Current Literature

"Presidential Campaigns from Washington to Roosevelt," by George Murray McConnell, was originally printed in the New York Evening Telegram, as a quasi historical review of our political development as exhibited in the election of our presidents. While not minute in detail this revised book form of this monographer is instructive. The essential parts of each presidential contest are given in a spirit of fairness and much valuable historical matter is contained in this volume. Rand, McNally & Co., is the publisher.

"The Whispering Man," by Henry Kitchell Webster, is a detective story of the Sherlock Holmes variety. A wellknown New York physician is found dead in his office, having been mysteriously murdered. Several parties are known to have seen him within a short time of his death, and they as well as his wife and son, and several others are in turn suspected of having committed the crime. The whispering man, an actor out of work, appears at this time to help solve the mystery. One quickly suspects that he is the murderer trying to cover his tracks and so it proves to be. Of course, there is a love story incidentally woven into the story. D. Appeleton & Co., is the publisher.

A number of highly interesting articles makes the National one of the prized magazines of the month. The short stories are of excellent Christmas quality. "At a Military Tournament" is a special illustrated artice on the war tactics of the United States army. There is the opening of a series of charming travel sketches by Peter MacQueen, who has just returned from a trip through the African jungles. Mr. MacQueen has secured information and vivid illustrations of Mr. Roosevelt's African hunting grounds. Some of these illustrations are startling, almost alarming enough to intimidate a less brave man than President Roosevelt from courting the terrors and dangers of African wilds. The first of these articles appears in the December issue and will continue in suceeding numbers.

In "An English Honeymoon," Annie H. Wharton, the author, takes two of the characters from "Italian Days and Ways" upon a wedding journey through England. The chapters, in the form of letters from Zelphine to Margaret, include interesting sojourns in Canterbury, Glastonbury, Warwick, the Lake District, and in many of the less frequented English nooks and corners. Published by the J. B. Lippincott company.

In "The Angel and the Star," Ralph Conner has turned his pen to a portrayal of the birth of Christ. The reader is transported back 2,000 years to the ancient city of Bethlehem as the chief shepherd is departing on his nightly watch upon the plains below. It is an inspiring story. It reflects the spirit of the times, bringing a vivid realization of the events of that wonderful night. The tale itself is not long. Around the story of the first Christmas night, the gifted novelist has woven his fancy in a prose poem of sacred imagination. The booklet is most handsomely equipped with colored illustrations. The Fleming H. Revell company is the publisher.

"Evangeline," by Henry W. Longfellow, is one of our American poems that never grows old. Each year it is printed in an attractive gift form by different authors. The John W. Luce company has reprinted this poem for the holiday season on a paper representing very closely birch bark, with decorations in keeping, by Marion L. Peabody. The leaves are not sewn into the cover, but laced in with a small leather thong. The book is certainly unusual in appearance, but will be an attractive gift book.

A companion volume to the book of "Irish Toasts," is entitled "Scottish Toasts," compiled by Ivor Ben McIvor. The book is bound in a cover decorated with a gay Scotch plaid, and the leaves all have marginal decorations of bagpips and thistles. The contents are judicious selections of sentiments, toasts and expressions of good will, friendship and love, and a few good stories, for all occasions. The H. M. Caldwell company is the publisher.

"The Adopting of Rosa Marie," by Carroll Watson Rankin, is a story for girls written in response to the numerous requests for a sequel to her "Dandelion Cottage." It is especially concerned with the fortunes of a little Indian papoose. There is humor and lively incidents enough to be of great interest to the very end. Henry Holt & Co. is the publisher.

"The Little Brown Brother" is a tale of love and war in the Philippines at the time of the last Filipino revolt, as told by an English war correspondent, Stanley Portal Hyatt, who was the only correspondent to reach the front. The tale is so written as to exhibit the character of the natives, contrasted with that of the white man, American or English, and to show the folly of expecting them to be transformed in a generation. The book is dedicated to the memory of his brother, who fought with the United States troops and died in Manila hospital. A special introduction has been furnished for the American edition. Henry Holt & Co. is the publisher.

