

The design of an examination form should be elastic and *not too long*. The facts found should be *used* more than is usually done. Too often statistics pile up and are filed, forgotten, and finally sink into the oblivion of a dusty closet.

We made it a policy to publish yearly a list of the defects found; and for the first fifteen years had a complete set of measurements from which we compiled a percentile chart showing the mean proportions and variations from the mean for the whole student body, with which any student could compare his own proportions and development.

This being completed, the form was then varied to include seven measurements of the chest, active and at rest; and information was then got as to the increase in chest girths and capacity during the four year course of exercise.

And now after twenty-five years we are able to prove the gradual increase (from 66.8" to 68.2") in height of nearly 1.5" in the incoming students, and in weight (from 132.4 to 136.1 pounds) of nearly four pounds, a change in the type of student within a period of a quarter of a century. The accumulation of such facts and their publication are well worth while.

From time to time special investigations were undertaken on the occurrence and stability of reflexes, presence and meaning of heart murmurs, and other subjects which were published as papers, some of them before this Society.

The danger in many examination forms is that they become too complicated. If a form is not to become too cumbrous and full with its own weight it should be changed from time to time, and as soon as the information sought for is obtained, the question dropped.

The examinations divided the student body roughly into three classes physically:

- (1) Defectives
- (2) Average
- (3) Athletes

(1) The defectives were referred to specialists for correctible conditions of the eye, ear, nose, throat, and teeth. The heart and lung cases were kept under observation, and in some cases put on special diet and rest. Exercises for postural defects were written out on cards which were widely copied, and the prescriptions were given by instructors. Many a low shoulder was, however, left for the tailor to correct; and though many horses were led to the water not all of them drank.

There was a clinic at the Gymnasium for injuries, and the Director became a familiar sight at football games with his little black bag; but the general medical care of the students was in the hands of