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January, 1921
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D. H. KITANO
LINCOLN
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OMAHA, NEBRASKA
Convocation hour, as you all know, is observed once a week at Lincoln.

Weekly luncheons at the McCabe church, Forty-first and Farnam streets in Omaha, is designed to take the place of the hour as observed in Lincoln.

Of the eighty-five students and members of the faculty who attended the luncheon January 12, or that of February 2, there is not one of them who will not say that the talk by Bishop Stuntz or Dr. Jenkins was very instructive and entertaining.

Not only that, but these weekly luncheons might well be called, "get acquainted" hours; they are something that every member of the student body should attend. You will not be bored, for the men who make talks are big men in the world, know what they are talking about and can "put over" the talk in a way that all will enjoy.

Come to the luncheons and get acquainted.

THE WORKER

It is surprising how quickly one can gain the reputation of being a brisk, lively worker—and it is wonderful how valuable such a reputation becomes to a man. The student who diligently applies himself to the work he has to do, is the man who makes the successful doctor, if he continues the hard work throughout his life.

It is said of such a fellow, "He is a hustler"—and knowing that hustling is one of the fundamentals of progress, we look for him to get along well—even putting ourselves out to shove him up the ladder. If a person would make good, he must understand that the work which counts is the work in hand. It is the things which one has actually done which show what he is likely to do in the future, not the things which are planned. The work which he does now must be done right if he will reach his goal or utmost height, and in order for his work to be done right a certain serious and conscientious purpose is necessary.

People are always willing to believe that intense activity is founded on true ability and a good purpose, and will quickly place confidence in those who display that vitalizing force in their efforts. Earnest, hard work is the only antidote that will successfully exterminate the pests of procrastination and lethargy. To be expert means to do the work in hand the very best that it can be done. There is pride and
pleasure, as well as profit, in becoming expert in whatever we may do. And there is always room higher up for those who qualify by reaching the limit of efficiency in a given line of endeavor.

No one need fear that he will not share fully in the progress which he promotes, for every man's work is a silent but insistent declaration of his true worth. No one should cloud his vision and poison his mind with the false imagination that the world is not giving him a square deal. There never was a time when concentrated effort and diligence were not rewarded by a just measure of success—and there never will be.

NOTE OF EXPLANATION

The author of the article "Symptoms in Ophthalmology," which appeared in a December number of the Pulse, is under the necessity, always painful to a would-be humorist, of pointing out the humorous quality of his humor. It has appeared since the Pulse came out, that some readers have tried to take his article seriously. So he takes this opportunity to label it as an attempt at humor which ought to have been labeled as such in bold type, as it apparently was not recognizable by any other means.

S. R. GIFFORD, M. D.

CHANGE IN LINCOLN STAFF

Leland Hawkins has been elected to fill the position of Managing Editor of the Lincoln staff, taking the place of Allard Folsom, who was graduated this midyear. Leonard Mangold is taking the place of J. F. Whalen as Freshman Editor. David Doty will be Circulation Manager for the remainder of the year.

NEBRASKA'S SONG BOOK

For a long time the students and alumni of Nebraska have felt the need of a song book of Nebraska songs. Our school has as many songs as any other in the country, but the other schools have published their songs and we have not. A few months ago some of the students, who felt this need a little more than the rest, started compiling a collection of such songs as would properly come under a Nebraska cover. All the songs from the famous old "Cornhusker" to the new "Chant" are included. Nebraska is not lacking in school spirit, although we must admit that there could be a lot more of it. One of the best ways to instill spirit is to do something in common and making the song book a success will serve this purpose. Nebraska is a great school, but to make her greater we must tell the people of the state about her. These songs books will go into every town in the state and help the people at home to realize our school's importance. The songs are gathered and the copy is ready for the printer. All that is left to do is to give your financial support to the committee which has made this book a reality. The book when published will be distributed at the exact cost of printing. Let's all get a copy and develop a little more of that old Nebraska spirit.
GENERAL INFORMATION
Wallace A. Gerrie, B. Sc., M. D.

