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IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

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Appropriations for the next biennial period were granted by the Thirty Sixth General Assembly for annual support \$285,000.00, for annual building fund \$75,000.00 and for furnishing new dormitory \$15,000.00 and for paving Twenty-Third Street \$1600.00. This makes provision for a forty-eight week school year and for Study Centers for Teachers in every county in the State, progressive undertakings that are not yet authorized in any other state of the Union. The new buildings will consist of (1) the \$100,000.00 Vocational Building to provide for the divisions of Agriculture, Manual Training, Domestic Science, and Drawing, and (2) of another \$100,000.00 section for the Women's Dormitory.

The Catalog for 1915 is now being printed. It will show the enrollment of the past year to have been 3502. This is an increase of 524 over the catalog of 1914. This increase will continue for the future and indicates an enrollment of 5000 within three years and a graduating class annually of over 500.

The Alumni reports indicate success to the highest degree: Supt. H. E. Blackmar, of Ottumwa, has been given a contract for three years at \$3000.00, \$3300.00 and \$3600.00; Paul B. Samson comes from Troy, New York to the State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Michigan, to be physical director in one of the leading teachers schools in the United States; Herman A. Mueller is the editor of the Illustrated History of Madison County, Iowa; County Superintendent appointments under the new law have been given to Mary E. Francis, Bremer County; George Galloway, Carroll County; Lew McDonald, Cherokee County; A. B. Alderman, Linn County; Iola M. Sweeney, Louisa County; John R. Slacks, Sac County; T. B. Morris, Woodbury County; Ida A. Davis, Emmett County; Janet Wilson, Appanose County; Mrs. Mina Whittum, Adair County; Katherine Stichter, Washington County.

The Interstate Oratorical Contest was won this year by Lester C. Ary

of Class 1915, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. This victory represents the fifth successive year that the Iowa State Teachers College has had first place. To win first place in every state in the League in successive years is a great honor that should be recognized by the Alumni. In 1897, the Iowa Collegiate Oratorical Association refused to continue the Iowa State Normal School as a member of the Association because the dignity of this college organization was in danger. In 1914, the former action was reversed and the Teachers College is now a member in every sense and its representatives will hereafter compete for honors.

The Spring Term Commencement occurred May 21 to 25. It was notable for the anniversary celebrations of class 1890. The local members of this class invited the others to free entertainment while here and a fine and enthusiastic attendance was a result. There were breakfasts, banquets, receptions and reunions beyond anything ever undertaken previous years and the members of the class went away feeling that they had a very superior time. The classes of 1900 and of 1880 were active in the commencement and 1880 had the largest percentage present of any class that has graduated, being represented by Anna E. McGovern, Maude Gilchrist and Eliza Rawstern-Wright.

The Alumna Association honored the class of 1915 by tendering the members a complimentary reception and banquet and thus initiated them into the organization in first class style. It made a new departure for the alumni reunion and gave one of the most pleasant occasions that has ever been realized at the commencement season. Dr. Reuel Sylvester of Iowa City was elected president and has already begun plans for the next reunion.

The Women's New Dormitory will be completed by September 1, 1915. It is a fire proof building and is equipped in a practical and efficient style. The basement con-

tains the kitchen, the dining room and the apartments of the manager and assistants. There will be a first class cafeteria in which 400 students can receive meals daily. Board by the week will be obtainable by all who desire that method and 128 women students will be lodged in the first and second floors. The kitchen and dining rooms are equipped in the most modern style and everything promises a successful beginning.

The Summer Term of 1915 is in progress as these notes are being prepared. Over 2100 students were enrolled the first week and the prospects are not yet satisfied. The different departments are well patronized and the divisions of agriculture, home economics and manual training are compelled to organize many divisions to accommodate the crowd that want instruction in the practical subjects.

The Members of the Class of 1915 presented their subscription of \$1,000.00 at the Alumni Banquet for the Alumni Campanile. This was done in appreciation of what the State Teachers College has meant to them while they were students. This spirit, if duplicated by other classes, guarantees that at an early day this Alumni Memorial will grace the campus and add to its beauty and attractiveness. Dr. Charles H. Meyerholz is chairman of the Alumni Committee and desires to hear from all graduates who wish to participate in this recognition of the importance and value of the Teachers College to the state. Write to him how you feel about the proposition.

The Fall Term of 1915 begins Wednesday, September 15, at 8 o'clock a. m. Enrollment and scheduling will occur at that date, recitations the day following. A penalty fee is required for coming late as such a privilege interferes with the regular conduct of affairs. Please send us names of persons to whom we can send catalogs announcing courses specially organized for teachers.