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IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

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Miss Lou P. Barrett, Class 1879. A letter from Miss Barrett states that she expects to retire from teaching at the close of this year and accept the pension to which her nearly forty years of public service entitles her. She was one of the very early students of the Iowa State Normal School and has brought credit and honor to the institution in all her work. She taught four years in the rural schools of Iowa county, Iowa, before coming to school at Cedar Falls. Since graduation she taught three years in Iowa, four years in Chicago and twenty-five years in Minnesota. She is principal of a ward school in Brainerd, Minnesota, this year, which school district she has served acceptably. Miss Barrett's career has been one of exceptional merit as it has been devoted to constructing the standards of civilization thru a right adjustment of the lives of the young.

Golden Wedding. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Fields, some years ago prominent residents at Cedar Falls, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their present home, 123 Cambridge Street, Victoria, British Columbia. There were present their children and a few friends to congratulate them upon the event and to extend to them the best wishes for the remaining years of their earthly life. Mr. Fields was a member of the board of the Normal School in the latter part of the 80's and was notably active in doing everything an officer could to direct and protect the interests of a struggling institution. The work of the pioneer boards had much to do with the later success and prosperity of the Teachers College as without their faith and works the later developments would have been impossible.

The S. U. I. Normal Club. The old students and graduates of the State Teachers College in Iowa City and in the State University held their annual reunion and banquet at the Jefferson Hotel. The menu was a very fine one and the management was notably good. The special purpose of the program of toasts was to pay tribute to the "Forty Years of Public Teaching Service" given by Professor D. Sands Wright at the Teachers College. After hearing from Professor Wright and Mrs. Wright, who were the guests of honor of the occasion, complimentary addresses suitable to the occasion were given by Dr. Ruel Sylvester, president of the Alumni Association; by President Thomas Huston MacBride, representing the University; by President Homer H. Seerley, representing the Teachers College and by Hon. E. H. Griffin, representing the early students and the Board of Trustees. The spirit of the entire meeting was inspiring and the toastmaster, Dr. G. W. Stewart of the University Faculty entered into everything with such zest as to make it a notable occasion. A vocal solo by Professor W. E. Hays and a violin solo by Miss Helen Katz made the artistic features of the entertainment to be remembered.

Twin City Alumni. The Twin City Association of the Teachers College held its third annual banquet and reunion at the West Hotel, Minneapolis, February 12, 1916. Dr. John D. Lyon was president, Jason L. Mowry was vice president and W. E. Hamstreet was secretary-treasurer. The program consisted of a violin solo by R. E. Pickett, a vocal solo by Jason L. Mowry and a vocal solo by Robert Fullerton. Readings were given by Katherine B. McCormack and Effie Nordgarden, brief addresses by For-

est Z. Wheeler, John J. Fitzgerald and Wilbur H. Bender and a more extended address by President H. H. Seerley, the official guest of the evening. It is to be said that no better nor more successful meetings can be organized and carried out than is done by the Twin City Association. The meeting in 1917 will be held in St. Paul and the officers elect are W. H. Bender, President; Evelyn Newton-Ellis, Vice President; and Fannie Mowry-Leversee, Secretary-Treasurer. The spirit of the alumni and old students in their love for the Iowa Normal School, their respect and admiration for the faculty, their recognition of the remarkable results that have been reached in the forty years as well as the standing of the Teachers College in the United States, were all laudable expressions of this reunion.

