Sgt-at-Arms, H. C. Korf.

Schedule of Examinations.
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| Greek 2. | German 2 A. |
| German 1 A. | German 1 C. |
| French 1 B. | English 1 E. |
| History 1 C. | Politics II. |
| Psychology 3 A. | Astronomy 1. |
| Physics 12. | Mathematics 1 G. |
| Mathematics 2 B. | Spanish. |
| | 10-12 A. M. |
| Greek 3. | German 2 C. |
| History 1 A. | French 1 A. |
| Pedagogy 1. | English 1 D. |
| Morphology 5. | Politics 1. |
| Geology 3. | Physics 8. |
| Mathematics 2 A. | Zoology 1. |
| Latin 1 A, Vergil. | Calculus 3. |
| | 1:30-3:30 P. M. |
| Greek 5. | English 13. |
| English 4 C. | French 7. |
| History 1 B. | Pol. Economy 1. |
| | THURSDAY, MARCH 23. |
| | 8-10 A. M. |
| Am. Political Theory 6. | Logic 1 A. |
| Latin 4. | Greek 4. |
| French 5. | Economics 7. |
| Geology 1. | English 4 A. |
| Astronomy 2. | Pedagogy 3. |
| | 10-12 A. M. |
| Latin 5. | Ad. Rhetoric. |
| Essayists and Orators 10. | |
| Chemistry, Quant. Anal. 4. | |

Resolutions by Advisory Board.

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