

Professor Nicholson has received an invitation to attend the international congress of chemists to be held in Brussels in 1893. The chief object of this congress is to discuss existing methods of analyses of sugar foods and agricultural products, and to secure greater uniformity of methods.

The greatest improvement of the age will be put in operation in the halls in a few days. It consists of a lot of pigeon holes to put rubbers in. They will be placed under the hat racks and each peg will be entitled to one box. Losing or getting one's rubbers mixed will be a thing of the past.

Quite a number of last year's seniors are now teaching in high schools. Fred Hyde is at Sidney, Miss Getner in Lincoln, Miss DePue at David City, Mr. Avery at Beatrice, and Miss Stockton at Geneva. Miss Mullen is teaching in one of the city graded schools. What is the matter with our alumni?

The growth of the battalion has been larger this year than during any previous year. From about 175 the number enrolled has increased to nearly 250. The new awkward squad is as large if not larger than all that remains of the old battalion. This speaks well for the battalion and for those who have it in charge.

The party which went to Europe with Dr. Lees returned home safely about a week before school commenced. They report an enjoyable trip. They were quarantined at New York about six hours, during which time they were quite profuse in their professions of gratitude toward the United States government.

At a meeting of The HESPERIAN association on the afternoon of October first, the following board of editors was elected for the ensuing year: Managing editor, Mr. Paul Pizey, '93; associates, Miss Cather, Messrs. Stroman, '93, Lord, '93, Fisher, '94, Strode, '95, Oberlies, '95, McMullen, '96, and Miller, '96.

The janitor's weekly report to the steward shows that the students in university hall alone drank 130 gallons of water each day during the past week. This ought to satisfy the prohibitionists, and gives assurance that the institution is founded upon correct principles. It ought also to give some idea of the number of students in attendance.

The department of chemistry has just received a direct importation of twenty-four huge cases of apparatus and supplies for the use of students during the coming year. This saves the university a snug sum in the way of importers' fees. Some of the apparatus was very delicate, and was purchased and tested by Professor Nicholson while on his recent European trip.

It is worthy of notice that six university men are at work this year in the sugar stations of the west. Two are at Medicine Lodge, Kas., two at Schuyler and two at Norfolk. This is the result of the careful work of Professor Nicholson in connection with the sugar industry, and is especially due to the establishment of the sugar school and to the special training in the chemistry of sugar production.

The art department under the direction of Miss Barton has begun the year with very bright prospects. Not only has the attendance greatly increased, but several valuable additions have been made to the department in the way of sketches made by Miss Barton during her eastern trip. A collection of books has also been added to the library, among which is Pennell's pen drawing which is almost indispensable for those studying sketching. Quite a number of the old students have shown their great zeal by bringing in sketches, done during the summer, for criticism.

Miss Carrie Barbour, sister to Professor Barbour, is to offer lessons in China painting and wood carving this year. She is a student from Oxford college, O., and the celebrated Cincinnati art school, and has been teaching her art with great success in Grinnell college, Ia. Her wood-carving was awarded the first prize at the state fair. There is an exhibition of her work in Harley's windows.

A large and excellent specimen of reef building coral, *Madrepora Palmata*, was presented to the university during the week by Mrs. John Doolittle of Chicago. This coral has been mounted on a plaster base by Miss Barbour, and as it stands on exhibition has a height of about eighteen inches, and a spread of about twelve. This is the first good specimen of the species presented as yet to the museum.

At the June meeting of the board of regents a resolution was passed making it necessary for all members of the senior class to be even with the required schedule of work at the beginning of the second semester. Those who desire to flourish a pink-ribbon-tied diploma next spring should consult Miss Smith at once. Waiting until within a week of the time for graduating to "make even" will not go this year.

It may not be amiss to note in this connection that two university graduates are candidates for congressional honors with at least a fair show of success. One is Judge Field of this district, the other is Hon. David Mercer of Omaha. Whether they succeed or not it will be true of both men that their prominence is largely due to the fact that their natural powers and abilities received incentive and training at their *alma mater*.

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