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Someone tells a story of a man who professed to be a great admirer of Dickens. He possessed a very fine edition of the complete works of his favorite author, which he preserved in the original state, with uncut pages. He would not allow anyone to handle them or look at them, under any circumstances, and he dusted them carefully every day. The remonstrants against a departmental library seem to have a similar notion of the purpose of a library.

A library is not meant to be looked at and to serve merely as an imposing spectacle, impressive of the saying that of making books there is no end. The university does not buy books to put them on shelves in a building where visitors may see them in orderly rows, and marvel at their number. Books are bought to be used, and the more they are used the better they serve their purpose. The question is not one of sentiment or of what will make the most impressive showing, but of business, wholly. How to dispose of the books as to make them most useful is the whole matter.

As to this there can be no serious dispute. Books must be where they are needed and where they are to be used. The scientific department found this out long ago, and surely no one will urge that the botanical library be removed from Nebraska hall, or the chemical library from the laboratory building. To do so would diminish the effectiveness of the several scientific departments by half. It would make advanced work practically impossible. So well is this known that the botanical library is actually divided into three libraries, one in the herbarium, one in the histological laboratory and one in the physiological laboratory, an arrangement which enables a student in any branch to have the books he must constantly refer to close at hand, where he needs them.

Books are the reagents and apparatus of the classical or historical or library laboratory. The students in classical courses go about his work exactly as the scientific student in the laboratory, except that one uses books alone, where the other uses books and apparatus. If all the apparatus, physical, electrical, chemical, zoological and botanical, were gathered in one building, the sight would be an imposing one. It is no more a hardship to remove the equipment and apparatus of the scientific departments from the places where they must be in constant use than to remove the books of the classical departments from the places where they must and should be used.

The objectors probably have the old-fashioned idea that classical studies involve nothing more than the daily grinding out of a page of Latin and sixty lines of a Greek tragedy. Where such work is done it makes small difference whether books are readily accessible or not. Classical studies are not so understood at the university of Nebraska. If they were no one would care where the books were, for no books would be required.

The football season is practically over, but matters athletic should not be allowed to rest. Even preparations for next year's football arrangements, especially matters connected with the business end, should be started immediately after the holidays, or after the schedule has been made out and officers elected. For instance, there is no use neglecting to secure grounds for games that are officially scheduled. If terms are sought earlier in the season, we can secure much better ones. We are in a position to make a pretty strong bluff to the corporation managing M street park about fitting up an athletic field of our own unless they grant us reasonable terms. Eighty

dollars is the sum paid for the use of the grounds for the Kansas game. Why cannot our manager state his own price to these men, then if it is not granted let us fit up a field for our own use. It would not take much more.

The same thing is true in regard to the Omaha games. We are now practically at the mercy of the Omaha university club. One hundred and seventy-six dollars and fifty cents, exactly one-third of the receipts of the Iowa game, after all the expenses were taken out, including advertising, is the amount this organization received for the use of the grounds. This is simply outrageous. Add to this the condition of the grounds. Complimentaries were distributed among a number of boys for clearing the grounds that Thursday morning. A little of the work was done Wednesday evening. This was noticeable in some places where it was dry. A little attention paid to this matter Wednesday forenoon would have put the grounds in good shape. Further than this, no accounting for these complimentaries was made to the business manager. The ushers also were issued passes.

We must make different arrangements for next year. Money comes too hard for us. Better play in an open field and pass the hat for contributions. We would no doubt receive more. If we make arrangements in season we can secure almost our own terms.

Iowa deserves lots of credit for the way she pluckily played through the football season. In the face of the greatest difficulties, and with no enthusiasm nor encouragement, she doggedly kept at it, and sent the strongest team against Nebraska that she had yet met. We are sorry Iowa vented all her spite against Nebraska. If she had been in the shape she was Thursday when she met Kansas or Missouri, the scores of those games would not have been nearly so one-sided. She developed astonishing strength since she met Missouri. This behooves the other states to watch Iowa next year. A team that can strengthen itself as she did in such a short time has unlimited possibilities before it. Iowa now knows what she can do, and the race for the pennant next year promises to be more exciting than usual.

Word comes to us that our former chancellor, in his new position, has inaugurated all the old customs and the institutions peculiar only to the university of Nebraska at Columbus, O. Three rings call the janitor; a large gong signals the close of recitation hours; cadets are assembled after the bugle call has been sounded before each of the buildings. The latest is the formation of a Ladies' Faculty club. We are just wondering if they sing the four hundred and seventh hymn to the tune on the bottom of the forty-seventh page.

"Chicago pork and Boston beans" met on the gridiron Thursday. The voluminous press reports of the event were cut vigorously. Chicago will probably recognize the fact that football is a college game, and that the American republic does not stand waiting the result of a contest between two athletic clubs with the same interest it does the great eastern collegiate games, even though Chicago is one of the contestants.

Missouri, as everyone expected, is doing the "baby act" and crying about winning the pennant. "We beat Kansas—boo-hoo—and we ought to have the pennant." It's too bad, Missouri, but all the glory you can have is the knowledge that you shut out Iowa and tied Nebraska for second place in the race for the cup.

Some of the boys now engaged in securing money sufficient to pay for the library steps, which were burned to celebrate the Iowa victory, are thinking that it would have been cheaper to go to Omaha and have a good time in a civilized fashion.

If Kansas does get the pennant, there is one thing left for us to do—turn out and give our orators an ovation December 6. We can beat them with our mouths, anyway.

An individual by the name of H. H. Mudd umpired the Doane-Kansas game. Fortunately he has an extra letter in his name, which prevents confusion with that of Doane.



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