

DR. HASTINGS' INVESTIGATIONS.

Dr. William W. Hastings of the department of physical training has returned from Mexico after a month's leave of absence, where he has been conducting anthropometric investigations. Material obtained on this trip will be used in the preparation of a paper for the physical education conference which will convene during the Paris exposition. Dr. Hastings was considerably hindered in his work by the general lack of knowledge along this line and by a lack of time. In spite of these drawbacks the measurements secured are very satisfactory. About four hundred individuals were examined as fifteen different qualities. One hundred were school children and the remainder Mexican soldiers stationed in northern Mexico. As the latter class came from all parts of the republic, it formed a very satisfactory basis for comparative study.

A NEW DEPARTURE.

The University of Michigan is about to establish a business men's course in the university. President Angell states that the object of the course is to fit college men to hold positions of trust and honor, and to render them capable also of performing satisfactorily the duties of the various offices in the consular service of the United States. Continuing, he says: "I may say that every student in the course will be expected to obtain a thorough knowledge of the history of commerce, with its bearing on international law; also the conditions of international trade and banking and of the conditions of home products."

FIRE IN THE UNIVERSITY.

On Thursday afternoon the usual routine of university life was somewhat disturbed. At about 3:30 fire was discovered in the lumber room in the basement of the main hall. John Green, the engineer, turned in the alarm. He immediately secured one of the fire extinguishers recently purchased by the university and had nearly put the fire out before the city department arrived. Little damage was done.

The law library is in the room above the place where the fire originated. Students in the room moved out all the books before water had done any damage. Miss Smith had all her valuable records out of the building in less than five minutes.

S. B. SLOAN AS INSTRUCTOR.

The Vidette-Reporter of the University of Iowa contained the following in a recent issue:

"A course of instruction in journalism will be started this term under the instructorship of Sam B. Sloan, assistant to Professor Ansley. The instruction will be open to students who have at least one year of college English or of some experience in journalism. The work will be entirely practical. The fact that it will be given by Mr. Sloan, one of the two brilliant assistants which Professor C. F. Ansley brought with him when he came from Nebraska to take the chair of English here, is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the course. Mr. Sloan is a journalist of wide experience and is able to set those in his classes far on their way through the easy paths of journalism."

DELIAN ALUMNI PROGRAM.

Last Friday evening occurred the Delian alumni program. For the opening number Miss Ruth Pyrtle sang a very pretty melody. Mr. William Howe read a paper, entitled "A Ramble," in which he portrayed vividly some of his experiences while on a bo-

tanical expedition along the Missouri river. Miss Fowler read a parody on Hamlet's soliloquy, which was well written and well delivered. Miss Doane rendered a beautiful piano solo and responded to a hearty encore. Schuyler Miller appeared on the program and pleased the audience by a few prefatory remarks and then proceeded to show by the example of Richard Brinsley Sheridan what a man of brains and daring can accomplish. Miss May Hopper read a story entitled "Oversight," which was well received by the audience and in which she clearly showed how trifles may make or mar our happiness. The last number was a vocal solo by Bert Doane.

OLD PAPERS WANTED.

A short time ago Professor J. L. Wyer of the library notified the alumni and the students that not a copy of the college paper was to be found on the shelves of the library. Mr. Wyer now reports that he has received seven complete years of the Hesperian and four of the Nebraskan, besides some odd copies of each. The first four volumes of each paper are short quite a few numbers and all contributions will be gladly accepted. J. F. Boomer donated about seventy odd numbers in one lot.

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