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THE RELATION OF OTOTOLOGY TO GENERAL MEDICINE.

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As the medical student about to graduate looks out over the infinite field of medical science the amount still to be learned seems to him most appalling. Since he cannot possibly hope to learn it all, the question arises as to how much of each of the many branches of practical medicine he should learn to best fit him for his high responsibilities.

The elder von Grafe said before he died that the field of diseases of the eye alone had become too extensive for him to grasp in all its details, and the student of medicine often feels keenly his inability to cover, even hastily, the vast and rapidly expanding curriculum offered him. Those practicing in large centers of population have found it easy to adapt themselves to the rapid development of modern medicine by dividing the work into special branches. One would not expect to find, in Omaha, an oculist doing a laparotomy, or a general surgeon presiding at a case of obstetrics. Where a demand for a certain thing exists, the thing is sure to come into being. Large centers of population demand highly skilled surgical services, hence men devote many years of careful training to fit themselves for this special work. The great bulk of the profession, however, is and always will be composed of men practicing general medicine in districts more or less remote from consultation. Upon them rest greater responsibilities than upon any other class of professional men. Many of them must, like Ian Maclaren’s Doctor of the Old School, fight their battles alone, under the most adverse circumstances, without counsel and often without appreciation. Such discipline has its advantages, for it is this no doubt that produces in the ranks of the general profession, men who for quick perception and broad-minded nobility of character are
not surpassed by those in any walk of life. Among the important branches in which the general practitioner of the past has been deficient, Otology has perhaps been the most completely ignored. There are various reasons for this, among which are the difficulties attending the teaching of the branch. The anatomy and physiology of the ear are tedious and difficult for the average student, and before he can view many of the pathological conditions he must have acquired considerable skill in the use of the head mirror and speculum. Again, classes cannot do clinical work as a whole, as in surgery, but on account of the minuteness of the area to be considered must be taught in small sections.

A very brief study of statistics will serve to convince one of the important relation existing between otology and general medicine as well as of the fact that instruction in this branch has in years past been much neglected. Dr. Blake of Harvard University says that 27 per cent of the deaf mutes in the United States owe their condition to the suppurative middle ear disease of childhood. It is hardly necessary to state that intelligent treatment would have saved for most of these children sufficient hearing for ordinary business purposes. As a destroyer of hearing scarlet fever ranks first, in some epidemics 30 per cent of the cases being complicated with suppurative otitis media of a very destructive nature. A few simple measures, such as careful and frequent cleansing of the nose and naso-pharynx together with an early paracentesis where the middle ear is involved, will carry most of these cases through without serious loss of hearing. The other exanthemata while not showing so large a percentage of ear involvement are none of them exempt; and it has been said by a prominent physician now dead, that one, who will attend these cases without careful attention to the ears is an unscrupulous practitioner. It is estimated that in Great Britain alone over 2,500 people die annually from neglected ear disease. This is largely due to a lack of appreciation of the dangers from intracranial complications in suppuration of the middle ear. Macawen says that “since the majority of the pyogenic infective diseases of the brain arise from neglected otitis media, they should be regarded as preventable and their prophylaxis scrupulously attended to.” He says further that “a patient who has a discharging ear carries with him a slumbering volcano which is liable at any moment to light up a fatal meningitis or to cause an abscess of the brain.” Parents should have their minds disabused of the common belief that children “outgrow” discharging ears and should be apprised of the fact that life insurance companies do not accept as risks those who have chronic suppurative-
tive middle ear diseases. Prophylaxis is all the more important in these cases for the reason that, in many of them the symptoms are not well enough marked for a diagnosis of intracranial involvement to be made sufficiently early for a successful operation to be done.

Two more important conditions coming chiefly under the care of the general practitioner, are rupture of the membrana tympani and foreign bodies in the canal. In the former condition harm is often done by instilling various ear drops or by syringing, where nothing more should be done than to insert a sterile cotton plug into the meatus and give nature a chance. In the case of foreign bodies in the canal, the writer has seen an instance where a physician in attempting to extract a glass bead, which he had not seen but supposed to be present, had destroyed the membrana tympani, laying bare the ossicles and infecting the tympanic cavity. The most elementary instruction should teach us to exercise the greatest care in the use of instruments for extracting foreign bodies from the auditory canal and always to try careful syringing first. It is of importance also to be familiar with the effects which ingestion of certain drugs has upon the auditory apparatus that we may warn our patient of them beforehand and thus prevent needless alarms on his part. It is of some value also to know of the more infrequent diseases of the ear which complicate general disease, for instance, the furunculosis of the canal in diabetes, and the sudden and complete deafness which is an occasional sequel to mumps.

