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The University of Kansas has now been established twenty-five years. Let us, then, take a glance backwards and see whence the library came, that we may know the history of its struggles, trials and successes.

It is with gratification that we find that the library was a part of the original plan of the University of Kansas. On March 21, 1865, the first Board of Regents elected one of its members, J. S. Emery, librarian. He was reelected on December 6, 1865, and again on July 18, 1866. These elections, as a matter of fact, occurred before the opening of the University, as the first faculty and students did not meet for work until September 12, 1866. J. S. Emery was librarian until 1868. Another Regent, W. C. Tenney, received the appointment from 1868 to 1869. The charge of the library then passed from the Regents to the Faculty. Frank H. Snow, Professor of Natural History, was elected librarian December 1, 1869, and reelected December 7, 1870. He resigned September 3, 1873. Byron C. Smith, Professor of Greek, was made librarian for the next year. January 1, 1875, E. Miller, Professor of Mathematics, accepted the position, and discharged the duties for twelve years. He resigned April 1, 1887. Inasmuch as the libra-

rians up to this date were professors in the University, the amount of time they could devote to library work was of necessity limited, but, with the resignation of Prof. Miller, a new state of affairs was inaugurated. Carrie M. Watson was then elected to devote her whole time and attention to the work. It seems the natural order of things, when writing the history of this library, to give the history of the librarians first, because the library had librarians before it had books.

History of the Library.

The library may be said to have started from nothing but a hope—a hope that an appropriation for books would be made, or that some fund might be set aside for library purposes, or that some generous friend would endow or bequeath a library; but the early historical facts show us that it was for some time a forlorn hope. A definite idea of the condition of the library at the opening of the University may be found by an extract from a letter. The day after the formal opening of the University, Prof. Snow, in describing the building, wrote to a friend in the East as follows:

"The southwest and southeast rooms on the second floor are intended for a library and museum. They are now empty, save a few Congressional books in the library room

