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IOWA STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

CEDAR FALLS, IOWA,

JANUARY 1, 1917

Quarterly News Letter To The Alumni

The officers of the Alumni Association make the following announcement:

Commencement Reunions. For some years the class reunions at commencement have grown in attendance and in enthusiasm. Particularly has this been true of the twenty-five year classes. The reunion classes for next June are—'82, '97, '92, '97, '02, '07, '12. The members are urged to come back next commencement to renew their acquaintance with each other and the faculty, to inspect the new dormitories, and to note the general growth and improvement of conditions at the College. The Special Committee is already at work on plans for giving returning alumni abundant opportunity to meet each other. That their efforts to provide a good time may be definitely organized all alumni are requested to return the cards enclosed with this letter.

Special Committee—
Mrs. C. S. Cory—1900.
Miss Ida Fesenbeck—'94.
Mrs. Mary Whitworth Bege-
man—1907.

The Alumni Register. The College office has under compilation a full register of all graduates for publication. This register will be sent out as soon as printed. The Secretary is much delayed in completing this bulletin by many graduates neglecting to send report on first request. The ~~importance~~ ^{importance} of the alumni is appreciated by the alumni and it is recommended that all who read this copy of the News Letter feel admonished to report, if they have not already done so.

The Fall Term of 1916. The enrollment for the term was 1675. The graduating class of the term consisted of Bachelor of Arts in Education 7, Junior College Diploma 9, Teacher of Public School Music 1, Teacher of Home Economics 4, Primary Teacher 18, Teacher of Rural Schools 11—Total 50. This is one of the largest sections that has graduated at this time of year.

The Teachers College and the General Assembly. The State Board of Education has approved the following requests for additional appropriations for the support and development of the Teachers College: Additional annual Teachers fund, \$40,000; additional annual Contingent fund, \$24,500; additional annual Summer Term fund, \$2,000; additional annual Extension fund, \$10,000; additional annual Library fund, \$1,000; additional annual Librarians' Salary fund, \$1,000; annual repair fund, \$15,000. These make a total of \$94,500.00 for support. For improvement and development the following amounts are asked: For two years—Extension Summer work, \$20,000; equipment Vocational Building, \$10,000; Furniture and equipment new Dormitory for women, \$25,000; equipment for Training School Building, \$5,000; Improvement of Bathing at Gymnasium, \$3,000; Land for Agricultural Laboratory, \$20,000; New dormitories, \$150,000.00.

Alumni Notes. Among the summer session graduates at the University of Iowa appear the names of Arthur R. Fortsch, 1914; George H. Brinegar, 1915; and Clara M. Travis, 1888. Among this year's appointments to the Faculty in the University of Iowa are the names of Leonora Arent, 1911, Assistant in Economics; and Frances Dearborn, 1914, as teacher in the elementary school. Among the changes in title and promotions announced by the University of Iowa are Percival Hunt, 1897, Associate Professor of English; Louis Pelzer, 1901, Associate Professor of History; Clarence W. Wassam, 1900, Assistant Professor of Commerce. Frank W. Shultis, 1898 and 1908, is Professor of Business Education, State Teachers College, Greeley, Colorado. William I. Benham, 1881, is First Assistant Examiner in the United States Patent Office and has held this prominent place for five years. He taught sixteen years before entering the U. S. Government service. Clayton B. Simons, 1907, is an osteopathic physician and Surgeon at Milan, Missouri. W. B. Bell, 1899, Ph. D., Iowa, 1905, has resigned the work of Professor of Zoology at North Dakota Agricultural College and has accepted the Assistant Biologist's work in the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. His home address is now 1006 Rhode Island Avenue, N. E., Washington, D. C., and he will now devote himself more fully to lines of scientific work in which he is greatly interested and which he has been carrying on cooperatively for several years with the Bureau. Oliver M. Harvey, 1894, Livingston, Montana, is Chairman of the Republican Central Committee of the state of Montana and has had charge of the political campaign that has just closed. Romanzo C. Adams, 1892, of the University of Nevada at Reno, has taken an active part in the political campaign in that state, endeavoring to prevent the Pittman Land Grant Bill becoming a law and has published in pamph-

let form an open letter to Senator Pittman giving reasons why such a disposition of the public domain should not be permitted.

