

A volume containing the plates in autotype facsimile of the whole of the unique manuscripts of Aristotle's "Constitutional History of Athens" is an interesting addition to the Greek library. The manuscript, effaced and mutilated, was found only recently and is now safely guarded in the British museum. The manuscript was written about the year 100 A. D. on the reverse side of four rolls of papyrus, upon the face of which are the accounts of a farm bailiff during the reign of Vespasian 78-79 A. D. The manuscript disappeared about the 5th or 6th century A. D.

The battalion drives the young women away from gymnasium at "their hour" on three days of the week; and the practice of the band makes the small exercise room quite untenable. So the five o'clock class in physical training will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, till further notice. It is expected that next term regular provision for time will be made in the regular schedule; as the recent regents rule says that the faculty must modify the course, if that be necessary, to admit of the required weekly work.

The chancellor went to Hebron last Friday to address the people of that city and of the surrounding country, on what is known as Hebron Day, the last of a three days' harvest festival. But the weather had made the roads almost impassible, and the festival had been abandoned. A telegram had been sent the chancellor on the Monday previous, but had never reached him. So he had the ride for nothing, except he visited the schools, and "saw the country."

A stationary bowl has been ordered and will soon be in place in the young men's toilet room. With the additions of a glass and plenty of towels and soap, it will now be possible for us to keep clean, no matter what the work is in which we are engaged. This has been impossible heretofore, to the great annoyance of all and to calling out many unfavorable comparisons between the main building and Nebraska Hall or the chemical laboratory.

The opening of the Latin School rooms for an hour each morning, before the reading room is open, has filled a long felt want, as is evidenced by the fact that the room is practically full every morning. The number will increase as the cold weather sets in. This with the opening of the reading room all day, from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m., adds very much to the comfort of the students. Now if the library could only be open evenings!

The apparatus and chemicals in the chemical laboratory will hereafter be distributed to the several rooms from the store room in the basement. Material to the upper laboratories will be sent up on the dumb waiters that have just been put in. W. Hildreth as dispensing clerk has been put in charge of the distributing room. Several new glass cases have been added for the reception of apparatus.

Professors who have nothing of particular interest to say to the reporter, will do well to follow the example of Professor Barbour. Perceiving the time was drawing near for the appearance of the reporter, and knowing of nothing of particular interest to impart he procured a fine basket of grapes and some choice apples, all of which greatly rejoiced the weary reporter.

The students are rightly indignant with the two or three unknown persons who are using tobacco in the building this term. No such soiling of floors and stairways has been known, and is sadly derogatory to the good name of the institution. A very righteous punishment awaits these offenders.

The chancellor suggests a joint debate to be held between the literary societies at some time after the mid-winter holidays, in the university chapel.

Mr. George Kennan, the great Siberian traveler, has been secured to give one of his lectures on Monday, October 26, at St. Paul M. E. church under the auspices of the Palladian society. Mr. Kennan is a very entertaining lecturer, delighting the audience with his dry humor and stirring his hearers with a touch of pathos or realistic word painting. Every student should not fail to hear him.

Rev. S. P. Merrill, of Rochester, N. Y., attended chapel exercises, October 7. He bears the distinction of being the first white person born in what is now Nebraska. His father came a missionary to the Otoe Indians in 1833. Mr. Merrill was born in 1855. He had in manuscript form a valuable history of Nebraska in the thirties, which he gave to the State Historical Society.

Professors Bessey, Hunt and Fossler are regular contributors to the *Northwestern Journal of Education*. Professor Bessey prepares a lesson for study each month on elementary botany. Professor Hunt writes on English grammar and Professor Fossler furnishes his translations, with notes, from Andersen's *Bilder Buch ohne Bilder*.

Vea, verily, the fame of our university, or of our professor in botany, or both, has spread even to the deserts of Texas. September 10, Professor Bessey received a previously unknown grass from that region, sent by the Texas agricultural college that it might be duly christened by those who are adepts in that line.

The *State Journal* is talking of getting up an illustrated educational holiday edition, in which there will be no advertising, the best of paper, and half tone engravings. Such an edition would sell like hot cakes among the students. It is understood that it will include all the educational institutions in and about Lincoln.

The very large edition of the catalogue is nearly exhausted. As a supplement a smaller "miniature" catalogue will be issued without the names of the students and other formal matter, and in such form as to be readily understood by those rather unacquainted with the technicalities of university work.

The officers of the Union boys debating club for the ensuing term are as follows: President, H. A. Senter; vice president, Ralph H. Johnson; secretary, Mr. Seanson; attorneys, C. F. Stroman and D. W. Crabtree; custodian, W. H. Pillsbury; sergeant-at-arms, W. F. Wolfe.

The chancellor wandered into the lower halls last Friday evening, with the result of an immediate order that lights be placed at the foot of the stairways. Those who have "wandered in darkness" for these many years will appreciate the change.

As a preparation for leap year all the girls are now required to take four half-hour lessons in manual training. Whether leap-frog is included in the list of their exercises is what the boys have been unable to determine.

The chancellor, John Green and all others who had a finger in the pie, have the hearty thanks of the students for the promptness with which the steam was turned into the buildings this fall.

The arrangement whereby the ministers of the city conduct chapel services does not meet the approval of all students at present but it will doubtless prove most satisfactory.

Hon. M. Gillilan, a member of the house of representatives during the last session, was a caller at Nebraska hall, the 9th inst.

Supt. Skinner, of the Crete schools, was at the university the 11th inst., with a view to doing some special work in absentia.