In fact, instead of writing one short paper upon this subject, it could be covered only by a series of them. The good, all-round medical man of the future has a prodigious amount of labor cut out for him to do if he fulfills his destiny. He may no longer ignore the so-called special branches, thus endangering the sight, the hearing, or even the lives of those depending upon his skill, by his ignorance of common pathological conditions. As well might a marine engineer deliberately choose to remain without knowledge of some of the most important and complicated portions of the mechanism under his care and then steam out into the ocean, trusting in luck to carry him safely through.

A physician cannot become expert in all branches of medicine, although some advertise themselves as such; but he can acquire practical knowledge enough of the special lines to enable him to diagnose and treat with intelligence the ordinary run of cases in office practice. The profession is becoming each year more crowded, the competition more sharp and the public more
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exacting in its demands upon our skill; hence, he who would meet these adverse conditions and survive the ordeal must spare no effort to prepare himself as well as possible in all that pertains to the practical application of the art of healing.

Clinical Department.

P. E. JAMES, '02, Editor.

Reported by Dr. J. M. Aikin.

George Chapman, aged 23, when thirteen years old, received a bullet from a 44 Colt's revolver, entering the brain two inches above the right eye and one and one-half inches to the right of the median line. The ball passed directly through, making its exit just above the occipital protuberance to the left of the median line. The patient was wholly unconscious for three weeks, and complete motor aphasia existed for six weeks subsequent to return of consciousness, the ability to articulate gradually returning. At present he stammers as if attempting to speak hurriedly. Vision was lost in the temporal half of the left and the nasal half of the right eye, while there was slight restriction in the limitation of vision in the corresponding halves of each eye, and the vertical field was less than normal.

Hemianaesthesia and hemiplegia was pronounced, but not complete, on the left half of the body. The left arm was wholly paralyzed and pronounced contracture of the extensors existed in the hand and wrist. All the reflexes on the left side were exaggerated and the wrist and ankle clonus was well marked. There was no appreciable change in the nutrition or general appearance of the muscles on the paralyzed side as differing from the healthy side. The right side was essentially normal in every respect.

Digestion, circulation, respiration and the excretory functions were all normal and healthy. Since his injury he attended school, acquiring knowledge quite as readily as others of like age, but continuous study for two or three hours caused much pain on the right posterior part of the head.

From the point of entrance and posteriorly about five inches is an oval-shaped opening in the skull, showing a depression about one inch below the normal brain surface, on which the skin is the only covering, and pulsations of the arteries are plainly noticeable. When he lies on the right side this depression fills out, but it causes pain until he turns to the left side, when the depression again appears. He says the surgeon who cared for him when
the accident occurred removed entirely about three ounces of brain substance from this place, now marked by the depression.

This is the most wonderful case of vital resistance after traumatism to the brain on record, exceeding even the famous "crowbar" case. The centers of control for the motor and sensory nerves are here beautifully demonstrated in their central origin. The left homonymous haemineopsia shows the sight center for that field in the occipital lobe on the same side. The clinical lessons from this case are numerous and very instructive to the neurologist.

To the young practitioner there is, perhaps, nothing more trying than to be confronted by a patient telling him that an instrument has been thrust into some portion of the body, and a part of it was broken off and left in the tissues. The exact location cannot be given, for "the pain is not where it used to be." There is usually no question but what an accident has really occurred, but there may be a doubt as to whether anything is really lodged in the tissues. For we all realize how prone a patient, especially of a somewhat nervous temperament, is to imagine pain produced by such broken-off parts, which may really never have entered the body, but simply have made a superficial wound. And a Waterloo it would be, indeed, to try to relieve such patients by the knife, which everybody, especially in the early part of their career, are so anxious to wield.

The case of Mrs. T. was, however, not such a one. She gave the history of having the point of a needle thrust into and broken off in the dorsal surface of the thumb of the left hand just at the joint. This happened some months ago, but had not given her any special trouble till lately, when it has been giving her pain on moving the last phalanx. In this case there could be no doubt of its presence, as a hard substance could be felt through the skin. The finger was rendered aseptic, about 1 c. c. of 1 per cent cocaine injected and an incision made over the foreign body, which was then easily removed by a small dissecting forceps. This shows how easily such foreign bodies may be removed under a local anaesthetic when their location is perfectly known.

Case 2. Boy about 13 years of age. Gave history of wrench of knee about a month ago. Has had some pain at joint ever since, but has been able to walk about by keeping leg slightly flexed. There was redness, swelling and some bogginess on inner side of joint corresponding to bursa between semi-membranosus
and tibia. Does this involve the knee joint proper or simply the bursa at this point? Undoubtedly the latter, as there was no pain on jarring, and the pain of extension was explained by the pressure produced by the semimembranosus in a state of tension upon the inflamed bursa lying between it and the tibia. As there was no active inflammation, but an infiltrated condition of the parts on account of the long standing. Hot compresses with complete rest was advised.

