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MARKED ability in devising experiments, in minutely observing phenomena, and in correctly interpreting the same, are of themselves sufficient to make a physicist of note. Add mathematical power and, unless circumstances are untoward, our physicist will come to stand among the very few. Such a one was Professor Brace. Nay, he was even more; for with him circumstances were most untoward. The battle was long and arduous before he could build up his department and make his work tell.

When he came to Nebraska the university was poor indeed, the equipment meager. The period when one man taught all the sciences had barely passed. That hither had come a man who could set up his apparatus and spend precious time in investigation was astounding. No wonder the chancellor, who caused to be torn down the shed that sheltered the apparatus, should have thought he did God service.

With the growth of the university came not a parallel growth of the means to carry on the work. The demands of the classroom grew more rather than less exacting. Nor was any work slighted. Those who have served with him on committees know how high were his ideals, how conscientious his purposes, how sane his judgments. Yet for his investigations he was able here and there to snatch a moment; so that, during term time, he was at least able to determine and plan the lines his work should follow during vacation. Gradually he gathered about himself enthusiastic students whom