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PROFESSORS MEET AT UNIVERSITY CLUB

Close of Successful Program

The program of teachers' meetings for the months of November and December was brought to a successful close Monday evening, December 20, at the University Club of Omaha, when about fifty professors of the various departments gathered to enjoy a banquet and the last number of the program. The subject set was: Teaching in the Laboratory. Various phases of the subject were taken up by the speakers, Dean von W. Schulte of the Medical College discussing Anatomy, Father Rigge of the Arts Department, Physics; Dr. Herbert King of the Dental College, Dental Technic, and Professor Morgulis of the Medical College, Physiology.

Considerable general discussion of the subject took place after the regular lectures. The evening put a brilliant close to a very successful course of lectures. A spirit of hearty fellowship and co-operation was remarked by all at each of the meetings, and especially at the last.

DUTCH PROVINCIAL GUEST OF UNIVERSITY

Very Reverend Everard Beukers, S. J., Provincial of the Jesuits in Holland, was a guest of the University for ten days during the month of December. The distinguished visitor arrived in Omaha December 10, and returned to St. Louis Monday, December 20. The purpose of his visit is to look into the educational and ecclesiastical work being done by the Jesuits of the Middle West.

He is a man well fitted for the office, as he was formerly Rector of the Theologate of Maestricht for three years. It is interesting to know that he was in that city during the terrible days of the world war at the time that Belgium was being devastated. He made a trip through that war-swept district just after the sacking of Louvain.

An informal reception was given by the students on Thursday, December 16, in the University Auditorium. After the entertainment Father Beukers addressed the students on the importance of their years at school and on the need of thoroughly educated Catholics.

Accompanying Father Beukers was Father M. J. O'Connor, S. J., of St. Louis University, former Dean of the College of Arts at Creighton.

SODALISTS MAKE ACT OF CONSECRATION

Hundred Candidates Received

Tuesday afternoon, December 7, was a red letter day for the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. About 60 junior, and about 40 senior candidates made their act of consecration in St. John's Church. This class was one of the largest ever received into the Sodality at one time, and is strong evidence of the fervor and devotion to our Blessed Lady among the students. On the following morning, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, all the senior members received Holy Communion in a body, at the eight o'clock Mass. Arnold's choir, composed of about a dozen of Creighton's most talented vocalists, sang the Mass. Father McCormick delivered a sermon to the sodalists.

SCIENTISTS MEET IN CHICAGO

Creighton Represented

At Chicago during Christmas week thirty-nine scientific academies met in a joint meeting under the auspices of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Creighton was represented at many of the sections. Father Rigge, Professor of Physics at the Arts College, was a special guest of the American Astronomical Society. He also attended sessions of the Mathematical Association, American Meteorological Society and the American Association of Physicists. This is the first year since Father Rigge's connection with the American Astronomical Society that he has not read a paper at the session.

Among the representatives of the College of Medicine Dr. Selig Hecht appeared as one of the five speakers at the symposium on General Physiology, held by the American Society of Naturalists. Dr. Hecht spoke on "The Photochemistry of the Reactions of Animals to Light." Dr. Victor Levine read a paper on "The Teaching of Biological Chemistry," and also addressed two other sessions.

The representatives report that interest ran high, and the only regret was that there were so many instructive meetings of so many different societies going on at the same time that it was hard to plan the day.

PRESIDENT ATTENDS CHICAGO MEETING

Reverend John F. McCormick, President of the University, attended the meeting of the Committee on Curriculum for the Jesuit colleges of the Missouri Province held in Chicago Christmas week.

APPOINTMENTS BY MEDICAL BOARD

Prize Offered Sophomore Students.

At the meeting of the Administrative Board held November 24, it was decided to offer a prize of \$50.00 to the student of the Sophomore year presenting the best thesis on a topic in one of the pre-clinical sciences. It was further decided to make the preparation of such a thesis part of the required work of the Sophomore year.

The following appointments were made:

Dr. W. E. Wolcott to be Instructor in Orthopedics.

Dr. J. C. Hammond to be Instructor in Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology.

Dr. L. Moon to be Assistant in Surgery.

Dr. W. E. Ash of Council Bluffs to be Assistant in Mental and Nervous Diseases.

VISITS CREIGHTON

Father Bulot, inspector of all Jesuit scholastics in the United States, visited Creighton Tuesday, December 7. Rev. Bulot is at present making a tour from St. Louis to Spokane, Wash.

BALDRIGE COACH FOR 1921-1922

Selection of Yale Star Wins Approval.

