

The Year in the Departments.

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in the forestry work next year—an early crop. It is assured that the bureau at Washington is looking with much favor on the Nebraska department, and considers it one of the best. The new course in forestry is practically under the direction of the national bureau, Professor F. E. Miller having been nominated by the bureau and from among the men in the bureau itself. This is the first time that anything of the sort was ever done in America. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and will soon take his degree in forestry from Yale.

Results of special investigation have proved very satisfactory. Professor Bessey has an article now in the hands of the printer on "Structure of the Lower Fungi," including a description of many of the moles, some parasitic and some that live on decaying matter. Professor Metcalf's thesis on "A New Disease of the Sugar Beet," presented facts that were absolutely new to the scientist. Professor Sheldon's thesis was on "Infection and Parasitism in the Uredineae, Studies of the Rusts of the Carnation, Asparagus and the Parasitism of *Darluea Ellum*." These fungi were already known, but the thesis collects material and pushes the investigation much further than it was ever carried before. Professor Clements has published a list of plants that contributes to geographical botany, and it has been well received all over the world. He also published, in the University Studies, a paper on the use of Greek and Latin names, that at once attracted wide attention in this country. The paper suggests a revision of the naming of plants. The work in plant pathology by P. J. O'Gara and Geo. L. Miles has proved that bacterial rot is of small commercial importance, and what has been called root-gall in Nebraska is harmless.

Mathematics

The work of this department is in charge of Professor Davis, Assistant Professor Hodgman, Adjutant Professors Candy, Chathburn, and Moritz, Mr. Engberg, Miss Frankish, and Miss Puffer. Dr. Moritz returned at the beginning of the present school year after having been abroad a year, taking his second doctor's degree at Strassburg. Miss Puffer was also added this year, and granted a fellowship. There are fourteen courses offered, which are practically the same as last year, with the exception of Dr. Davis' courses in higher mathematics, which are changed from year to year. One new course was also added, and taught, in connection with the department of botany, by Mr. Engberg. A number of papers have been furnished for various periodicals. "The Mathematics of the Theory of Evolution," was published in the current number of University Studies, and a paper concerning Dr. Sherman's statistical methods in literature, by Dr. Moritz, will be published in the next number of the same. Two papers by Dr. Davis on "Groups in Logic" were published in the bulletins of the Mathematical society, and one by Mr. Ferguson on "Problems in Projective Geometry." Professor Candy is working on the abridgement of his Analytic Geometry, and upon a work on Solid Analytic. To render the work of computing in biometry possible, a Bruhns Vega calculating machine has recently been purchased, in conjunction with the engineering department. On the whole, the work of the past year has been most satisfactory.

History

The department of American history has this year been growing at a rapid rate, and those who are connected with the department have made valuable discoveries as a result of careful investigation. The total enrollment reaches about 400, an increase of fifty over that of last year, and eighty over that of the year before. The courses offered in American history have been the same as were given last year, but some changes are now being made for next year's work. About 100 lantern slides have been secured, illustrative of the history of our country, and will be used in the lecture room. Other slides will be added

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