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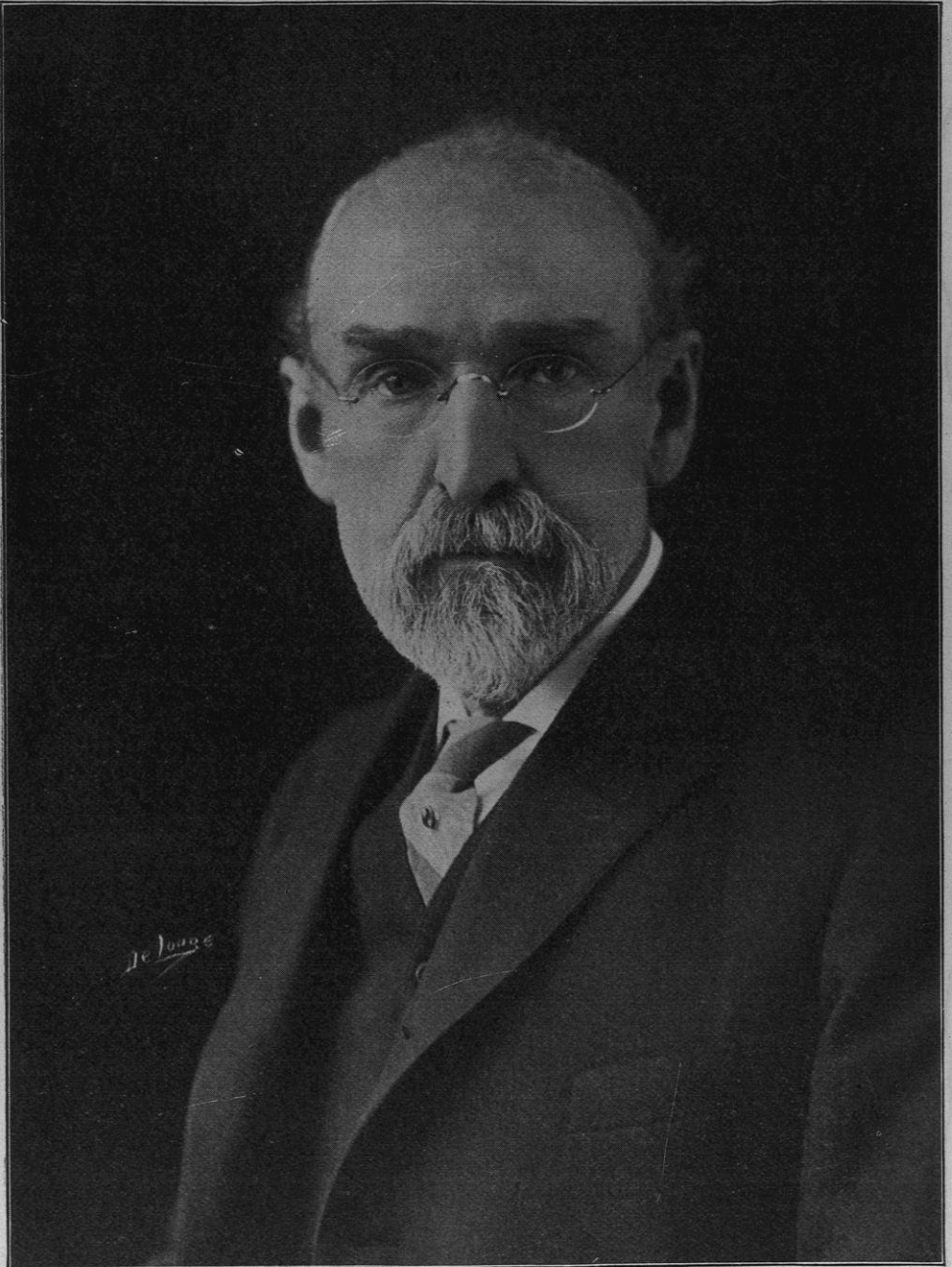
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In Memoriam

Charles Richard Van Hise

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"Had I a dozen sons, each in my love alike and none less dear than thine and my good Marcus,
I had rather eleven die nobly for their country than one voluptuously surfeit out of action."

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Some excellent suggestions, that a fitting memorial tribute to the late Dr. Charles Richard Van Hise be secured and presented by alumni and students, have already been made. Should any one of these assume
A Memorial definite form, it will be our pleasure to present it for consideration by all members. Surely it would seem most fitting that any memorial be a gift from all the alumni and students, rather than from a few.

All graduates of the University may well observe "Foundation Day" on or about the first Monday of February. Local Alumni Clubs desiring members of the Faculty to be present for participation in celebrations of the birthday of the University will confer a
Foundation Day favor on all concerned if such celebration can be arranged for the Friday or Saturday prior to, or the Friday or Saturday following the first Monday of February.

Indeed it might be worth while for those in authority to consider having the students of the University observe "Foundation Day." The fact that heretofore little or nothing has been done to impress undergraduates with the birthday traditions of this great institution is no very sound reason for continuing such lack of observance of the birthday of the institution. This is, of course, a matter for Faculty and Regents to act upon rather for alumni. With all respect we raise the query, "Why not, wise Faculty? Why not, honorable Regents? Why not give undergraduates an opportunity once a year at least, to get first-hand information about the birth and growth of this great school of ours?" Bishop Samuel Fallows was a youth when this school was founded. Friends of John Muir are still active among us. Men and women, who have known personally every president of the University, dwell with us. Surely several people qualified to give a birthday party for our colossal school, so that any freshman could gain more knowledge of the institution's growth and development, ideals and accomplishments from a single day or an evening set apart for such a dignified celebration, than could be gleaned from many tedious hours of study from heavy volumes in the library. And how many undergraduates are going to the trouble of looking up the history of their own University in the library. Why not celebrate "Foundation Day" here at the University? The suggestion is neither original nor radical. Why not?

No initiation ceremony and no dues are required for admission to the U. W. Clippers Club. When you read an article regarding a Wisconsin graduate, former student, student, faculty member
U. W. Clipper's Club or Regents, clip it, date it, indicate publication, and once a month, prior to the tenth, mail these clippings to the Alumni Headquarters, Room 118, Historical Library. (Help! Help! Please do not send the complete publication. Every now and then somebody

sends us a Sunday edition of a metropolitan newspaper without any mark or comment and subsequently takes us to task for not having discovered that said Sunday edition contained the engagement notice of some fair daughter of Wisconsin.) Join the Clippers Club!

Eight thousand seven hundred forty-two pounds of paper have been allowed to us by the Pulp and Paper Section of the War Industries Board.

Last year we used 10,376 pounds. This year we want all the alumni **8,742** news, but to print all we must ask contributors to be concise, as well as explicit. Our membership exceeds four thousand, so in sending in class news, special articles, etc., please "boil it down."