"Mac" Baldrige, an Omaha boy and son of H. H. Baldrige, a prominent local attorney, has been named head coach of the Varsity by the athletic board for the 1921 season. His choice met with unanimous approval of the board.

Baldrige played tackle on the Yale team two years, winning his letter at the New Haven institution in 1915 and 1916. He began his football career as a member of the Omaha High School team in 1909, 1910 and 1911. The following two years saw him a member of the crack Andover prep school team, making his letter both seasons. He was a candidate for the Yale captaincy in 1917, but on account of the war could not be chosen. He served with the eighty-eighth division as artillery captain, seeing service in France.

When he returned from the army in 1919, he was immediately named assistant line coach at Yale where he did excellent work. Part of his duties at Yale was to coach the New Haven professional team, composed of municipal employees. His is the distinction of having developed the best team this organization ever had, which in itself is quite an honor, as they are considered the most formidable machine in their class in that section of the country. The athletic authorities at Nebraska lost no time in securing his services as assistant to Coach Schulte, and they feel keenly his loss, as he was a most valuable asset to the University.

Baldrige succeeds Dr. Edward Mulholland, who is held in high regard by the student body, as is evidenced by the wonderful spirit shown during the football season which gives no sign of diminution for the basket-ball contests to come. It is the hope of all that success crowns the efforts of Dr. Mulholland when he leaves us in the spring to continue his practice of Medicine.

The appointment of Baldrige has met with the universal approval of the close followers of the sport in this vicinity, as well as those who merely enjoy a good game. The alumni are loud in their praises of our new coach and everyone looks for a most prosperous year in 1921-1922.

DELEGATES TO MEDICAL CONVENTION

Drs. Tyler, Sachs and Langdon of the College of Medicine are three of the seven delegates chosen by the Douglas County Medical Society at the pre-Christmas meeting to represent the society at the state convention which is to be held at Lincoln next May.

HAWAIIANS VISIT U

E. K. C. Yap and H. Chang, prominent business men of Honolulu, who are on a pleasure tour through the United States, and incidentally visiting the different big business houses of the country, were the guests of K. C. Chock, Senior Medic, just before Christmas. They showed great interest in Creighton and were much pleased on their visits to the various departments.

ORATORICAL CONTEST SET FOR JANUARY 13

Results of Prelims

The Annual Oratorical Contest for the students of the Department of Liberal Arts and Sciences will be held this year on Thursday evening, January 13, at the University Auditorium. This contest is an event of some importance, for it decides what speaker is to represent Creighton in the State Oratorical Contest. Creighton has won the state contest for five consecutive years and hopes this year to be able again to represent the state in the Interstate Contest.

The preliminary to the public contest was held Friday evening, December 10, in the Auditorium. The speakers chosen to speak in the public contest were: Brendan Brown, Francis Charvat, Elwyn Eagan, William Klemm, Harris Lynch and Robert Patton. The alternates are: Fred White and Daniel Conway. Among the subjects to be treated are: Immigration, Citizenship, Greater Omaha, America and France, Woodrow Wilson, Prison Reform, and That Term—Bolshevism.

Nearly forty students competed, and the speakers chosen for the public contest promise well to uphold the name of Creighton in oratory. All the students and friends of the University should be on hand for the contest. A gold medal is given the winner.

ARTS ALUMNI MEET

Bishop McGovern Addresses Gathering

An important meeting of the Arts Alumni Association was held Wednesday evening, December 15, in the college reading room. Nearly seventy-five of the old boys gathered to discuss plans which will bear fruit, it is hoped, at the January meeting. The assembly was honored by the presence of Bishop Patrick McGovern of Cheyenne, who was on his way home from his "ad limina" visit to Rome. Bishop McGovern was a member of the first graduating class of the Arts Department, and is one of the oldest and most loyal members of the Association. He spoke briefly and heartily and was applauded loud and long.

Father Michael O'Connor, former Prefect of Studies of the Arts, also favored the gathering with a few words. Malcolm Baldrige, newly appointed coach of the Varsity athletics, spoke of his plans for the coming year, insisting that it was his intention to build up his team from the Creighton High School material.

ORATORICAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS DEBATERS

At its last meeting of the old year, Thursday evening, December 16, the Creighton Oratorical Association chose the team that will represent Creighton Arts in the Annual Public Debate and in the inter-collegiate debates. Those elected were: Lee Aitchenson, Brendan Brown, Harry Burkley, Charles Charvat, Joseph McGovern and Robert Patton. The alternates are Meade Mohun and Albert Rettenmeier. The debate, which will probably be on Japanese Exclusion, will take place towards the end of April.

