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and the major part of it has been properly classified and labeled. In addition to the foregoing, during the past year the Museum has received as donations from various citizens of Dakota, about 170 specimens of different kinds, minerals, birds, Indian relics & c., most of which are exhibited in suitable cases. It was found necessary last October to remove the collections from the room in which they had been temporarily placed, to a larger and more suitable room in the West end of the same story, where good light can be had for viewing the specimens. Fifteen upright glass fronted cases have been purchased and placed against the walls, and four glass faced show cases have been purchased and placed in the central parts of the Museum for the reception and preservation of the specimens to be exhibited. The number in each collection is as follows, viz: Birds 101 – Mammals 12 – H. Montgomerys collections 600 – Black Hills collection 767 – Miscellaneous donations – 170 Total 1650 specimens. This does not include a quantity of very minute shells and minerals, which if it were convenient to count them, would probably increase the number of specimens at present in the Museum to at least two thousand five hundred. It will thus be seen that already a useful and creditable Museum has an existence in this young University. At a trifling cost you have done much towards the building up of a Museum that may be instructive and attractive to the general public as well as to those immediately connected with the University. Among the conspicuous needs of the Museum must be mentioned a set of glass jars similar to those manufactured by Whitall and Tatum of Philadelphia, for the permanent safe keeping and exhibition of wet specimens, such as fishes, frogs, lizards, snakes and preparations showing the internal structure of domestic and wild animals. There are in my possession many valuable specimens that cannot be deposited on the Museum shelves, because of the lack of suitable jars in which to enclose them: and many more could be readily obtained from the waters of the Red River and Devils Lake and from other rich hunting grounds in this vicinity, were we provided with the means necessary for their conservation. A good collection of the plants of Dakota and type-forms of the leading plant groups of America is also a great want of our Museum. Next session it is expected there will be two classes in the study of Botany. The members there-of would acquire a Knowledge of this subject with greater