Who is the choice of the alumni for President of the University? We don't know. Postal cards or brief letters from each of our members would give the information. The maximum salary paid for this **New President** position at Wisconsin has been \$7,000. An expression from one of our very distinguished members, Chief Justice Winslow, is to be found in this issue under 1871 *Class News*. Under *Campus Notes* is an expression from a prominent member of the Faculty, M. V. O'Shea. The Regents have appointed an excellent committee, two of whom are alumni, and all of whom have served as head of the Board, to consider the matter of the presidency. We do not presume to advise this able and well-chosen committee. Should the committee or the Regents be interested in knowing alumni opinion on the matter, we shall take pleasure in furnishing them with any signed information from alumni that we may be furnished. A rumor is current regarding the attitude of the Faculty. An informal "primary election" by the Faculty which would clearly show the position of that body. Such expression of opinion would be of much interest and possibly of some benefit.

A list of U. W. Clubs is given in this issue. In case the name or address of the secretary is not furnished, or is incorrect, the club is urged to send up-to-date information to the Alumni Headquarters. Local clubs **U. W. Clubs** are asked to consider the desirability of carefully choosing the local secretary and then continuing such secretary in office. Some clubs are already doing this. As a result we know how to get information to and from such local clubs without delay. Now that the war is no longer our chief business, the revival of activities in all local clubs will be easily re-established. Formation of additional local clubs will, of course, be advantageous. "Sit together, listen together, sing together, eat together, and talk together and you'll work together" for the good of the University.

By the time this publication reaches you, the Student Army Training Corps will probably have been disbanded. Students have shown little interest in the project since the armistice has been signed. "Sit **S. A. T. C.** Around 'Till Christmas" is the flippant nickname they have given the organization. Normal college life will evidently resume sway here at Madison. The cafeteria and fraternity tables will take the place of the much cussed mess hall. "Drill, drill, drill," and "thirty dollars every month, deducting twenty-nine" apparently do not appeal to our college stu-

dents now that opportunities for active service are no longer open. What the S. A. T. C. would have accomplished had the war continued is an unanswered question. Apparently it would have furnished plenty of preliminary training as far as close order drill is concerned. That it would have given much scholastic training seems doubtful. The long hours of vigorous drill, crowded quarters, the unsatisfactory mess did not tend toward a mental and physical state conducive to serious study.

The funeral services for Wisconsin's noble son, manly scholar and eminent educator, Charles Richard Van Hise, who died in Milwaukee on November 19, were held in the lobby of the library

Charles Richard Van Hise on the afternoon of November 22. The lobby and corridors were filled with those who came to do reverence to the leader and fellow-worker whom they had known, respected, honored and loved. Many, unable to gain access to the building that could hold so comparatively few of those who desired to show respect for Wisconsin's great citizen, gathered in silent, mournful groups outside. In the hearts of our four thousand members of the General Alumni Association is the feeling of respectful mourning shared, not alone by the citizens of this State and the students of this University, but by leaders of thought and education and by many of the public-minded servants of humanity throughout the world. The simple, dignified, solemn service consisted of a funeral address by the Right Reverend Bishop Samuel Fallows of Chicago, (a graduate of the University in 1859, only a few years after the University was organized, who has personally known every president of this now great institution) a prayer by Dr. G. B. Foster of the University of Chicago and pastor of the Unitarian church here, one hymn "Oh, Sometimes Gleams Upon My Sight" by the senior girls' choir, and reading of the burial service at the grave by Dr. G. B. Foster. The funeral party of a dozen motor cars moved from the Historical Library through impressive rows of soldier and sailor students, extending all the way to the crest of University Hill.

The honorary pall-bearers were Governor E. L. Philipp, Dr. C. H. Vilas, B. W. Jones, T. C. Chamberlin, C. P. Cary, H. L. Grotophorst, and F. H. Clausen. The active pall-bearers were Dean E. A. Birge, Chief Justice J. B. Winslow, Dr. J. S. Evans, and Professors J. R. Commons, C. K. Leith, and C. S. Slichter.

Bishop Fallows' impressive words of tribute were:

I can go back in memory when the first stones in these splendid structures were laid. I am linked in that remembrance with that noble line of presidents and administrators of which the University can boast, beginning with that courtly, dignified, cultured, Virginia gentleman Chancellor John H. Lathrop. What a roll call of able men follows, Barnard, Sterling, Chadbourne, Twombly, Bascom, Chamberlain, Adams, Van Hise.

I rebel with all the force of my nature the charge that may have been made against the supreme loyalty of this institution to the government of the United States in winning the war.

You might as well question the power

of the grip of gravitation upon this planet as the grip of the University of Wisconsin upon every fundamental principle underlying the honor and welfare of our beloved country.

In the days of civil strife it gladly gave the best of its brave young students to win the war for the union of the states and the freedom of the slave. Has it been backward in giving today its hundreds, nay thousands, of the very flower of its student life to win the war for the utter annihilation of an infamous Prussian autocracy, and the freedom of mankind?

Who dare for a single second to doubt the unreserved devotedness to that coun-

try of this heroic leader of the University's heroic men who are coming back crowned with glory and honor beneath the flag, illumined with a new splendor from Liberty's sun. The flag which is to wave pre-eminently now as the ensign of national unity, of political purity, of civic righteousness, of industrial justice, of manhood and womanhood equality, of international equity, and of a world-wide humanity.

What a proud distinction our University has. The three greatest geologists the age has produced have been identified with it. Dear rugged John Muir near whom I roomed in yonder dormitory, in my University days, was a student, Thomas C. Chamberlain, gracious as a queenly woman coming from another state, now my own, was its President.

And Charles Richard Van Hise born in the State of Wisconsin, a graduate of this, its State University, and its honored and renowned President. Where can we find the peer of our beloved Alma Mater.

President Van Hise lifted this University in all its ongoings into a high spiritual realm. It was the dominance of soul over the body or through the body in all the life of the University which he taught and practiced. It was the complete blending of that life with the life of the Republic in service and sacrifice for which he strove. He gloriously succeeded. Do not our pulses thrill at what he accomplished? Do we not all feel justly prouder than even before that we were privileged to march under this "Great Heart" to the sublime heights of triumph which we are now so jubilantly treading.

"The aims of America are accomplished," said the President of the United States, when the humbled enemies of righteousness bowed before our all conquering arms.

Yes indeed for the moment! But now for the victories of Peace! The sermon when preached has just begun. The still greater aims of America with those of our faithful allies must be striven after. President Van Hise very clearly saw that those aims must be attained through a league of nations based upon "equal and exact justice," to enforce a universal and unending peace.

Primarily the condition of such a league he held, would be the mutual understanding and confidence of the English-speaking peoples. The great democracies of the world are in their keeping. The great controlling forces of the world are in their hands. I recall the cable from the Poet Laureate of Great Britain, flashed under the sea to us when we declared war on Spain.