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NEW YEAR

A subject so trite as New Year Resolutions baffles original composition, but there is nevertheless ample excuse for suggesting, what everybody knows, though few consistently practise, that it is well to cast up our accounts, book-keeper fashion, and try to strike a balance of the year's business from the standpoint of habits formed, associations entered into, and general mental, moral and physical progress. Friendships we may have cultivated without profit, if not with positive hurt; occupations we may have indulged in though they were sheer dissipation; or studies we may have pushed into the least valuable and therefore least productive part of the day to the consequent detriment of our progress.

Even if we have done each day's task well, perhaps we have not availed ourselves of the many opportunities which abound hereabouts to broaden our horizon, to come into closer contact with the thousand sided something we call life. Our work may have been merely mechanical and a large part of the cultural value of university associations may have been lost. We may have failed to realize that the educated man should be something more than a mere mental gymnast, a human encyclopedia, an intellectual automaton, a rank specialist in a tiny field. If he is to get the most out of life and at the same time contribute most to it, he should be a man of many parts, learned, courteous, sympathetic, accurately informed on those subjects which make for the weal or woe of the race, and his mental horizon should widen with his years.

The more points at which he comes into contact with the best that life holds, the better fitted he will be to do a man's work in his chosen field. Music, art, literature, travel, mechanics, invention, scientific progress—all these belong to the educated man's field of vision, whatever his special line of work may happen to be. In the aristocracy of cultivated intellectual powers he should feel at home as if to the manor born, and while he should always beware of frittering away his time as a dabbler at many tasks, he should not practise concentration to the utter exclusion of the thousand and one refining influences which may happen to lie just outside his own sphere of effort. In a word, he should strive to excel at his own specialty, but should not on that account neglect the opportunities for pleasant and profitable mental development afforded by at least occasional contact with the intellectual occupations of others.

BETTER ENGLISH

Some time ago an attempt was made in the public schools of Omaha to inaugurate a campaign for the purpose of effecting a general usage of better English. Interest was aroused among the students to make serious efforts to eliminate such opprobrious, ungrammatical and harsh expressions as a misplaced *ain't*, *seen or done*, "Better English" was the slogan adopted; and the students forthwith put to test their ingenuity at finding fault with one another's language.

An exceedingly commendable step which, however, has not been materializing as well as was originally hoped; and hence we are again doomed to disappointment in the expectation of seeing the cultivation of purer forms of speech effected. However, not only

should the strictly ungrammatical expressions and outlandish terms be eliminated from our everyday language, but also a goodly portion of the noxious slang that is so much in vogue even in our best society, and which renders the language practically unintelligible to a foreigner acquainted only with the standard idioms. So general is the use of slang in this country that it constitutes a national characteristic which makes us ridiculous in the eyes of other nations. Even our educated men and women admit that slang is so prevalent that they cannot refrain from using it as much as they would prefer.

Hence we see the wisdom in making serious attempts to reform our use of the language. That English is a beautiful language is well known by those acquainted with the writings of celebrated English and American authors. Now as there is a possibility for a "reform" in this respect, how much more profitable and commendable it would be to reform our medium of speech in preference to effecting some of the many reforms already afoot in fields that are not in reality so important. Furthermore, if such a campaign is to be launched, where could there be a better place to launch it than in the schools? Young minds are very impressionable; here the insistence on correct and choice English is more apt to take root with the consequence that the desired result will follow.

COEDUCATION

In the almost universal complaint against the effect of co-eds in college strange differences of opinion seem to exist. At Cornell the hue and cry is that the gentle things have been made masculine by the proximity of their male neighbors while from N. Y. U. comes just the opposite cry, that the eternal feminine is distracting the more serious minded Adam from his pursuit of knowledge. There follows an interesting excerpt from the report of a committee appointed at Cornell to look into the effects of coeducation:

"Coeducation is not indigenous to the East and it is idle to point to a western institution and say that coeducation works there. If it did it would not concern us. But the fact is it does not work there or anywhere else nor will it. It has no defense. Any attempt to justify it degenerates into an apology. No attempt was ever made to defend it on pedagogic or scientific grounds. It was an accident. It is cheap and therefore accepted where cheapness and expediency hold sway.

In fairness to women in search of higher education, and in fairness to men, it should be, and in due time will be, abolished. Women should be provided with proper schools of their own and not dragged through a coeducational process. It has absolutely no association with women's rights as some small minds are inclined to think. It should properly be associated with women's wrongs, or more clearly, wrongs to women."

