

Mr. C. S. Lobingier resigning his position on THE HESPERIAN board, on account of unusual pressure in school work, Mr. Frank Manley was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy.

George Washington Gerwig celebrated his 20th birthday by taking a half dozen of his friends to oysters at the Union League. But as it was on a bet he could not very easily get out of it.

The measles have been very prevalent in Lincoln and the University has not escaped. So far there has been about a dozen victims, none of them however were seriously ill and all will soon be back in school.

Miss Daly was detained at home at the beginning of the term for nearly two weeks by illness; in consequence her people thought it prudent for her to remain at home for the rest of the year. But the chancellor after some urging consented to excuse her from political economy and Tutor G——t agreed to give her a grade in French, so she will probably graduate in June.

The chapel was left in such bad condition after the election that the chancellor protests against such misuse, by refusing to allow the use of the chapel for the meeting called to elect a successor to Mr. Lobingier. The most serious damage done was to the pulpit. The dents therein implanted will serve as lasting memorials of the power and frequency with which President Perrin used his gavel.

#### MEDICAL ITEMS.

The class of '87 is much smaller than last year's class, numbering but seven.

The students have formed a University Medical Society for improvement in general literary and scientific subjects. It meets once a week, and numbers about twenty. The exercises consist of speeches, orations, papers and discussions of some scientific or medical subject. Mr. Dodd is its president.

This year there are three ladies in attendance upon the lectures.

The bill providing for the salary of professors and maintenance of a hospital has been drafted and is in the hands of the committee. J.

#### DEDICATORY.

The long expected, often promised dedicatory address has at last been given. The societies giving way, the address was announced to take place on Friday evening, Jan. 14th. At an early hour the auditorium was filled with our state Legislators, friends of the University and a few students, while the rest of the students stowed themselves away in the gallery. Upon the platform were seated His Excellency Gov. Thayer, Hon. G. L. Laws, Hon. G. B. Lane, Hon. Auditor Babcock, Hon. C. H. Gere, Chancellor Manatt and the Revs. Curtis and Williams. The choir opened with a well rendered anthem. Chancellor Manatt then took the stand and after a brief comparison of the number and quality of our buildings with that of the Universities of Michigan, California and Minnesota he said, "I do not, on the whole, regret our unique position. We are now old enough to know what we want and to build for the ages. The University is only beginning to swarm, other hives are wanted already. But, thanks to national benefactions and the wisdom of our commonwealth, the University is not a beggar. . . . If only the gift is not intercepted on the way to its destined use, on this ground shall

rise a school of schools, whose light shall shine in every corner of the commonwealth forever, and whose fame shall lend some touch of Attic splendor to the name Nebraska wherever it is spoken in the world." Noting the change in the liberality of national educational institutions in giving natural sciences their rightful place as a most fortunate one, he proceeded, "And so we gather here to dedicate yonder structure to the use of science for the service of man and the glory of God. It is fitting that our chief magistrate speak for the commonwealth which is building this university for the training of her youth, and the promotion of her own higher welfare. I have the honor to introduce his excellency, Governor Thayer."

Governor Thayer, after an enthusiastic manifestation of welcome, characterized our growth in the sixteen short years of our existence as a wonderfully prosperous one, and expressed his hope and opinion that when Nebraska is as old as Michigan, Minnesota or California, "Nebraska's University will be on the same footing as their universities, as regards buildings and equipment. . . . As governor of the state of Nebraska, I now hand over to Mr. Gere, as chairman of the board of regents, the keys of the new building. May the richest blessings dwell with him who seeks an education within its walls." Chairman Gere accepted the keys with a few well chosen remarks, after which a dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. E. H. Curtis.

Professor Nicholson was then introduced by the Chancellor as the speaker of the evening, who presented "The Value of Science to the State." In a long review he reminded us of what science had done for education, showing conclusively its position as a most potent factor in the work of civilization, and closed with the following pertinent remarks:

"Nebraska has recognized the value of training men and women for the important duties of life by establishing in her chief institution of learning, scientific courses of instruction, which are the accredited peers of those in the old perfected and time honored subjects.

"She shows that she earnestly believes in the great importance and necessity for scientific teaching and training in hastening to provide the means for carrying into effect scientific methods, without which the study of science is shorn of its advantage. This magnificent building which is now dedicated to the teaching of Chemical science is an earnest of her intention to provide in all departments of science the necessary buildings and equipments that will enable them to reach their highest point of usefulness as servants of the state. I believe that she also sees and appreciates the advantages to students of a training which, while opening the paths of knowledge by teaching the facts and using the methods discovered by others, points them to and interests them in the finding of new paths and the uncovering of new facts.

"This brings the necessity of requiring the highest talent in the men and women placed in the chairs of instruction and of liberating them from the thralldom of constant teaching and of giving time and opportunity for that work of investigation that imbues the teacher with a fire and enthusiasm that fans to flame the waiting spark in the breast of the student and realizes the highest value that can come from any instruction, the awakening of that germ slumbering in the consciousness of every human, intelligence which when rightly guarded and directed leads to the perfect man and woman."

At the conclusion of his remarks the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Williams after which the laboratory and society halls were thrown open for inspection and for a general hand-shaking. So ended the dedicatory services of our first structure since our establishment.