"Now fling them out to the breeze,
The shamrock and thistle and rose
And the star spangled banner unfold with these

A message to friends and foes
Wherever the sails of peace are seen
And wherever the war wind blows
A message to bond and thrall to wake
For wherever we come we twain
The throne of the tyrant shall rock and quake
And his menace be void and vain
For ye are the lords of a strong young land
And we are the lords of the main."

And the corollary which President Van Hise fully grasped was that in both these mighty English-speaking peoples, the English language must be sedulously taught and wherever possible spoken.

And surely in our own land where seventy distinct nationalities with their variations are to be found, the whole world within our domain, there is but one language that can bind us indissolubly together, and which should be taught in our common schools, the English language. For that is the one language of the globe which like a mighty ocean can take in every linguistic rivulet and river and blend it as its own.

He was one of the foremost of the Lords of Science.

"They who read wisely the eternal creed,
Writ on sky and sea and land
By ancient authors hand
Who chant from stone and starry pages
The old laws that rule the ages."

But what a marvelous combination of forces he evinced, not only master of the Great Stone Book of this outer world, but seemingly an equal master of the mysteries of the inner world of mind and soul.

With the keenness of a true-born metaphysician was allied the application of the eternal principles of that inner realm to the most practical and pressing problems of human life.

No little fame did he win in helping solve the ever recurring questions which confront the sociologist and economist. He gave wise counsel to harmonize the conflicting claims of capital and labor. He mediated successfully between a great railroad corporation and the brotherhood of its employes. It seemed as though nothing pertaining to human society was foreign to him. And has he not won unstinted praise as an educator and organizer? Has he not justly deserved the encomium of my honored friend Dr. Charles Mathews of the University of Chicago, "Dr. Van Hise was one of the greatest of university presidents. He was a man of genuine ideals. He dared to champion an unpopular cause when he believed it was right."

Ah, Yes! If you want his monument look around you.

I need not speak of the highest literary honors, conferred upon him by the foremost universities of the lands nor the recognition of his work by the leading scientific organizations of other lands, nor by those of his own country. They will be enumerated when the glorious record is fully made up.

He cheerfully responded to the call of the government when it was declared to meet the pressing necessity for the conservation of food, and two informing volumes were prepared by him for college and popular instruction.

The closing days of his memorable life were those of a loyal civilian soldier, visiting the battle front and the area devastated by war that he might help in the coming reconstruction days. I think the highest rank the nation can give to its military chieftains might justly be given him for those strenuous days abroad brought on the premature end of his victorious career.

The members of the General Alumni Association bow their heads in sorrow over the loss of this great fellow member whose accomplishments were so many and whose devotion to service showed itself in noble deeds. Few men have so consistently practiced their own teachings as did our beloved and respected President—our native son—a graduate of and a teacher in the University of which for the past fifteen years he has been the recognized leader and head. For his great monument "look around you." Not alone the physical growth of the University stands as his monument, but also the strong ideals of service which he ever upheld.

Charles Richard Van Hise is dead. Death overtook him when he seemed at the height of his strength and ability. But his influence lives and if graduates will follow the high ideals he taught, this influence will never die. His great deeds, his high honors, his lofty achievements in science, in education, in public service, are well known. His personal kindness to those with whom he was in daily association, "his little unremembered acts of kindness and of love"—those best parts of a good man's life—were numberless. A trained horseman, an expert paddler, a vigorous walker and a tireless mountain climber, he kept himself always physically fit. His practice of bearing no active malice toward his opponents was a noticeable virtue. To state his greatness in a single sentence is not easy, but if asked to attempt to do so, we should say, "his greatest accomplishment was in making Service not a mere slogan, but a reality."

Tributes

"Wisconsin has had many able sons, men who have served their Country and their State with distinguished honor in various fields of effort, but among them all none, I believe, has rendered greater service to his time than President Van Hise.

"The University will be his true monument, for to him, more than to any one person, we owe the present commanding position of that great institution. He had the vision and the zeal of the prophet, but he also had the practical wisdom and the tireless energy of the great captain.

"He was a man engaged in great things concerning which there were frequently wide differences of opinion; necessarily he was involved in many struggles with men perhaps as earnest as himself; he did not court opposition but he met it without fear and it may truly be said that, when the battle was over, it was completely over with him. He had no wounds to exhibit, no resentments to nurse, no debts to pay off. For him life was too short for such things. There was great work ahead still to be done,

"Sure he who made us with such large discourse,
Looking before and after,
Gave us not that capability and God-like reason
To fust in us unused."

No, no, Thy "mortal has put on immortality."

Thou has taken with thee the gifts and graces with which thou wast endowed and which thou hast so lovingly bestowed upon mankind, to another and grander sphere of service.

And to the Divine Will of the God and Father of us all we reverently bow and say The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.

and to this he ever turned with kindling eye and eager enthusiasm, welcoming to his side whoever would help regardless of past differences. Herein he showed true greatness. Wisconsin may well mourn the loss of such a son."
—Justice J. B. WINSLOW.

"Through the University, President Van Hise has accomplished great things for the State in the fifteen years of his service as president. He leaves us in the fullness of his powers and of his strength. He leaves us at a time when the University is facing the new and difficult problems which peace inherits from war; when the University, as part of the State educational system, stands in the greatest need of his clear thought and firm guidance.

"It was the supreme merit of Dr. Van Hise as President of the University of Wisconsin that from the first he conceived the problems of a state university in a new way and with broad comprehension, both of the duties and possibilities of such an institution. He saw clearly its duty of carrying knowledge beyond the campus and making it directly effective in the life of

the state; and he conceived and executed this duty to an extent and on a scale never before attempted. This part of his work for the University no doubt attracted more attention and comment than anything else.

"Yet President Van Hise had the further and higher merit of conceiving these new ideas in a just relation to the entire plan and purpose of the University. Only last week he told the British Universities' Mission, at a round table conference, the story of the University of Wisconsin and set forth its character and peculiarities as a state university. He emphasized not only, or chiefly, these new ideas which he had wrought into its structure but the historical growth of the special lines of university teaching and investigation out of the general departments of the College of Letters and Science. He told our guests of the care and pains which the University has taken to keep unified and strong the teaching in the pure sciences and especially in the humanities, old and new. He urged on them the view that much of the strength of the University has come from this historical relation and has depended on its maintenance. His words, which I quote only in small part, showed better than anything I could say, that conception of a state university which was fundamental to his work as president. This conception he carried out in his plans for the University of Wisconsin, and in so doing he advanced it to a distinguished place among sister institutions."—Dean E. A. BIRGE.

"Few of the world's geologists have reached such eminence in the science as President Van Hise. His masterly attack on vital problems has resulted in far reaching and fundamental advances. Not only is his reputation secure among his scientific colleagues, but he has probably a wider recognition in the mineral industries than has been gained by any other geologist. I do not find adequate expression for my scientific debt to him as student, assistant, and associate, nor for the inspiration which has come from his friendship."—C. K. LEITH.