Case 3. Violent intertrigo in baby. There was almost entire denudation of the cleft between the nates, extending outward on the buttocks to such an extent as to leave a red, raw, angry-looking surface about 5 inches in diameter. The slightest touch or contacts with the clothing, urine, or faeces, gave the infant most excruciating pain as indicated by its pitiful cry. By questioning, it was found that the child, at intervals of about two weeks, would have several profuse, irritating, foul-smelling discharges from the bowel, and without any apparent cause. These discharges were the cause of the severe excoriations which subsided in the intervals.

Treatment of Intertrigo.—Keep parts scrupulously clean, but do not use water nor irritate by wiping. As an ointment was given—R.: Aristol gr. xx, bismuth subnitrate gr. xxx, cosmolin, oz. ⅛.

But the cause of the intertrigo was of utmost interest. An examination under an anaesthetic was consequently made of the rectum. A fistula was discovered in its anterior wall which undoubtedly lead to the bladder, thus allowing the urine to escape through the rectum. A more extensive examination will be made later.

Case 4. Viola T., 15 months of age. This child looks rather anaemic and weak. She has not been quite well for a month, but about a week ago sore mouth developed. There is profuse salivation, the saliva flowing from the mouth constantly. The digestion is not good and the passages from the bowels are foul in character. The gums are inflamed, tender and bleed on the least provocation.

Diagnosis—Acute Stomatitis.

Treatment.—A strictly fluid diet. May use milk, 1 pint; cream, oz. ⅛, to which is added about an ounce of lime water. Castor oil should be given every morning to keep bowels well open. For the mouth—R. Pot. Chlorat. dr. 1, Pot. Bicarb. dr. 1, Listerin oz. 1, Aqua qs. ad. oz iv, M et. S. Wash gums every two hours, with soft linen.
Case 5. Gertie G, age 16. Gives history of nervous twitchings of hands and inability to hold things beginning some time ago. This has been gradually becoming worse so that now the twitchings have extended to face, and walking is even somewhat impaired. This condition is much aggravated upon the slightest excitement. No cause for its onset is given. Patient is slightly anaemic, otherwise in good health. An older sister has suffered from a similar condition.

Diagnosis—Chorea.

Treatment—R. Bland’s Pill Comp. gr. iii. No. xx. Sig. one pill t. i. d. p. c. Also R. Liq. Pot. Arsenitis oz. t. Sig. Three drops t. i. d. p. c., increasing one drop each day.

This treatment has been kept up three weeks, the patient having increased the dose of the latter remedy to drops 12 t. i. d. There is marked decrease in nervousness, the anaemia is gradually passing away, and the patient feels better in general. Treatment is continued.

Case 6. Girl aged about 11. Gives history of injury to cornea, iris and lens by rusty can. The parts had healed well, leaving only usual scars, but later the lower part of cornea and iris had undergone a peculiar whitish degeneration, and a cataract had also developed, in addition to which there had also been a deposit in the lens of cholestrin crystals, which appear as small glistening particles with refracted light.

Treatment advised.—Removal of affected lens, and for cosmetic effects, tattooing of lower portion of cornea and iris.

Case 7. Mrs. L., aged about 50. A raw, bleeding cauliflower growth presented at the inner canthus of right eye, covering inner one-third of upper and lower lids and corresponding part of eyeball, and extending half-way up to bridge of nose. This caused an unsightly appearance, and as a result of obstruction to the puncta lacrymalis, the tears overflowed the face causing excoriations of skin. The mass was not very painful to touch, and although it was slightly moveable, still there were some adhesions to the nasal bone. It was not of very rapid growth; had been partially cut out and cauterized several times, but would recur. General health was good.

Diagnosis.—Epithelioma.

Treatment.—Complete extirpation. An incision was made upward from edge of upper lid through its entire thickness. This was carried inwards, encircling the growth about one-third of an inch from its base, finally ending in lower lid opposite to initial cut in upper lid. The mass was then dissected off down to the nasal bone, and the inner one-third of upper and lower lid re-
moved. A very profuse hemorrhage resulted, as the vessels were cut so close to the bone that they could not be clamped. The bleeding was finally stopped by the use of Hydrogen Peroxide. A denuded surface about the size of a silver half dollar was the result. How should this be covered? Experience has taught that in this location skin flaps do not grow satisfactorily; but it has also taught that the skin in this region has a wonderful power of filling in and covering over any defect. Hence the wound was left to nature to heal, a bland antiseptic dressing being applied.

