

# The Alumni Bulletin Supplement.

## Unveiling of Medallion.

In commemoration of the 122d anniversary of the death of the scientist Linnaeus, the Zoological department of the University of Nebraska recently held appropriate exercises connected with the unveiling of a medallion of the great scientist which had been presented to Dr. Ward and by him to the Department. The exercises began in the Zoological lecture room with a number of the University faculty present as invited guests. After a brief statement of the occasion of the presentation, Dr. Ward introduced the speakers who had been invited to take part. Dr. Wolcott told of the early life and travels of Linnaeus. Professor Bruner spoke on the crowning work of the great author, his "Systema Naturae." The audience then proceeded in formal order, with Captain Weeks and Miss Adelloyd Whiting as marshalls to the Zoological laboratory where Chancellor Bessey was introduced to discuss the influence of Linnaeus' work on the progress of science and his permanent contributions to scientific development. At the close of his address Dr. Bessey unveiled the medallion which hangs on the wall of the laboratory. Dr. Ward then gave a short history of the cast which is a copy of the medallion on the monument of Linnaeus at the cathedral of Upsala, Sweden. The original cast was the work of Sergel, the greatest sculptor of that country. This copy came into possession of Dr. Ward through Dr. Joshua Lindahl, of Cincinnati, the foremost Swedish scientist in the United States and is one of the very few copies of the original now in existence. As a work of art the medallion has been very greatly admired by those who have seen it, and the University is to be congratulated upon obtaining so unique a memorial of "the Father of Natural History."

The variations of Nebraska students from the Eastern type, first pointed out in 1898 by Dr. Hastings of the University of Nebraska before the Nebraska Academy of Science and later presented briefly before the N. E. A. at Los Angeles, has lately received more extended attention at the hands of Prof. Jay W. Seaver M. D. of Yale University. He reviews the whole subject of differentiation of the physical form of women students through the use of women's anthropometric tables from Wellesley, Oberlin and the

University of Nebraska. The latter table was published by Miss Barr of the State University in June '99.

In the paper by Dr. Hastings read before the Physical Education Section of the National Educational Association which was occupied mainly with the growth of children in Nebraska the following statement occurs: "The smaller weight, broader thorax and greater lung capacity of Nebraska University students—men and women, the superior height of the men of the state, as well as some other minor differences in development point to a distinct departure from the Eastern student type. The fact that these observations for adults agree in the main with those already made for Nebraska children indicates that the trend of development toward a certain fixed type is constant for the state during the whole period of growth."

Amos Griswold Warner, formerly of the University of Nebraska, died Jan. 17, 1900, in Las Cruces, N. M. He was born in Iowa December 21, 1861. He removed to this state when quite young, entered the University and graduated in 1885 from the literary course. He entered John Hopkins' University and graduated with the degree of Ph. D. in 1888. From 1887 to 1889 he was secretary of the Charity Organization Society of Baltimore, where his work attracted much attention. He was called to the chair of Economics in the University of Nebraska, which he filled from 1889-'91. He was then appointed by President Harrison to the newly created position of Superintendent of Charities of the District of Columbia, which he filled from 1891 to 1893. In the last named year he was called to Leland Stanford University where he filled the chair of Economics from 1893 to date of his death. For several years he has been in such ill health that it has been necessary for him to be in the mountains in order to prolong his life.

Clement C. Chase, editor of the Omaha Excelsior, has donated to the University of Nebraska a large number of interesting documents connected with the early life of the institution, among them a full set of early catalogues and many printed and written papers of the greatest value in firmly establishing the details of the history of the University. These papers were the property of his father, Champion S. Chase, who was a stout champion

of the real University even in the early days when Nebraska was a wilderness. The elder Chase was the right-hand man of the first chancellor, Allen R. Benton, and the papers deposited by his son show the nature of his services to higher education in Nebraska.

The German department of the University of Nebraska has received a fine set of large colored photographs, illustrating the old architecture of Nurnberg. Nurnberg, it is well known, is the most mediaeval city in Germany. The steep red-tiled roofs, the solid masonry of the city walls, the towers and turrets and projecting gables take me back very effectually to the Nurnberg of Hans Sachs.

A former student writing from London to Dr. Ward of the University of Nebraska says: "The enclosed is a specimen of the famous Scotch kissing bee. The University is no doubt well supplied with *kissing bees*, but not perhaps of this particular species. I thought you might be glad to get a souvenir from London to show your friends and to place in your collection."

The graduate club of the University of Nebraska has decided to issue a publication about the first of June of each year. It will be entitled "The Bulletin of the Graduate Club of the University of Nebraska." It will contain original contributions to science by members of the club and a brief resume of papers not printed in full and of theses accepted for a secondary degree.

Professor E. A. Burnett, Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, and a large number of institute workers have been actively engaged since the first of the year in holding institutes at Humbolt, Brock, Crete, Lexington, Miller and Calloway. The next circuit will be along the lines of the F. E. & M. V. and the C. St. P. M. & O. Ky.

The first annual meeting of the Ornithologists Association was recently held at the University of Nebraska. Sixty persons are members from various parts of the state. Professor L. Bruner of the University of Nebraska is president and Dr. Wolcott, secretary.

The state historical society has been presented with an old relic by E. T. Hartley. It is a piece of one of the columns of the west entrance of the old capitol building erected in the early '60s