Americans, who are fortunate enough to study medicine in Great Britain, find great variations in the type, and more especially the quality of the teaching by the individual instructors. The British medical man is first a thoroughly trained clinician. As soon as the fundamentals of medicine, namely anatomy, physiology, etc., are learned he is taken to the bedside of the patient and there by the use of his eyes and his ears learns to recognize and treat disease. From the bedside he is taken to the pathological museum, where he is able to study the gross pathology, morbid anatomy and microscopic pathology, until he cannot help but connect it with its pathology the moment he recognizes disease or vice versa. I regret to say that this point was somewhat neglected in my preliminary education and eventually became quite a hardship for me. For when handed a bottle containing a specimen at first I knew nothing or at least very little about it, while men who were much younger than I could spot the different specimens at once and expound etiology, pathology symptoms, diagnosis and treatment with little or no effort. I soon found that if I studied a case in the wards and then went to the museum to study its pathology, I too could do as they did. I think this is an important point, for if one wants to understand disease he must understand the changes in the body caused by the disease.

Diagnosis is the only other branch of medicine that I found where the British excel the Americans in the student's training. In America we depend too much on books, in Great Britain they depend on placing the student at the bedside. The American student perhaps can easily enough recite or write down accurately the symptoms and signs of any one disease but they are unable to readily recognize few diseases when they hear the symptoms and see the signs. Two reasons perhaps account for this margin given the British medical student, one, the abundance of material at hand concentrated in one place, i.e., in hospitals in Great Britain, and the other the practice of teaching directly on the patient, not teaching in the class room. Nebraska is making rapid strides to overcome this difficulty and with the proposed new hospital I feel sure will overcome it.

There is another trait besides being a thoroughly trained clinician that one cannot help but admire in the British medical man. To put it in the words of Dr. Louis B. Wilson of Rochester, Minn., the British medical man is "a sturdy advocate of the unvarnished truth, not taking to unsupported hypothesis, without much reverence for supposedly established 'medical authorities' and in criticism likely to hew to the line, let the chips fly where they may." One feels this atmosphere as soon as one comes in contact with the instructors. They are willing to consider any new ideas, but before they will admit one they will be positively assured of its fitness. In criticism they hit Americans hard for they feel we are mostly "bluff" in this country. Statistics show that end results in America are equal or perhaps better than anything they have on the other side of the Western Ocean. Perhaps this idea of "bluff" was in force when the instructors received me most cordially
but with a reserve which often made me seem very small and more than once caused me untold embarrassment and made me the object for that which they termed a “jolly good one.”

The students receive the American with ice-cold arms and a frosty breath and while basking under this attention someone slips an icicle down his spine. “I say,” if you want to learn to love America see the Englishman in his home. The students are all right after one gets to know them, I suppose, and this can easily be accomplished in a lifetime.

From article it would seem that the British are ahead of us. Perhaps the British medical student is better fitted to practice medicine when he is turned loose than the American, but which has the better foundation? When I saw twenty-eight men to one cadaver, dirty, dingy, poorly equipped laboratories, everything breathing the air of cheapness, I wondered how the men learned about the stones which build the foundation, i.e., anatomy, physiology, chemistry and bacteriology. I am sure if a pinnacle is to be built it must have a firm foundation and I cannot help but feel Nebraska gave me that. We may not know how to diagnose as well as the British at first, but when from lack of foundation he stops there is where the American students just begin.

REMEMBER?

The time is five o’clock any day. The place is what last year was termed “No Man’s Land” on the campus.

One still morning while sauntering to class a few minutes before time, distinct sounds of military commands reached the ears. Curiosity led one to a point where the cause could be determined. Just north of Social Science, that building with memories of the S. A. T. C., the cadets were in platoon formation, learning the movements of war. The perfect rhythm of their hob-nails on the earth made one gaze and wonder how they did it. In such a short time, boys whose feet had been used to roaming down shaded lanes or between the rows of corn, had learned to “walk with his neighbor and to do as he does.” Though the guns were tilted at various angles, you could see they meant well. It was with pride one watched these boys do platoon right or left with such care and precision. Their never-faltering step, heads high, was a wonderful sight. In spite of faults, rain or non-coms, keep on cadets, with a will, and soon you will be soldiers, who can tell. This is what may be seen between Bessy and Social Science Halls. Now do you recall?