The Washington Alumni. During the meeting of the Washington Educational Association at Seattle the following ex-students and graduates responded to the call for a special reunion; friendships were renewed, loyalty to alma mater was prominent and best and kindest regards were sent to the faculty and to the alumni in general:—L. E. Robinson, 1904, Blaine; Anna Louise Rathbun, 1905, Seattle; David Patten, 1902, Seattle; E. G. Quigley, 1899, Seattle; Maude M. Stinson, 1890, Spokane; Mrs. David Patten, Seattle; Mrs. Arthur Gist, 1904, Seattle; Eleanor Gray, 1915, Bellingham; Clella L. Finster, 1908, Seattle; Lavinia Mowry, 1910, Seattle; Nellie B. Sterrett, 1905, Seattle; Cora I. Stolt, 1912, Seattle; Floyd F. Toomey, Seattle; Len L. Toomey, 1913, Seattle; Alexander C. Roberts, 1901, Everett; E. C. Hill, 1900, Seattle; J. R. Hoats, 1906, Tacoma; L. B. Moffett, 1891, Seattle; Arthur S. Gist, 1904, Seattle; Iva Dresser, 1905, Seattle; Julia M. Hanford, Tacoma; D. B. Mellravy, 1905, Everett.

The Rural Demonstration Work. Notable progress has been made during the last quarter in the expansion of the Rural Public School service under the Department of Rural Education, Professor Macy Campbell, Professor Irving H. Hart, Professor J. C. McGlade and Professor Harry L. Eells. Sixteen rural demonstration schools located in Cedar Falls, Waterloo and Union townships have been conducted as training schools for the practical preparation of rural teachers and one hundred graduates from the rural teachers course will be granted diplomas this college year. Next year, two new consolidated schools, Orange Township and Hudson will become cooperatively organizations, the superintendents of said schools being recognized as members of the faculty of the Teachers College and students preparing for consolidated school work will be sent there for their training in teaching credits upon their course. These schools are favorably located as regards the Teachers College and the new buildings being constructed will each cost \$40,000.00. In addition to these new consolidated schools, a new kind of cooperatively school work will be undertaken in Bennington and Lincoln townships in Black Hawk county. In these school townships a well qualified and well trained rural teacher will be employed as "Head Teacher." The other teachers in these townships will receive specific instruction Saturdays from the "Head Teacher" after the Study Center plan but limited to the course of study, the methods of instruction and the general management of the schools, the communities and the social activities that are related to the people and the schools. These special townships will be under the direct supervision of the county

superintendent of Black Hawk county who will be associated with the Teachers College as a professor of rural education and will help perfect and conduct these new plans so as to insure the highest grade of efficiency. By these perfected plans, the rural education work in the Teachers College will be on a scale of real efficiency and development that is not comparable to the undertaking of any other state in the United States. Iowa stands alone in this progressive movement for a better spirit and a better development of the forces of the rural community and the rural school, thru the administration of a normal school faculty.

In the State University Faculty. The following alumni are members of the faculty of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City:—C. Ray Aurner, 1891; Percival Hunt, 1897; Clarence Wassam, 1900; Byron J. Lambert, 1897; John J. Lambert, 1897; William E. Hays, 1912; Roscoe H. Volland, 1899; Ruel H. Sylvester, 1904; John E. Cameron, 1894; Erwin Schenk, 1896; Clara M. Daley, 1905. Dr. Aurner has prepared a history of education in Iowa which will appear in six volumes under the imprint of the State Historical Society; Mr. Hunt has been in the department of English for sixteen years and is an expert in that work; Dr. Wassam completed graduate work at Columbia and is a popular lecturer as well as an efficient instructor; Professor Byron Lambert has obtained a distinguished standing as a constructing and consulting engineer; Dr. John Lambert studied medicine after some years successful teaching in histology and is now assistant professor of anatomy, histology, and embryology in the medical laboratory; Mr. Hays is acting director of the school of music; Dr. Volland is a much valued professor in dentistry; Dr. Schenk is in the College of Homeopathic Medicine since 1900 in charge of theory and practice; Dr. Sylvester is an expert in psychological clinical examinations; Professor Cameron is the first assignment in agriculture and Miss Daley is an instructor in history.