"Irish Toasts," compiled by Shane Na Gael, is a little square volume covered with shamrock paper in silver and green and with marginal decorations of shamrock wreaths and garlands. It includes "Patriotic Toasts and Sentiments," "Toasts and Sentiments to Women," "Love and Friendship," "Convivial and Humorous Toasts" and "Miscellaneous Toasts and Sentiments." The H. M. Caldwell company is the publisher.

"In Calvert's Valley," by Margaret P. Montague, author of "The Sowing of Alderson Cree," has its scene laid in the mountains of West Virginia. It is the story of a tragic death in which a man on a business trip to the mountains becomes involved. The effect of this entanglement on his life and how the lives of a charming woman and others were enmeshed with his in the tangled web of Fate is powerfully told. The originality of the plot and the intensity of the love story add to the interest. The Baker & Taylor company is the publisher.

"Keep Up Your Courage," is the title of a very attractive gift book, which is made up of selections and quotations from many authors. Miss Ayer's remarkably wide reading, rare power of selection, brave optimism, and unfailing good taste which have enabled her to cheer and comfort so many with her former books, have never been shown to greater advantage than in this choice collection of gems of inspiring thought. The book is attractively bound in a cover of white with a flag of deep blue and lettering in gilt. The Lothrop, Lee & Shepard Co. is the publisher.

The December number of the American Boy magazine is a Christmas number both in its decorative cover, in colors and in its contents. The interesting serials by Houston and Tomlinson are concluded this month, as is also the Deer Trailers, while That Dillingham Boy is continued. Christmas, of course, is the theme of most of the short stories, but the list of short stories and interesting articles is too long to receive detailed mention. A fine illustrated page of college foot ball teams will please the athletic boys.

"The April Fool Twins," by Elizabeth Westyn Timlow, tells of the "further adventures of Dorothy Dot." Dorothy spends a year with her grandmother, during the absence of her parents, on account of her mother's health. During this time Dorothy has become attached to two dear little playmates, Agnes and Algie. Because Dorothy and Algie each have a birthday on April 1, they style themselves April fool twins. The story is chiefly of these three little friends, and is a delightful children's book. E. P. Dutton & Co. is the publisher.

"The Blue Peter," by Morley Roberts, author of "The Promotion of the Admiral," "The Flying Cloud," etc., is a collection of five sea yarns. Lovers of good sea yarns will enjoy these stories to the very end. There is life and action in every one. L. C. Page & Co. is the publisher.

All children, who have been indulged in bed-time stories, are eager for more, and "The Jimpy Stories," told by H. Grace Parsons will be welcomed by the parents as well as by the children. These stories were inspired by the jingles of Mother Goose and tell in prose the story of Hey Diddle-Diddle, Simple Simon, Little Boy Blue, Jack and Jill, and their dear companions. Of course, these stories get deeper and go farther back and they bring out the secret of many mysteries. E. P. Dutton & Co. is the publisher.

"Bird Legand and Life," by Margaret Coulson Walker, author of "Lady Hollyhock and Her Friends," and "Birds and Their Nestlings," again displays the author's happy instinct for the requirements of the child mind. A wide and sympathetic knowledge of nature is combined with a great amount of interesting and educative lore, firm classic and legendary sources. The illustrations are numerous and comprehensive. Published by the Baker & Taylor Company.

"Peter Pumpkin in Wonderland," by Ida M. Huntington, illustrated by Mary Isabel Hunt, is a book that will certainly appeal to the universal heart of boyhood and girlhood. The author tells seven delightfully fanciful dream experiences, which are charmingly told in seven groups of chapters. Woven into the stories which reflect seven of the year's holiday seasons, are a few verses with the swing and lilt that children love. Sympathy with the old-time spirit glows in all these dream tales—the tricksy caprice of Hallowe'en—the grateful bounty of Thanksgiving—the jubilant hope of Christmas and of Easter—the profound love of country, burning in old-time observance of Washington's birthday, and of the nation's birthday on July 4—this sympathy with what these occasions really mean is a fine feature in all, but especially perhaps in "Thanksgiving at Turkey Pen Inn." The illustrations and binding add their full share to the attractiveness of the book. Rand, McNally & Co. is the publisher.