Two weeks later the patient was again seen. The defect was only about the size of a dime and rapidly encroached upon by the surrounding tissue. A few protuberant granulations were scraped off with a sharp curette to stimulate the further process of epidermization.

Alumni Department.

BY G. H. BICKNELL, M. D.

Dr. Dodge, '01, is now interne of the Douglas County Hospital and as such will assure a successful year in the supervision of the medical part of the hospital.

Dr. Jefferson, '00, from Talmage, Neb., was also a welcome visitor. The doctor is not playing football now, but reports that the busy life of practice is almost as rough, though it pays better.

Several alumni of the O. M. C. are contemplating graduate work in Europe. Dr. Jessen and Dr. Nora Clarke of Clovis, California, have about decided on such a course. Dr. Loechner is at present in Vienna and reports favorably of the clinical facilities.

Dr. B. W. Hall, '01, was a welcome visitor Monday, November 11. He came down and had an old-time session with the boys. When Alumni come to Omaha, drop around and see us. We like to have you and it will renew old thoughts and acquaintances.
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Editorial.

We are pleased to announce that such a good friend of the O. M. C. students as Dr. George Bicknell has favored us with an article, entitled “The Relation of Otology to General Medicine,” this month. We feel sure that all the students will peruse it with interest and profit.

The “MEDICS AND “DENTS” seem to have each year at least one explosive “scrap.” Last year the trouble was more good natured, and with both sides having their share of right. Fun is all right, especially on Hallow’een, but it is a good deal like the judge and the joking prisoner. “You took the ax, you admit, Smith?” interrogated the judge of the police court. “Yes, sir, but merely as a joke,” replied the prisoner, complaining. “How far do you live from the witness?” came the further question. “About five miles,” was the answer. “I sentence you to thirty days on bread and water. That is carrying a joke altogether too far,” was the quick response of the judge. The fun was carried too far. Ladies should not be dragged into such a “rough house” as was held that evening.

This would appear on first thought to be the most blame-worthy part of the affair, but when we learned that bromine had been used to break up the dance, we feel that nothing too strong could be said in condemnation of such actions. It is not
so long ago that a similar action caused the death of two or three persons at a banquet held in Cornell University, New York. It is to be hoped that what was done was done in the hurry of the moment and that all participating are sorry that the fun was carried beyond the borderland of common sense and decency.

Besides the prominence of members of our faculty in the work of the American Medical Association, we are proud that so many of our faculty are active in surrounding fields of medical work. Dr. Davis is President and Dr. Aiken, Secretary of the Omaha Medical Society; Dr. Treynor as President and Dr. Davis as first Vice President of the Missouri Valley Medical Society, recently gave way to Dr. Moore as President and Dr. Donald Macrae as Treasurer. Dr. Somers is a member of the State Board of Health.

The recent article in the Omaha World-Herald in regard to Dr. Dalol, written by a member of the Creighton Medical College faculty, was such a gross misrepresentation of facts that it calls for some notice from The Pulse. The doctor came to the Omaha Medical College faculty with the following statement: He claimed to have attended two years in a medical school at Beyrouth, and at the end of that time to have been compelled by Turkey to enter the army and fight his own people, the Armenians. He made this statement with the request that he be promised a degree at the end of two years' attendance at the Omaha Medical College. To this he was told that if documentary proof was given of his attendance at Beyrouth he would be graduated if he passed his examination and was deemed by the faculty a safe person to practice medicine. In the meantime Beyrouth College was written to and a reply received that no such man had ever attended school there. He explained this by saying that Turkey would permit no other answer to the inquiry. For this reason and others, at the end of two years' time, the faculty of the Omaha Medical College refused him a diploma. Thereupon he entered the Creighton Medical School and at the end of a year's attendance was graduated. It might be pertinent to here state that one of the members of that faculty near the end of last year stated to an O. M. C. student that he did not see how he could, conscientiously, give the man in question his credit. However that may be, until he produced satisfactory evidence of having completed two years at Beyrouth and until he had properly completed the last two years of the course at the Omaha Medical College, he was not entitled to a
diploma and was therefore not granted one. By a palpable misrepresentation of facts the O. M. C. was blamed for having persecuted an Armenian fugitive. If the doctor did attend two years at Beyrouth he deserves sympathy for not being able at that time to produce satisfactory evidence of his attendance. But the granting of medical diplomas cannot be made on the grounds of sympathy, for the medical faculty must protect the rights of the public. The State Board of Health granted a permit for Dr. Dalol to practice medicine on the sworn statement of himself and five of his countrymen that he had attended two years in Beyrouth and on his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Creighton Medical College. This statement is made through only a desire to let the public know the facts and that the article referred to purposely misrepresented things when it tried to place the Omaha Medical College in the light of a persecutor of an Armenian fugitive.