READING

It is the custom in the English classes of our high schools to require a certain amount of outside reading. The object of this assigned reading in English is obviously to make the student interested in good books, to enable him to acquire style and a large vocabulary, to give him the opportunity of becoming acquainted with standard English literature and to obtain a broader, clearer and truer outlook upon life.

A course in assigned reading in an English class is more essential than is ordinarily supposed. The teacher can readily, with the assistance of the text book, impart the necessary precepts; and he can also illustrate them in short, selected readings before requiring any practical work. But any amount of illustration thus given in class is insufficient. For even after all

the grammar and syntax have been mastered there is still need of a vast amount of good reading in order that one may acquire something of a style, ease of expression, fluency, correctness and the like. Besides, however, by reading these standard books the student learns an inestimable amount of the philosophy of life,—the good and bad in human nature, the influence of environment and companionship, and an illimitable amount of other similar practical knowledge.

But how about the students in college and the professional schools? Should they refrain from reading? Emphatically, no. The high school student is forced to do some reading in the hope of awakening in him an interest in good literature that he might appreciate the same and be benefited thereby. But students above the high school grades are supposed to have already acquired a taste and habit for the reading of excellent books. With them reading should be a diversion from which they derive a special pleasure. The reading of technical books and journals is not here considered. It is the reading of high grade, standard books that is here particularly insisted upon, for these alone give inspiration, awaken a sense of sympathy and impart a certain amount of culture and refinement. When once acquired the habit of reading is a source of limitless pleasure; and the educative benefits thus gained have a value of their own.

GATEWAY TO LITERATURE

The feverish activity of the newspaper man is not conducive to the production of carefully chiseled phrases, delicately balanced sentences. The making of literature demands time to recast, again and again, what has been written. The journalist must write on the spur of the moment, write against the clamor of the presses.

Despite this fact, journalism has been the gateway to literature for many of the world's foremost writers. George Eliot and Thackeray, Dickens and Poe, widely different, were writers for the press before they became the authors of enduring books.

William Dean Howells, the Nestor of American letters who died a short while ago, was reared in the atmosphere of a country newspaper plant. Clarence Edmund Stedman and Mark Twain had the printshop for their university. Richard Harding Davis, George Ade, Booth Tarkington, and Michael Williams (whose book, "The High Romance" is worth every man's reading) found journalism a severe but efficient apprenticeship for successful literary production.

This is true because, while the strenuousness of the newspaper game does not make for style, it forces a man to make his words count, to discard superfluous phrases, and to see the dramatic side of life and make the most of his material.—Marquette Tribune.

THOSE BEDROOM FARCES

Theatrical managers have led us to believe that Shakespearean plays can no longer compete with "Up in Mabel's Room" or "Ladies Night." Robert Mantell packed them in at the Davidson last week, and Fritz Leiber is holding forth to crowded houses in Chicago; Walter Hampden played all last season in "Hamlet" and Marlowe and Sothern can start another farewell tour any day and attract sufficiently large audiences to get \$3.30 for the better seats. All of which proves that the orthodox arbiters of "What the public wants" haven't kept their ears sufficiently close to the ground. Perhaps their olfactory organs are too large and the fleshpots of Gotham too near. Try a trip to the "Provinces." Messrs. Gest, Erlanger, Woods, et al.—Marquette Tribune.

The seating capacity of the Yale Bowl for the Yale-Harvard football game on November 20 was 73,000.

A SIGNIFICANT STEP

The increased demand for higher education which has followed upon the return to peace has evidently affected our Catholic colleges and universities throughout the country.

Everywhere come reports of expansion projects from Catholic educational centers. Canisius College of Buffalo has successfully completed a million dollar drive for funds. Holy Cross has succeeded in raising \$250,000. Fordham University, which but a short time ago received an endowment of \$1,000,000 for its medical college, is preparing to campaign for twice that amount in order to meet general educational needs. Boston College, devoted exclusively to the regular classical course of studies, is planning a drive for \$2,000,000.

It is a significant fact that the greater portion of these funds is to be used in enlarging and bettering facilities in the liberal rather than in the specialized lines of education. The University of Detroit, which is the sole educational institution in that state which offers a complete course in the liberal arts and sciences, might well take example from her sister schools in making more ample provisions for liberal education. The needs of the Lit. department here are evident—a new building with suitable lecture rooms, equipment, a library and an auditorium. After all, modern educators—for example, President Burton of Michigan—are beginning to realize that the department of liberal arts is the essential part of any university and although it may never equal other departments in point of numbers, still to allow it to deteriorate on this account robs the school of its real spirit and vigor and makes it merely a place of instruction instead of the center of intellectual progress.—Varsity News.