For one who is puzzled what to give as a card party prize the "Card Club Record" would surely do. It is a handsome volume containing blank space for keeping record of card parties, date, hostess, games played, scores, prizes, winners, refreshments, guests and general remarks. It includes concise rules of latest revision for whist, bridge, five hundred, euchre, cinch and American pinochle. Printed in two colors, with artistic border designs. Brewer, Barse & Co., Publishers, Chicago.

"Cy Whittaker's Place," by Joseph C. Lincoln, author of "Cap'n Eri," is a novel that is full of the humor of Cape Cod life. Cy Whittaker, who, as a boy, had run away to sea, returns to his native Cape Cod village and finds his old homestead sadly changed by "improvements." He is an old bachelor whose circumstances lead him to adopt a little girl—the Bos'n, as he calls her—and to undertake her education, assisted by two of his old cronies, who form a "board of strategy." Their amusing difficulties with the child's education make an entertaining foil to the dramatic plot, and record with unerring accuracy the life in a Cape Cod village. Illustrated by Wallace Morgan, Published by D. Appleton & Co.

"The American as He Is," by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university, is a little book which will receive a welcome out of all proportion to its size and modest appearance. After all the books that have lately been written about us by foreigners, there is need of a careful and dispassionate estimate of the American by an observer of native birth and training. The book contains the substance of a series of lectures which he delivered a few months ago at the University of Copenhagen, where he appeared as an interpreter of American life. The book is divided into three parts: "The American as a Political Type," "The American Apart from His Government," and "The American and the Intellectual Life." Every one who is interested in the study of our social and economic evolution will find in this little book something of distinct and original value. The Macmillan company is the publisher.

"Christ Legends," by Selma Lagerhof, translated from the Swedish by Velma Swanston Howard, is a very attractive little book happily appropriate for the Christmas season. It embraces a collection of eleven legends, or stories, told in simple language, being primarily designed for the younger readers, but their fascinating quality will appeal to all as well. The little volume is elegantly printed, and the chapter titles are preceded by drawings in black and white by Bertha Stuart. It is bound in cream color with title and inside cover decorations in gilt. Henry Holt & Co. is the publisher.

"The Book of Princes and Princesses," by Mrs. Larg, edited by Andrew Lang, is uniform with the "Violet Fairy Book," and is published as the twentieth volume in Mr. Lang's well known Fairy Book series. All the stories are true stories and deal with more or less well known historical characters. The eight colored plates and numerous illustrations are by H. J. Ford, and the book is an attractive offering. Longmans, Green & Co. are the publishers.

"Taber's Pocket Encyclopedic Medical Dictionary," by C. W. Taber and Dr. Nicholas Senn, the late famous surgeon, is a new departure in a medical dictionary. All important subjects defined encyclopedically. From one to three pages given to vital topics. Anatomy, physiology, therapeutics, dietetics, hygiene, operations and thousands of other subjects treated. Cross-indexed. Illustrated. Laird & Lee are the publishers.

"From Keel to Kite, or How Oakley Rose Became a Naval Architect," by Isabel Hornibrook, is a very interesting story for boys. The story is of an active boy who achieves his ambition against a headwind of difficulty. Son of a Gloucester "skipper" who was lost on Georges, he is brought up by his grandfather, and, inheriting a keen love of vessels, desires to become a naval architect. His grandfather's death upsets his dream of a technical course. Obliged to leave high school he goes to work in an Essex shipyard, hoping to obtain a practical knowledge of vessels. Through a kind-hearted designer he is able at rainy intervals when work in the yard is impossible to study naval architecture in the "mould loft," where full-sized moulds for various timbers are made. The story teems with incidents, exciting and amusing, in which Oakley figures with his chum, the ship builder's nephew. By some of his work he attracts the attention of a naval architect, who offers him a beginner's berth in his office, with opportunity to pursue his studies and realize his cherished ambition. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company is the publisher.

