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**Editorial Remarks**

**The Temple Fund.**

Reports of the progress made toward building up the Temple Fund are encouraging, in face of the attempts that have been made to impede the work. About \$22,000 has been pledged or two-thirds of the entire amount necessary. Some of the societies that have made pledges are able to report excellent progress, and others have experienced some difficulty, which, however, they are confident can be overcome. Some of the newspapers of the state conceived and disseminated a mistaken impression that the efforts to raise our share of the fund had been given up. They were deceived by the fact that the original time limit that had been set for January 1, 1904, had expired with only one-half of the money raised, and were not aware of the fact that the limit had been extended. Some hard work has been done and there is every prospect of our being able to do our share.

To University students, both new and old, and to the friends of the University, this opportunity to acquire a magnificent new building that will serve so many useful purposes is of vital importance. There is no need to further delineate upon the needs of many of our societies and departments of the University, as these have been expatriated upon and are recognized by all. We must all of us recognize the obligation that rests upon us and discharge to the best of our ability whatever responsibility we have assumed or make an independent effort. We must not allow this opportunity to better the interests of our university slip from our grasp, and while there is no imminent danger as yet, each should be alive to his sense of duty and do all that lies within his power. Much has already been done, but the limit has been by no means reached. Every loyal University student and alumnus should be imbued with a patriotic interest in the cause, and if all will act together with a common impulse and the same object in view, the next incoming year will see the preliminary steps taken in the construction of the new Temple building.

Vacation is over and we must all renew our trials and sufferings until in the fullness of time another period rolls around, affording us a temporary release from our studies. For most of us the holidays have been pleasant and now that we have been brought together again to labor in performing our tasks, we can find some consolation in recalling past memories of festive occasions. This new year holds out an opportunity to each of us, and it will be to our advantage to be careful not to neglect it.

Noters have been placed at prominent places about the University campus emanating from the Board of Regents and forbidding smoking on the campus. This edict of the Regents has application to a number of evils arising through the habit of many of indulging themselves upon certain occasions when their action has been offensive to others. This application is but one of several, and if the practice can be done away with entirely a remedy will have been provided and applied to many objectionable incidents of frequent occurrence. All will be wise in taking heed, especially those to whom special application is made, as the edict will undoubtedly, as it ought to be, be enforced in every possible instance.

**Teachers Depart.**

The end of the past week has witnessed the exodus of the crowds of visiting teachers from all parts of the state, who attended the Teachers' association meeting. The meeting just finished was the most satisfactory and successful ever held here according to the common opinion expressed by all who were interested in it. The total attendance exceeded 1,800. A great many of old graduates were present, and quite a number took a prominent part in the program. Professor Ross was the principal lecturer, and his discussions excited much interest and comment. Professors Barbour, Hodgman, Wyer, Lucey and Moritz and Dr. Condra all took prominent parts in the meeting.

Prof. F. M. Eling read a paper on "Louis XVI, Machault and Maurepas," before the American Historical association held last week in New Orleans. Prof. A. E. Ross, who was also on the program of the American Sociology meeting, was not in attendance, owing to the press of other business, taking an active part in the recent state teachers' meeting in this city.

**Attend Science Meeting.**

During the holidays several of the faculty in the scientific departments attended the National Science meeting held in St. Louis. They took a prominent part in the programs of the various sections which applied to the different branches of science. Those attending from this University were Professors Barbour, Emerson and Lillie, and Drs. Ward, Bessey and Clements. Among the addresses given was a memoir by Dr. Barbour before the Geological Society on Dr. Wilber Clinton Knight. Representatives from practically every college of importance in the country attended, and in all about 2,500 were present. While at St. Louis Dr. Barbour reports meeting C. N. Gould, formerly a fellow in the geology department here, and now at the head of the department in the University of Oklahoma.

**Energetic Work on Temple Fund**

The Temple Fund committee is still pushing the interests of the fund vigorously and report encouraging progress by the societies who have pledged certain amounts. The Sigma Xi society has pledged \$200, which will certainly be a substantial aid. Ten thousand letters have been sent out to teachers in the state and good returns are expected from them. The committee is determined to see the undertaking through and will not rest until their purpose is accomplished.

**New Books at the Library.**

The library is in receipt of several shipments of new books, some of which are from England, France and Germany, and the library people are very busily engaged labeling and shelving them. Among the American publications received are included a fine three volume set of Dickens' letters, a set of Hamilton's works, and a five volume set of Emerson's books, besides works of science, medical books, and books of history and biography.

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**The 1904 Summer Session.**

Circulars are out, giving a general canvass of the grounds that will be covered in the summer school at the end of the present school year.

The session of 1904 will be less than usually devoted to University studies (semestral courses).

In place of these, courses specially prepared and adapted to meet the needs of teachers and taught by recognized experts will have the main place and emphasis. There will be:

A number of beginning courses in language.

Normal and review courses for high school teachers in English, botany, history, algebra and geometry, chemistry and physics.

Nature study courses for advanced grade teachers.

Courses in agriculture to assist teachers in preparation to meet the legal requirement in this branch.

Courses in the history, theory and practice of teaching.

Courses in physical culture.

Courses in domestic science, art and economy.

A course of weekly lectures by Chancellor Andrews on Vital Problems for Teachers.

A picnic trip every other Saturday to some place of interest.

A stereopticon lecture every other week, alternating with the picnic.

Evening musical entertainments on the University campus.

Professor T. M. Hodgman has been appointed business manager, and under his vigorous direction the summer school should gain a prominence such as has never before been attained.

**Charter Day Events.**

The Charter Day program will include the following events, and all of the University athletes are urged to find their specialty and enter:

- 25-yard dash.
  - Fence Vault.
  - 12 lb. shot put.
  - Running high jump.
  - Rope climb.
  - Running high kick.
  - Pole vault.
  - Inter-fraternal relay race.
- Come out and help make the contest a success. Send your entries to Dr. Clapp.

**Basket Ball.**

The following are requested to report for basket ball practice Tuesday at 4 p. m., Thursday at 4 p. m., and Saturday at 3:30 p. m.: Benedict, Hewitt, Hoar, Beers, Hagensick, Elliott, Newton, Noyes, Ludden, Miller, Myers, Krake, Matheson, Flansburg, Tyner.

Others who have been practicing at these hours please meet Dr. Clapp in his office at 4 p. m., Tuesday, January 5, to arrange for practice hours.

**Convocation.**

Tuesday—Chancellor Andrews, "Art and Education."

Wednesday—Dean Bessey, "The Caucasus Mountain Range, and its People."

Thursday—Professor Caldwell, "The Relation of Cuba and the United States."

Friday—Music.

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