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Some adverse criticism is heard among a small class of students regarding the strict way the library rules in respect to talking in the alcoves and reading room, are being enforced by the library staff.

The criticism comes almost altogether from those who have been in the habit of using the alcoves for conversational purposes. Among the majority of the students the action of the Librarian is upheld.

The library authorities proceed on the assumption that the library is intended to be a place of study for the whole student body. It is with this end in view that it is maintained. Those in charge are under obligation to so manage it that the greatest good will accrue to the student body. If the library is to be maintained as a reference and study room, silence is imperative. The conversation of two or three persons may rob a dozen students of an afternoon which should have been devoted to work. This can be looked upon in no other way than as a serious offense. When repeated it becomes little less than criminal.

The leniency which has been shown by the library officials in the past has been grossly misused by the students. The conduct of a few made a stricter enforcement of the rules necessary in order that the library might be of value to those who desire to use it honestly.

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has been dealt out to students has been brought about by their own actions. Instead of criticising the management of the library for doing its duty, students should co-operate to alleviate the evil the existence of which all admit.

A few days ago Dr. Thomas, the State Veterinarian, brought to Professor Bessey a curious ball taken from the stomach of a hog. It was found on examination to be composed of a mass of felted vegetable fibres, the source of which has not yet been determined. The ball resembles the 'hair balls' which are sometimes found in the stomachs of cattle. So far as can be made out at present this is something new which has never yet been described. Professor Bessey intends to prepare an article on it for publication in the scientific journals.

Mrs. Grace MacMillan, '98, who recently accepted the latin fellowship in the University of Missouri, writes that she is quite settled and that her work seems light. She mentions among other new things that "they go to school on Saturdays here just as on other days and take great pride in the fact that they do not require attendance on Sundays." She speaks in high praise of the University buildings.

In a recent number of the American Agriculturist, published in New York, are given eight pictures of leading experts connected with the Department of Agriculture in Washington, and among them are two of the alumni of the University of Nebraska, namely, H. J. Webber, '89, and A. F. Woods, '90. In the "write up" accompanying the pictures both are spoken of in the highest terms.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Maude Hullurst to Rev. Clinton Lowrie of Lincoln on December 26. Miss Hullurst was registered as a sophomore last year in the University and Mr. Lowrie was raised in Lincoln. He received his education in the East and abroad. They will be at home after January 15 at Holdrege.

Instructor Sheldon of the school of agriculture has made out the nature of the disease affecting the carnations in the green house in Lincoln and other places in eastern Nebraska. He is preparing a paper for publication in which he will discuss the nature of the trouble and suggest remedies.

The C. E. Society of the First Presbyterian Church will hold an "Adjec-tive Social" this evening at the home of John Reed, corner of Twelfth and E streets. All students and friends are cordially invited to attend.

Professor Thornber, '97, University of Arizona, has requested the department of botany at the University to exchange western Nebraska plants for Arizona specimens.

State secretary J. P. Bailey of Omaha, will be in Lincoln Friday and will meet the Association at the University rooms.

The first year Domestic Science class will experiment with batters in the form of pancakes, waffles and muffins this afternoon.

Two new students, Mr. Compton and Mr. McHenry, registered with the Junior Laws at the beginning of the second term, Monday.

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