Mrs. Mary A. Crew Boedcher, 1891. The Evening Record of October 14, 1916, published at Ellensburg, Washington, gives expression to the appreciation of the teachers of Kit-titas county, in institute assembled, for the splendid and effective services of Mrs. Boedcher as County Superintendent of schools for four years. They gave her a standing vote of appreciation and passed complimentary resolutions in her honor. **An Iowa School Desk.** Frank W. Else, 1901, Oskaloosa, Iowa, has invented an adjustable school desk that gives more range of adjustability than any other on the market. It is notably rigid, unbreakable and sanitary and can be easily converted into an opera chair for assembly use or so arranged as to give space for floor exercises and marching, with little trouble. It is a response to the demand for furniture for schools that gives opportunity for other than school uses to schoolrooms.

The Des Moines Reunion. At the Iowa State Teachers Association November 3, there occurred the annual supper and reunion of the alumni and students at the Y. W. C. A. Building under the auspices of the Des Moines Association. The attendance was very large, the interest was well centered, the luncheon was well managed and the reunion was a notable success. F. H. Stewart, 1908, presided at the meeting as the Des Moines President and he had the hearty and enthusiastic cooperation of all the local representatives and all visitors were grateful for the excellent time and pleasure provided.

Missionaries Returned. Miss Mary D. McDonald, 1908, of Tokio, Japan, and Miss Delpha Davis, 1911, of Monastir, Bulgaria, are now having their vacations in the United States after having spent one period in their respective fields. Miss Davis had a very difficult time in getting from Bulgaria to America as it was necessary for her to go thru Germany and Norway to get the steamer for America. She has been in Europe at Monastir under Turkish, Serbian and Bulgarian rule and has had a chance to know what war means in all its cruelty and destruction. Both young women will be heard at different conventions and at conferences on missionary work while they are in the United States. Both are in school work in their respective stations and have proven their capability and efficiency in international lines of service.

A. N. Wray, 1910, Professor of Biology (Botany, Zoology, Physiology and Bacteriology) at The Northern Normal and Industrial School of South Dakota at Aberdeen, is finely located in the educational business. He has the work he prefers to teach and he is in a state school where things of a very progressive character are being done. His boy is in the fourth grade, his girl is in the second grade and his baby son is keeping the rest of the family interested and busy.

Rev. M. M. Ries, C. M., (B. Di., 1904). After graduating at the Teachers College, M. M. Ries taught in Iowa high schools two years. He then entered a seminary of the Catholic church at Perryville, Missouri, and successfully completed a course of study covering ten years. During this time he studied English, Latin and German every year, four years of the sacred scriptures, four years of canon law, four years of Ecclesiastical History and in addition French, Greek, Hebrew, higher mathematics and advanced sciences. He successfully completed his course and was ordained a priest in June, 1916, by Bishop J. S. Glass of Salt Lake City. He is now a member of the teaching staff of De Paul University, 1010 Webster Avenue, Chicago, holding the place of Professor of German. "Big Mike" was a member of the football nine of 1903 and gives promise of distinguishing himself in the work of the church and of education.

Florence Knox, S. P., 1902. The School of Education of the University of Utah has had Florence Knox as a critic teacher in the Training School for the past ten years. After graduating from the Primary Teachers' Certificate course in 1902, Miss Knox took special work in the School of Education of Chicago University preparing to be a critic in the training of teachers. The results received proved the importance of special training for important work.

