

College of Medicine

SENIORS.

Mr. Truelsen, after taking a week's lay off to get married, so he says, is back again.

Dr. Lillie, who has charge of physiology in the medical department at Lincoln, made the college a short call last week.

Saturday evening Dr. and Mrs. Owen entertained the seniors at a klitch party. Mr. Gage carried off first prize, a hypodermic, while Mr. Townsend won the booby prize, a clinical thermometer. If we had only known, the latter would not have been won so easily. The seniors wish to express their thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Owen for the pleasant evening of the season.

The medical clinics held at the county hospital this year by Dr. Milroy have been exceedingly valuable. The doctor has not only occupied the whole of every Saturday forenoon in a general clinic, but has given us two or three extras a week. This means the loss of much time to Dr. Milroy in his private practice, but it is a boon to our class and we appreciate his sacrifice.

As the end draws near the seniors are being given unusual opportunities to see clinical work. Three nights a week Dr. Jonas has been operating upon the cadaver, showing us operations that we have not been able to see often at the hospitals. They have been amputations and cranial operations, while one evening was spent on the various methods of making intestinal sutures. Dr. Owen takes two sections of the class to his office daily for practical work, while Dr. Gifford, famous for accomplishing much in a short time, has broken the record by accommodating every section of the class in special clinics inside of thirty-six hours. Dr. Bicknell gives practical work in optics whenever a section can find a vacant hour.

JUNIORS.

Mr. Benign is anticipating a trip to Iowa before plunging into the west. Remember us to the dog, Fritz.

Rumor has it that although we have not had any surgical anatomy this year, we will be expected to pass up on that subject.

Some of the boys are redeeming themselves by attending the holiness meetings in Schlitz roof garden, that being a familiar resort.

Dr. A. C. States will finish up his course next week with the juniors. Then come the examinations, which tell what we will be next year, juniors or seniors.

A goodly number of the juniors intend remaining in the city during the summer. We hope they will be benefited greatly in the line of medicine, as there is certainly a good opportunity for the ones who try to make the most out of work offered them.

SOPHOMORE.

Harry Morris spent Sunday at Creston, Ia.

E. A. Baker, is a first year man in the law department, U. N.

Mason wants to know if rag-chewers are predisposed to salicosis.

E. A. Baker, brother of M. D. Baker, medics '05, visited classes Saturday.

According to Adams, B. Eberth is more susceptible to guinea pigs than B. Coll Communis.

Dr. Stokes will complete chemical work and hold exams a week or two earlier than intended, as the doctor leaves for Europe about May 10.

Penciled eyebrows are again in vogue. Any old kind of a lead pencil will do, and it doesn't matter if forehead is pretty well smeared up too.

Dr. Lyman and Dr. Treynor will give finals in physiology on Friday, April 17th, to dents. Dr. Lyman will continue lectures to medics till the end of the term.

"Microbe" McDonald and "Bohunkus" Lanza amused the class with a choice assortment of fits in bact lab last Friday, merely because Walsh made a diagnosis of Fraenkel's germ from a common mould.

Dr. Jonas gave a very interesting lecture and demonstration of intestinal suturing and anastomosis with the Murphy button on Friday evening.

Tom Lacey, Creighton Medical '06, visited classes Monday.

The class met Saturday forenoon to hear reading of a proposed amendment

of class by-laws, providing for election of class officers in the spring instead of fall as heretofore. The amendment was discussed and an adjournment taken until Tuesday morning, at which meeting the amendment was passed by unanimous vote of the class.

A prominent member of the class pondered deeply on the proper naming of individuals. After a week or two of heavy thought he decided a certain young lady should be called "Sofia" (he pronounced it Sofire). After reaching this conclusion he determined to inform the young lady as soon as possible. At their next meeting: "Why, how are you, Miss Blank? Say, a-a-a-Miss Blank, I have decided to change your name." Miss Blank: "Why, this is so sudden—but—well, maybe you had better talk to mamma." Now he wonders.

The soph ball nine played a picked team from the dental department at Woolworth ball park Wednesday afternoon. There was a good turn-out from both medical and dental departments, the grandstand, bleachers and boxes being filled. The rooting was of the good old-fashioned sort; the vocal organs assisted by a tin pall in which a few bricks had been thrown. The field and team work of both nines was very ragged, but, nevertheless, the game was full of ginger from start to finish. With two men out in the last half of the ninth, the dents balked on a decision of the umpire and refused to play, thereby forfeiting the game. At this time the score stood: Soph medics 10, dents 6. Batteries—Medics: Morris, Walsh and Miller. Dents: Norton, Porter and McClaren. Umpire—Underwood.