"Rudy" Knepper, the sensational Sioux City golfer, who won the Iowa golf tourney this year and placed high in the western and national meets, has been awarded a "C" at Chicago University for his prowess on the links.

It is the first time in the institution that an emblem has ever been awarded in this sport.

Dr. George W. Ortman, manager of the University of Pennsylvania Relay carnival, has sent a formal invitation to the University of Paris inviting a French track team to compete in the big relay carnival.

THE RED CROSS

Emblem of mercy! Thou hast a doleful tale to tell,
Of death, excruciating pains, and woes untold;

For this unhappy lot to thee alone befall—
To witness human grief, and suffering beheld.

Thou art the angel spirit of the battle fields;
The wounded rally in thy light, thy soothing palm
Alleviating pain, thy cheering smile that yields
Bright hope and gladness and a heavenly calm.

Thy task is tedious, but noble is thy mission,
When parting breath fleeing the pallid lips of mortal,
The drooping head still rests upon thy breast, his vision
Lured high above the clouds beyond Elysium's portal.

Emblem of mercy! May thy radiance never cease,
Till time with subtle touch shall heal the wounds of hatred
And blood of men shall flow no more, and lasting peace
Shall reign supreme on earth and everywhere be sacred.

—Sidney Barson.

THE GREAT SCIENTIFIC MEETING IN CHICAGO

During Christmas week an unusually large gathering of scientific men from all over the country took place in Chicago. The parent organization was the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which meets every year at this time in some or other large city, but every fourth year convenes for what we might call a monster meeting in Chicago, Washington and New York in turn. As Chicago is the most centrally situated of these three, and as this was the first gathering after the war, a record-breaking attendance was not only expected but also realized, the more so as thirty-nine affiliated societies agreed to meet at the same time and place. This of course entailed the unavoidable disadvantage that one could attend profitably hardly more than one society, or get only a fragmentary benefit if he attended many. For this reason what I have to say can by no means be considered complete.

My headquarters were at Loyola Academy, from which it took me almost exactly two hours, even with the elevated express, to reach Chicago University where the meetings were held. On account of this long traveling schedule I had to forego all night sessions and younger men that attended them found life most strenuous as a consequence.

There were three public lectures at night. On Monday, December 27, Dr. Simon Flexner, Director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, spoke on "Twenty-five Years of Bacteriology." On Tuesday Dr. Robert Griggs of the Katmai Expedition of the National Geographical Society, spoke on "The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," in which steam issues from the ground from innumerable orifices over an extent of many miles. As I had read his article and seen his illustrations in the National Geographic Magazine, and as his moving pictures somehow or other failed to work, my loss was not very material. I did miss the third lecture, however, on Wednesday night, by Dr. Robert W. Wood of Johns Hopkins University, who spoke on "High Power Phosphorescence and Fluorescence," and experimented with ultra-violet light, which is invisible to our eyes until its frequency is reduced by a special screen such as is used for X-Ray work, and which for that reason had been used during the war for secret signaling.

The wireless telephone exhibit in the Art Institute, prepared by several big companies, proved very disappointing to me, because it showed only some elementary principles and experiments, and did not enable one to talk by wireless to a distant city, as the advertisement led one to expect.

On Tuesday morning, December 28, I heard the whole paper on "The First Work on Mathematics Printed in the New World," by David Eugene Smith of Columbia University, whose name in connection with Wentworth's is well known to all our mathematical students. The work was printed in Mexico, was written by one who had been

with Cortez when he captured the city, and was much encouraged by the bishop, who was a great patron of education. Names and dates were given, of course, but I could not retain them. The examples in algebra were practically identical with those in our present text books.

I gave the astronomical society my best attention and learned more there than I could possibly put down in writing. I will, therefore, select only a few topics that are apt to interest the reader. Barnard of the Yerkes Observatory showed a fine drawing of Saturn with its rings turned edgewise, as is the case just at present. Although the diameter of the outer ring is 170,000 miles, its thickness is certainly less than 25, and except for a few bright points, completely disappears from view.

F. R. Moulton of the University of Chicago was not satisfied with the possible age generally attributed to the sun of eighteen million years. He demanded at least a thousand million. McMillan judged this woefully inadequate, and postulated a million billion. The discussion was very animated and interesting. R. M. Stewart of Ottawa, who was to speak of "The Chronographic Measurement of Small Time Intervals," said that this stupendous duration was as unintelligible to us as the life time of a human being must be to an ephemeral animalcule that lives only a minute. McMillan retorted that there was question only of comparative intervals, and these were equally intelligible no matter what the scale was.