James F. Treasure, 1899. The County Agricultural Agent at Muncie, Indiana, is Mr. James F. Treasure of the class of 1899. Since leaving Cedar Falls he has graduated from Missouri University and has studied in other higher institutions of learning of the highest standard. He has published several pamphlets on agricultural teaching arranged in lessons suitable for schools and parents. His work is in cooperation with Purdue University and the U. S. States Relation Service.

President George N. Briggs, 1893. After a number of years' acceptable service as Superintendent of Schools and as Professor in the Manila Normal School in the Philippines and after another term of service under the Philippine Government in the United States in charge of the appointment of teachers for these islands and in the service of the United States Bureau of Education, George N. Briggs has accepted the Presidency of Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa, and has organized it as a Junior College in affiliation with the State University of Iowa.

Karl Buren Stein, 1904. The Auditorium Musical Dramatic Conservatory of Chicago is a permanently organized and incorporated educational institution under the laws of Illinois. This Conservatory was founded by Karl Buren Stein and his wife, Enola Pearl Pierce Stein. Mr. Stein is President and has direct charge of the Vocal Music Department and Mrs. Stein of the Elocution and Dramatic Art Department. In addition there are organized Departments of the violin, the piano, the organ the violincello, light opera and drama, languages and dancing. Branch schools are conducted at Waukegan, Illinois, and Kenosha, Wisconsin. The highest diploma given is Bachelor of Music. In addition there are certificate and diploma courses meeting the needs of all classes of students of these fine arts. Alumni visiting in Chicago will find the Conservatory located at Suites 54 and 55, Auditorium Building.

Rev. Charles H. Kamphoefner, 1898. Having held the pastorate of the Methodist Episcopal church at Webster City, Iowa, for several years, he resigns to accept the appointment as Assistant Secretary of the Educational Jubilee Fund Committee of the M. E. church. Rev. Kamphoefner's success in raising a large amount of endowment for Morning-side College during the past year and his having successfully financed a new \$40,000.00 church during his pastorate at Webster City are the important factors in securing for him this important new position.

Merton L. Fuller, M. Di., 1898. Henry Holt and Company have just published a "First Course in General Science" that has the kind of science information that is needed by normal school and high school courses. The local forecaster of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Peoria, Illinois, Mr. M. L. Fuller, is one of the four joint authors. His work is represented by the chapter in this new textbook on "The Weather." The Central Office of the U. S. Weather Bureau approves the subject matter. This discussion gives a full treatment of observing the weather, the use of instruments, temperature facts, the water vapor of the air, local storms, the general storm, weather maps, causes of unusual weather periods and general circulation of the atmosphere. The other chapters of this valuable book deal with light, heat, refrigeration, the seasons, ventilation, food and nutrition, micro-organisms, soil physics, water supply, sewage disposal and machines. Mr. Fuller is the lecturer on Meteorology in Bradley Polytechnic Institute. The other joint authors are Professors F. D. Barber, J. L. Pricer and H. H. Adams of Illinois State Normal University.

Blanch L. Vance, 1896. The Los Angeles City Teachers' Club, consisting of Los Angeles teachers in the Kindergarten, Elementary or Intermediate Schools, excepting teachers who are principals, has had for its President during 1915-16, Miss Blanch L. Vance. She has held important official positions since the organization was established in 1909. This Club has had an active part in the educational developments that have come by law and by public decisions to California as a state and to Los Angeles as a city. Miss Vance's leadership has been recognized by her associates and her influence has been valuable in advancing the welfare of the lower grades of Southern California. In the Year Book of the Club for 1915-16, prominent attention is given to her efficiency, capability and success by her associates in the Club.

James H. Kelly, 1897. The Colorado State Teachers' Association which meets each year at the same time recently had meetings at Denver, Pueblo and Grand Junction. The same general talent was used for the three places of assembly and excellent satisfaction obtained because many more could attend than at one location. President J. H. Kelly, of the Colorado State Normal School at Gunnison, was unanimously chosen the president of the joint association for the year 1917. The circuit rider system is a new development in response to a recognized need to make these great conventions as effective as possible in reaching the rank and file of the teachers.