"In Olympic Victor," by James B. Connolly, is a vigorous, stirring love story of modern Greece, full of delightful sentiment and the highly interesting atmosphere of that country today, which reaches its climax in the great Marathon race at the revival of the Olympic games in 1896. Loues, the hero of the story, is one of the Greek contestants in that race. Mr. Connolly is himself an athlete of distinction and took part in these Olympic games. His story of the straining, gruelling struggle, the heart-breaking efforts of the runners over those twenty-six miles of country roads from Marathon to Athens, the gradual collapse of one man after another until the stadium, with its thousands of tumultuously cheering spectators, greets the victor with the cry, "A Greek, a Greek!" is soul stirring. Published by Scribner's.

Under the title "Our Old Ships and Their Commanders," a series of very interesting books on American naval history is being presented for the younger readers, by McLoughlin Bros. "Taming the Barbary Pirates, or with Decatur and Sumers in the Mediterranean," tells of the expeditions of the "Lucky Little Enterprise" and the "Nautilus," our first American war vessels to Mediterranean waters for the protection of American trading vessels. John De Morgan has told of these events in our early American history in such a manner that they will certainly be impressed on the reader's mind. The illustrations are by E. B. Comstock. In "A Yankee Ship and a Yankee Crew in the Good Ship United States, Commodore John Barry Commanding," and "Old Ironsides, the United States Frigate Constitution, Terror of the High Seas, Captain Isaac Hull Commanding," Mr. De Morgan has written of many of the engagements and commanders of these vessels, which were two of the six frigates ordered by congress in March, 1794, for the protection of American commerce. There is an appendix in each volume giving in concise form a history of the vessel and a short biography of its commanders.

"A Full-Back Afloat," by A. T. Dudley, is the seventh volume of the "Phillips-Exeter Series." The hero is Dick Melvin, well remembered as the hero of "Following the Ball," although this book is complete in itself. At the close of his first year in college, in which he easily "makes the Varsity Eleven," he is induced to earn a passage to Europe by helping on a cattle steamer. The work is not so bad, but his associates are not all college men, to say the least, and Dick finds ample use for the vigor, self-control and quick wit in emergency which he has gained from foot ball. He discovers that one companion has not only stolen something of great value from the home of a college friend, but has it on board. Nothing daunted, Dick undertakes detective work full of difficulty and danger. How the resourceful athlete wins out gives zest to the story. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard company is the publisher.

HISTORY OF A FAMOUS REMEDY

ITS SUCCESS DUE TO MERIT ALONE.

Its Growth from the Start Was Simply Due to the Fact That It Would Invariably Effect a Cure.

Every industry has its pioneer days and it is during these struggling times that its worth and merit are tested. The early history of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy shows that, except in point of merit, it had no more hope of success than other similar preparations, which were started at about the same time, but were never known outside of their own locality and have long since ceased to be manufactured. Step by step each successive year as its superior excellence becomes more widely known it has been gradually gaining in favor. Taken first, perhaps, on trial by some family, who found it good, it was recommended by them to a neighbor; they in turn passed it on to other friends and for over thirty-five years its reputation has in this manner been spreading until it has reached the utmost corners of the earth. Science and advanced medical authority during all this time have failed to produce a better remedy for coughs, colds and croup, and today Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is enjoying the largest sale of any similar preparation on the market. This success can be attributed to no other cause than its sterling worth. No matter how much prominence an article may receive through the medium of advertising, it must be trustworthy to hold the confidence of the public. In thousands of homes this remedy is the main reliance of parents in attacks of croup. Not only does it always give prompt relief, but it is so pleasant to take that children like it, and it contains nothing that is in any way injurious.

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. For sale at all druggists.

Unaccountable Mistake.