"President Van Hise has always had, in the development of the extension idea, a very warm appreciation of the opportunity the College of Agriculture has to reach the mass of farming people in the diffusion of knowledge, not merely of the practical and scientific sort, but the knowledge that makes for better citizenship. In the work of the farmers' courses and farmers' meetings generally, he has always given the Agricultural College the fullest possible opportunity to discharge its office to the farming people.

"Moreover, he has recognized in the application of science an equal opportunity as in pure science for high-grade scientific work. The researches of the various departments of the College of Agriculture have had from the President recognition of both their scientific importance and their practical value to agriculture. He has been keenly alive not only to the importance but to the necessity of the Agricultural College as an agency to blaze the way in practical and applied scientific work.

"President Van Hise had the rare quality of the real executive, that of assigning responsibility to other men and organizations, and requiring of them results."—Dean H. L. RUSSELL.

"From his student days in the University Dr. Van Hise has been interested in the geology of his native state and the development of its natural resources. His first field work was for the former State Geological Survey in central Wisconsin as an assistant to Prof. R. D. Irving, his teacher and friend. Shortly after, he was associated with Dr. Irving in work for the United States Geological Survey on the Gogebic Iron Range of Wisconsin and Michigan. His studies here resulted in the discovery of the fundamental principles of the origin of the iron ore deposits, and furnished to the iron mining industry the ideas on which have been based all

later work in searching for new ore bodies. The value to the mining industry of this work and the succeeding studies of the other Lake Superior iron ranges, can hardly be over-estimated. The monographs in which his work is presented are the standard reference books of the mining men of this region.

"He was one of the small group instrumental in getting the legislature to create the present Geological and Natural History Survey, and has been closely identified with its work ever since its organization. Since 1903 he has been president of its board of commissioners. He interested himself in all phases of geological work in the State, not only in that leading to the development of mineral resources, but just as keenly in the study of the way in which the surface of the State has been carved out through the ages by the slow working tools of nature.

"It was on his suggestion that the State Geological Survey started the present state highway work and carried it on until the State Highway Commission was created.

"In his later years his interest in mineral resources became more broadly philosophical as his widening experiences taught him the tremendous role which these resources had played in the development of civilization. He saw keenly the limited nature of many of these resources and that the welfare of future generations was dependent on their possession. This led him to bend his full energies to the propaganda for wise use and curtailment of waste by the present generation—to the development of conservation in State and Nation. Out of his interest in these broader considerations grew most of his many public services."—W. O. HORTCHKISS.

Condolences

"I was dreadfully shocked to hear of the death of President Van Hise. My heart goes out in the deep sorrow of yourself and your daughters. Wisconsin University and the country loses a most valuable leader. Accept from me my deep sympathy."—WILLIAM H. TAFT.

"Please convey to the family and other friends my deep sympathy and great personal sense of loss in the death of President Van Hise. I had been present at his inauguration as you know. I had served for months with him on a great railroad arbitration board and had now been associated with him in studying conditions in Great Britain and France. He was intensely interested in the project of a League of Nations and everywhere supported the view that the English-speaking peoples must live in harmony and showed his intelligent devotion to plans for America's physical and social developments in the reconstruction period. He has served well his state and has contributed to the advancement of America."—DR. ALBERT SHAW.

"Personally and in the name of officers and faculty of the University of Montana I desire to convey through you to the University of Wisconsin our sympathy and sense of great loss in the passing of President Van Hise. The world has lost one of its great truth seekers, the world of scholarship a great idealist, and the world of education a far-seeing and skillful interpreter. Above all the world of human affairs must mourn for a leader of force and of the broadest sympathy. His greatness lives in the University to which he contributed his life."—EDWARD C. ELLIOTT.

"The trustees of the Carnegie Foundation assembled in their annual meeting in which they had expected to meet President Van Hise as a colleague are met with the news of his unexpected death. Their hearts are filled with sorrow at the loss of a fellow trustee so highly valued. To his stricken family they offer the

sympathy of friends and colleagues and to the great University of which he was the president they express their sense of its deep loss in the death of a leader who showed the path to new heights of service and of aspirations."—HENRY S. PRITCHETT.

"The alumni of our beloved University bow our heads in sorrow this day that our most distinguished member and great President has been taken from us. May the value of his labors for the welfare of mankind be a consolation to you. We extend our sincere sympathy for the personal loss sustained."—WISCONSIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

"I am more shocked and concerned than I can say. Your husband's loss at this juncture of national affairs is most serious for our people. I sympathize with you as a friend and I mourn with you as an American."—THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Resolutions

"Dr. Charles Richard Van Hise, the President of the University of Wisconsin, departed this life November 19, 1918, after an unbroken connection of 45 years with the institution, as undergraduate, through all grades of the Faculty and as President for the past 15 years.

"Nearly every living alumnus, every faculty member and executive officer has come into intimate personal contact with him during the long period of his connection with the University, and to know him was to love him, to serve with him was a privilege, and to serve under him a benediction.

"Recognition of his genius as a scientist, as an educator and as an executive comes to us from every quarter of the nation and the civilized world. We would not here catalogue his virtues, his excellences nor his achievements in his many fields of intellectual and personal activity; we know him as a friend, co-laborer and associate; the many years we have spent with him are a priceless asset; his activities and his accomplishments are an inspiration to us, and a call to better things. We shall miss him as a friend, counsellor and brother; we shall strive to be better for having known him. We mourn with the family, with the University, with the Nation and the world over his untimely passing. We deplore our loss but we know that the world is richer for his having lived and served."—BOARD OF REGENTS.

"We, the Faculty of the University, would pay our tribute of respect and love to our departed leader, President Charles R. Van Hise. His death has afflicted us with the deepest sense of public and personal loss. We rejoice, however, in the service that he rendered to his fellow men. He preached the gospel of service and he practiced it with insight and energy. His service was not the condescension of the great to the humble, but the solicitude of the elder brother for his brethren. To him the great object in life was to release the capacities of men, to help them learn how to help themselves.

"His broad conception of the part that the University should have in this work of spiritual liberation was firmly grounded in respect for pure scholarship and his success in securing its fuller realization is one of his titles to grateful remembrance. He had a democrat's faith in the ability of the people of Wisconsin to recognize the worth of university training. No opposition, no doubts or fears, could shake his confidence in their unflinching and full support of the University which sought to open to all a door to richer and nobler living.

"He was truly a democratic leader. He was simple in his tastes, delighting in the curling smoke of the campfire and the small, still voices of the wild woods. He was accessible to everyone and sought advice from all who would offer it; he respected honest opponents and worked with them as harmoniously after a conflict as before; he endured even malicious personal criticism with serenity. His tolerance was indeed amazing and it sprang, not from indifference or disdain, but from single-hearted devotion to the larger, benign purposes that he cherished for men, and from the concentration of his strength upon the effort to realize them.