The O. M. C. feels that a foreigner should receive fair treatment, but that he should undergo the same examinations and requirements as a native-born American.

Class Notes.

SENIOR NOTES.

JOHN A. PETERS, '02, Editor.

HISTORY OF SENIOR CLASS IN FOUR CHAPTERS.

CHAPTER I.

Way back in the days when Charlie Haynes lost fortunes in a single hour at Cliff Cole's and Mrs. Munger, the loving shepherdess, guided our ship of state through stormy seas, the present senior class had its incipiency. Those were indeed happy days! How eagerly we watched those slippery animacule slip around and those fungi fung. How carefully we guarded those eggs against sudden changes in temperature and watched that little blastoderm develop lateral fins and pin feathers. How fresh and verdant everything appeared. Those, I say, were indeed happy days. Cooper, the present Mr. A. H. Cooper, senior, was the first Grand Chief Mogul, and to him is due in a large measure the present dignified bearings of the members of the class. His was an iron hand that ruled and when he spoke of "war," it was a fight to a finish; when he said "peace," not a leaf stirred. Like all classes preceding us it was thought necessary, in order to establish our reputation as medics, to subdue
the junior dents, and it was while formulating a plan of action and determining the advisability of an attack that the present David J. Reid made his memorable address. He said in part: “Ladies and Gentlemen: I am perfectly cognizant of the solemnity of this occasion, and what I have to say I mean. I am a peace loving citizen, but if there is to be war let there be gore spilled; let there be no question of superiority left unsettled, and only death or victory terminate our attack!” Mrs. Munger was in tears. Rathburn was so enthused with the spirit of patriotism that he paced the walk in front of the building for three hours looking for a “dent” of any class. The attack was to be made in a systematic manner and no proxies or absentees allowed. On the following morning, Van Fleet reported that he had suffered an attack of acute parenchymatous-nephritis during the night and that he would be unable to take any active part in the battle. He was therefore instructed to take up a position out of harm’s way and to scratch them whenever an opportunity presented. Craft had taken a seidlitz powder the night before and was afraid to trust himself to any severe strains. As the meeting on the previous day had been conducted entirely in English, Fleetwood did not grasp the full meaning and therefore overslept himself. With these three exceptions the class was in excellent condition. McDowell commanded the left flank and Carlisle had charge of the right, while Fitzsimmons was to attack the rear and cut off retreat. The battle began by a roar from Dave Rundstrom, which filled the air with blue smoke and caused a feeling of horror among the ranks of the enemy. Then followed the general attack, and for one hour and thirty-seven minutes it waged fast and furious. Mrs. Munger was in agony as she stood near the entrance with her arms filled with bandages and absorbent cotton—a veritable Red Cross Society. The enemy’s strength was waning and a complete route soon followed. Jack Griffith then came forward and bowed his acknowledgements and cried, “Behold the man,” while Keyes, maddened by the smell of blood, continued fighting for fifteen minutes after the close of the battle. Thus ended the most remarkable event in the history of the class of that year. Among the members who took the freshman year with us and who afterwards left the O. M. C. for various reasons were: Yoder, Weideranders, Munger and Haynes. Yoder succeeded in learning the symbol of sulphuric acid and afterwards became assistant in chemistry in the Lincoln Medical College. Weideranders continued his studies at Creighton; Mrs. Munger’s family duties with seven children were too manifold to allow of continued attendance; Haynes continued bucking the
policy game for a time, but later became coachman on a laundry wagon. Lemar and Neal of the present junior class were also members, but on account of sickness were compelled to lose a year. Mr. E. A. Van Fleet was chosen class orator at the senior banquet and delivered an eloquent oration on "Reckoning Ahead." Carlisle succeeded in mastering the English language in three months after entering and became Fleetwood’s tutor. Mantor became house physician to the Brook’s Hotel, which position he still holds. Harry Benson became a member of the class about Christmas time.

So endeth the first lesson.

Dan Lee attended clinic last Saturday.

Politics is "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

Griffith recommends "hot air" in doubtful cases. If there is any curative factor in this remedy, "Grif" is a dead sure winner.

Jones, accompanied by Dr. Allen, spent several days last week visiting friends in Iowa. He says "those cattlemen over there play them high and wide and are no respectors of person." His laundry business, he says, will be pushed to the limit from this on.

