

**INTERESTING FACTS
ABOUT ESPERANTO**

**New Language Now Widely Spread.
Its History and Structure.**

Esperanto, the international language, is now so widely spread and of so much importance that every well-informed person, college students in particular, should be acquainted with it. The International Encyclopedia says of it that it is "the most popular among the proposed auxiliary international languages. It has been introduced into many schools as a free elective and the Chamber of Commerce in London has put it on its list of examinations for candidates wishing to apply for positions." The Encyclopedia Britannica remarks, "In summing up the merits and defects of Esperanto we must begin by admitting that it is the most reasonable and practical artificial language that has yet appeared."

Esperanto was originated by Dr. Ludovic Zamenhof, a Polish physician, who was born in a village where four different languages were spoken. Though taught at home that all men were brethren, Zamenhof found everywhere around him outside the denial of this teaching, and even as a child came to the conclusion that the races hated, because they could not understand, each other. He, therefore, set about to construct a neutral language which all nations could learn without sacrifice of pride on the part of any. The finished language was given to the world in 1887 by the publication of his first book under the title of "An International Language, by Dr Esperanto."

Esperanto is wonderfully simple in construction and marvelously easy to learn, as the following principles will show: Each letter in the alphabet has only one sound and all words are pronounced exactly as spelt, every letter being sounded. The accent always falls on the next to last syllable. All nouns end in o, all adjectives end in a, all adverbs end in e and all plurals end in j. Every tense of the verb is indicated by a different fixed ending. There is only one case ending, the accusative, which is indicated by the suffix n. The vocabulary is built up by adding different prefixes and suffixes to stem words, of which there are only something over 2000. These stem words are, whenever possible, international words selected after careful study from European languages. The pronunciation is simple. There is

no exception to any rule. Any person who will study the language seriously for three months should be able to speak it with ease at the end of that time.

The periodicals published wholly or partly in Esperanto number among the hundreds and the books among the thousands. Magazines are published in the most widespread places, for instance, in Peru, Siberia, Persia, Japan, Madagascar, Cuba, China, the Phillipine Islands, Mexico, Transvaal, Finland and New Zealand, as well as in nearly all the larger countries. Students of Esperanto may have the pleasure of corresponding with persons in all these lands.

Mr. D. E. Parrish of California was sent out by the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles for the purpose of advertising Southern California as a mecca for settlers, and he traveled throughout the continent of Europe and portions of Africa and Asia, equipped with stereopticon slides and using no language but Esperanto, and found audiences everywhere which could understand. Los Angeles received thousands of inquiries from across the water as a result of his visit.

Esperanto clubs exist in nearly all large cities and national and international congresses are held frequently. A national congress was held in Chicago in July of this year which made plans for a grand demonstration at the San Francisco Exposition. Americans who speak Esperanto may have the extraordinary privilege of meeting and conversing with ease with men from many nations at the exposition.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES.

Prof. S. A. McMillan has returned as associate professor of agronomy from a year's work at Cornell, where he received his Master's degree.

I. E. Cowart, M. H. Young, and A. Burton, all of the class of '13, have taken up teaching work at the College. Cowart is instructor in horticulture, Young in farm crops, and Burton instructor in drawing. R. W. Cox, of the same class, has charge of the feeding work for the Animal Husbandry department.

P. T. McGinnis, '14, was married two weeks ago.

A number of changes have been made in the offices in the Agricultural building. The Extension department has moved to Gathright Hall, the Dairy Husbandry department has moved down stairs in the office formerly occupied by the Extension department; Professors Gee, McMillan and Olsen of the Agronomy department now occupy the old D. H. office; the Biology office has been moved to the Academic building; the Horticulture office has been moved to the Zoology lecture room, and Dean Kyle's office has been moved to the old Horticulture office. The Animal Husbandry office remains unchanged.

Prof. E. J. Kyle, Dean of the School of Agriculture, has been made Director of Farmers' meetings and will have charge of all meetings such as Farmers Congress, Farmers Institute, etc.

Director B. Youngblood, through the Texas Experiment Association is doing much for the farmers of Texas in the distribution of Sudan grass seed.

CARD OF THANKS.

The expressions of sympathy from the members of the Junior Class and of Company "L" in my recent bereavement will ever be remembered by your friend and classmate. R. J. COLE.

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