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## POSITIVELY DANGEROUS.

The following is by Dr. G. E. McKeely, one of the leading physicians of the state and a member of the state senate from the 26th district:

Our state University is a just source of pride to all those who have made themselves acquainted with the good which it is accomplishing. It is under the management of a gentleman whose ability, experience, and practical good sense eminently fits him for the position, and he has around him a corps of teachers equal or perhaps superior to most of the older colleges of the east.

The number of students in attendance is a matter of wonder to eastern educators and can only be accounted for on the grounds that the opportunities here offered are superior to those of most western universities, as a considerable number come from other states. A large majority, however, are Nebraskans, and the whole state may well be proud of them. No one can sit and face them as they crowd into the little chapel, without feeling that he is in the presence of the "best people of Nebraska," and that the force which is being developed here is to be the potential one in determining the future of our young commonwealth.

But the object of this article was not to praise but to find fault, and to what has been said must be appended the fact that the accommodations furnished to both teachers and pupils are entirely inadequate either to their comfort or health.

The chapel is far too small to permit a full attendance at one time, the recitation rooms are occupied from morning until late at night, and most of them are too small to comfortably accommodate a whole class; the

halls are often crowded to such an extent as to make hurried passage impossible; and, worst of all, the library where so much work is necessarily done, is crowded and unventilated to the point of being absolutely dangerous. Indeed, such overcrowding would not be permitted in any well regulated fourth rate tenement house.

No student can spend several hours a day in this library, inhaling the vicious atmosphere, filled with all the varieties of unfriendly microbes which such conditions can develop, without suffering therefrom to some extent. Now this is all wrong, and yet only a small part of the wrong is here detailed. The present legislature should give to the occupants of its State University a chance to live as well as to learn, especially when this can be done by a tax very little exceeding ten cents on every thousand dollars of real valuation.

## EDITORIAL.

IN THIS ISSUE OF THE HESPERIAN are some startling statements. Alas, they are all too true! There is not a sentence which cannot be more than substantiated. Read every word, and ponder well what this crisis means to us as students, and to the state. Ours is the third State University in the country, but unless our equipments are speedily increased with no meager hand our present place will soon be lost. It has taken long years of labor and sacrifice to place us where we now are. Shall this be lost by neglect that seems almost criminal?