

sics has received the most complete and perfect of modern chemical equipment in a Laboratory planned and built for its express accommodation, while its staff has been strengthened by the appointment of an Instructor in Physics thoroughly trained in that specialty. Meantime the growth which is without observation, which cannot be summed up in a census of new men, new buildings, and new equipments, has gone steadily and surely on. The work of the quiet departments shut up in small rooms has been extended and deepened, all instruction more thoroughly organized, the curriculum revised and the library greatly enriched.

Although the total attendance of students has not increased numerically, because of the settled policy of the University to remit preparatory work just as far as possible to the public high schools, there has been a most gratifying growth in the higher and permanent work, as attested by the fact that the number in the four regular college classes is now almost twice as large as it was two years ago.

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The total enrollment for the present term is 332. During the two years there have been in attendance 550 different students; or, adding unmatriculated Fine Arts pupils over 600.

While the total number of matriculated students is but little larger than it was for the corresponding term two years ago, an analysis shows real growth of a most encouraging kind. Then the preparatory students outnumbered the collegiate fully 50 per cent; now they are outnumbered by them 20 per cent. The net increase in collegiate students is over 40 per cent, while the regular college classes, which are and long must be the center of our strength, have gained 90 per cent. The totals for these classes for the four years beginning with 1883 run 60, 70, 113, 126. For the same years, up to 1885 at least, the corresponding classes in several neighboring state universities show a steady decline. The reduced attendance of preparatory students is the natural and desirable result of the development of our public schools, hastened during the last three years by the earnest effort of the University to bring the high schools up to their proper place and work in the educational system. The decline in attendance on the College of Medicine is the necessary result of the Legislative policy toward that department.

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Passing from mere statistics, it is my simple duty to say that the spirit of our students is worthy of all praise. Perhaps a majority of them are here on their own motion, many of them working their own way, substantially all of them using the privileges of the University with an earnestness and fidelity that promise a manifold return to the Commonwealth on all it has invested in their education. In a long and varied College experience, I have never known a college community so uniformly and earnestly given to its proper business or realizing higher standards of manly and womanly character and conduct. For the three years of my connection with the University its good order has hardly once been broken by a serious misdemeanor, and practical self-government on the part of the students is thus far found a success.

The Report also sets forth in an exceedingly fair way our bright prospects for the future, if our present needs are but properly met. It is to be hoped that the coming legislature will treat us fairly; that done, we can promise to astonish them, so great will be our growth, against the time for the next meeting of the legislature.

B. F. McCall advertises in the HESPERIAN and will give students as good terms on a rig or cutter as any man in the city. Q street between 10 & 11.

## HEARD IN THE HALLS.

Rain!

More rain!

Cops!

Students!

"My cousin, Mr.—."

"Oh, please let me go!"

Miss Ethel Marsland visited at Omaha last week.

This vacation is worth having. It lasts almost three weeks.

Mr. Stuff is to take charge of Grace M. E. Church of East Lincoln.

The Polk boys are spending their vacation at their home in Louisville.

The Seniors went skating. That is a few of the Senior masculi ni.

J. W. Huff, a member of last year's Freshman class, called on us last week.

The Westerman boys are spending their vacation at home, Decatur Illinois.

J. H. Marble, instead of going home, spends vacation with relatives in Ashland.

Ask the Freshmen about "universal instantaneous conflagration" and the effect on the Prof.

The recommendation for a library building the Regents thought wise to pass over till some future time.

Mr. Examination has been very ill all week and passed away this Friday at 4:30 p. m. Rest in peace.

The Freshman class will be officered as follows for next term. Pres. T. H. Marsland; Vice. Pres. Miss Levi; Sec'y Miss Laws; Treas. Jas. Mallalieu; Historian Asa Pace; Serg't Ralph Platte.

Fletcher and his room-mate have been looking around for another room for next term. Query: Why were they fired? Ask Fletcher, or await the answer which will appear in our next number.

J. B. McDonald got left, and Scharman went home to tell how Jas. had too much of the social and over slept himself. McDonald's long drawn out face was pitiful to see when he beheld the outgoing train.

Miss Grace Barrett was "at home" to fourteen of her Palladian friends last Friday evening. All join in pronouncing the occasion and the hospitality the best of the many enjoyable "times" of the term.

The Misses Talbot started home at 3:30 a. m. Thursday. A telegram received at 6 a. m. of the same day stated that they were well on their way, and would probably get there in time to breakfast at home.

Robertson evidently has a stroke of max Friday night he was found wandering aimlessly about Wyuka Cemetery, probably seeking a grassy place for rest when his heartstrings shall have been rent asunder.

The Philodiceans have elected the following officers for the winter term: Pres., Elton Fulmer; Vice President, Miss Lizzie Bonnell; Treasurer, Fritz Westerman; Attorney, C. S. Kathan; Critic, Mr. Gerwig; Marshall, Chas. Newcomer,

As usual we hear of some failures in examinations. Very few indeed can do nothing all the term, and yet come up for finals with good success. It pays to do the work during the term, and loaf examination week if you must loaf at all.