Rev. O. B. Chassell, Ella Buckingham Chassell—Class 1888. Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is the headquarters of "The Iowa Methodist" and the

editors are Rev. and Mrs. Chassell. During the three years that they have managed this publication it has increased in subscription list thirteen times and is constantly being more and more acceptable to the 200,000 Methodists in Iowa. Their family consists of Clara Frances Chassell, a member of the Faculty of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, on leave of absence this year to pursue work as a graduate fellow of the American University at Washington, D. C. and assigned to Columbia University, New York City; Laura Merrill Chassell, at present a Substitute Professor at the La Crosse, Wisconsin, State Normal School, is a special scholar in French, German and Spanish and has done graduate work at Northwestern University and Columbia. Both young women are graduates of Cornell College and of the State Teachers College and have been pursuing graduate work since in the best universities. The son, Joseph Chassell, is a sophomore at Cornell College and is also Alumni reporter for "The Cornelian."

Edward D. Chassell, 1882. Governor George W. Clarke has appointed Hon. E. D. Chassell a member of the Iowa Board of Railroad Commissioners as the successor of Hon. James H. Wilson, deceased. Mr. Chassell has followed the work of an editor and publisher for many years and was State Binder from 1907 to 1912. He was a representative from Plymouth County in the 24th, 26th and 31st General Assemblies. As Railroad Commissioner he will receive a salary of \$3,000.00 a year and will have control under the laws of the state of the steam and electric railways, express companies and electric transmission companies.

Forest C. Ensign, 1895. The meeting of the Iowa State Teachers Association that will occur in 1917 will be in charge of Forest C. Ensign as Chairman of the Executive Committee. This is a very important service to perform and no task could be assigned to any educator who will be more capable of conducting the same with credit and distinction than is now given. Since graduating from the State Normal School in 1895, Professor Ensign graduated from the University of Iowa in 1897, and received the Masters degree in 1900. He first had charge of the principalship of the Iowa City high school from 1897 to 1900, he then was Principal of the Council Bluffs high school from 1900 to 1905. In 1905 he became State High School Inspector and Professor of Education at the State University and continued in that work six years. In 1911 he became Registrar and later Dean of Men at the University, in which work he won distinguished honor. During 1915-16 he was a graduate student in Education at Teachers College of Columbia University and is now in charge of the History of Education in the College of Education of the University.

War Prison Relief. During December, the World's Christian Students' Federation conducted a campaign in the colleges of Iowa to secure funds for the relief work being conducted in the prison camps of Europe by this organization. The student Secretary of Iowa for the Young Men's Christian Association was delegated to manage this work because of the effective organization already existing. The faculty and students of the State Teachers College contributed approximately \$2,500.00 of the \$20,000.00 assigned the colleges of Iowa.

Resident Student Organization. Last year the classes in the College were organized, given special space in the auditorium and each class selected a Sponsor from the Faculty whose duty was to be the counselor of the class and represent the class's wishes and opinions in all general college business. The sponsors in connection with the class officers conducted the May Day Fete and managed other joint undertakings. This Fall Term, the organizations that existed were continued, the new classes were organized, sponsors for the year were elected and space in the auditorium was distributed. The next step was the organization of the Sponsors with the sponsor of the Senior B. A. Class as Chairman and the sponsor of the Freshman class as Secretary. A system of student representatives from each class was provided, such persons were selected by the classes and these students constituted "The Students' Council" which body was authorized to undertake student government in so far as the members proved ability to have authority and enforce discipline. Up to date the plan has given much cause for encouragement and the two organized bodies, The Class Sponsors and The Students' Council, have held regular meetings. The final development has brought a small conference committee made up of sponsors and student council delegates, the chief duty of which will be the formulation of propositions for consideration and action.