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To the Alumni of The University of Nebraska.

A little over a year ago the fine, large Exposition pipe organ was bought by a committee representing the association. It was brought to the University and is now, temporarily, housed in the Armory. Provisions have already been made by the Regents to house it definitely.

In the appeal for pledges sent out a year ago the committee gave a description of the instrument and an account of the purchase. That appeal has not been in vain. Indeed we met with very generous encouragement and support almost everywhere. The obligation which the committee incurred in the purchase of the organ has been shared by the great majority of students to whom the matter was presented. The feeling was and is general that it was "the thing" to give our old *alma mater* so beautiful and dignified a present as the pipe organ proved to be.

So far the treasurer's books show that \$1,600 have been paid on the organ. Additional pledges, amounting to \$650, have been made. Hence the total account provided for is \$2,250. *The total account the alumni pledged themselves to raise is \$2,500.* To this, however, must be added \$125 to defray incidental expenses: printing, postage, insurance, interest. This leaves \$375 unprovided for. This sum we wish to raise by next Charter Day, February 15, 1900. Send us your pledge, payable any time within the year. Make it a V or a X if you can possibly do so. The good work is so far along now that the committee feels that every alumnus who has not already given toward the project wishes to be numbered with those who have in making possible the free gift to the University of the best pipe organ in the Trans-Mississippi country.

LAWRENCE FOSSLER, '81,
PAUL F. CLARK, '87,
H. G. SHEDD, '97,

WILL OWEN JONES, '80,
GERTRUDE LAWS HARDY, '90,
D. J. FLAHERTY, LAW, '97,
Committee.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

- Feb. 7—Conference of Associated Charities and Corrections—Chapel.
Feb. 8—Second Faculty Concert—Chapel.
Feb. 10—Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. reception to students.
Feb. 13—State Veterinarian's Association; 2 days.
Feb. 14—Annual Sigma Xi Lecture—Chapel.
Feb. 15—Charter Day and Fifth Midwinter Commencement.
10 a. m.—Regular meeting Board of regents.
8 p. m.—Special drill cadet battalion.
4 p. m.—Indoor athletic contest—Gymnasium.
8 p. m.—Annual address—Ex-Chancellor A. R. Benton.
Feb. 19—National Buttermakers' Association; 4 days. Exhibit in University Armory.
Feb. 23—New members program—Literary societies.

Dr. Bessey of the University of Nebraska has just completed a review of Professor Coulter's new book on "Plant Relations." This book was issued as a first book of Botany but after a careful examination, Dr. Bessey concludes that the author made a mistake supposing that it could be profitably used in the secondary schools. The department of Botany

taken up in the book is one which has but very recently been developed in the larger universities and as a consequence there are practically no teachers who understand it. Moreover the subject matter, known in scientific parlance as ecology, cannot be well understood until after the pupil has had a pretty good training in what is now usually taught in the high schools as Elementary Botany.

For these reasons Dr. Bessey has come to the conclusion in his review that as a first book to be used in the secondary schools it will prove to be too difficult where thoroughness and accuracy are desired, and where these are not insisted upon it will be too superficial. He recommends that the book should be revised for college and university use and that for this purpose it will doubtless prove to be a successful work.

Three hundred and fifty students have registered for work in the physics department of the University of Nebraska. The class is so large that it was found necessary to divide it into two sections. Six research papers have been published this year by the physics department. Dr. Brace

has published in the London Philosophical Review an article entitled, "A New Spectrophotometer," describing a new and important instrument for scientific and technical use. This contribution also appeared in the Astro-Physical Journal with some important additions. Another paper has appeared in the philosophical magazine contributed by B. V. Hill, former fellow in physics in this university. Two papers are now in the press of the Astro-Physical Journal written by graduate students. Papers by Professors Moore and More are also with the publishers of the Physical Review and the Philosophical magazine, respectively.

Seventeen invoices of new apparatus have been imported this year for the department.

Professor Wilbur C. Knight, an alumnus of the University, now professor of geology and mining engineering in the University of Wyoming, visited Lincoln last week. He was returning from the meeting of the geological society of America held in Washington, D. C. His state had sent him east to look up plans for a new museum to be built in Wyoming next spring.