"It was characteristic of the steady and consistent broadening of his interests that he passed from the study of the forces which have knit the outer fabric of the earth to the investigation of some of the potent influences which make or mar the welfare of men. The well-being of the people of Wisconsin, of the people of the Nation, engaged the productive energies of his mature manhood. When the great war came and threatened the destruction of western civilization he bent all the powers of his mind and heart to the great problem of gaining the victory for liberty and justice and then, in these later, stupendous weeks, to the greater problem of making that victory secure through the organization of a brotherhood of free nations. The leader who began his presidency with the noble ideal of freeing human capacity throughout the commonwealth of Wisconsin fittingly crowned his brief days in the fullness of his powers with well-wrought plans for ensuring to national and to individual capacity a free opportunity throughout a liberated world.

"We rejoice that he has dwelt among us and that his spirit has moulded and will continue to mould the life of the University. They may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."—THE FACULTY.

Dr. Charles Richard Van Hise is dead. The student has lost a wise preceptor and a true friend. The University has lost a great and useful President, and the world has lost an eminent benefactor, educator and scholar.

Dr. Van Hise made his own way through life. He had none to give him things he did not merit. The work he accomplished and the position he attained were the achievement of his own character, industry, and devotion to duty, and fidelity to trust. His life is an example to all who live and strive.

We, the members of the St. Paul Association of Alumni of the University, express our sorrow in his death as our own personal loss. We mourn with all whom this man has helped and with the many whom he has served. We sympathize with his loved ones in the grief which we know that words cannot assuage.

Let a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the family of Dr. Van Hise and to the Wisconsin Alumni Association.—U. W. CLUB OF ST. PAUL.

The University of Wisconsin Club of Philadelphia has just learned of the death of President Van Hise at Milwaukee. His loss is a personal loss to each and every one of us. While at the University, we learned to know and to love him. Since leaving the University, we have come to appreciate even more the fineness of his character, the clearness of his vision and the magnitude of his achievements for the University.

The Secretary has been requested to forward a copy of this, our memorial, to Mrs. Charles R. Van Hise and family, to the Board of Regents, the Faculty, and the General Alumni Association.—U. W. CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, who had been President of the University of Wisconsin since 1903, was the first alumnus of the University to become its President, the University's first Wisconsin-born President, and enjoyed the longest term. He was a Wisconsin man in birth, education, life work, and interest. He had been connected with the University Faculty continuously since his graduation in 1879, and his entire energies had been devoted to the development of his native state and its university.

He was born at Fulton, on May 29, 1857, son of William and Mary Van Hise. He entered the University in 1875, graduated with the degree of bachelor of mechanical engineering in 1879, and later received the degrees of bachelor of science, master of science and doctor of philosophy. The honorary degree of doctor of laws was conferred upon him by Chicago, Yale, and Harvard Universities, and by Williams and Dartmouth Colleges.

He was instructor in metallurgy at Wisconsin, 1879-1883, assistant professor, 1883-86, professor, 1886-88, professor of mineralogy, 1888-90, professor of archean and applied geology, 1890-92, professor of geology, and non-resident professor of structural geology of the University of Chicago, 1892-1903; inaugurated president, 1904.

He was a member of the United States Geological Survey since 1883; geologist in charge of the division of pre-Cambrian and Metamorphic geology and consulting geologist, 1900-08; consulting geologist for the Wisconsin Geologist and Natural History Survey, 1897-03; member of the National Conservation Committee, 1909; chairman of the Wisconsin State Conservation Committee, 1908-15; chairman of the Board of Arbitration for Eastern Railroads and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, 1912; and trustee of the Carnegie Foundation for Advancement of Teaching since 1909.

He was a member of the National Academy of Science, Washington Academy of Science, Scientific Society of Christiana, Royal Swedish Academy of Science, Geological Society of America (president in 1908), Geological Society of London, American Philosophical Society, Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters (president, 1893-96), Boston Society of Natural History, American Association for Advancement of Science (vice-president of Section E, 1901, and president, 1916), Russian Society of Mineralogy, and Geological Society of Stockholm, Cosmos Club, Washington, and University Clubs, Madison and Milwaukee.

He was the author of the following books: "Archean and Algonkian," "Principles of North American Pre-Cambrian Geology," "Some Principles Controlling the Deposition of Ores," "A Treatise on Metamorphism," "The Conservation of Natural Resources," "Concentration and Control—A Solution of the Trust Problem in the United States."

He was joint author of "Penokee Iron Bearing Series of Michigan and Wisconsin," "The Marquette Iron Bearing District of Michigan," "The Menomonee Iron Bearing District of Michigan," and "Geology of the Lake Superior Region." He was a contributor to many scientific, educational, and economic papers.

His latest book, "Conservation and Regulation in the United States During the War," was almost completed at the time of his death.

ATHLETICS

By defeating Ohio State and Michigan Aggies, our football team kept the faith—"There are no quitters at Wisconsin." Congratulations to the team and to the coaches!

Our track teams are so frequently victorious that we are prone to overlook their victories as a matter of course. The cross country triangular meet with Ames and Minnesota dem-

onstrates that we are still strong in that branch of athletics.

Lt. T. E. Jones has returned to Wisconsin. Coach John Richards will probably be able to return next fall. Coaches Lowman and Kent are already at work with the basket-ball candidates. The prospects for the Department of Athletics being strong and well-organized are most encour-

aging. Director Jones is already at work on plans for a constructive athletic and physical development program for peace times. More general participation in all athletic games will, it would seem, be a natural result of the demonstrated beneficial effects of such training in the various military camps.

FOOTBALL

WISCONSIN 14—OHIO STATE 3

Wisconsin defeated Ohio in an interesting game at Columbus on November 23. Fred Smith, a yearling, who has been playing substitute half-back performed the two stellar offensive movements by open field runs of sixty and eighty yards. His first performance was a run around left end. Ohio kicked off in the first quarter. Wisconsin punted. Ohio worked the ball to the twenty-five yard line twice, losing it once on a fumble and once on a missed try of a kick for goal. After Wisconsin punted Ohio lost the ball on Wisconsin's thirty-two yard line. On the first play Smith circled left end making the first score. Sundt kicked goal.

During the second quarter Wiper of Ohio finally successfully drop kicked from the twenty-seven yard line.

The third quarter ended with the ball in Ohio's possession on the thirty-five yard line.

Ohio opened the fourth quarter with three attempts to forward pass. The third one was intercepted by Smith, who ran eighty yards for a touch-down.

Credit must also be given to the line for stiff defensive work at critical times. Twice Ohio worked the ball within the five-yard line, but the "Hold'em Wisconsin" spirit overpowered the final punch on the part of Ohio.