D. W. Morehouse of Drake University showed plans and photographs of the Des Moines Municipal Observatory, which he had induced the city to build. This also proved to be an interesting subject.

R. M. Stewart of Ottawa mentioned four methods he had used of recording wireless time signals. As this was my pet hobby at the time, I did not miss a word and jotted down ideas as fast as my pencil could travel.

I can barely mention the fine photographs by O. J. Lee of the Yerkes Observatory, of the motions and changes in a remarkable solar prominence, and Miss Young's explanation of why so many periodic comets fail to return. D. Alter of Kansas tried to put the number of sun spots in a perfectly satisfactory harmonic series, and C. C. Wylie of Illinois said that rapid changes in the weather could not affect time observations by more than a tenth of a second. F. Slocum showed that the distortion of the photographic film was no explanation of the observed Einstein effect.

The paper I had wished most to hear was Michelson's method of measuring the diameter of Alpha Orionis and finding it to be 300 times that of our sun, with a volume, therefore, 27,000.00 times as great. As this was the most sensational disclosure of the whole meeting, the newspapers seized it greedily. I have myself, in consequence, been asked by ever so many people whether this is true. I always replied, as I do now, that Michelson is too big a man and too solid a scientist to risk his reputation on a sensational announcement that could be

proved false by other investigators. From the paper he wrote in the Astrophysical Journal last June, and from the account that others gave me of his lecture, I understand his method perfectly, because it is very simple in principle, and I am convinced that his results are perfectly reliable. The subject is so great and so interesting that I must treat it separately in another article. I missed Michelson's lecture because it was not on the program, and the time and place had not been announced in advance.

It goes without saying that I met many eminent men and renewed many old acquaintances, amongst them Drs. Levine and Hecht of our own Medical Department.

WILLIAM F. RIGGE, S. J.

MEDIC NOTES

At a meeting of the Medical and Surgical Staff of St. Joseph's Hospital held November 30, the following cases were presented: Sudden Blindness in Boy of 14 Years; Abscess of the Kidney; Records of Three Tumor Cases, by Dr. Newell Jones, Dr. A. D. Dunn, and Dr. John Lancer, respectively. Discussion of the case followed each presentation.

The "Post-Graduate Medical Society," composed of the younger members of Creighton Alumni, held their regular monthly meeting on November 30. Dr. F. P. Murphy of the Obstetrical Department read a very interesting paper on "Premature Separation of the Placenta," and included case histories of past experience with this condition. Discussion was opened by Dr. Ralph Lienkhart. Professor James F. Kelly of the X-Ray Department read a paper on "The X-Ray Diagnosis of Diseases of the Gastro-intestinal Tract," and presented several characteristic roentgenograms of the conditions mentioned. Discussion on this paper was opened by Dr. J. H. Murphy. Both discussions were very interesting and instructive and the meeting adjourned after a brief business session.

Professor Newell Jones and Professor Langdon attended the meeting of the Richardson County Medical Society at Falls City, Nebraska, held December 1.

Professor Sachs and Professor Duncan attended the recent Annual Meeting of the Southern Minnesota Medical Society at Mankato, Minn.

Professor McMartin addressed the Otoe County Medical Society at Auburn, Nebraska, December 3.

Professors Dunn and Sachs have aided the Sisters of St. Francis in the purchase of a Benedict's Apparatus which is now being installed in St. Joseph's Hospital for the study of basal metabolism. This work will be conducted under the supervision of Professor V. E. Levine.

The Department of Anatomy expresses its appreciation to Professor Foote, Professor Gerold, Dr. Allingham, Dr. Grier, and Mr. Cross for their gifts of teaching and study material.

16. Dr. Carl Russau has recently returned to Omaha. During the past year he has been in Chicago studying Pathology under the direction of Professor Lecoth. Dr. Fred Sweetly has also returned after a year's post-graduate work, likewise in Chicago.

17. Captain Guy Philbrick, U. S. A., M. C., is visiting in Omaha on a brief leave from the U. S. Marine Hospital at Buffalo, N. Y., where he has been stationed during the past year.

EXCHANGES

Four students of Tulane University who were suspected of betting on Rice Institute against Tulane on the outcome of the football game, were ducked in Audubon Lake. Five hundred students cut classes to show their approval of the punishment.

