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IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

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QUARTERLY NEWS LETTER TO THE ALUMNI

Alumni in College and University

Work. Last quarter a partial report was made regarding alumni who were in the service of the State University of Iowa. There should have been added to that, Helen Katz, 1909, who is teacher of violin in the School of Music; Josephine Long Crociman, 1897, Superintendent of the University Hospital and Principal of the Nurses Training School; Anna C. Goodale, 1897, Chaperone in Currier Hall; Clara M. Daley, 1905, Instructor in History; Erwin Shenk 1896, Professor of Theory and Practice, Homeopathic College. In other colleges and universities are found the following: C. O. Ruggles, 1906, Professor of Economics, Ohio State University; Wilbur H. Bender, 1890, Assistant Professor Agricultural Education, Minnesota University; Romanzo C. Adams, 1892, Professor of Education, University of Nevada; Dallas D. Johnson, 1914, Assistant Professor of Education, Washington University; Mabel Anderson, 1907, Instructor in English, University of Wyoming; Ruth Adsit, 1908, Head of Primary Teaching, University of Wyoming; Jennie E. Wier, 1893, Professor of History, University of Nevada; J. Ernest Carmen, 1903, Professor of Geology, University of Cincinnati; Frank G. Miller, 1893, Professor of Forestry, University of Washington; Gordon W. Randlett, 1895, Director of Extension, South Dakota Agricultural College; Edward E. Rall, 1895, Professor of Education, University of Tennessee; John C. Parish, 1902, Professor of History, Colorado College; Mabel Parish, 1905, Instructor in History, Colorado College; Kenneth Colegrove, 1905, Professor of History, Mount Holyoke College; Ernest F. Bean, 1905, Assistant Professor of Geology, University of Wisconsin; William B. Bell, 1899, Professor of Zoology and Physiology, North Dakota Agricultural College; Katherine L. Hull, 1914, Instructor of Home Economics, Iowa Wesleyan College; M. H. Hoffman, 1906, Extension Worker, Iowa State College; Fannie M. Dickey, 1901, Professor of Music, Washington State University; Guy S. Lowman, 1903, Professor of Physical Education, Kansas Agricultural College; Thomas E. Jones, 1909, Department of Physical Education, University of Wisconsin; F. O. Smith, 1903, Professor of Education, Montana University; Rollo E. Newcomb, 1910, Professor of Elementary Education, Des Moines College; Paul F. Voelker, 1901, Secretary of Extension, University of Wisconsin; Harry Gordon Hayes, 1905, Assistant Professor of Socialism and Economic Reform, Yale University; Joshua A. Edquist, 1888, Professor of Biology, St. Peters College (Minnesota); Charles L. Sommers, 1906, Professor of Psychology, New Hampshire State College; George L. Martin, 1903, Professor of Dairy Husbandry, Montana State College; Emily Yule, 1886, Professor of English, College of Agriculture, University of the Philippines; May E. Polley, 1892, Critic Teacher, Philippine Normal School.

Oratory for 1916. For the sixth consecutive year the representative of the Iowa State Teachers College won the first place in the Oratorical League of State Normal Schools. This year Mrs. Ruth Egbert Imlay was the orator at Springfield, Missouri, and the record made shows that she outclassed the other contestants in subject matter of the address and in training in public speaking. It shows the high standing of the Iowa work to be able to keep the flag at the top of the mast for so many years. The next contest occurs at Emporia, Kansas, in 1917.

Women's Debate. The honor debaters of the Women's Literary Societies for the year were given medals following the Coe-Teachers College Dual Debate on the subject: "Resolved that the United States should take immediate steps to make her navy equal to any in the world." The decision of the judges at each college was in favor of the negative. In the total votes of the judges the Teachers College teams had four decisions and Coe College teams two decisions. This result was agreeably satisfactory to the Teachers College Forensic League. The Teachers College medal winners were Helen Hinkson, Ella Chamberlain, and Olive Vine, the debaters in the affirmative at Cedar Falls, and Elizabeth Walker, Carrie McFarlane and Vera Hansen at Cedar Rapids.

The May Fete. The annual holiday came this year on May 17th. The classes and the college organizations made extensive preparations under the leadership of the Faculty sponsors and the Class of 1916. In the forenoon there was a grand parade on the drives of the campus and on the paved streets near the campus. In this parade were the Faculty, the several classes preceded by their decorated floats and the floats of the several college organizations. The display exceeded in interest and in attractiveness any previous attempts of this kind. In the afternoon, an operetta with appropriate dances and dramatic characteristics, called the "Contest of the Nations," was presented near the large trees in the southeast campus under the auspices of the Music and Physical Education departments. It was received with great satisfaction by a very large audience. The day's exercises were closed by a fine band concert given by the Cedar Falls Concert Band.

The Statistics for 1915-16. The Alumni are all interested in the development and prosperity of the Teachers College. The following summaries taken from the tabulations as to population will help those interested in such statistics to see the widening influence of the Teachers College in educational work by the state. Enrollment: College graduates 75; four years College courses, Seniors 109, Juniors 110, Sophomores 116, Freshmen 217; Special Teachers Courses, Second years 442, first years 567; Special Students 27; Sub-Collegiate Students: Rural 668, Normal 317; Twelve weeks Normal Training 552, Unclassified 888; Special Music 47; grand total from June 1, 1915, to June 1, 1916, 4,138.

The Training Schools. Expansion in the training schools has kept pace with the development of the needs of the College. The following pupils are now identified with the training in teaching: On the campus 293, in the city outside of the campus 185, in the country 355; total 833.