All was quiet in the sleeping car.

Suddenly the passenger in lower No. 7 parted the curtains, thrust out a weather beaten face and hailed the sable functionary who was tiptoeing past.

"Say," he grumbled, "where's the pillers fer this bunk?"

"There are your pillows, suh," said the porter.

"Them things," exclaimed the passenger. "Smash my toplights! I thought them was the life preservers!"—Chicago Tribune.

A Total Eclipse

of the functions of stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels is quickly disposed of with Electric Bitters. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

SCHOOL AND COLLEGE WORK

Midwinter Activities in Nebraska Institutions.

IOWA COLLEGE HUSTLES FOR CASH

Expansion of Agricultural Education in Missouri and Forestry in Wisconsin—Matters of General Interest.

The talk of the regents of the state university creating the office of financial chancellor has been very favorably commented upon during the last week, though nothing definite has been done about the matter.

The university has grown to such an extent that now it is the biggest institution of any kind in the state and requires more money for its maintenance. The present legislature will be asked to appropriate in the neighborhood of $1,200,000 to meet the expenses of the coming biennium, and it is believed that this money would go much farther if expended under the direction of a capable financier who had no other duties to attend to than under the present system.

C. J. Ernst, who retired some time ago as president of the board, said the regents could not look into the bills which are allowed and paid, but had to depend upon the recommendations of the employes of the school, who have other duties to attend to besides watching the expenditure of this vast amount. As a consequence, frequently bills carry the signature and approval of the president of the board when the latter has not investigated the same.

The name of C. S. Allen, at present a member of the Board of Regents, has been mentioned in connection with the office to be created, but Mr. Allen has not indicated whether he would consent to give up his law practice to accept it if tendered. A. O. Thomas, principal of the Kearney Normal school, has also been mentioned in the same connection. The Board of Regents may take some action in the near future, or at least decide whether the office will be created.

NEBRASKA MILITARY ACADEMY

Long Holiday Vacation Takes Students to Many States.

Vacation in the Nebraska Military academy began December 18 and will last until January 5. The cadets are spending the holiday season at their homes, some going to Illinois, Kansas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Colorado, as well as many in various Nebraska towns. Upon their return several new features will be added to the regular routine. A band of twenty-four pieces will at once begin practice under the direction of Mr. Stephen Jelinek, member of the faculty of the University School of Music. The glee club will also begin regular work, directed by Mr. C. H. Miller, supervisor of music in the Lincoln city schools. The debating squads will continue their work, and expect to make a good record in contests with other schools of equal rank. A number of informal lecture, music and social evenings also are planned for the second semester.

NEW FEATURE OF CORN CONTESTS

Germination Test to Be Taken Up at Iowa Corn Show.

A new feature of the corn contests at the meeting of the Iowa Corn Growers' association which is to be held at Ames during the short course this winter, is the germination test. This test will be applied to all the principal classes of corn entered in competition for prizes, and will insure the exhibition of nothing but strong, live seed.

Another innovation is the adoption of the plan of officially scoring all corn entered. This official score will be attached to the entry tag, and will be a great benefit both to the exhibitors and spectators in comparing various samples.

Plans are being made to have the finest collection of stock at the college this winter ever gathered together at a short course in this country. The three Shire mares recently purchased from Truman Bros. will, together with the horses already owned by the college, make a superb collection of heavy horses. One of the Truman mares, Wrydeland's Starlight, is pronounced by good judges to be the best Shire mare ever imported into this country.

The Rosengift herd of Aberdeen-Angus, which was one the sensations of the fall show circuit and a load of Shorthorns from the Carpenter and Ross herd, are already at the college and will be kept here during the short course. The college is already well supplied with sheep and hogs, but an additional carload of prize winners will be shipped in from the Chandler Bros. herd.

It is probable that arrangements will also be made to procure a number of light horses for use in the horse judging work.

IOWA COLLEGE, GRINNELL.

Vigorous Efforts Needed to Raise a Fund of $500,000.