Work has been started by the classes in sociology at Marquette U. on a survey of conditions in rooming and boarding houses throughout the University district, and their bearing on the desirability of renting or erecting dormitories for the accommodation of out-of-town students.

In all probability, unknown to many, is the fact that Guyon, the star Indian halfback on the Canton professional eleven is originally a product of Campion College, a Jesuit institution in Prairie du Chien, Wis.

As we understand Guyon attended Campion in 1910. From there he went to Carlisle and starred with the Carlisle Indians from 1912 to 1915. During his career at Carlisle he was twice picked on Walter Camp's All-American. After that he drifted to Georgia Tech where he played for two more years. At present, with Jim Thorpe's Canton Bulldogs he is conceded to be one of the best all around players in the professional field.

Dr. Brander Matthews of Columbia University was elected chancellor of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a member of its board of directors. He succeeds William M. Sloane who recently was chosen president of the organization to succeed the late William Dean Howells.

About twenty men at the University of Wisconsin are earning money by smoking at certain times so that the reactions of the tobacco can be noted by the psychology department.

Maj. Frank W. Cavanaugh, for two years head coach of Boston College, former Dartmouth mentor and an ex-star of Holy Cross, has signed to coach the Massachusetts institution for five more years.

An All-American graduating class, with a man from each of the forty-eight states and the District Columbia, is the record of Georgetown University School of Law, which is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in December with a golden jubilee. The announcement that the Law School is beginning its fiftieth year with an enrollment of 1,079 students, makes it rank as the largest legal school in the United States.

"Bo" McMillan, captain of the famous Centre College football team has been made a Colonel on the governor's staff of the Kentucky state militia. This was announced at the banquet of the football team of the Danville institution. McMillan played quarterback on the Centre team, and was chosen a member of the All-American honorary eleven last year. McMillan graduates this year.

Beloit college is to receive about \$15,000 in money and many valuable furnishings and paintings as an endowment from Mrs. Helen Emerson, widow of Prof. Joseph Emerson of Beloit.

The bi-weekly exchange of news of intercollegiate interest by radio is the aim of the M. I. T. Radio Society, which was appointed organizer of the Intercollegiate Radio News Association at a meeting of the American Radio Relay League. Brown, Clark, Dartmouth, Harvard, Holy Cross, University of Vermont and Worcester Polytech were represented at the meeting. It is planned to include Columbia and Princeton.

**FATHER COPPENS
PASSES AWAY**

**Distinguished Jesuit Educator
Formerly on Creighton
Faculty.**

Alumni and friends of Creighton Arts College will remember with sentiments of highest regard and affection Father Charles Coppens, S. J., who died in Chicago, Tuesday morning, December 1, at 11 o'clock. The pneumonia which carried him off put an end to an exceptionally long life of eminently devoted work for the Church and for education. He was professor of philosophy at Creighton University from 1894 to 1905, and lecturer on medical ethics in the same university from 1896 to 1904.

When Father Peter DeSmet, S. J., was carrying on the missionary labors which have made him internationally known, and have woven his name throughout the pioneer history of the great Northwest, he looked to his native Belgium for young and zealous assistants, and Charles Coppens was one of the numerous youths who came from that land of missionaries and heroes, in response to DeSmet's appeal. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1853, at the age of 18, and made his noviceship at Florissant, Mo.

Father Coppens held important positions in St. Louis University, St. Mary's College, Kansas, St. Xavier's College, Cincinnati, and in other institutions of learning besides Creighton University, and he was the author of numerous works on philosophy, religion, and literature. He learned the language of his adopted country so well as to become an authority on English rhetoric and oratory, and his scholarly treatises on these subjects have long been used as text-books in American colleges.

He was one of the few Jesuits to whom it had been granted to see a diamond jubilee of religious life, and a golden jubilee of the priesthood.

For about twelve years before his death he was a member of the faculty of Loyola University in Chicago, and resided at St. Ignatius' College in that city; but, even with four score years and more, he continued to make trips to distant places where the aid of his scholarship, his experience and his sterling religious spirit was demanded. He was active up to a very short time before his death, but in his last sickness he himself said that the end had finally come. His memory will remain in hundreds of hearts, and it may confidently be expected that his works will continue producing good in the youths and citizens of America.

"REVIEW" STAFF CHOSEN

The staff officers for the 1920 Review have been appointed and work on the issue has begun. The selection was as follows: W. S. Sturdevant, V. C. Wilson, P. W. Schmeling, W. P. Harlan, C. J. Becker, M. P. Hoese, Margaret Weir, O. V. Schelldorf, I. W. Evans.