FRESHMEN.

Dr. Peterson (drifting into anatomy) —"How many in your dissection found the obliterated hypogastric arteries?" Student who takes a deep interest in embryology—"How old would a chick have to be, doctor, in order to find these?" He neglected, however, to tell us "why he asked."

The dental students have left us; now for the hard finish that has been promised us by some of the professors.

Dr. Stokes, professor of chemistry, leaves the middle of next month for Germany and England to engage in extensive post-graduate work. The announcement called forth genuine regret from all the medical students. The loss of so popular a lecturer is to be regretted, as it takes a new man several years to get acquainted, leaving out the question of proficiency entirely. Undoubtedly he will accept a chair when he returns, and we will profit by the knowledge he will have acquired. Besides, he will have some stories to tell! The doctor has our best wishes in spite of his base desertion, which we hope will be but temporary.

"The melancholy days are here, the saddest of the year," in spite of the most delightful of spring weather. Examination always causes considerable worry, even in the best prepared of students. During the entire year the medical student has envied the student in the other departments of the University who at some time every day reach a point where he could conscientiously lay aside his books, knowing his work to be done. The medical student, like the proverbial housewife, is never done, but now to put in his holidays in addition "plugging up for exam" nearly breaks his heart. A medical student realizes that upon his knowledge depend not only his livelihood, but life and death as well. His education cannot be gained in a slipshod manner; he can't hope, however, to be a master of the science in the strictest sense of the word. The hope and desire of becoming a specialist leads many to neglect some line of study in the interests of his favorite. Yet each professor, in the average beginner, calls forth a desire to know as much of that man's particular branch as possible, in consequence of which he devotes pretty much the greater part of each day, six days per week, in hard study only to realize on the seventh how little he really knows and how far he who would be a specialist is from being a general practitioner even.

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The classical student was turning the pages of the Latin dictionary in a manner eloquent of aggravation, and when asked to explain the trouble, was not backward in expressing himself: "I never saw anything arranged so inconveniently as these Latin dictionaries," he said. "For example, I spend several minutes in looking up a word, only to find myself referred to some other form of the same word. Then the work has to be done all over again. In this way a person has to engage in a regular hunting expedition before nailing the prey. Why can't the authors of these Latin dictionaries take up a little more space and give the meanings of the word with each form that appears, instead of making a person chase around through the whole book? If you can imagine the feelings of a man who is trying to fit an obstinate globe on the lamp and hold a lighted match in his fingers at the same time, you can easily appreciate the state of mind of a student who, after laboriously looking up the form given in the book, is directed to pursue his investigation a little farther."

The man who drills was loud in his complaint and readily stated the cause of his grievance. "Nothing," he said, "is so galling to a man who is honestly seeking to serve his required time in the cadet battalion as to find himself the object of derision on the part of irresponsible persons. Were you ever obliged to spraddle along in the marching column, trying to keep close up, while some notorious sluffer who had dodged his military obligations stood grinning derisively at your exertions. If you haven't, you have been spared some bitter experience. If there is ever a time when homicide is justifiable, then is the time. A man, who has been through the mill and taken the required drill, has too much self-respect to stand around and enjoy the discomfort of his successors in arms. It is only this crowd of sluffers whose narrow wits and distorted sense of humor will permit them to do this. Any other branch of the human race would be ashamed to stoop to the in-

dulgence of such a depraved sense of humor."

"I wish you would give the debaters a little 'knock' for me," said a young lady to the reporter. "Well, you know Professor Fogg already 'has it in' for the paper pretty thoroughly," replied the reporter; "but if you say so, why here goes. What is it?" "Why, the way they bother everybody. I know I'm pretty bad, myself, at talking in the library alcoves, but I'm not a circumstance to those boys, when they once get started on the trust, or arbitration, or something else. They use all the room, talk all at once, and in every tone from a stage whisper to Mr. Peters' bass monotone. And then they get mad, and wave their arms, and say 'That's not so!' 'That is so!' and other things too shocking to mention. They've driven me out of the east alcove entirely, and in the evening I keep running against them everywhere. I'm just about crazy, and if they don't get through pretty soon I'll have to take refuge in a sanitarium."

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