Alumni in Normal School Work. The following members of the alumni hold appointments in State Normal Schools; this shows the influence that the Teachers College is having on educational work throughout other states and commends the service of the institution as nothing else can do:—George S. Dick, 1888, President at Kearney, Nebraska; Marguerite Cadwallader, 1912, Critic Teacher, Kent, Ohio; Helen Ruth Hallingby, 1911, Physical Director, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Mary V. Dick, 1912, Head of Home Economics, Peru, Nebraska; H. J. Kaufmann, 1912, Instructor in German, Springfield, South Dakota; Grace Alchison, 1914, Critic Teacher, Albion, Idaho; Christine Thoenen, 1911, Critic Teacher, Whitewater, Wisconsin; Alice Gordon, 1908, Critic Teacher, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Frances A. Shambaugh, 1913, Supervisor and Critic Teacher, Rock Hill, South Carolina; Willis J. Bell, 1905, Instructor in Psychology and Critic Teacher, Valley City, North Dakota; J. H. Kelley, 1897, President, Gunnison, Colorado; Samuel Quigley, 1902, Dean, Gunnison, Colorado; Lucy Spicer, 1900, Professor of Mathematics and Dean of Women, Gunnison, Colorado; A. N. Wray, 1910, Instructor in Biology, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mary M. Hughes, 1904, Assistant in Education, Maryville, Missouri; Emma Jane Howarth, 1903, Supervisor of Grammar Department, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Theresa F. Wild, 1910, Head of Music Department, Lewiston, Idaho; Mary Barnum, 1911, Critic Teacher, Dillon,

Montana; Constance Smith, 1808, Kindergarten Supervisor, Normal, Illinois; Aruba Belle Charlton, 1910, Critic Teacher, Carbondale, Illinois; Mary L. Jensen, 1903, Professor of Latin, Bellingham, Washington.

First Section Class 1916. March 14, 1916, the Winter Term graduating class received diplomas at the Chapel Assembly held at 10:00 o'clock the last morning of the term. The members of this section are distributed as follows:—Voice certificate—1, Rural Teachers diploma—17, Primary Teacher diploma—1, Home Economics diploma—6, Junior College diploma—3, Bachelor of Arts in Education—7. This was a notably large section for this time in the year and its members possess the best standard of training and scholarship. The class of 1916 in all its divisions numbers over 500. Of these one half will graduate in June.

Alumni Reunion 1916. The June commencement will occur from the 2nd to the 6th, the alumni annual reunion and luncheon occurring Monday morning and noon, June 5, 1916. Excellent plans are being made for special attention to the 40th anniversary of the College and all the old students should plan to be present. Dr. Ruel H. Sylvester of Iowa City, Iowa, is president and is giving much attention to this coming reunion. He will be glad to have suggestions from all who will write him about special things that should be done.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes. On April 2, 1916, death removed from the Faculty Miss Elizabeth Hughes. She joined the work of the Teachers College in 1898, coming direct from six years in the county superintendency of Louisa county to become a supervising critic in the Teaching Department. She was on duty until a few days before her death and her passing was unanticipated by her associates and friends. She was a graduate of the Teachers College receiving her M. Ed. diploma in 1889 and her B. A. diploma in 1908. A memorial service was held in the Auditorium April 3rd at 1:15 p. m., the addresses being given by Professor Wilbur H. Bender of Minnesota University, for many years Director of the Training in Teaching work and by Dr. D. W. Fahs, Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Cedar Falls. Her remains were taken to Columbus Junction, Iowa, occurring in the Cotter Cemetery near her childhood home, in which community her father had served as a Welch Presbyterian minister for many years during his life time. Miss Hughes' influence will live in the hearts and lives of her students and friends as her gifts and services were unusual in character and quality.

The Summer Term of 1916. The prominence of the Summer work now obtainable at Cedar Falls can hardly be appreciated by the Alumni. This year the College is in session from June 7 to August 29. Credit is granted for a half term, for completion of the first six weeks or of the second six weeks, if such a plan is announced at enrollment. The next summer term promises to reach an attendance of more than 2500 and a large graduating class will be organized. These annual summer sessions have shown adaptability to the needs of the students who are regular teachers in the service during the regular year and it has broadened the usefulness of the Teachers College as no other movement could have done so that the Alumni can well afford to commend their alma mater as one of the progressive practical schools of the United States.