

for a museum. Here the Regents get down to the specifics of location and bidding for the job. The main task had been accomplished with the State finally backing funds for a museum. And it is possible to see through written history the decisions that made and placed Dyche Museum where it is today.

The first report is by Chancellor Francis H. Snow, who was previously mentioned as a major proponet of the Museum. These suggestions were in a report to L.D. Lewelling, Governor of the State of Kansas. It was written in 1893.

"It has been found that the Natural History Building was so crowded that it was impossible to place Prof. Dyche's exhibit in permanent condition as an educational factor in the biological courses of the university. Consequently only a temporary arrangement of this valuable material has been undertaken, and the legislature should make immediate provision for the erection of a building commensurate in extent and design with the importance of the collection, and with a reasonable capacity for the future enlargement of the department to which it belongs."

The next section is the Report of the Chancellor in 1897.

#### A NEW NATURAL HISTORY BUILDING.

The University of Kansas is also in great need of a new building for museum purposes. During the last year a carefully itemized inventory was made of the museum collections. In preparing this inventory a very conservative estimate was placed upon the value of these collections. The entire value of the material in our museums was found to be \$107,958.25, distributed among the different departments as follows:

Mounted mammals, birds, and unmounted skins, chiefly the work of Professor Dyche.....	\$51,145 00
Collection of fossils, chiefly the work of the late Judge West and Professor Williston.....	29,072 00
Collection of insects, chiefly the work of Professor Snow.....	21,591 25
Collection of minerals and rocks, chiefly the work of Professors Harworth and Snow.....	5,450 00
Collection of mounted plants in the herbarium, chiefly the work of Professors Snow and Stevens.....	700 00
Total.....	\$107,958 25