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**Editorial Remarks**

And student or member of the faculty, who has received a letter from some alumnus, which they think would be of interest to the University public, can confer a great favor upon us by handing it to us for publication. Anything pertaining to our alumni is always interesting and we wish that all who can assist us in this manner will do so.

Today is the day of the great game, and little more can be said in pointing out to the student body their duty to attend. Everything has been done to arouse interest that the most earnest and enthusiastic supporters could do, and we can only await the result. The Knox men are here, and the game this afternoon will be fast and furious, although we are confident of winning by a substantial score. Our only fear is that as large a crowd as the game warrants will not be out, although the signs are much more encouraging than they were a few days ago.

Basket ball practice is coming along well, and there seems to be good prospects for a strong team this year. Although some twenty-five men are showing up regularly, more are requested to come out. Especially those who have played before are urged to come out and practice. There is a good number of old men back, who are playing faster than ever. These together with some promising new players form the nucleus of a strong team. But at the same time all who take any interest in the game should come out; for the greater the amount of material the wider will be the range of choice.

The classes will all have teams again and as soon as the football season is over calls will be issued by the proper officials exhorting their classmen to come and lend their services toward developing a championship team. The contests between the class teams last year were well fought out and aroused much interest. The literary society teams also did good work, and it is hoped that each of these organizations will find the prospects favorable for creating a widespread interest in the game among themselves.

We should all feel a measure of satisfaction in the action of those in an authoritative position, who have urged that the Knox team be accorded the fairest treatment that it is within our power to extend. We want all visiting teams to know that Nebraska stands firmly for the cleaner element in football and that all rowdiness is not only discountenanced, but never practiced. We have the privilege of rooting with right good will, but this can be done in such a manner that no one will be crossed upon. The squad leaders have

shown an alertness in checking prolonged outbursts that might interfere with the signals, but today the crowd will be larger and their responsibilities increased. Each rooter, then, should observe the rules of rooting etiquette already laid down, and live up to the teachings of those who can speak authoritatively and who have the interests of the team at heart. We look to see some extraordinary efforts put forth by the rooters this afternoon, as the occasion demands it. But let each remember to keep within bounds, and give the Knox men as fair treatment, in not hindering their play, as possible.

The total receipts of the Minnesota-Michigan game last Saturday amounted to \$30,993.50. This amount will be evenly divided between the athletic associations of the two universities after all the expenses are paid. A few games of this character will do more good to the institutions participating than an out and out endowment fund, as far as financial results are concerned.

**ABOUT THE LIBRARY.**

**Some Idea Given of Splendid Work Being Done.**

The development of the University library and its present standing is a matter of much interest and we are glad to be able to publish this library sketch for the benefit of our readers.

Previous to 1880 the library was little used and the 1873 catalogue announced that the library would be open "two hours per day," and that students in certain advanced courses might take books to their rooms. The chief object of the library was for the use of the faculty and in view of this fact some member of the faculty was placed in charge lest some bit of hidden knowledge might escape. It was not until 1893 that a trained librarian was employed. Miss Mary Jones, '85, a graduate of the Albany Library school, '93, was given charge. In 1897 she resigned and a year later Mr. J. J. Wyer, the present very efficient librarian, entered upon his duties.

Till 1889 two small rooms answered for library and reading room. That year two larger rooms were fitted up for its use in the main building, and these continued to be the library until November, 1895, when the new library building with ample accommodations for stacks, reading-rooms and seminars, was dedicated. The library started in 1871-72 with 2,000 volumes and during the following ten years increased to only double that number. By 1891, however, 12,000 volumes were found on its shelves, increasing to 40,000 volumes by June, 1899; about 25,000 of these being found in the main library and 15,000 in the departmental libraries.

That number has grown rapidly since then and a few days ago the 60,000 mark was passed, there being yearly added from four to five thousand volumes. The number of journals and periodicals regularly received is approximately 600, at a cost for subscription and binding of about \$2,500. The law library has been especially enriched this year. Among other works a particularly valuable set of the "Century Digest," costing \$300, was placed upon the shelves; also an 84-volume set of Tennessee reports, costing \$275, was purchased, besides several hundred volumes of case and text books. New and commodious quarters were also provided for this library.

The library force, including the branch libraries, is made up of seven regular attendants and four pages, the latter being employed at odd hours each day. The library has now become the laboratory for many departments, such as history, literature, philosophy, and pedagogy. So urgent are the demands made upon it that even now the reading rooms, which seat about 500 people have become very inadequate and there are times every day when it is difficult or impossible to get seats. The plan of the library building is such that an addition may be built on the west and this will undoubtedly have to be done in the near future if the library is to keep pace with the increasing demands upon it.

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