Dr. E. J. Fleetwood delivered an eloquent address before the delegates of Swedish Mission Church Young People’s convention at Harcourt, Iowa, last week. It gives us great pleasure to thus publicly announce the debut of so prominent a member of our class, not only for the benefit he may derive, but also for the advertisement the O. M. C. received through his efforts. The doctor was accompanied by a young lady and a minister, but as he is not a fusionist, no chemical or physical change is reported.

JUNIOR NOTES.

CHARLES C. MORISON, ’03, Editor.

The latest authority on ghosts is Mr. Chambers. He has very ably demonstrated that a ghost is an after-product of the body.

Conundrum.—Why didn’t the Seniors accept the challenge of the Juniors to a football game?

Ask any junior for the answer.

The editor had to ask for help this month. As a result, several contributions appear from different members of the class. If you have any enemies prepare to be "roasted." But don’t get "sore."
Judging from the hair-pulling down in the front row, it might be advantageous for a man to be bald-headed by the time he gets to be a Senior. How about that, Moore?

Heard among the girls.—“Who’s that handsome fellow with black hair and striped blue suit?”

“Why, that Mr. Jungbluth— he’s just got a shave.”

Say, Walker, what’s this they tell us about you and the Freshman lady? Why, she’s all right. Look at Townsend, he is showing a good example for you. Ask him how he does it?

Mr. Graham comes from Keokuk, Ia., having taken his first two years there. He took his initiation as a matter of course. The girls all like his curly hair, saying that it is just the right kind to pull.

We desire to protest against the action of the Medics on last Halloween. When a gentleman is in the presence of a lady guest, he ought to be respected for the sake of his lady if for no other reason. Let’s have fun, but let us be gentlemanly about it.

When the children go to school,
One and all should mind the rule.
This the rule for every day:
First to work and then to play.
(Especially should the Seniors observe it.)

Our new students were slighted last month in this column. We extend a hearty welcome to two new arrivals. Mr. Truelson comes to us from Pittsburg, having taken his first two years in the east. He is working with Dr. Yeakel in the pathological laboratory. Upon inquiry, he said, “No, the baby did not pull all the hair out.”

Vance, Smersh and Platt are each trying to be first in the possession of a mustache. The race promises to be more tedious than a five-mile run. Platt says he does not want a very large one for fear his wife won’t let him kiss her. They say Smersh’s looks like the flagella of a bacillus typhosus. Vance’s looks very promising, and it might be the winner in time.

The Freshmen lady dentist seems to be just as popular as the rest of “our” girls. It seems now-a-days to be quite a test for a lady’s dignity to go to a medical college. Both professors and students vie with one another in trying to be “smart” before them and in showing them a “good time.” Well, during a college term there is every possible chance to make friends—and enemies, too. We hope our ladies will retain their individuality.
One of the most interesting classes we have had this year occurred the other day in pathology. Dr. Curtis had held an autopsy down at South Omaha and brought up some of the more abnormal organs for demonstration. The brain, heart, portions of lungs, stomach, kidneys and appendix were shown and were very interesting. He demonstrated them in his usual thorough, exact manner and showed very many interesting points. The thanks of the class are due to Dr. Curtis for his kindness in the matter.

Some of the Freshmen were asking the Sophomores the other day who that man Townsend was, that they heard so much about. We are glad to inform them. He is the best man in the Junior class, without a doubt. One can easily pick him out of the crowd by his handsome, intelligent appearance and his fine figure. We are all giving him credit for having more professional ability than any one else in the class, and we predict that he will make the best doctor the school has turned out for several years. He deserves the friendship and esteem of every body in the class from the largest to the smallest one among us, and we have no doubt he will win out in time. He is not paying for this; it is written voluntarily and with best wishes.

We take pleasure in announcing that Mr. E. E. Gage has been appointed assistant demonstrator. Several of the others are expecting to do a little work in the dissecting room. We desire to commend Mr. Gage to the Sophomores and Freshmen, feeling confident that he will make a first-class demonstrator. But right here we will have to tell a story on him.

Dr. M. (quizzing)—Mr. Gage, where is the anterior belly of the digastric inserted?

Mr. Gage (hurriedly)—At the symphysis pubis! Genial tubercles.

N. B.—He must have been thinking it was a “trigastric” with the anterior “belly” farther down. It’s clear he was thinking of another belly, anyway.