The line-up:

<i>Ohio State</i>		<i>Wisconsin</i>	
McDonald, Capt.....	L. E.	L. E.	Brader
Huffman.....	L. T.	L. T.	Mann, Capt.
Pixley.....	L. G.	L. G.	Margoles
Gilam.....	C.	C.	Brumm
Adison.....	R. G.	R. G.	Below
McCune.....	R. T.	R. T.	Donaghey
Slyker.....	R. E.	R. E.	Leaper
H. Wiper.....	Q. B.	Q. B.	Barr
Farcassin.....	L. H.	L. H.	Smith
Rife.....	R. H.	R. H.	Collins
Mathey.....	F. B.	F. B.	Sundt

Officials—Masker, Northwestern, referee; Schommer, Chicago, umpire; Thurber, Colgate, field judge; Prugh, Ohio Wesleyan, head linesman. Time periods, 15 minutes.

WISCONSIN 7—MICHIGAN AGGIES 6

The close game with Michigan Aggies on November 28, was one of the snappiest games of the season. Unfortunately a blinding snow-storm kept the rooters away. Both teams punted frequently. The injury of Sundt early in the game gave the Michigan boys the advantage and the Aggies scored, but failed to kick goal in the second quarter.

Neither team scored in the third quarter.

Wisconsin finally scored and kicked goal, three minutes before the final whistle blew.

The line-up:

<i>Wisconsin</i>		<i>Aggies</i>	
Brader.....	L. E.	L. E.	Schwei
Mann.....	L. T.	L. T.	Anderson
Margoles.....	L. G.	L. G.	Vanorden
Brumm.....	C.	C.	Archer
Donaghey.....	R. G.	R. G.	Johns
Leaper.....	R. E.	R. E.	Young
Smith.....	L. H.	L. H.	Brady
Collins.....	R. H.	R. H.	Snyder
Sundt.....	F.	F.	Graves
Barr.....	Q.	Q.	Ferris

Touchdowns—Ferris and Kuehn. Goals after touchdowns—Barr. Referee—Masker, Northwestern. Umpire—Haynes, Yale. Head linesman—Dorticus, Maine.

BASKET-BALL

Schedule:

- Jan. 11—Northwestern at Madison.
- Jan. 18—Minnesota, at Minneapolis.
- Jan. 25—Illinois, at Madison.
- Feb. 1—Chicago, at Madison.
- Feb. 10—Iowa, at Madison.
- Feb. 15—Illinois, at Urbana.
- Feb. 22—Northwestern, at Evanston.
- Feb. 24—Indiana, at Bloomington.
- March 1—Minnesota, at Madison.
- March 8—Chicago, at Chicago.
- March 11—Iowa, at Iowa City.
- March 15—Indiana, at Madison.

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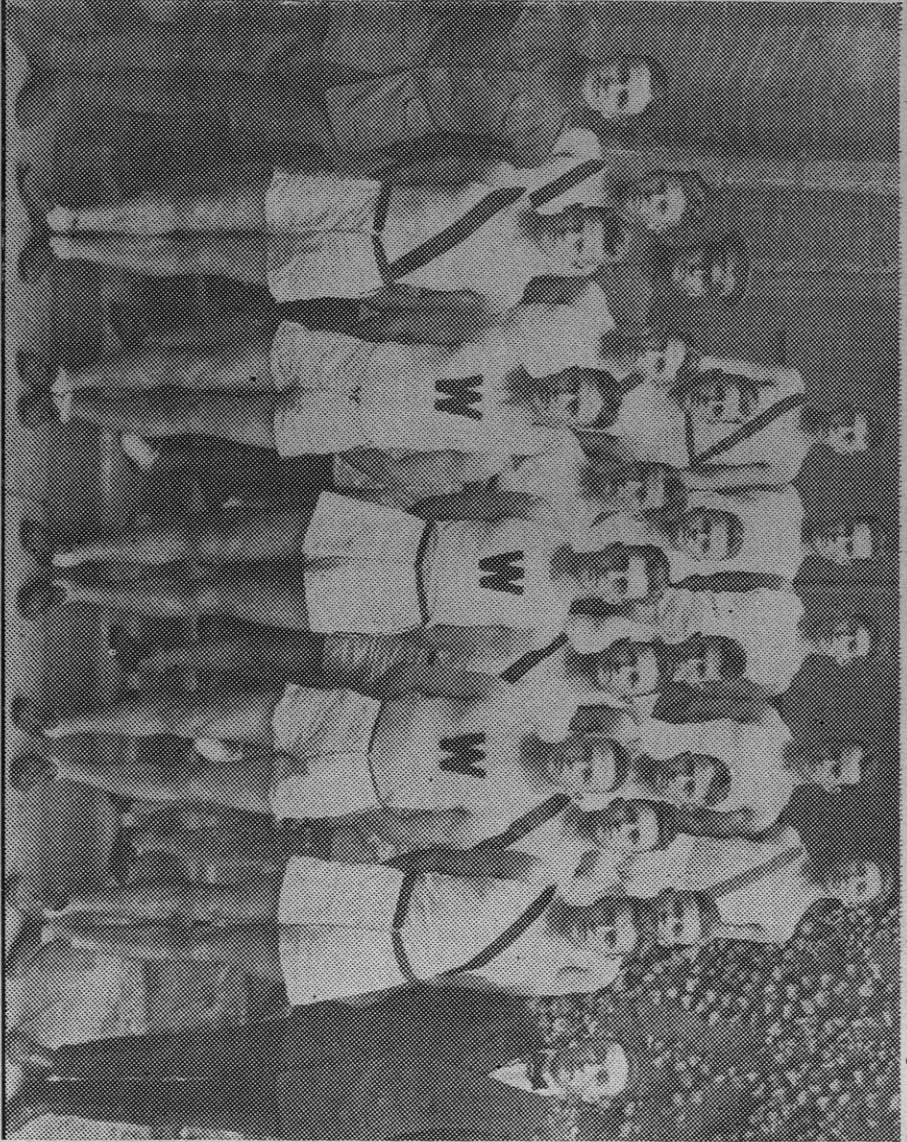
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CROSS COUNTRY

Wisconsin cross country runners won the triangular meet held with Ames and Minnesota and received first place in the five-mile course in the record time of 27:13, at Madison, November 23.

The men in the order of the finish were: Elsom, W; Wilder, M; Burr, W; Loomis, W; Moon, M; Ramsay, W; Ston, A; Kingman, M; Lynch, M; Brothers, W; Swanson, M; Frenert, A; Smith, A; Anderson, W; Frevert, A; Martin, M; Preitengross; A.

Score: Wisconsin first with 24 points, Minnesota second with 35, Ames third with 64.



CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD

First row (Bottom)—Ramsay, W., Nash, Elsom (Capt.), Burr, Loomis, Bresnahan (coach). Second row—Knoll, Brothers, Ihlen, Polzin, Ramsay R. W. Third row—Lieut. Jones, Haasch, Seelbach, Forsbeck, Boerner, Anderson. Top row—Braun, Wade, Birkenwald, Aanesen, McMullen.

