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as well as offer it; to truthfully picture
college life; to go further than the mere
printing of news by standing for the
highest ideals of the University; in short,
to serve the University of Nebraska.

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MEDICAL IGNORANCE.

Among the papers of R. H. Stoddard that Rysley Hitchcock edited, there is a letter which Oliver Wendell Holmes, the poet physician, is said to have received. This letter was written many years ago by an ignorant country practitioner and it is interesting because it shows the low level to which, in the early part of the last century, it was possible for medical education to fall. The letter, verbatim, follows:

Dear dock I have a pashunt whos physicol sines shoze that the winpipe is ulcerated of and his lung have dropped into his stumick. He is unable to swaller and I fear his stumick is gone. I have giv him evehrything without efeck his Father is wealthy honorable and influenshall. He is an active member of the M. E. church and God noes I don't want to loose him wot shall it do?"

MEDICAL EDUCATION TODAY

In glancing over the last Journal of A. M. A. we were struck by an article by Bevan of Chicago which provokes the following:

Nine years ago, at the time that the Council on Medical Education first came into being, there were over 28,000 medical students in the United States, distributed among some one hundred and sixty medical colleges, good, bad, and indifferent. Today, largely through the effort of the profession itself to raise the standards, there are 17,000 students, in one hundred colleges, mostly good, and while nine years ago only four of the one hundred and sixty schools required more than a high school education for admission, now eighty of them require advanced standing. Just what does this mean from the point of view of the suffering, overworked student? Of course it means harder work and more of it, but also it means lessened competition in an ever increasing field with greater chance of a decent living for all of us and room for big work for the more ambitious of us.

Medical schools are rapidly passing the stage of private endowment, and are, even as the Arts and Sciences, no longer dependent upon private endowment and the caprice of private patronage, when, as in the middle ages, learning hung upon the fluctuating fortunes of personal favoritism. We are approaching a time when medical education will be a function of the state alone. We of Nebraska are very for-

tunate in finding ourselves in the vanguard of the new medicine, with the resources of such a great commonwealth as our own state at our back. We sometimes growl when the course is hard, but we are often more ready to "holler" when it is poor, and most of us realize, even though we do not often speak of it, that our advantages are many. We will graduate better equipped than our fathers, with an education superior to that of many of our competitors and equal to that of the rest, into a wide field with decreasing competition and increasing opportunity. Surely we have much for which to thank the profession as a whole and our State University in particular.

MISS LILLIAN B. STUFF, R. N.

Success has crowned the efforts of the dispensary staff who at the beginning of the year decided to make our dispensary of the A-1 type. To do this it was necessary for them to arrange it so that forty cases were treated at the dispensary every day. The three factors that were perhaps most potent in the accomplishment of this ideal condition were: First, Miss Lillian Stuff was made superintendent; second, a central location was selected; third, the dispensary was divided into departments, thereby making it possible for every patient to have individual attention from a specialist and the students in his department every night in the week.

No better choice could have been made than the selection of Miss Stuff for the position which she occupies as head of the dispensary. She is on duty from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m., meeting the afflicted, assigning to departments, keeping the roll, and, more important than anything, she is a past master at keeping things running smoothly. Being a University of Nebraska girl herself, she says that the very least she can do is her continual best for any of our institutions.

Miss Stuff received her training in the Chicago Training School, the Ensworth Hospital at St. Joseph, Mo., and in the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. After serving two years as head nurse at Green Gables Sanatorium in Lincoln, she spent three years as superintendent of nurses at the State Insane Hospital in Lincoln, where she organized a training school for nurses.

Later, she spent a year abroad studying social conditions. Returning to Omaha two years ago she organized and took charge of the Tuberculosis Dispensary. Out of this Tuberculosis Dispensary and the former Omaha Medical College Dispensary has grown our present University of Nebraska Dispensary, which is splendidly equipped for the treatment of the various classes of patients.

In reading over the president's address to the new organized American College of Surgeons recently we were struck with the emphasis placed upon character as one of the important things to be looked for in a surgeon. And truly, when we come to consider it, it is an important thing—an essential thing. A thing also which we feel some of our "four years—and a diploma—don't forget the fees" colleges have rather overlooked in recent years. And again we may be proud of our Alma Mater, for if the signs of the times may be believed and the whisperings of the walls trusted, that little sentence in the catalogue, "The candidate for graduation must be of unquestioned moral character," is no longer, if indeed it ever was, a dead letter at Nebraska.

The Devil knew as much as the Lord about the Scriptures—it was his character that queered him. It does us good to see that the man at the head of a group of such highly trained specialists as the American College of Surgeons should consider character of such high importance in the admamentarium of the profession.

A physician was badly hurt by the caving in of a well. He should have attended to the sick, and let the well alone.

NEW PHI RHO HOUSE.

Charter members of the Iota chapter of Phi Rho Sigma fraternity directed the breaking of ground for the chapter's new \$15,000 house at Forty-second street and Dewey avenue, Saturday, March 7th. The following charter members were present: Drs. B. W. Christie, M. A. Tinley, W. P. Wherry, C. W. Poynter, C. F. Avery, A. H. Cooper, W. B. McDowell, S. B. Hall, H. W. Heffelfinger, A. B. Lindquist and H. A. Reichenbach. They were assisted in the ceremony by the local chapter members and the celebration was completed by a dinner at the Empress Garden and a theater party at the Brandeis.

The building will be erected during the summer and will consist of three stories and a basement.

Illinois.

In the girls track meet, held on Illinois Field on Saturday, between Illinois and Chicago, the Illinois girls again captured the dual championship. Three Illinois records were broken, two Conference records, and one Illinois record was equalled. Weather conditions were ideal, and hundreds of interscholastic visitors and alumni crowded the bleachers.

Kansas.

Kansas Newspaper Week opened on Monday morning. Editors were arriving in Lawrence with every train. By noon there were seventy editors registered, most of them from Kansas. A long program has been arranged for the discussion of a great number of questions of much importance to the journalistic profession. All the different phases of journalism will be taken up. A great deal of interest is being shown by the university, as well as by the editors.

Columbia.

At a meeting of the College Forum at Columbia a few days ago the annoyances to which students were subjected at Camp Columbia were discussed at some length. Resolutions were proposed and debated concerning the remedying of these conditions. Every phase of camp life was considered in minute detail. The meeting was quite informal and the college men discussed the question from all sides.

Robbers of Nebraskan Wrestlers Captured.

The Daily Texas: The thieves who stole money and valuables from the Nebraskan wrestlers have at last been captured. Athletic Director Bellmont entered the room of the suspected thief and was in conversation with him when the latter made a sudden rush for the window, jumped to the ground and ran toward Clark Field. The thief fled through the field, where he was overtaken by Director Bellmont.

The thief is a man of about sixteen years of age. He is not a student of the University, nor in any way connected with the school. In the presence of Officer Martin he confessed to having taken part in the theft of the valuables and money to the amount of \$61.50 from the Nebraska wrestlers. None of the articles which were taken have as yet been recovered, but they are believed to be in the possession of the young man who escaped—there were two men concerned in the original theft. According to the confession of the captured man, none of the articles have been sold. The articles are two watches, a fountain pen, and a kohak, besides the money in the purses of the wrestlers.

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