

College of Medicine

SENIOR NOTES.

R. A. Lyman, Reporter.

The seniors have dispensed with the old custom of applauding an instructor when he enters or leaves the lecture room. In place of the applause they have substituted immediate, respectful attention upon his entrance. By the true teacher such attention is prized more highly than any other mark of respect that could be shown him in the class room, and it should be every senior's duty to see that his part is carried out. The abolishment of this noisy salute lends an atmosphere of dignity to the lecture room, and is one more step in advance toward the true University spirit. It is to be hoped this new custom will be adopted by every other class in school and by all that may come to us in the future.

Tuesday the seniors had the pleasure of listening to Dr. Towne again on the important subject, "The Diagnosis and Care of Smallpox." No other physician in the state, and but few in this country, can speak on this subject from authority based on as large a personal experience as Dr. Towne. He has done more than any other one man to wipe this disease from our state. The doctor presented photographs of many cases, and these, along with his scholarly presentation of the subject, impressed

the points discussed indelibly upon the minds of his hearers.

Within the last few weeks the seniors' study table has undergone a peculiar metamorphosis. The texts which have occupied it since last September, along with the ponderous note book which represents the accumulated knowledge of the year, have been dumped promiscuously into the corner of the room. Behind their corners and between their leaves the cockroaches play hide-and-seek; about them the spider is weaving his web to ensnare the first fly of spring, and over the whole the dust-laden March winds are depositing their sediments. In their place on the table one sees the old red-backed chemistry, the soiled Gray, from which still emanates the perfume with which it was once charged by the organic compounds of the dissecting room, and the freshman's note book, yellow with age and worn with usage. Before the table stands the glassy-eyed senior, driven to the borderland of insanity, by these mementos of other days. Why this metamorphosis? Why this reversion to things of the past? Ask the state boards.

Kukl is back in school again after spending a few days at home.

JUNIOR ITEMS.

T. E. Sample, Reporter.

Dr. Park finished his course of lectures on obstetrics last Friday. All of the boys appreciate very much the interest he has taken in the work.

Stump speeches are now in order, as it is nearly time for a class president to be elected for the next school year.

Question from student: "Doctor, before you perform a post-mortem on body, would you have to know whether subject was right or left handed?" No answer.

Several members of the junior class intend to rusticate in the Big Horn mountains near Sheridan, Wyo., during the hot months.

Dr. Gibbs says the juniors this year are an extra smart class, but had better come one more year.

Subjects in physiological chemistry were assigned to each junior at the beginning of term. All the papers read so far have been very good and instructive.

So many of our boys were wearing the green Tuesday that one could not eat an orange in their presence on account of the color.

SOPHOMORE NEWS.

The sophomore class was greatly surprised the other day—in fact, consternation reigned—when Mason and Wigton stopped arguing long enough to look around. Adams was seen with a guilty look hastily concealing paper balls, pin-wheels, etc., with which he had been amusing himself. The silence in the southeast corner of the laboratory was so profound as to be heard downstairs. McDonald, after searching his pockets vainly, said very feebly, "Walsh has it." Even Bill stopped in the midst of one of his best stories; while Swaboda, disciple of Rock, told of the spirilla of typhoid, culture media, etc.

Wanted, by the sophomores: More lectures in anatomy.

Jackson, the famous backstop of Creston, visited Morris last Saturday.

The baseball squad is practicing daily. "Glass arms," "bad whips," "game mits," etc., are a few of the ailments common to this form of exercise.

Dr. W.—"To what animal is bubonic plague common?"

Mr. Morris (sotto voice).—"To the Chinaman." *

Dr. S.—"Did you ever before see hydrogen liberated in an equation like that?"

Mr. Kennedy.—"There never before was seen an equation just like that."

FRESHMAN JOTTINGS.

F. Epplen, Reporter.

The discovery of a new "appendage" of the skin is announced by Fuller. Ask him about it.

Now that the freshmen are making blood counts, they feel that they are doing some of the more interesting and "real" work in the study of medicine. That their figures do not correspond with those given in the books by no means lessens the importance of their work nor its accuracy—in their minds.

Gems of medical wisdom in the latter part of the seventeenth century, as published in a recent magazine article (Munsey): "Picking the gums with the bill of an osprey, or a thorn from the back of a dog fish is good for the tooth-ache." "Bear's grease is good for aches and cold swellings." "Moose horns are much better for physic than the horns of other deer." "A stone found in the head of the codfish, when pulverised, stops fluxes of blood." "The heart of a rattlesnake is an antidote to its bite."

That Valentine believes in the old adage, "If at first you don't succeed," etc., goes without saying. His second product is certainly an improvement over the first. Persistent cultivation is all it needs, and we have no doubt his whiskers will be of regulation size—when he is a senior, three years from now.

Some ancient therapeutical measures practiced by one of our colonial physicians might interest the students. Here they are in his own words: "First I pukes 'em, then I sweats 'em, then if they wants to die, I let's 'em." The fees, however, of these quacks, as we now would look upon them, seemed to be proportional to their skill. The average was 40 cents per visit, and the M. D. was expected to leave the medicines at that. The diseases then were probably the same as now, but not so

their names, for we never hear of "dry belly aches," or "plagues of the guts," nor do we consider age a disease, as it was looked upon in those days, for it is so included in some of the old lists.

It has been said that a freshman does exceedingly well if he acquires a good vocabulary in his first year. Robertson is certainly not falling behind.

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