

When it is Finished.

The ill-omened beginning of the library building must have presaged the disappointments and delays which are, and have been, characteristic of its completion. All summer the work upon it has alternately gone with a rush or all but ceased. And now we are told that it will not be finished before the first of November. The moving of the books into the north room—technically known as the "stock room"—has been delayed two weeks; and will not be completed before October first. For three weeks before the moving began all the assistants were busy renovating and re-arranging the books, so that all might be ready for a speedy and harmonious flight to the new quarters when the long expected time should arrive. As one of them said: "It seemed too bad to move just when confusion was turned to order."

Every one is anxious to know how the new building is to be occupied. Professors Wolfe and Lucky will have all the south and west rooms of the basement. The State Historical association and an unpacking room for the library will occupy the remainder. On the second floor Professor Caldwell will have the southwest room for recitations and share the other west room with Professor Fling for senior work. The large center hall is to be the reading room; while the librarian and her assistants will find safe retreat in the adjacent offices. Professor Sherman is to be favored with the swell front on the third floor. Professors Fling and Taylor have what is left after the art department has been allotted a few small studios and the large north hall under the skylights.

The bound magazines and all reference books—such as encyclopedias and dictionaries—will be placed in the reading room as soon as it is finished.

Another very acceptable feature of this room will be special shelves for books in constant use by various classes. For instance, all the books for the readings in

general English literature will be placed on a separate shelf in the reading room, instead of being left in their regular places as heretofore. The same will be true of all other departmental work.

The vault is to contain all the unbound periodicals, and whatever valuable gifts the library may receive. The north wing of the building is practically fire proof, and the vault absolutely so.

For some time to come there will be no lights in the building. This will be a great trial to students but a much greater to the librarians. Unfailing good nature and compliance with rules will do much towards making matters run smoothly.

Even while the moving is going on the books may be used, unless in-transit. Until the reading room is finished desks will be placed in the stock room. Afterwards little studying will allowed there.

The new building will be the best on the campus, and we can surely afford to wait "yet a little while." We are no worse off than last spring, and the emancipation day is nearer than ever before since the legislature of '93 adjourned.

Faculty.

Members of the faculty spent the summer as follows: Prof. Taylor and wife report a most delightful summer. On June 12, they attended the graduation of Prof. Taylor's sister from Vassar. They afterward were present at the Smith College commencement—this is the college from which Mrs. Taylor has her degree—and the commencement at Harvard. The remainder of the summer was spent in visiting Prof. Taylor's parents in New York City, returning by way of the Old Dominion.

Prof. Adams rested very pleasantly from his labors on the Nebraska Literary Magazine, at Ephraim, Wis., on the east side of Green Bay. The fishing and sailing were delightful.

Prof. Dann was on a Missouri farm for