

As Dyche took his display the World's Fair in Chicago he wrote the Chancellor of Kansas University, F.H. Snow on the details how the exhibit was going and the reaction it received on such a national scale.

"More than 70,000 people have been in our buildings in a single day. The advertisement ought to be worth thousands to the University. Duusame (spelling of this persons name was difficult to decipher, may be incorrect) speaker of the would be house of representatives was here yesterday. Our exhibit seemed to take him by surprise. He said that after the World's Fair was over and the Kansas proper had seen our collection that we could get anything that we wanted and get a good museum building for the collection that would be given by the next legislature. This sounded well, whether it means anything or not."

This letter was dated March 23, 1893. Chancellor Snow later proved to be a very strong backing force for a museum building bearing Dyches display.

The second section of this paper will deal with the backing that the University and its chancellors gave to the museum cause. Through the use of historical reports of the Board of Regents and various chancellors spanning eight years it is able to see the need they felt for a museum. Needs ranged from a lack of space in Old Snow Hall to handle the exhibits without interfering with classroom space, to the need for a building that would be a tribute to Dyche and his collection

Also included here will be the culmination of all efforts by Dyche, the chancellors and the Board of Regents in housing Dyches display. Some of this will be shown through the board of regents minutes of their meetings, finalizing construction after the State Legislature had appropriated funds