

2. Its members shall direct that at their death accurate records of their cerebral topography shall be made and shall be forwarded to the Permanent Secretary of the Society.

3. Rules for the preparation of these records shall be made, and from time to time shall be revised by the Committee on Publication.

4. The Officers of the Society shall consist of a President, a Vice-President, an Honorary Vice-President for Europe, an Honorary Vice-President for Great Britain, a Permanent Secretary, and a Publication Committee.

5. The duties of the President, the Vice-Presidents and the Permanent Secretary are such as usually pertain to these offices. The Permanent Secretary shall be ex-officio a member of the Publication Committee.

6. The Publication Committee shall have charge of the collection of topographical records, which shall be preserved permanently in the fire-proof Library Building of the University of Pennsylvania. They shall, when notified of the death of a member, take steps to secure a proper examination of his brain, in accordance with his testamentary direction.

They shall secure similar records in the case of others than members as may be deemed desirable.

They may undertake the study of such cognate anatomical questions as may help to elucidate the main problems.

They shall perform the duties of Treasurer.

They shall, from time to time, as the records accumulate sufficiently, publish the results of such examinations with suitable illustrations.

7. The Annual Dues of the Society shall be \$3.00, payable on January 1st of each year.

It is expected that in the case of members who have children, the importance of this continuous collective investigation will be so fully appreciated that membership will be sought by the descendants of successive generations.

January, 1891.

you, a compromise can be made for a continuation of these general studies while he is giving a portion of his time to work in the laboratory. I think that this can be done.

I send you a college catalogue ^{all and} by which you will see that ^{any} of the college courses are open to special students, though (as I understand) they can be received only at the beginning of the college year. I find on inquiry that it would be possible ~~to take~~ for your son, while spending ^{say} half his time at the laboratory, to carry on two full college courses and thus in time fit himself for a degree, toward which it is probable that his laboratory work & proficiency would itself be allowed to count.

It is a matter upon which I do not like to give advice. You, who know your ~~son~~ ^{son} better probably than I

THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOMETRIC SOCIETY.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

The progress of civilization depends upon the continued adaptation of man to his environment. The increasing complexity of his relations with nature and society must be represented in his functions and structure. It is not improbable that the most exact expression of such gradual changes will be found in modifications of the arrangement of the cerebral convolutions. The scientific basis on which cerebral topography now rests will permit accurate records to be readily obtained for preservation. The only way in which data of value can be secured is by the preservation of an adequate number of such records for successive generations.

Hitherto it has been for the most part in the cases of exceptional individuals that critical study and accurate representations of the brain have been made.

It is now proposed to place this study upon a broad and permanent basis. An Association has been formed with the object of securing and preserving large series of such records of successive generations.

Important assistance will be secured from the study of the racial features of the brain, as in the case of the North American Indian, the Chinese, the Negro, etc. As cerebral development is closely correlated with skeletal and muscular peculiarities, as well as with psychic capacities, it is evident that the scope of the investigations of this Society may be a broad one.

The rules of the organization are as follows:

1. The name of the Association shall be the American Anthropometric Society. Its purpose is to promote the study of the anatomical evidence of human cerebral structure and development.

knows himself, nor ~~the~~ fully
comfortable to decide - there is
certainly no one more so. If
you desire any more particular
information respecting the college
work, Prof. F. C. D. Hutchinson, one
of the committee in charge of the
spiritual students, will very willingly
answer any questions.

Our work is just now quite pressing,
but if Hermit~~the~~ joins his aid soon,
resuming his work there to its new,
it is most likely that with the
beginning of the new college year
the first Tuesday he as should ^{be} a
full half of his time would be
given to him. Of course his health
& especially ^{his} for hard work is to be
taken into account.

Yrs. very truly
Wm. Watson

PURDUE UNIVERSITY,
LAFAYETTE, IND.

Biological Laboratories.
PRESIDENT'S ROOM

Dr. Sereno Watson!-
Cambridge Mass:-

Dear Sir:- Will you kindly send me at your earliest convenience, as complete a set of your "Contributions" as is possible? I would like also your revision of Section *Arctularia* from Am. Nat.

I am attempting a revision of *Polygonum*- and would especially like those contributions bearing upon the Apetalae- or containing lists which would aid in a study of their distribution.

If you will send the bill with the Contributions I will remit at once. Sincerely Yours
Stanley Coulter.



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