A CONTEST

In order to compete with another well known publication of Omaha which has been conducting a “Politeness Contest,” The Pulse, believing that the “studs” of the University of Nebraska are supermen when it comes to being a polite aggregation of individuals, has decided to conduct such a contest for the benefit of those who lost out where another touched goal.

Excluding those who snub the instructor after he has put them “by” marked O. K., the contest is free for all.

The prize de luxe is a copy of the intensified, concentrated, enlightening, time saving, soul easing masterpiece of medical literature, namely, “Wheeler’s Handbook of Medicine, by Jack.”
Some Definitions Heard in Obstetrics

Lochia—A discharge occurring before labor.
A discharge occurring any time.
A discharge occurring all the time.
Leucorrhea—Humphrey said he didn't know. We are surely ashamed of you and you've worked in the clinic, too.
Lanugo—Amick. "It's the um—er—"

"Outside"

Doctor Sage tells how he was reading an article in the Year Book of Obstetrics and thought the article sounded very familiar. He looked at the end and discovered it to be an abstract of one of his own. The class applauded as was proper and Sage walks over and opens the door. Loud laughs—Sage blushes.

Pays to Advertise

At last the politest (?) man in our class received his just and due reward. He is so modest and unassuming that he wouldn't have his picture taken and could hardly be persuaded to accept the five dollars.

Heard During Examinations

The papers with the least written on them appeal to me. Of course they must contain ideas.
The shortest paper gets the best grade.
Who says, "Every other seat."

I RESOLVE

I resolve,
To be a better man
To do the very best I can
To always take a firmer stand
Wherever backbone is in demand.

I resolve,
To be a better, truer friend
And always kind assistance lend
To help to straighten out the bands
And point out where the straight road wends.

I resolve,
To keep an open mind
To try my level best to find
The light that shines around the blind
And see the road that lies behind

I resolve,
To join the Right for Squad
To scorn all things that harbor fraud
A cleaner, straighter path to trod,
And put a firmer trust in God.
JUNIOR NOTES

Things That Never Happen
Noble agreeing with somebody.
A grade of 100 in Stokes course.
Someone winning from Schwartz.
Half holiday for the Juniors.

Dusty Micturition
Colored Patient (handing bottle of urine to Dr. Davis)—Here’s ma toilet watch. It’s a little cloudy but ahh works in a dusty place.

Erherial Diet
Dr. Taylor—What kind of a diet do you order for hyperemesis gravidarum?
Mike Lipp—Give a light, dry diet consisting of hot water and poached eggs.

Universal Solvent
Dr. Conlin—What drug given internally will dissolve gall-stones?
Noble—Large doses of aceto-acetic acid.

Washadies’ Malady
Dr. Christie—What is another name for acute ascending paralysis?
Fowler—Laundry paralysis.

A crabber is a fellow who “mooches” the Pulse and then tells everyone what it lacks.

Optimism
Mike Lipp avers that he is a teachers’ pet, since several doctors have kept him in their classes several years.

Articulation of the Kidney
Dr. Conlin—What kidney condition is frequently associated with hydronephrosis?
Stryker—Dislocated kidney.

A Good Stall
Dr. Rich—Give me the skin symptoms of cholecystitis.
Buntin—Do you mean the skin of the patient, Doctor?

HOW TO TELL A WOMAN’S AGE
When she wants to be kissed, but is shy about is—sixteen years old.
When she wants to be kissed, but says she doesn’t—eighteen.
When she wants to be kissed, but says her folks won’t let her—twenty.
When she wants to be kissed, but by the “right man”—twenty-three.
When she wants to be kissed by a man—twenty-six.
When she wants to be kissed, but says men are slow—twenty-eight.
When she begins telling about the men who have tried to kiss her—thirty-one and upward.


FRESHMEN NOTES

Dr. Meyers—What did Lord Lister contribute to bacteriology?

Anderson—Listerine.

R. G. Roaul—a man who has done considerable work on gonococceus.

After a long session of poker the night before, a certain young man on being awakened the next morning said, “All right if you don’t raise me.”

The minister in the pulpit said that the bible was the least read book, that we didn’t read it as much as Browning, Tennyson, Shakespeare’—and here a medical student interrupted, saying, “Don’t forget Cunningham.”