Iowa college has passed through fire and through cyclone and been rebuilt through the strenuous efforts and the sacrifices of its friends, but today it is facing a greater issue than in all the earlier days of trial, however great they were. Less than ten days remain before the question will be decided whether she shall maintain her place as the New England college of the west and one of the educational forces which count in that part of the country or shall sink back into a position of obscurity and second rank. On January 1, the conditions imposed by Mr. Carnegie and the General Education board in order that their combined offers of $50,000 and $100,000, respectively, may be secured must be met. These conditions involve the raising by the college and its friends of $350,000 before that time. Of this amount $100,000 has been pledged by the trustees, $50,000 by the alumni, $50,000 by the city of Grinnell and the rest is to be secured by gifts from the general public. Trustees and alumni are making good on their amounts and the city of Grinnell will undoubtedly come up to its mark, for it is loyal to the institution in its midst, but the question of the full amount is to be settled by the general public.

Iowa college is the college founded by the heroic Iowa band, that group of self-sacrificing missionaries who came to Iowa in the early forties, each determined to found a church and all together to found a college like those from which they had graduated in New England. From its foundation in 1847 to the present time it has been a monument to their farseeing vision of the needs of this new west and has always striven to maintain their standards of intellectual culture and moral character combined.

Men of prominence the country over are to be found among the alumni of this college and its influence is widespread in educational and religious fields. The expedition planned by the Young Men's Christian association of Pennsylvania for training young men who shall help to solve the great immigrant question of this country, was led by one of the Iowa college faculty, and two of the class of 1908 went with him to the villages of Austria, Poland and Italy to help in this work. Ministers, missionaries, teachers, social workers and professional men all over the country call Iowa college alma mater, and honor it in their lives. President J. H. T. Main is not only a leader in scholarly circles, but is also recognized for his interest in the new movements looking toward a closer unification of the church and the social work of the community. He is the first president of the Congregational Brotherhood, and has recently been heard in prominent eastern churches in the meetings of this organization.

A college which stands for high ideals and for public service such as this one does ought not to be hampered by the lack of a few thousand dollars in a world where there is such an abundance of riches. The eyes of all its friends will watch anxiously for the outcome and will steadfastly hope that the $80,000 still lacking may in some manner be raised before the first of January, 1909.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Installation of One of the Largest Telescopes in the Country.

When the new telescope which is under construction for the university is completed, Michigan will have one of the best equipped observatories in the United States for instruction as well as for stellar photography and spectroscopy.

About two years ago an appropriation was made for the complete rehabilitation of the observatory and the construction of a new reflecting telescope which is now approaching completion. The 37½-inch parabolic mirror has been on hand for some time, and with the exception of the tube, most of the working parts of the telescope are ready. The dome is well advanced and the final work of assembling and adjusting the parts of the great telescope will be undertaken very soon.

This telescope in its light gathering powers will be in the class with the Lick and Yerkes refractors, especially for spectroscopic investigations, and for ordinary astronomical photography it will be more efficient than a refractor of the same dimensions, inasmuch as a reflector brings the light of all wave lengths to the same focus, while the refractor does not.

When this large telescope is to be used for spectroscopic work, the equivalent focal length will be sixty feet, very nearly the mean of the Lick and Yerkes refractors, as their local lengths are respectively fifty-seven feet ten inches and sixty-two feet. It will be possible, therefore to use with the Michigan reflector spectroscopes of equal power with those employed on the largest existing refractors.

The huge brick tower and the copper-covered steel dome which will shelter the instrument are forty feet in diameter and rise sixty-eight feet above the basement floor. A large two-story brick addition 112 feet long and forty-four feet wide will connect this new dome with the present observatory, and will have offices, a laboratory and class and computing rooms. The most complete set of seismographic instruments in the country will also be installed in the basement of the building to record earthquakes and all unusual motions of the earth.