WISCONSIN ALUMNI CLUBS

"Sit together, listen together, sing together, eat together, and talk together, and you'll work together"

LOS ANGELES

Newly elected officers of the Southern California Alumnae Club are Mrs. J. W. Buchanan (Bertha Fisher), '08, president; Mable Pratt, '04, vice-president; Caroline Burgess, '94, secretary-treasurer.

MINNEAPOLIS

By GUY MEEKER, '99

The Club held its annual election of officers on Thursday, December 5. The newly elected officers are: F. H. Kurtz, '99, president; C. H. Preston, '09, vice-president; E. J. Fessler, '06, secretary-treasurer.

The Club has a regular monthly luncheon at Dayton's at 12:30 on the first Thursday of each month, and a

cordial invitation is extended to any alumni visiting Minneapolis. It purposes holding a memorial meeting soon in honor of the late President Van Hise.

Judge A. A. Bruce, '90, late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Dakota and now of the University of Minnesota Law School, recently addressed the Club on "The Bolsheviki of North Dakota."

NEW YORK ALUMNAE

AGNES MERRILL SCOTT, '02

"Our organization is too informal to have constitution, by-laws or definite membership, so that I am unable to comply with the rule requiring these to be filed with the General Secretary."

ALUMNI NEWS

Alumni please keep in touch with the MAGAZINE and with your Class Secretary!

BIRTHS

- 1903 To Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hagenah (Florence Doyon), Chicago, a daughter, Florence Catherine, Oct. 28.
- 1903 To Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Pfund (Charlotte Epstein), Minneapolis, a daughter, Elizabeth Caroline, Nov. 14.
- 1904
- 1907 To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark, Newport, Wash., a son, Jackson Rollin, Oct. 31.
- 1910 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olson, Minneapolis, a daughter, Margaret Louise, Nov. 16.
- 1912 To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Melville, Madison, a daughter, Edith Jane, Nov. 25.

MARRIAGES

- 1910 Jean Frederickson to Dr. Henry Schuette, assistant professor of chemistry, U. of W., at home of bride's parents, Madison, Nov. 2.
- 1913 Agnes Dickerson, Helena, Mont., to Dr. Thomas Regan, lieutenant in U. S. A., Sept. 12.
- 1914 Miss Ethlyn Hughes, Grand Rapids, Mich., to Morgan Cartier, Sept. 19. At home at Ludington, Mich.

ex 1916 Helen Van Arsdale, Racine, to Capt. Maurice Bebb, U. S. A., July 8.

1917 Miss Alice Baker to Harry Rimsnider, Aug. 29. Mr. and Mrs. Rimsnider are at home at 163 Martin St., Milwaukee.

DEATHS

IRMA KLEINPEL, '94, teacher in the Madison schools for nearly twenty years, died suddenly of heart failure, Dec. 2.

JAMES WIGMAN, '06, was killed in an automobile accident in October at his home in Bloomington, Ill., while doing Red Cross work.

HELENA PECK, '13, of Darlington, died in Washington, D. C., of pneumonia, Nov. 13. Miss Peck enlisted as yeoman first-class U. S. Naval Reserve Force in July, where she performed her duties in a spirit of patriotic endeavor.

LT. GEORGE CARY, '15, died last month of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Kelly Field, where he was flying instructor. Lieutenant Cary's home was in Richmond, Va.

LT. GUSTAVE WRIGHT, ex '15, of the law firm, Michelson and Wright, was killed in action in France, Oct. 8, according to word received in Madison, last month.

CLASSES

1871

DEAN E. A. BIRGE FOR PRESIDENT

By J. B. WINSLOW

As an alumnus of the University I am deeply interested in the question of the successor to the lamented Van Hise. The mention of my own name was unauthorized and unwished for. I have neither fitness nor desire to undertake this, the greatest work in the State.

In my judgment there is one man who stands forth as preeminently fit and that man is Edward A. Birge. I am at a loss to know why any other name should be mentioned. Intellectually he is the peer of any college president in the country. He has abundantly proved his administrative and executive ability by acting as president for long periods both before the appointment of President Van Hise and afterwards when circumstances rendered the absence of the president necessary. The University is in a partially disorganized state. During the next year it must return to more nearly normal conditions, and there should be a man in the presidency who knows by experience what those conditions are and how to reach them. Let us not undertake the education of a president at this time. It is no time for experiments even with great names, and such experiments are apt to be costly.

We need run no risks. The man for the place is right here; in fact, he is already on the job. The alumni will rally around him to the last man (and woman). It would be an insult to ask him to accept the acting presidency. He should be made president at once. He has amply earned it, and Wisconsin will only honor itself by recognizing the fact cordially and promptly—in *Madison Democrat*, 11-23, 1918.

1879

By a vote of nine to two the Senate Elections Committee abandoned the investigation of the alleged disloyal speech of Senator La Follette.

1894

Sec'y—H. L. EKERN, Chicago
208 S. La Salle St.

Robert McMynn's address is 498 Terrace Ave., Milwaukee.

1898

Sec'y—J. P. RIORDAN, Mayville

Mrs. George Lines (Edessa Kunz), who was most actively engaged in the win-the-war program of the Government, served on the National League for Woman's Service, the Woman's Advisory Committee of the Milwau-



MRS. GEORGE LINES

kee County Council of Defense, and the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee. In connection with the latter Committee, Mrs. Lines served as Milwaukee County chairman for women, and vice-president of Milwaukee County Executive Committee directing the work of 2,580 women who have served as registered solicitors for all Liberty Loans, War Savings and Red Cross war fund drives.

1900

Sec'y—J. N. KOFFEND, Jr., Appleton
690 Narris St.

Frances Slatter's address is 1540 N. St., Fresno, Cal.

1902

Sec'y—LELIA BASCOM, Madison
220 N. Murray St.

Frederick De Lay, formerly head instructor in the Chicago Central Station Institute, is superintendent of the electrical department of the Mechanical Appliance Co., Milwaukee.

1903

Sec'y—W. H. HEIN, Bloomington, Ill.
Normal School

Capt. R. C. Disque, assistant professor of electrical engineering, who is now on leave of absence, has recently been made director of the radio branch of the army military aero training service with headquarters at Washington.



CONRAD OLSON

1905

Sec'y—LILLIAN E. TAYLOR, Madison
352 W. Wilson St.

Elizabeth Foley is teaching at Seattle, Wash.—Harold Weld has been called from Minneapolis to the home office of the Standard Underground Cable Co., Pittsburgh. — J. H.

Sprecher has changed his address to 619a Cramer St., Milwaukee.—Leroy Smith is county farm advisor at Fresno, Cal.

1908

Sec'y—F. H. ELWELL, Madison

C. J. Krielkamp, deputy of Industrial Commission of Wis., lives at 1921 Ogden Ave., Superior.

1909

Sec'y—C. A. MANN, Ames, Iowa
801 Park Ave.