Brown—Babcock, I haven’t seen you wear your glasses for months?

Babcock—I always wear them when I study.

He Wonders if he Custer until his Pallet was Sauer, she Wood knock his Block off. Did you Reed how they were seen Galpin down the street in their Bahr feet. It was worth two Pence to see him Fischer out of the gutter. “Don’t Lear at me, Henry. I’ll pull your hair out by the Root,” she said. Oh, Shaw, these words are rotten, Burnham up.

Dr. Poynter announces: It is the survival of the fittest. The members of the class are beginning to wonder what he means by “fittest.”

I Wonder—

If Burnham really invented the gonophone
How Pallet’s brachial plexus looks
If there will be any stars in the Star Chamber
If Anderson owns the Rustic Garden
How many Freshmen will survive till the Senior Class
Where the Editor can find a good summer school.

“HOORAY! I shay (hic) ol’ man, how cum exshams?”

Between hies, the cause of the hilarity is, briefly, and justly, Exams have come and went. So let’s have one more ice cream cone before we go.

A NEW DEPARTMENT

It will undoubtedly interest the student body at large to know that Phi Rho Sigma, undergraduate medical fraternity, is now a regular department of the College of Medicine. At a recent Premedic banquet at Lincoln it was represented along with the Anatomy department, the Zoology department, the Parasitology department, the Pharmacy department and the Premedic Society. We wonder if this is a new step in the expansion policy of the University.
SOPHOMORE PREMEDIC NOTES

Brehm, who for some time past has been attracted to the front left in Zoo 151, has finally centered his attention upon one of that select company.

We wish to congratulate Paul upon his extremely good taste and his fine powers of discrimination.

Pelican—Who started that riot over in Bessey Hall this morning?

Peterson: Oh, Doc Barker asked a bunch of freshmen whether the chicken came from the egg or the egg from the chicken.

The dead letter office is trying to ascertain the nationality of the person who signed his name "Fasciolopsis buski" in a recent letter received by them.

Doctor Pool and Professor T. T. Smith becoming alarmed at the prevalence of sleeping sickness in their early morning sections, have investigated its occurrence and offer the following suggestions as prophylactic measures and treatment:

At least eleven hours of sleep each night, four of which should be checked in before 12 mn. (midnight).

Keep alarm clocks well oiled and repaired to insure rising sufficiently early to take a heavy dosage of black coffee before classes.

Avoid contact with afflicted neighbors who may lean over upon your shoulder as they are overpowered by the disease.

Tom (solicitously extending his case)—Have a cigarette, Rex, old man?

Rex—No.

Tom—What’s the matter, laid off of ’em for a little while?

Rex in eloquent silence looks toward dormitory.

Don—Aren’t men becoming vain?

Farny—Why I hadn’t noticed it. What makes you think so?

Don—The other night when Fernald came home from a dance I saw rouge on his collar where it had melted and run down.

A parasite entered a pig,
Where he started to dig and to dig.
He worked the whole day,
Till the pig hit the hay,
Then he decided the pig was too big.

Cook—MacMillan is either in love or brooding over some great trouble.

Doty—I believe it; the other day in that heavy snow storm we had I watched him walking down Twelfth street whistling the "Spring Song."
FRESHMAN PREMEDIC NOTES

Ode to Tabes
Oh tabes, dread reminder
Of pleasures and passions long forgot;
Your flashing pains and sprawling gait
Reveal the ravages of that pallid corkscrew
Which doth invade the brain;
And invading, turns to riot and destruction.
Oh, turn not once more over,
Enough of damage you have done,
Oh spirochete; oh treponema pallidum,
Bethink the tortures that your motions cause;
Oh, would that I your hair could reach,
With arsphenamin.

Extra! Extra! Extra!
OXFORD BOY MAKES BIG SENSATION IN SOCIETY—
NAME APPEARS IN THE RAG FOR THE FIRST TIME—
Keep it up, Eldon, old boy; you know your popularity, mustache
and sideburns must all grow together.

Why, Clifford? You once showed such a sudden preference for
riding in a Dodge patrol wagon, why the sudden change to a Stutz?
You know the patrol wagon was just as chummy—you could hardly
break away from it.