The accessions to the libraries of the University of Michigan during the year 1907-08 were 18,507. The total number of volumes on June 30, 1908, was 241,128. The most noteworthy gift was the rare collection of dental literature presented by the widow of Dr. W. D. Miller, who died as he was about to enter on the deanship of the dental college. Not including this gift, nearly 4,000 volumes and pamphlets, besides a great number of miscellaneous magazines were presented and more than 2,000 volumes were secured by exchange with other institutions.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Separate Building for Forestry Service Planned.

The regents of the University of Wisconsin, in accordance with the recommendation of the State Timber Land Owners' association and the Wisconsin Conservation commission, has proposed to the federal government to provide a suitable building on the campus for the use of the government forest service as a laboratory for the investigation of problems connected with the utilization of forest products. The proposed building will cost $30,000 and will be furnished with heat, light and power by the university.

The government forest service desires to concentrate at some strong engineering college in the west all its present laboratories. The purpose is to carry on an elaborate series of investigations upon all kinds of timber, with reference to adapting each to its best use, and to utilizing timber, stumps and refuse wasted. The utilization of the by-products of the logging operations, the making of wood pulp from various kinds of timber, the distillation of turpentine and other products of wood waste and similar problems are to be included in the forestry work.

The federal government will equip the proposed building at a cost of $14,000 and will provide the entire staff of investigators, whose salaries will aggregate $28,000 a year. The laboratory is to be available for advanced university students and instructors in forestry and chemical engineering. The scientists provided by the forestry service for the laboratory are to be given lectures in the university.

The announcement from Washington that, acting under instructions from President Roosevelt, the secretary of the interior has just withdrawn from entry, selection or location all public lands in Wyoming, Idaho and Utah, believed to contain phosphate rock, pending appropriate action by congress, has been received here with interest, as this was the step urged by President Van Hise of the university at the recent meeting of the national conservation commission at Washington.

The college of agriculture of the University of Wisconsin is planning to cooperate with the four county agricultural and domestic science high schools of the state in giving one week farmers' courses consisting of practical instruction for mature men unable to take the short course in agriculture or to come to Madison for the two weeks' farmers' course.

At the December meeting of the regents Architect Laird of Philadelphia presented detailed plans for the laying out of the university campus and the erection of buildings sufficient to accommodate 15,000 students. The plans and sketches were prepared by Architects Laird and Cret of Philadelphia in consultation with University Architect Peabody.

COLLEGE HEADS BEGGING MONEY

Vassar President Says Practice is Belittling.

How college presidents "begging money" are insulted was told by Dr. James M. Taylor, president of Vassar, at the dinner given by Rochester university alumni in celebration of raising $100,000 to meet a gift of the same amount by Andrew Carnegie for a school of applied science.

Dr. Taylor said: "About the most disagreeable duty of a college president is raising money. It is a different task from what it was twenty years ago. Then a college president was received in business circles on a different basis. Now the feeling has grown up that it is shameful to send a college president around begging. It is a work for business men. When you send your president into Wall street offices you are putting him in a procession of men who are always making such appeals. He is received with less and less respect.

"I haven't much to complain of myself, but I have been insulted more than once. A college president ought to say to his trustees: 'I am through. I will do no more of that. If I can see an opportunity of asking a man to contribute $100,000 I shall do it, but I shall not beg for $25 and $50 and $50.'

"The greatest money raiser I know is a business man in New York. Nobody ever turns him down or turns him out. We can't say that about college presidents. They have become too common.

"We must have the money, but I should like to rub into this generation the idea that money isn't everything. Soul, spirit and mind—the labor of teachers—that's worth all the money in the world. It is not true, as you hear so often, that we can get good teachers nowadays only by paying big money. Men go into teaching for the love of the work."

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Needs of Enlarging Facilities for Agricultural Education.

The State Board of Agriculture of Missouri in a recent session recommended that the general assembly of Missouri appropriate $132,000 for agricultural education. Among the new buildings recommended for the increasing number of students in the agricultural department are a veterinary building, experiment barn and sheds, a building for the study of plant propagation and crop rotation, a horse barn and a separate building for the use of the department of home economics. Funds are asked for the study of hog cholera, drainage experiments, investigation of the San Jose scale and fertilization of orchards.