O. M. C.

Von allen Schulen hier im Westen
O. M. C. mir gefällt am besten.
Professoren und die Schuelerschar.
Die Schreiberin, der Putzer sogar,
Sie alle hier so freundlich sind,
Wie sonst wohl nirgends man es find’t.
Die besten ärzte in der Stadt
O. M. C. zu Lehrern hat:
Dr. Jonas, ein deutscher Mann,
Stehet mit Recht obenan.
Weit and breit ist er bekannt,
Hochberühmt im ganzen Land.
Als Mitarbeiter ihm zur Seit,
Stehen viel gescheite "Leit:"
Gifford, Milroy, Ewing Brown,
Christie, Davis, S. R. Towne,
Somers, der viel "kids" gebracht,
Gibbs, der immer Fratzen macht,
McClanahan, der Kindermann,
Der den Müttern kann geben an
Ganz genau zu jeder Frist,
Was füre's Kind das Beste ist,
Joe M. Aikin, gross und schlank,
W. O. Bridges, blitz und blank,
Geo. H. Bicknell, ein Ohrenmann,
Der auch Nas' und Aug' kurieren kann,
Wm. Yeakel, Pathologist,
Schülerfreund zu jeder Frist,
Und noch zu manchem andern mehr
Muss man öfters in die Lehr;
Füre jeden muss man bueffeln dann,
Was das Zeug nur halten kann.
Gewiss ihr sagt, und zwar mit, Recht,
"Ihr arme Leut, euch geht es schlecht."
"Aber, Leute, denkt mal dran,
Was aus uns noch werden kann!"
Doktoren, die aller-allerbesten
Hier im ganzen, weiten Westen,
Und mancher der's versteht noch besser
Kann auch werden gar Professor.
Drum stimmt mit ein, lasst erschallen,
Lasst erklingen, lasst erhallen,
Dies Loblied, lasst's erstummen nie:
"Es lebe hoch, O. M. C." —sen, Jr.

SOPHMORE NOTES.
HECTOR McARTHUR, '04, Editor.
If we can't ride in carriages, we can in wagons. Can't we, Dempster?
Ask Pedersen or Campbell for enlightenment as to the motility of particles of carmine red.
"What's in a name?" Just revise the quotation and inquire of Pres: "What's in a hat?"
Dissection will be in order shortly. We are pleased to again have Dr. Lee Van Camp as demonstrator of anatomy.
For runaway stories call on Karrer. They simply carry Kohout away. No further proof of their being entrancing is necessary.

Sick old lady to visitor—"Hits my 'ead that's troublin' me, hand Dr. Sample 'e says, 'You take these 'ere pills hand you'll soon shake hit hof.'"

Professor (quizzing in materia medica): "What is a good vehicle to destroy the unpleasant taste of medicines?" Chorus from Iowa: "Brandy."

Hummer was suddenly called home on account of the illness of his father, who was stricken with peritonitis. We are glad to learn that Mr. Hummer, Sr., is now convalescent.

"Jake and Trostler, on whose heads
Grew very little hair,
Got angry when the preacher said,
"There'll be no parting there."

Our class, under the able instruction of Dr. Yeakel, made a test of the city water. The result showed an average of over 1,300 bacteria per cubic centimetre. By what term shall we express this condition, if over 500 is considered bad?

It seems reasonable that the Dental class of '03 should thank the faculty most heartily that they are permitted to have any seats at all. For had the faculty not come to their rescue they would have had to follow the advice of the slang phrase of the day: "Go way back—and sit down."

L. Penner and Peters were heard heatedly discussing the respective merits of gas and electric lights. What the final result of the debate would have been we can not tell, as the pompous Dickenson strutted in between them with, "Shucks! talk about your gas light and your electric light, but give me an Israelite."

During a spare hour Dr. Ramsay dropped in and gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "fractures of the wrist and elbow joints." The Doctor retains the kind regard and respect of the boys because of his gentlemanly and courteous treatment of them at all times, and a warm welcome awaits him whenever he may visit us.

As soon as the physical examination of the new candidates to the Sophomore class is completed the initiation into the mysteries of sophomorism will take place behind closed doors. The committee on arrangements have been paying special attention to
the dieting of the goat, so that he will be in form to do full jus-
tice to his part.

The college men are very slow,  
They seem to take their ease;  
For, to become full sophomores,  
They do it by degrees.

We would like to have the diagnosis of the following case:
Residence—Council Bluffs.  
Person—Young man.  
Age—About 25 years.  
Usual occupation—Attending a wedding.  
Observation—Seen at 3 a. m. hustling homeward barefooted  

Query—For what was he doing penance? Is soaking the  

feet a sure way to get rid of bacteria of matrimonial fever?  

Two of our classmates were standing on the pavement op-  
opposite a window of the Boston store, when one pleasantly doffed  
his hat and the other naturally turned, hat in hand, to see who  
the fair one might be who had so transformed the countenance  
of his companion. Just then the window dresser appeared and  
rudely pushed the lady, who remained quite passive, to one side.  
There may be some allowance made for the boys, as this occurred  

immediately after the Nebraska-Missouri football game. We  
shall omit names as one is a married man, and his better half  
might not think well of such proceedings.