The commencement exercises of the high school department were more notable than at any previous year consisting of the dramatic entertainment, the musical program, the outdoor pageant, the annual banquets and many other social events. A present of a very fine watch was made to Miss Ida Fesenbeck as an appreciation of her years of effective service; prizes were awarded Mildred Newton and Edward Cummins by the W. C. T. U. for the best essays on temperance, and "The Courant," the training school annual edited by Paul Shoemaker and Roderick Fullerton, completed the honors and emoluments of the historical events

in the evolution of student life.

The rural demonstration schools have had a very interesting and encouraging development and the people, teachers, and pupils are getting ready for an advancement in every line the coming year. No undertaking of the past thirty years has been received with more co-operation and enthusiasm than have the efforts to improve the country school.

The Extension Department. During the year Saturday Classes were organized in ninety-seven of the ninety-nine counties and 13,992 teachers were enrolled. Plans are being perfected to continue the work for the coming year on as much more an extensive method as the co-operation and the financial needs will permit. Director Colegrove has made a remarkable campaign for the improvement of the teachers in service and Director Hart will continue the present policies and develop additional activities in such additional ways as experience has shown possible and desirable.

Professor C. P. Colegrove. After twenty years of effective service in the Faculty of the Teachers College, Professor C. P. Colegrove has accepted the presidency of Upper Iowa University at Fayette, Iowa. He spent the month of May in attendance upon the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Saratoga Springs, New York, and had intended to continue his leave of absence until December 1, 1916. His change of plan puts him to work at once as an executive head of one of the old colleges of Iowa. He graduated from this university in 1881, he has several times been invited to consider the presidency but had not accepted. He now accepts and will give his alma mater his best strength and his most devoted spirit. The Alumni of the Teachers College of the last twenty years will join the Faculty and citizens of Cedar Falls in the most cordial wish for abundant and productive success in the new service he is to give the church, the state, and the nation.

The Spring Term Graduating Class. The membership of the spring term class is divided as follows: Master of Didactics Degree 3, Bachelor of Arts 41, Director of Physical Education 2, Junior College Diploma 42, Primary Teacher Diploma 51, Kindergarten Diploma 13, Home Economics Diploma 41, Public School Music Diploma 12, Drawing Diplomas 5, Manual Training Diploma 6, Commercial Teacher Diploma 5, Piano Diploma 1, Voice Diploma 1, Rural School Diploma 16, Department Certificates 2; total 242.

Doctor of Philosophy. Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, conferred this degree on Philo Fay Hammond, formerly of Cresco, Iowa, and a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers College in 1902. Since leaving Iowa, he graduated from the liberal arts course at the University of Washington. Mr. Hammond's thesis presented for the degree was "On the Effects of the Metallic Ions upon the Electric Motive Force of a Two-solution Voltaic Cell, having both Electrodes of the Same Metal."

Dr. Edward E. Rall. It will be gratifying to the Alumni of the nineties to learn that Dr. Edward E. Rall, 1895, has been elected president of the Northwestern Evangelical College at Naperville, Illinois. Dr. Rall has made a superior reputation as professor of education at the University of Texas and the University of Tennessee, and his now coming

into administrative work is a recognition of his development and success.

Professor G. W. Walters. By action of the State Board of Education, Professor G. W. Walters becomes Acting Head of the Department of Education for the coming year. He assumed his new duties May 1. Professor Walters has been a member of the Faculty for twenty-one years. He is judicial in temperament and gracious in spirit and will continue the generous policies that have governed the Teachers College since its inception. His appointment will meet with special favor from all concerned.

Clyde O. Ruggles, Author. The State Normal School at Winona, Minnesota, has reached its semi-centennial anniversary and has published a history of the fifty years giving an account of the personal factors, the legislation, the developments in education and the progress of teacher education in Minnesota during these days of notable endeavor. Mr. Ruggles has done a good piece of work in writing this historical monograph, he had a good subject for study as this state normal school has made a notable record and he does credit by the institutions where he obtained his training.

Clarence Ray Aurner, Author. The History of Education in Iowa is a notable undertaking involving a series of volumes. It is published by the Iowa Historical Society and it is limited to real history rather than to comments of the author or compliments to personalities. It is a most interesting and accurate account of Iowa educationally, giving attention to every phase of effort that has been used to make the people cultured, qualified and trained for efficient living and distinguished citizenship. The six volumes are replete with the kind and varieties of information that has not yet appeared concerning other states. Dr. Aurner honors Iowa by this authorship and has made his own name a permanent place in her history.

Athletics During Spring Term. Following out the new "Educational Athletics" policy which was inaugurated last fall, instruction has been given to the bulk of the men in baseball and track athletics. The material for both teams was new and untried, and promises to be in better running order next year than it has been this. The new system takes longer to develop team-work because the emphasis is taken off of the few to some extent and spread out to the many. However, the baseball team played a schedule of twelve games, including eight Conference games, in which they won 5 and lost 6, breaking even with each conference team played except Upper Iowa, their last game being called on account of rain in the fourth inning.

Games were lost to Iowa and Morningside and two games were won from the Wisconsin State Normal School, of Platteville. The track team broke even on Dual Meets, winning from Upper Iowa, and losing to Dubuque Germans. In the Hawkeye Conference Meet, we scored third place, which, considering the strength of the two Dubuque teams, was all we had any right to expect. Nelson Hersey was unanimously chosen as Track Captain for 1917, and Cal McElhinney was chosen to lead the 1917 Baseball Team.

The prospects are for a Championship Football Team next Fall.