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Editorial Remarks

The fact that the two hundred and fifty thousand dollar appropriation for the University passed the House without opposition last Wednesday would seem to indicate that the Nebraska legislators have come to realize the crippled condition under which our faculty has been laboring in their efforts to maintain, and if possible raise, the standard of the University. It would seem to indicate further that they are coming to feel the value of this institution to the state.

Still further evidence of our legislators' interest in the University is afforded by the fact that so many bills for University appropriation have been introduced into that body and have been treated with unusual consideration.

It is to be deplored that they did not 'come to their right minds' before the University lost several of the strongest members of our faculty. The loss of these men has doubtless been instrumental in securing this commendable change of spirit. The loss of these members of our faculty was mentioned in the debates on the bill in the House and was influential in securing its passage.

A great deal of dissatisfaction has arisen in the Senior play committee at some changes which have recently been made in the cast of characters of the play. After some parts had already practically been assigned a change was made and the change does not meet with much approval. In choosing those to form the cast of a school play something besides dramatic ability must be considered. A cast might be chosen comprising the very best of actors and the University public wouldn't walk across the street to see the popularity of the members of the class. A really popular member of a

class, with only mediocre ability on the stage, is a much stronger drawing card than is an unpopular one of real ability. Then, too, the push, the aggressiveness, and the ability to make things go must be considered. Those in charge of these performances very naturally with them to be as meritorious as possible and in endeavoring to attain this end are prone to overlook these more essential features in those making up the play cast. The Senior play is already far behind what it should be in point of development, and any dissatisfaction or lack of concord now may have a disrupting effect. The play which the Seniors have chosen is a difficult one to render and will put the class to an expense considerably larger than is usually incurred in such an event and only by perfect concord can the usual success be attained.

Owing to lack of time to conduct them the correspondence courses planned to be offered by the Lincoln academy have been postponed until next October, when the principal expects to issue the first lessons. It was a first thought that they would be started this winter, but with the work of the inspectorship and the management of the Academy to look after, Professor Hodgman has been unable to find time to tend to the correspondence. The courses in English and American history are ready to be issued. The course in American history is written by Professors Caldwell and Persinger of the Department of American History of the University. The course in English is gotten out by Professors Sherman and Stuff, of the Department of English Language and Literature. There has already been a considerable number of calls for the courses and the management of the Academy anticipates a good demand for the instruction when it is offered to the public.

Missionaries Visit.

Bishop James M. Thoburn and Dr. John F. Gouches, who are in Lincoln for the State Missionary Convention, spoke to large numbers of University students in Art hall yesterday afternoon on phases of the Missionary movement in India. Bishop Thoburn went to India as a missionary forty-six years ago this week and since that time has given over forty years to missionary service in that country. For the last ten years he said, civilization in India has made rapid strides, due for the most part to missionary work. The principle indication of the success of this work is found in the advancement in the life of women. Previous to this time missionaries came in contact only with women of the lower castes, but the last decade has made women of the highest caste accessible to missionaries. Moreover, higher institutions of learning have only recently been opened to women and are now graduating them with honors, last year a woman receiving the highest prize from a government university. Bishop Thoburn predicted that the opening of China to missionary work will follow the path of India.

Dr. John F. Gouches, President of the Girls' College of Baltimore, spoke of the spread of Christianity in India especially in the Universities. Eight of every hundred men in the country at large are Christians while this proportion rises to fifty-three out of every hundred in the colleges. Last year 140,000 volumes of mission study books were sold to the colleges.

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