we did not already possess, in the standard and classical libraries of the Bohn Series. Judge D. M. Valentine, of Topeka, has been extremely generous to the library for the Law Department. A few months ago he gave sixty volumes of valuable law periodicals. Mrs. C. W. Babcock has just donated 157 law books, which is a fine acquisition to the Law Department. Last year Mr. D. J. Bossler, of Philadelphia, and Mr. C. L. Becker, of Ottawa, each gave a collection of pharmaceutical journals, which will be valuable to the Pharmaceutical Department. Members of the faculty have been very liberal to the library. They have given both books and current periodicals.

The endeavor of the University of Kansas has been to secure a useful collection of books books which serve a purpose in the prosecution of investigation rather than those books which serve merely an ornamental and an æsthetic purpose. We readily allow the value of such books, but they have little place in academic training, and such books should be secured last. Knowledge in these days has become so divided that a university library is judged by its ability to furnish the best, most comprehensive and in some cases the rarest works upon the subjects

under discussion or investigation—rare not in the bibliographical sense of the word, for such books possess interest merely to the book collector, but rare from the fact that many valuable and exceedingly useful books have been allowed to go out of print. No pains or expense should be counted in procuring such books for students.

The books have been purchased with great care, but it is difficult to give a good idea of the collection in a short space. We are glad to possess a complete set of the Congressional Record and its predecessors, as far back as the Continental Congress:

1. Journal of Congress, September, 1774, to November, 1788	13	volumes
2. Debates and Proceedings in the Congress		
of the United States, 1789–1824	42	66
3. Register of Debates in Congress, 1824–1837,		66
4. Congressional Globe		66
5. Congressional Record		66

Another set that we were fortunate enough to be able to buy is a complete set of the Niles' Weekly Register, in 76 volumes.

The following list will show something of the character of the books purchased; they are simply chosen at random from the books bought within the last two years:

Du Cange, C., Glossarium Mediæ et Infimæ