An old negro mammy was busy at her washtub, when her pickaninnies repeatedly urged her to come to the front and watch the soldiers
march by.
"Go way, you chilens, dem ain't sojers. De wahs done ovah long ago."
The noise of the music grew louder and louder and finally the old
negro went to the gate just in time to see the chief personage go by.
"Didn't ah tell you all chilens dat they wasn't no sojers went by.
Yondah's the grand chancere ob de iododform rank of de Knights of
Syphilis."

Maybe So
If it is true that Mother Eve did not know that she was rather
sparingly clothed until she ate the apple, we suggest that in this time
of questionable styles that it might be well to pass the apples.

Clifford Bloom—Then you refuse my ring?
She (laughing)—Yes, your ring reminds me of a newspaper.
Clifford Bloom—How's that?
She—Why, it has had such a wide circulation.

The mortality of Pullmans is now exceeded by the berth rate.
If you don't think it pays to be polite—ask Lee about it.
DISPENSARY NOTES

The following report for the year 1919-20 will be of interest:

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In 1920 we admitted 241 cases of syphilis—152 men, 89 women, and 86 cases of gonorrhea—76 men, 10 women. 991 Wassermans were taken and 1,094 injections of Salvarsan given.

THE PRE-MEDIC BANQUET

 Ninety Premedics, with their professors, attended the annual banquet of the Premedic Society which was given Saturday evening, January 22nd, in the banquet room of the Grand Hotel. Dean Cutter and Dr. Poynter of the Medical College faculty were unable to attend. David Ford represented the students of the University Medical College. The entertainment after a fine four course dinner consisted of an Egyptian dance by Rudge Norton of Omaha, a reading by Beryl Decker of the Dramatic Department of the University of Nebraska and toasts by the faculty and officers of the society.

 Toastmaster George Sims, President of the Premedic Society, gave a short talk on the accomplishments of the society during the first half of the year and then introduced the speakers of the evening. Doctor Lyman, Dean of the Premedics, when speaking of “Advice” advised the banquet committee to furnish him with opera glasses for the next Egyptian dance. David Ford spoke of “Nebraska” as a Class A medical college and told why we should all be loyal to our own school. Doctor Barker, Professor of Medical Zoology, spoke on “Worms.” He also had a few interesting stories, purely medical, which he could not tell because the co-eds of the society were present. Allard Folsom reviewed the work done by the different classes of Pre-Medics in the past four years. Mr. Folsom reports excellent work being done by the present sophomore class. Dr. Wolcott, head of the Department of Zoology, told of the development of the College of Medicine at the University of Nebraska from 1890 until the present time. Also inter-
esting talks were made by Franklin Lewis, chairman of the banquet committee, and Clyde Nicholson, president-elect of the society.

The annual banquet is one of the important events on the Pre-medical calendar. It is one evening set aside by all to gather to hear discussions on topics of interest.

ALUMNI NOTES

Dewey Bisgard ex-22 was in Omaha for a few days during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. "Dutch" Weymuhler '19 and Dr. "Chuck" Weeth '19 spent the Christmas holidays in Omaha. Both are interning at Long Island College Hospital.

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Sinamark of Fremont on January 3rd, 1921.

Garwood C. Richardson ex-21 and Paul Rodgers ex-21 will graduate from Northwestern Medical College this spring.

Earl F. Camp '19 is interning at Wichita, Kansas. From there he will go to London and prepare for missionary work in China.

L. W. Chane '19 is an intern at the Isolation Hospital, department of health, in the city and county of San Francisco.

W. F. Deal '19 is practicing at Haigler, Nebr.

W. F. Farenbruch '19 is interning at St. Vincent Hospital at Portland, Oregon.

BISHOP STUNTZ MAKES ADDRESS.

Bishop Homer C. Stuntz of the Methodist church was the guest and speaker at a luncheon of some eighty-five students and faculty members of the university January 12 at the McCabe church, Forty-first and Farnam streets.

Bishop Stuntz, after telling several of his very amusing humorous stories, touched upon the progress of medicine throughout the world.

"There seems to be a greater progress in the Mission Lands. Of course, throughout my travels, I find a great medical awakening over the entire globe," the Bishop said.

