

The books are not two deep on the shelves now, however. By the end of the year the need of a library building will be apparent to the most obstinate of legislators. The room adjoining the library, of the same size, will be the new reading room, but has already been invaded by several hundred volumes of books. Nearly a hundred new desk chairs have been added in University hall, some professors enjoy new desks, and faulty blackboards have been renewed.

In the chemical laboratory the rooms formerly occupied by the departments of botany and physics have been very neatly fitted up for chemistry and are under the dominion of Mrs. Professor Lloyd.

Into the new Nebraska hall have moved the departments of botany, physics, geology, zoology. These, with the new department of agriculture and biology, fill the building from the start. The fittings are very neat and convenient, and the general sciences have, for the first time, an appropriate home in the University.

The new boiler house is an improvement which adds, not only to the convenience, but the safety of the students. There will be space for seven boilers. The two old ones are in process of removal, and three new steel boilers are on the road. Coal and ash pits will be excavated under the sidewalk on T street, thus avoiding the procession of coal wagons across our campus.

On the west of the campus the removal of the old hedge and the establishment of city grade adds much to the beauty of the grounds. It is the intention to continue this around the grounds as soon as funds permit, and stone walks will be laid in time.

The laying of steam pipes has necessitated the tearing up of the sidewalks. Temporary wooden walks will be laid as soon as the trenches are filled and levelled.

The long hoped-for gymnasium is not yet fitted up, but is one of the things of the near future.

Taken as a whole, the University is in much better shape than ever before, and can offer advantages heretofore only hoped for. With the present corps of instructors, our buildings and apparatus, we need fear no competition with any school for hundreds of miles around. The sooner every student of the University knows and appreciates the advantage offered, the sooner the University of Nebraska will take its place as one of the foremost institutions of the country—a name it is fast coming to deserve.

AT RANDOM.

Miss Nellie Young, the violinist, will remain in Boston during the ensuing year to continue her musical studies in the New England conservatory.

Mr. Conway MacMillan, '84, has an interesting paper in the September number of the *New England* and *Yale Review* on the German painter, Martin Schongauer.

The Haydon Art club have several delightful treats in store for near future for those interested in art. The originals of many of the illustrations for the *Century* and *Harper's* magazines will be on exhibition in October.

The marriages of Mr. Will O. Jones and Miss Edith Doo, little, and of Mr. Paul F. Clark and Miss May L. Roberts occurred in September, and THE HESPERIAN promises to announce another wedding soon. The interested parties are both graduates.

An evening sketch class will be held on trial for two months, and if well attended, may be continued for the remainder of the year. It is hoped that it will be possible to secure an engagement with Miss Amelia Edwards, who is

about to make a short lecture tour in this country. Miss Edwards, who has been called the most learned woman of to-day, has become famous through her recent archeological researches in Egypt.

It is reported that more students have registered this term than ever before. Notwithstanding the counter attractions of our neighboring universities the attendance at the U. of N. is flattering to her reputation as the best educational institution in the state.

If the cool weather continues it is feared that the sick list will be noticeably lengthened 'ere long, for the low temperature throughout the buildings is not exactly conducive to general good health. We are informed that the heating apparatus can not be used for a month or more, and in the meantime we are privileged to shiver.

If a book exchange were opened in connection with THE HESPERIAN office, some enterprising young man might make a few shekels. Second hand books of use to students could be left on sale, and a per cent charged as commission by the manager, who would be thus compensated for his time and trouble, while students wishing to buy and sell something in this line would be accommodated. [N. B.—The public is hereby informed that the above idea was acted on by Sayer & Miller at the opening of the term, and all the advantages thereof are open to the students.]

Many and diverse comments have been passed on the Senior gowns. Of course they are conceded to be unique and generally becoming, but is it not deplorable that all should make themselves so conspicuous? Still, it is not surprising that some in a large class should be guilty of such indiscretion. But to think that Miss Blank (who happens to be any of the Senior young ladies under discussion) so modest and retiring, should display such impropriety is preposterous in the extreme! Then, such extravagance! a whole width of material in the sleeves! But when worse than all, when Miss Senior is arrayed in all the glory of her gown, has adjusted her spectacles and perched her mortar-board on the back of her head to cap the climax—if her chignon can be called a climax—she is certainly a formidable looking creature. But further comment is useless. Sophisticate the Prep, salinate the Freshmen or repress the Sophomore if you wish, but divorce the senior girl, lovely seniorita, from the gown of her idolatry you will not.

FACULTY CHANGES.

Two members of our last year's faculty have bettered their condition by accepting positions elsewhere. The principal of the Latin school, Mr. Chas. E. Bennett, accepted the chair of Latin in the University of Wisconsin at a considerably increased salary. Dr. Joseph Fontaine resigned his position in the University of Nebraska to accept a full professorship of modern languages in the University of Mississippi. We congratulate the two institutions named on securing two men in every way qualified to fill acceptably their new positions and trust that the gentlemen will find congenial work.

The new principal of the Latin school is James T. Lees, Ph. D. Dr. Lees received his baccalaureate degree at the Western Reserve university. He afterwards spent some time teaching and in study abroad. The last three years he has spent at Johns Hopkins, where he took his second degree. His specialty is Greek, though he has also fitted himself for the teaching of Latin and Sanskrit.

The vacancy in the modern language department is filled by an alumnus, Laurence Fossler. Mr. Fossler acted as tutor in the University for a time after his graduation in 1881, and