A chapter of the Society of Sons of Veterans is to be installed at the University of Missouri. The chapter will be a part of the national organization and will be composed exclusively of students in the university whose fathers or grandfathers fought in the civil war. There are more than 100 students in the university eligible to membership.

Captain Herschel Tupes of the First infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Vancouver, Wash., has applied for the position of commandant of cadets at the University of Missouri. The term of Captain Joseph Frazier, the present commandant, expires this year. Captain Tupes is a native of Pleasant Hill, Cass county, Mo., and is a West Point graduate. He has had twelve years of service in the United States, Cuba and the Philippines. The office of commandant of cadets is appointive by the War department at Washington and is considered one of the most desirable posts in the service.

YANKTON COLLEGE.

Close of the Fall Term and the Glee Club Tour.

The fall term of Yankton college closed December 23. The numbers in both college and academy are in advance of those of last year, the enrollment at this time being 252.

The glee club started on its tour with the following schedule of appointments: Miller, December 28; Huron, December 29; DeSmet, December 30; Lake Preston, December 31; Erwin, January 1; Bristol, January 2; Pierpont, January 3 and 4; Andover, January 5; Armour, January 6. The director of the conservatory, Prof. L. N. Dailey, accompanies them, and also Miss Clarissa Max as violinist, and Miss Mabel Messner, dean of women, as soloist.

Dr. H. H. Armstrong of the Latin department, goes to his home in Ann Arbor, Mich., for his vacation. Prof. George H. Scott of the department of mathematics will visit relatives in Rantoul, Ill., during the holidays. Prof. C. E. Wallace of the history department and his wife will spend the vacation with their parents, in Kansas.

Educational Notes.

By the will of the late W. H. Browning of Galesburg, Ill., Knox college will come in possession of $100,000, subject to life interest of his wife and daughter.

There are now 667 women students in the University of Glasgow. This is said to be the largest number on record. Queen Margaret college is the name of the women's hall, and it is presided over by Miss Galloway, LL. D., and Miss Janet Spence, M. A.

Abraham Rosenstein, 18 years old, a Boston newsboy, has been chosen as the third recipient of the Newsboys' Union Harvard scholarship. Rosenstein was graduated from the Phillips grammar school and from the Boston English High school.

Rev. Dr. O. S. Davis, New Britain, Conn., who has been elected president of the Chicago Theological seminary, is one of the most noted Bible students in the east. It is expected he will accept but only on condition that a certain sum is raised to more successfully carry on the work of the institution.

The Most Rev. William J. Walsh, D. D., archbishop of Dublin, first chancellor of the Irish National university, is one of the most versatile and learned ecclesiastics living. He has written books on subjects ranging from bi-metallism to Gregorian music. His treatise on bi-metallism was the first exposition of the subject which made it intelligible.

Statistics of the attendance of students at twenty-five of the leading universities in the country show the curious fact that in more than half of the western institutions there are more women than men in the academic department. The exceptions are Chicago, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, western reserve and Wisconsin. In Ohio, Western Reserve and Wisconsin. In all of the eastern institutions, on the other hand, with the possible exception of Cornell and Syracuse, which do not give the separate figures for men and women, the men are in the majority.

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G. W. Preston of Gordon the Latest Victim of the Malicious Pair.

As G. W. Preston, a rancher of Gordon, Neb., and a stranger in Omaha, was passing Tenth and Farnam streets about 10 o'clock last night he was approached by two men, one of whom engaged him in conversation, following which the other threw ammonia in his eyes and at the same time struck him in the face.

Preston grabbed for the man, but in his blinded condition could not secure hold of him, and both made their escape without making an effort to rob him.

The police say that the work is done by two young men who have also engaged in several similar outrages within the last few weeks. It seems from the accounts of the victims that the work is done with merely malicious intent and without any desire to rob, as none of the victims have lost any money.

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