"This is seen in one way by the interest taken in the Rockefeller Foundation by the Chinese, and by the advance made along medical lines by various mission boards. Many governments have made great strides toward establishing hospitals and medical schools," he remarked.

The Bishop touched upon the "uncanny faculty of perception in the making of a diagnosis," of the primitive American Indian "doctors."

LIBRARY NOTES

During January the attendance in the library was 1,276 and 241 books were loaned for home use. About sixty new books were added to the shelves, among them being some continuations of sets. The "Mayo Clinic" for 1919 is here as well as the "Medical Clinics of North America" and "Surgical Clinics of Chicago" and we have acquired a nearly complete set of the magazine "Mind." A dozen additional medical periodicals have been added to the list received currently, and a new display rack purchased for the general magazines. Gifts of novels are welcomed for the use of the hospital patients and forty books of fiction were donated this month.
Chapped Hands

Dear Doctor.—I have been troubled for a long time with chapped hands. This is a nuisance and makes it very difficult to talk.

Answer—Your hands will improve if you will be brief and talk in outline form.

Household Duties

Dear Doctor—I have a housemaid’s knee. What should I do with it?

Answer—Throw it away. Such trinkets should never be found in possession of a medical student.

A California Question

Dear Dr. Cuttum—I have looked at your columns for several minutes and I have always regarded your advice as most excellent, even though it is not always correct. Would you please tell me how to interrupt a doctor while he is lecturing, so I could ask him a question. I am from California.

Answer—Snap your fingers, stamp your feet, and holler “Question.” If he doesn’t hear you, have Bruce attract his attention. I am very pleased to know that you have enjoyed my columns. I think they are good, too. How does it come that they let you into California?

Alcoholism

Dear Doc.—My Ford has drank so much alcohol that it has delirium tremens, and also quite an offensive breath. What shall I do for Polly Urria?

Answer—Put some paregoric in the gasoline—send Polly a large receptacle for her birthday.

Bill’s Chevrolet

Dear Doc.—My Chevrolet has the roomatism. At least it is painful to ride in. Hoping to see this in print,

I am, Bill Johnson.

P. S.—It is always tired. Bill.

Answer—All Chevrolets are painful to ride in, although they make pretty good little Fords. They are just as bad if they are not tired.

A Delicate Problem

Dear Dr.—I noticed that Bill Johnson wrote in to you, so I thought I would do ibid. After examinations I went to the office and asked Miss Y. Cough if I passed. She said she would call me if I didn’t. Well, the other day she called me.

Barely yours,

Dr. Baer.

Answer—What do you mean “She Called You.”
A Steady Man Wanted

Der Doctor—I have been looking all over this sanatorium for a nice bashful young medical student who doesn’t go out very much. I want him to go out to a doctor’s house for dinner.

Anxiously, Miss Y. Cough.

Answer—I recommend Mr. Chet Johnson, although he may perhaps be just a little more bashful than you wanted. He doesn’t have much of an appetite either.

Sleeping Sickness

Dear Doc.—What can you do for a man who wants to sleep all the time? I just can’t wake up in time for my classes and then when I do make them, I have trouble keeping awake, especially in several which I refuse to mention.

Good night, Sweeney.

Answer—Take large doses of castor oil, two hours apart. This will keep you out of bed, but it may make you miss most of your classes. Learn to get most of your sleep in class, and then you will at least be marked present.

CARCINOMA OF THE CERVIX AND BODY OF UTERUS

Case No. 2—No. 4490

Dr. A. F. Jonas.

This lady’s complaint is a foul, irritating discharge from the uterus, pain in pelvis and vagina and rectum and extreme weakness. About two years ago, she first noticed a bloody discharge from uterus and also suffered from pain. Pain in pelvic region was continuous; she then was advised to have uterus removed by Dr. Milroy about one year ago. Patient was in University Hospital about three months when radium was applied to the vagina and cervix, since that time she has had constant pain in lower pelvic region, pain on moving her bowels or passing her urine. The bloody discharge became more profuse and odor more offensive. Feels very weak now and was not able to get about much. On bi-manual examination, the vagina was normal, the cervix was crater like, the finger went into an excavation of cauliflower formation, a very offensive discharge came from the uterus. The uterus was fused with the broad ligaments and not movable. Diagnosis was plain in this case.