AT X-RAY CONVENTION

Drs. Tyler and Kelly of the X-Ray Department of the Medical College spent three days in Chicago just prior to Christmas attending the annual meeting of the North American Roentgenological Association.

Dartmouth Players, the dramatic organization of Dartmouth College, has secured permission from George M. Cohan to produce a new one-act play of his called "The Farrell Case" next month. This will be its first presentation on any stage. It will be produced as a curtain-raiser to a performance of Shaw's comedy, "Androcles and the Lion."

There is a Freshman in Columbia University who is only 12 years old and the master of twelve languages.

**MEMBER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

Dr. Adolph Sachs, it was announced by the President of the University just before Christmas, has been appointed



DR. A. SACHS

a member of the Administrative Board of the Medical College, with the title Professor of Medicine.

**DENTAL SOCIETY
DISCUSSES ANAESTHESIA**

The second meeting of the Creighton Odontological Society was held Tuesday evening, November 30, at the Dental College, the subject under discussion being: That general anaesthesia is more ideal in the extraction of teeth than local. T. B. Kennehan and J. P. Woita spoke on the affirmative side, and T. P. Cogan and G. J. Colgan on the negative. Drs. Nov. Viner and Mailey, acting as judges, were unanimously in favor of the negative.

**DR. HECHT'S
RESEARCH WORK**

"The Journal of General Physiology" for 1920 contains four articles by Professor Selig Hecht of the College of Medicine, valuable contributions to the subject of light in its physiological aspects. The experiments are a continuation of his work described in the same journal for 1918 and 1919, and aim at an understanding of the photosensory process and the photoreceptive process in such organisms as the ascidian (*Ciona intestinalis*) and the North Atlantic long-neck clam (*Mya arenaria*). The importance of Professor Hecht's investigations in this special field of sensory physiology lies in the fact that the biological stimulations and responses studied are found amenable to all the newer mathematical concepts of science from the viewpoint of dynamics. That his conclusions are of general application we learn from one of his papers: The Dark Adaptation of the Human Eye, in which Professor Hecht recalculates the data obtained by investigators who worked with the human eye, and infuses a new viewpoint into their findings by correlating them with the more recent and more significant conclusions deduced from his experiments with the aquatic organisms, *Mya* and *Ciona*.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

At a meeting of the Hospital Committee of St. Joseph's Hospital held November 26, the following appointments were made:

Assistant Attending Surgeons, Drs. J. R. Dwyer, H. Chaloupka, C. J. Nemeck.

Adjunct Attending Surgeons, Drs. Earl Connolly, A. J. Jenkins, C. Molseed.

Adjunct Attending Gynecologist, Dr. M. Grier.

Adjunct Attending Urologist, Dr. T. G. Boler.

Adjunct Attending Obstetrician, Dr. Frank Murphy.

Adjunct Attending Physician, Dr. J. R. Kleyla.

Adjunct Attending Pediatrician, Dr. J. Harry Murphy.

ELECTED PRESIDENT



DR. A. D. DUNN

Professor A. D. Dunn of the College of Medicine was elected President of the Douglas County Medical Society at a meeting of the society in Omaha on Tuesday, December 21.

Iowa University's board of athletics is still balancing accounts for the 1920 football season, and the figures to date indicate that the treasury may be enriched \$50,000.

At a chapel meeting at Knox College recently, the student body subscribed \$50,000 to the Knox endowment campaign. The average donation of the students was \$90.28.

WANING SCHOLARSHIP

The average intelligence of college students is lower than that which prevailed years ago, according to the annual report of Dr. Frederick A. Hall, chancellor of Washington University. This conclusion, the report explains, coincides with that of authorities in other educational institutions.

"If the present growth of numbers is indicative of what may be expected in the near future," continues the report, "the colleges will have to watch carefully in order to prevent turning out a lower type of graduate than that which has characterized colleges hitherto."

"So far as I can learn, it is thought that the work of the student body has not this year been as good as that of previous years; that young people seem to be less inclined to serious labor, and that an unusual proportion of students had to be dropped because of the inferior quality of their work."

For the first time in the history of sport, a university is represented in a balloon race. One of the balloons which took off at Birmingham, Ala., in the last Gordon Bennett cup race, was piloted by two students from the University of Missouri.

Daniel Chester French, renowned sculptor, is to make a large statue of the late "Uncle Jimmy" Green, former dean of the law department of Kansas University, the statue to be placed on the K. U. campus.

The Kansas Agriculture College boasts of three students from Africa. They are enthusiastic over American sports and Kansas corn.

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