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THOSE PRINTED LECTURES.

What the Dean of the Law Department Said About Them.

Professor Knowlton, Dean of the Law Department, delivered the opening address to the senior laws, yesterday morning. He was tendered an enthusiastic ovation upon his entrance into the lecture room. After making a few introductory and amusing remarks, he entered upon the subject of type-written lectures, and dwelt upon that theme for a considerable length of time. He said that the custom of taking stenographic notes of lectures, and printing them for the benefit of students, originated ten or twelve years ago. At that time the lectures were not typewritten, but printed with metal type. Several years after, when the custom had become almost universal in the department, the faculty ordered it stopped. It was not long before it was revived, however, and when the faculty again decreed against its continuance in 1889, the students drew up a petition of protest which was unsuccessful. At that time, Professor Knowlton was not in sympathy with the faculty, but his opinions have since undergone a change.

During last year Professor Knowlton watched the effect of printed lectures upon the students so as to finally make up his mind what should be done. He came to the conclusion that although it was lucrative it was an exceedingly dangerous practice.

The University of Michigan is not the only educational institution where printed lectures are sold. The practice used to prevail at the Cincinnati Law School, the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania, the Boston Law School, Glasgow University and Edinburgh University but has been prohibited at all of these schools. It does not prevail in the literary or medical departments here.

Professor Knowlton proceeded to show how the practice of printing lectures from stenographic notes was contrary to law. It was (1) a violation of private right—the right of the lecturer to his own property. It not a publication when the professor delivers lectures to a body of students. Notes can be taken by individuals, but not distributed. The Dean cited cases where students had been convicted, upon prosecution by college faculties. These cases are: 12 App. Cases, H. of L. 326; 3 Law Quart. Rev. 360, 477; and 43 Am. Rep. 492. The practice should be discontinued (2) because it is not conducive to good scholarship. The practice of taking notes of the lectures, comprehending the idea and transferring it to paper, trains a faculty which the lawyer will find always useful to him when conducting a case in court. The third reason for the faculty's action was that it was ruinous to the department, and encouraged studied absences.

There were two things in its favor; it was convenient in one sense of the word and it was lucrative to some students. The Dean said that allowance should be made in passing students who did not use printed lectures. He also said that he had received a number of applications from outside parties who wished to have the exclusive right of taking stenographic notes of lectures and selling them to students. In closing he admonished those present above all things not to "ride" through college on "ponies," as students did in the literary department.

The changes that have been made in the department since last year, which we have not already chronicled in the DAILY are: Professor Connelly will lecture to the Seniors on Constitutional Law, and to the juniors on Agency and Partnership. Dean Knowlton will lecture to the seniors during the second semester on Carriers and Criminal Law. The text-book work of the seniors will be in charge of Prof. Abbott. The text books will be Chalmers' Bills and Notes, Heard's Criminal Pleading and Bliss on Code Pleading. Indermaur will not be given this year. One year men will be excused from Blackstone but they must take Anson.

David Trainer, '93, guard on last year's 'Varsity eleven, has been appointed an official referee in the Pennsylvania State college league. He will play on the team of the Athletic Club of Schuylkill Navy, with a number of old college men. He retains his interest in Michigan, and in a letter enclosing subscription to the DAILY he volunteered his assistance to Michigan's foot-ball team in any capacity, i. e., to arrange dates, etc.

Foot-Ball.

There were eighteen men on the campus yesterday afternoon, training under Captain Van Inwagen. The material is not as heavy as last year's eleven, but the men have plenty of grit and there are some of experience among the new ones. The following is the list of those who have handed in their names for competition for the 'Varsity eleven: Duffy, de Pont, full back; Grosh, Jewett and Williams, half back; Holden, Wright and Curtis, quarter-back; Hart and Griffin, centre; Thomas and Harness, guards; Powers, Henninger and Dunlap, tackles; Dygert, Sauer and Southworth, ends. Captain Van Inwagen wishes all the new men to come out every afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

Hiram A. Sober.

Of the new men on the faculty, one of the best known is Hiram A. Sober, instructor in Latin and Greek. He was born in this county, Ypsilanti township, 28 years ago, and has lived here nearly all his life. After three years study in the Ann Arbor High School he graduated in '81, and entered the University the same year with the class of '85. After a year's absence spent in teaching, he graduated with the class of '86 with the degree of A. B. Since then he has been principal two years of the Michigan City High School and later of the Coldwater High School. Last year was spent in graduate work here, with Greek as a major and Latin and Sanskrit minors. Mr. Sober has already won a reputation for scholarly attainments, and bids fair to become one of the most popular instructors here.

Andover defeated Roxbury 20 to 6.

Miss Cottrell, lit '93, is teaching at Grand Haven, Mich.

The class in the History of British Ethics will meet this afternoon at three o'clock in Room 21.

The first clinic for the senior and junior medics was held yesterday afternoon in the operating room of the old hospital.

All the business places of the city will be closed this afternoon to enable proprietors and employes to visit the Washtenaw County Fair. Especial attractions are offered.

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The Daily Board will meet for organization Wednesday, April 6, at 5, in Room 9, U. H.

The Bicycle Club deserves to be well supported in its effort to put the Whitmore Lake path in good condition. The major portion of their support should come from the student body, for the path is used by students five or six times as much as by the people of the city. One hundred dollars is a small sum, considering the number of wheel enthusiasts in the University, and it should be raised in a few days. The sooner it is secured the sooner can the necessary work be done. The Daily urges every student who owns a wheel to hand his mite, however small, to some member of the subscription committee at once.

Something New in the Physic Lab.

Professor Carhart, of the Physics Department of the University of Michigan, has designed an electric dynamo for alternating currents which is used in the physical laboratory for experimental and illustrative purposes. It was fully described in the American Electrician for November, under the title "A Universal Laboratory Alternator." The professor of physics at West Point saw this article and subsequently ordered from the University of Michigan a duplicate machine for government use. As it was not practicable to make the machine entirely in the University of Michigan, a complete set of casting has been furnished West Point Academy, instead. The machine has been two years in making. Designed by Prof. Carhart the work has been carried out by two pairs of students working under his direction. The first year the students were L. L. Wheeler, of Sandstone, and G. K. McMullen, of Grand Rapids. The second year they were A. C. Tagge, and F. E. Vicker, of Ishpeming. During the past year transformers have been added by H. W. Brown and F. F. Crampton, so that now the alternator perfectly illustrates what are technically called polyphase currents, used in incandescent lighting and power machines. In the physical laboratory at present this machine runs thirty incandescent lights.

Honor System up Again.

The junior medical class held a meeting Saturday morning for the purpose of considering the adoption of the honor system in all further examinations this year. Some of the members of the medical faculty have been indifferent in offering to continue the system, claiming that it has not proven entirely satisfactory. However, the faculty expressed themselves as willing to continue the system if the class as a whole voted to adopt it again.

At the meeting Saturday there were only a few more than a majority of the class present, so it was decided to postpone the matter till next Saturday, when the system will be formally rejected or adopted. The sentiment is about equally divided in the class, many members declaring that they do not care to be held responsible for the honesty or dishonesty of their fellow members. Also the sentiment has been expressed that if it is only a question of the professor or the student being a policeman, then it should be the professor. It is expected, however, that the Junior class will accept the system to maintain the practice already instituted.

Mr. C. H. Norton has been chosen as the representative in the Northern Oratorical League contest.

NOTICE.

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