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Editorial Remarks

KANSAS INVESTIGATES.

According to the press reports sent out from Lawrence, steps are being taken by the Kansas authorities to investigate the charges of professionalism preferred against five members of their football team. The trouble, as is well known, arose over the action of five of the strongest members of the Kansas team who played with the Lamars, Mo., team against Carthage, a purse of \$500 being at stake. Lamars won, 70 to 0, and collected the stakes. Carthage, however, did not feel at all genial in accepting without complaint what bore the earmarks of a shady deal. As a result she brought suit to recover, alleging that Lamars violated the agreement that the teams should be an "all home" affair by playing five Kansas university men, Pooler, Hicks, Gregg, Allen and Rice. It is alleged that these men received pay for playing, which not only violated the agreement, but makes them professionals and bars them from the Kansas team hereafter under the "presidents' agreement."

Prof. M. W. Sterling, chairman of the Kansas athletic board, has been on the grounds investigating the charges and is now awaiting affidavits from Carthage and Lamars before making his report to that body. The Lamars parties assert that there was no purse up and according to reports, the Carthage people hold a contrary view. The players themselves deny that there was a purse up according to their knowledge, although it does seem surprising that they should walk into a situation with their eyes wide open. However, they are obliged to face a charge of professionalism, which is not yet disproved, a fact which the conservative Casper Whitney forgot to take note of in his ratings of western institutions in the last issue of Outing. It therefore seems unreasonable that he should accept as absolutely true from mere hearsay a charge to the disadvantage of one institution and ignore a similar charge existing against another which he did not know the facts. He has announced his opinion. This is a good indication of his opinion. The grounds for a charge and it is plain either prejudicial or falling being to a man. In this did not say upon the injustice, but

we are not adverse to seeing justice done in view of the frantic efforts of Kansas to discredit our team, after failing to show the proofs. We can say with equal positiveness that Kansas has a professional team, and who will there be to give final decision? (Barring Casper Whitney) No one. Professor Sterling's statement regarding the situation is as follows: "I cannot say definitely just what will be done. I found some favorable and some unfavorable evidence and we will get all we possibly can and endeavor to maintain a high standard of clean athletics, even at the cost of five of our best players if needful." It may not be found "needful," but while no charges are made as yet, the findings of the Kansas board of control are awaited with interest.

The approaching examinations for the Rhodes scholarship are beginning to cause quite a stir among certain of our students, and as they come closer into proximity more evidences are to be discerned of there being a considerable number of candidates. As a large amount of Latin and Greek are included in the requirements it is plain that the students of the classics have the advantage. Thus the competition is narrowed down to quite a degree, but still there are many students here who are fitted to make a creditable showing, and none of these should be backward about making a trial. Here is indeed a good opportunity for a superior education, amid surroundings that promise much for advancement and benefit. Any bright student having the requirements has a chance, and a realization of this fact would have a good effect in bringing out a larger number of candidates.

The coming spring will see the foundations laid of a number of new buildings, which will contribute largely to the advancement of our institution. No matter what kind of success there may be achieved along intellectual, athletic and educational lines, the departments embracing these must be properly housed before they can attain to full development. Accordingly we can all view with satisfaction and delight the prospect of enlarged facilities for carrying on work that is now hampered by lack of resources to further its progress.

Have a Splendid Meeting.

The Sunday meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was an especially good one. Mrs. N. K. Easterday gave an interesting report on the ninth biennial convention of the American committee, which was held at Wilkesbarre, Pa., in April, 1903. Mrs. Easterday left with the association some very valuable suggestions as to conducting the financial and devotional departments of the work. Her address was of great interest and all present thoroughly enjoyed it.

The noonday prayer meetings in the Y. W. C. A. room are growing in popularity. They are well attended, but the room will hold a few more. Every girl should make an effort to attend.

Faculty Fortnightly Meetings.

For the next two weeks the noon meetings in the Y. W. room will be led by different ladies of the faculty. The leaders for this week will be:
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