Another “bloody riot” has been recorded in the annals of  
the O. M. C. On the eve of Halloween, the medical department,  
excepting the Senior class, decided to have much fun with the  
Dents belonging to the “He-hock-sit” club, who were giving a  

“lovely” dance in the dental building. The original plan was to  
kidnap the gallant young “teeth extractors” and in due time re-  
turn them to their fair companions, but our “Idaho Jake” waxed  

wrathful at the unexpected sally of the medics, and in a manner  
quite apropos of a cowboy proceeded to lay to all medics who  
came in reach of his terrible “mit.” He succeeded in delivering  
one knockout blow, then took a hot foot for the “tall grass.”  

This was a signal for a general melee, but fortunately no one  
was severely injured, although much gore might have been  

spilled had it not been for the timely interference of the “cops,”  

who arrived at the urgent entreaty of our wee small lad from  
South Omaha. The rebels then dispersed and all went merrily  
on as a marriage ceremony until a group of rowdies, as the Dents
affectionately dubbed them, sprinkled about two pounds of cayenne pepper and two ounces of bromine on the floor. At this the ladies politely, yet firmly, insisted on being taken home to their mammas. A few blood curdling declarations were then made by the Dents relative to eating the Medics, boots and all, and the affair passed into history.

The training of our public speakers have, with few exceptions, begun within the walls of the colleges where they were educated, and many of our most successful men of to-day acknowledge the great benefit they have derived from the training they received by speaking at literary society meetings and debates. Many of us as students here feel the necessity of this and hope that the faculty will take steps to allow the college to be heated and lighted once a week, that debating societies of the different classes may meet and discuss questions of the day. Certain rooms could be assigned to certain classes with the understanding that the class occupying it would be responsible for anything damaged in the room. Then one member of the faculty could be invited to act as critic and adviser, while themes of general interest could be discussed either by choosing leaders and taking sides or general discussion. One rule of the meeting should require each member once a month to take the floor for three minutes and talk without notes.

__FRESHMAN NOTES__

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, '05, Editor.

Baker is again on his feet after his recent indisposition.

Dolbear spent several days last month at his home in Central City.

Heine has accepted a position with M. A. Dillon in his South Omaha drug store.

Our class statesman, Swoboda, is wreathed in smiles as result of the late election.

Miss Edith Garland of Neola, Ia., sister of Garland, '05, was a college visitor last week.

Mr. Morrison was confined to his room by illness the latter part of October, but is now able to resume his studies.

Johnson is advocating the abolition of the almighty dollar and the substitution of a new coin—the twenty cent piece.

Among those who went home to vote were Walsh of Glen-
wood, Iowa, Heine of Hooper, Dolbear of Central City and Morrison of Bradshaw.

We won't mention any names, but if some wall-eyed pike again tries to Potter around trifling with the virgin affections of "ye editor's" cob pipe, look out for squalls.

We would suggest that a class yell is in order and that if some of the ambitious ones would originate something and hand it to the president it would receive due consideration.

At a meeting held the early part of October the class organized and elected the following officers: President, M. D. Baker; vice president, J. H. Heine; secretary, Miss A. E. Bushnell; treasurer, Geo. Morrison; editor, W. H. Anderson.

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**Dental Department.**

**SENIOR NOTES.**

C. L. Sample, '02, Editor.

And Dr. Van Dyke went home to vote, too.

Football game was well attended by the Dents.

Dr. Turley reports everything lovely in the east.

Several of our young men are married and others are busy making arrangements.

Occasionally a few choice spirits gather in the library and partake of a swell lunch.

Dr. J. C. Downar, our foreign correspondent, will have an article in our next issue.

The Dental college has a "large plate glass door" in memory of the late Dr. Roy Dana Morris.

What was it that called the boys home on Tuesday the fifth? They said they went home to vote.

Dr. Ross is fond of young folks, and doesn't object to acting as chaperone at the Dental parties.
Drs. Hunt and Van Slyke have been very successful in their porcelain inlay work the past week.

At a regular meeting of “The Peanut Club,” the vacancy of Dr. John Turley was filled by Dr. Will L. Shearer.

The new cabinets will certainly be a vast improvement to the operatory. We are all anxiously awaiting their arrival. Have patience, boys!

The society event among the Dentals was their Halloween dance given by “The Hyelowanket Club.” The boys, with commendable pride, polished the floors and decorated their rooms. Every one brought his best girl and proceeded to give her a good time. The ladies were in evening dress and everything was bright and merry. We hope to sandwich these pleasant evenings in, with our college work, during the present year. “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.”

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