This woman has an inoperable carcinoma of the uterus. We used to tell them there was nothing we could do. Twenty years ago, we started to cauterize them, with a Paguenin cautery, which relieved them from their symptoms. Later carbide of calcium was put in the uterus which gave relief. The uterus in some cases was perforated so the treatment was abandoned on this account. Then methylene blue was injected into the mass, thinking that the dye would stop the growth of the cancer cells in some way, we didn’t know how. Then Byrne of Brooklyn used the galvano cautery, and from his method of treatment he showed as good results as we got from the usual operation. He showed that heat destroyed the pathological cells, which underwent
retrograde change with connective tissue formation. He operated all kinds of cases, some without recurrence as long as ten-twenty years. He burned hopeless cancers of the uterus extensively and his cases would remain free from pain for six months to one year. This method for some unaccountable reason was dropped until Percy of Galesburg revived the method and took up the carcinosma treatment of the uterus with a galvano cautery. He used a dull heat of 50° C. His experiments showed the tissues coagulated with results that have been remarkable. We did this in this case. The point of the Percy cautery is pushed into the uterus and left in for 15 minutes. Percy made a suprapubic incision and grasped the uterus with his gloved hand and regulated the heat in this way. When the cautery was removed a large coagulum was left. The pain and hemorrhage disappeared and his patients felt better for a considerable time.

My experience with this treatment has been with only a few cases. My first case was an inoperable cancer of the uterus. I told the husband that his wife was beyond surgical aid, but I informed him that we could cauterize the growth and relieve her symptoms. This was done and the Percy cautery was used, the pain was gone in 24 hours, the discharge was less and she went home believing she had had a radical operation. Three months later she wrote me that there was hemorrhage and I advised her to come back. I was surprised to find that the uterus was freely movable. I believe that the mass was not wholly carcinomatous but was partly inflammatory, the heat relieves the inflammation and leaves the neoplasm free but does not obliterate the cancer.

In talking to Kelley about radium he told me that his cases feel well and improve after the treatment. But he doesn't get rid of the last of the epithelial remnants, but the inflammatory mass is relieved. The patient I just spoke of, had an hysterectomy done. I had another case that came to the Hospital about the same time. I used the cautery and kept her until after the growth had diminished and then did a hysterectomy. The first patient remained free for two years, the second one year and then died. I have had cases of total hysterectomy when the cancer which I felt sure the entire growth and infected glands were removed and yet we had recurrence. Kronig, in telling me of his X-ray treatment, showed me several cases in whom, as far as physical signs in the pelvis were concerned, were apparently well. But he always said APPARENTLY well. I asked him why he said APPARENTLY well. He told me that sometimes after five-ten years had gone by cancer sometimes came back, so he always says APPARENTLY well. He had three cases that were apparently well but he wouldn't say cured, he said he was experimenting to see what the X-ray would do. I believe that the Percy cautery is the next best thing until we find something more promising in advanced cancer of the uterus. The X-ray treatment has been extensively employed often with astonishingly good immediate results.

Many cases get X-ray burns. In speaking to Kronig about them, he says: "That is a risk the patient must take. We tell the patient that we are just as careful as we can be but not responsible for the burn."

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DIETS.

In an investigation of 227 diets supposed to be typically American, Professor H. C. Sherman of Columbia University has found that only one was deficient in protein, while thirty-seven were lacking in calcium. If each of the low-energy diets was increased to 3,000 calories, none would lack protein, but seven per cent would still have too little calcium. The needed calcium carbonate or phosphate can best be supplied by foods rich in lime. Of these milk has the advantage of increasing the high-grade proteins and providing the essential of fat soluble vitamine.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN

The election of the Premedieu Society officers was held January 2 and the following officers were elected:

President—Clyde Nicholson.
Vice President—Carl Green.
Secretary—Don Drummond.
Treasurer—L. A. Mangold.
Publicity—R. A. Frary.

“I hear your sister is sick in bed, Willie,” remarked a neighbor. “Nothing serious, I hope?”

“Not specially,” answered Willie. “We were just playin’ a game to see who could lean the furtherest out the window, and she won.”
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