

BOOK REVIEWS.

Dr. Clements and Principal Cutter, the former of the botanical staff of the University of Nebraska, and the latter of the Beatrice, Neb., high school have brought out what must prove to be a very helpful book for those teachers of elementary botany who wish to give their pupils a good course in laboratory work. There has been an increasing demand on the part of University professors that the high school lay such a solid foundation in the sciences that the subsequent work in the university could safely be built upon it. This has wrought a radical change in the methods of teaching chemistry and physics in the high schools which fit their pupils for university entrance. For many years some of the botanists have been demanding laboratory training in elementary botany for freshmen entrance, but while the schools have made some progress, it is a curious fact that no serious attempt has hitherto been made to supply the high schools with a scientific manual comparable to the many excellent works of this character in chemistry and physics.

The authors of the "Laboratory Manual of High School Botany" have attempted to make a book which is at once practicable in the average high school, as well as strictly scientific. The pupil who covers the work here laid out will be prepared to go forward in college and university classes without the necessity of unloading and unlearning a lot of rubbish, while at the same time if he should go no further with his studies he has had the satisfaction of knowing that he is in the possession of a considerable body of useful information in regard to the structure and actions of plants. The general plan of the book may be obtained by a glance at the titles of the chapters, as follows: General Directions, Plant Structure, or Histology, Structure and Classification, Phyto-geography, Synopsis of the Larger Groups of the Vegetable Kingdom, Physiology, Appendix (containing suggestions to teacher), and Glossary. From Dr. Chas. E. Bessey's review in Science of Sept. 21.

MASS MEETING IN CHAPEL.

On Friday last a second mass meeting was held in chapel in the interest of football. The main object of this meeting was to determine whether the Grinnell game should be played on the campus or in Omaha and incidentally to arouse enthusiasm among the students. Librarian Wyer acted as chairman and called the meeting to order with a few introductory remarks: "It has become necessary to call another meeting of the students and it will be left with them to decide whether the game with Grinnell will be transferred to Omaha or not. We cannot run a football team without money, and judging from the attendance of the former games we cannot run the risk of holding the game on the campus unless a sufficient number of pledges are received to guarantee expenses."

The athletic board distributed slips through the audience and Mr. Wyer called upon Professor Ward to help sell the tickets. The response at first was slow, but soon the students began to realize their duty and pledges to sell from five to ten tickets came in thick and fast. Here credit should be given to the young ladies, a great number of them pledging ten tickets. Chancellor Andrews pledged forty tickets.

During the sale of tickets Dr. Pound and Chancellor Andrews were called upon for short talks. Dr. White also gave a talk and disclosed the financial standing of the athletic board telling the students plainly that their support

was something that they could not be proud of.

Upon counting it was found that four hundred and fifty tickets were pledged and it was decided to keep the game at home.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapel—Monday and Tuesday, Chancellor Andrews, Wednesday, Dr. Hill, Thursday, Prof. Chatburn, Friday, Musical.

Seniors—There will be a meeting of the senior class Friday, Nov. 9th, at 1:30 P.M. in room 308 in the main building. All seniors are requested to be present as much important business must be attended to at once.

The post graduate students of the University School of Music will give a recital in chapel next Thursday evening. The following program will be rendered.

Novelettes—Op. 21, No. 1, F major; Op. 21, No. 4, D major—Schumann; Sparks—Op. 36, No. 6—Moskowski; Miss Rose Olson.

Sonate F minor Op. 57, Allegro assai. Andante con moto; Allegro ma non troppo—Beethoven; Earle Wehn. "Man lebt nur einmal.—Strauss-Tausig; Miss Rose Clark.

"Sei mir gegrusst."—Schubert-Liszt; Intermezzo in octaves, Op. 44—Letchetisky; Philip Hudson.

Sonate Eroica Op. 50—(1) Slow with nobility, fast and furious; (2) Elf like and swift; (3) Tenderly with passion; (4) Fiercely and very fast—MacDowell; Miss Edith Shaw.

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