Mrs. John McCorry (Helen Hosmer) may be addressed at 246 N. Berch St., Casper, Wyo.—Ava Cochran has moved to 331 S. Warren St., Big Rapids, Mich.—Theo. Fenton is doing dietetic work with Base Hospital No. 22, in France.—Capt. G. W. Heise, formerly of Madison, is with the U. S. Chemical Plant No. 4, Saltville, Va.—Conrad Olson is a member of the Oregon Supreme Court.

1910

Sec'y—M. J. BLAIR, St. Paul
514 Merchants' National Bank Bldg.

Catherine Byrne, clerk at the Capitol, lives at 432 Hawthorne Court, Madison.

1911

Sec'y—E. D. STEINHAGEN, Milwaukee
20 Mack Blk.

Mariele Schirmer is teacher of French and German at the State Normal, Milwaukee.—E. C. Wilson is in the wholesale grocery business at Rhinelander.—Loretta Hannan lives at 612 Howard Place, Madison.—Harriet Maxon is in France in hospital unit work.—Mrs. E. H. Kelly (Marion Holmes) lives at Menrovia, Cal., where Capt. Kelly is stationed.—Effie Paine is teaching Latin at San Mateo, Cal.—Otto Wiese has moved to 1441 S. 11th St., Lincoln, Neb.

1912

Sec'y—H. J. WIEDENBECK, St. Louis
3642 Connecticut St.

W. H. Damon, of the State Department of Engineering, lives at 907 Fox St., Appleton.—Carl Neprud may be addressed in care of Chinese Customs

Service, Shunging.—William Aberg, a Madison attorney, has gone to Stockholm on a diplomatic mission for the war trade board. He will take up tariff questions with the Swedish government. Although he is expected to return within a short time he may be detained several months on his mission.

1913

Sec'y—RAY, SWEETMAN, Chicago, Ill.
19 So. La Salle St.

Mrs. C. C. Joys, Jr. (Marion Hartley) lives at 1428 Severn St., Pittsburgh, Pa.—C. H. Brimmer, Wausau, was in trench mortar work, according to a report received last month.

1914

Sec'y—J. A. BECKER, Camp Grant

Joseph Kunesh, assistant engineer for the U. S. G. S. is located at 418 Fleming Bldg., Phoenix, Ariz.—Byron Robinson may be reached at 1600 4th St., Minneapolis.—Maj. G. E. Arnemann, in charge of the 62nd F. A., is still station at Camp Jackson, S. C.

1915

Sec'y—E. O. A. LANGE, Madison
1001 Regent St.

Lt. Charles Kidder, S. R. C., A. S., may be addressed in care of Cox & Co., Bankers, London, England.—J. F. Machota, writing us in October, says in part:

"I got my first number of the ALUMNI MAGAZINE in France only this evening. I fairly devoured it, and decided to follow your suggestion, so came to the University Union to get more dope on U. W. people. I found all the past numbers of our dear MAGAZINE placed in order on a special 'Wisconsin' shelf. I found the August number missing or probably it has not arrived as yet. So I left my copy, for I am sure some other man will find as thorough an enjoyment from reading the August number as I did. No mistake about it, a letter from a relative or friend from the dear old State itself could not cheer one's heart and soul more than the ALUMNI MAGAZINE. I surely do want my subscription renewed. . . . Since coming to Paris, I have run across several U. W. men. I bumped into 'Johnny' Van

Riper at the railroad station, where I arrived first in this great city, in less than ten minutes after leaving the train. He is a lieutenant in the gas bomb department of the Service, while I content myself with a buck private's position in the aerial armament section of the air service as a draftsman. . . . I wish to express my gratitude to you for the splendid—yes, remarkable—service already tendered the Association, and particularly for the men in the A. E. F. through the American University Union."

1916

Sec'y—RUTH L. DILLMAN, Milwaukee
731 Shephard Ave.

Raymond Parlett, Ensign U. S. Navy Aviation, may be addressed at 718 Y. M. C. A., Detroit, Mich.—"Reading the MAGAZINE is like living over one's college days," writes Howard Haberla from La Crosse.—Lt. Vincent Cartier was commissioned from a private in aviation and assigned to charge of the Quartermaster Department on one of the large transports carrying troops to Europe, a short time before peace tidings came.—Louis Shanhouse, formerly stationed at Camp Hancock, Ga., may be addressed at 927 N. Court St., Rockford, Ill.—Lt. Ray Williams was with the 384th Inf., Camp Wadsworth, S. C., last month.

1917

Sec'y—WILFRED EVANS

Harrison Duddleston is with the Officers' Material School, Cleveland, O.—George Denfield, of the Dept. of Business Accounting, U. of Mont., had charge of the training of men for commissions in the Quartermaster Corps in addition to teaching a one-year course in accounting and office training to fit men for civil service positions of the Government.—Mitchell Briggs is teaching history in the High School and Junior College at Fresno, Cal.

1918

Sec'y—HOWARD HANCOCK

Gertrude Buehler, who is teaching at Hibbing, Minn., may be addressed at 215 Cedar St.—A. M. Hageman is chief chemist with the Westingham

Lamp Co., Bloomfield, N. J.—Kenneth Bahe's home address is 4363 Austin Ave., Chicago.—Margaret Chamberlin, who is in welfare work, lives at 124 Lathrop St., Detroit.—

Pauline Liebigh teaches History at Mayville.—D. W. Parsons is county agricultural agent at Weston, W. Va.—Gertrude Schlueter is teaching at Cambridge.

CAMPUS NOTES

The Flonzaley Quartet gave the first number of the Artists' Series at Music Hall, Dec. 3.

"*Experiences at the Front*" was the subject of a lecture, given in French, by Dr. Etienne Burnet, Dec. 4, at University Hall.

Miss A. L. Marlatt, director of home economics, was the guest of honor at a luncheon for Chicago alumnae, Dec. 14, at the Chicago Woman's Club.

Prof. Theodore Reinach, Lieutenant-Colonel in the French Army, lectured on "The Martyr Monuments of Rheims, Courcy and Arras," Dec. 5, at University Hall.

The French educational mission, which has come to America in response to requests from several American institutions for representative French scholars to lecture in various universities on the dominant elements in French life, visited the University on Dec. 4 and 5.

About 2,125 artisan soldiers have learned practical trades, of use in peace as well as in war, in the four 60-day army vocational training detachments at the University, the last of which closed Dec. 2 with the disbanding of the Students' Army Training Corps.

Tax rates range from 7.2 to 40 mills in Wisconsin's various cities

and the assessed valuation of property ranges from 64.8 to 110 per cent, according to a report of the tax levies and rates in the state's 128 cities just prepared by the Municipal Reference Bureau of the Extension Division.

South Hall, after 60 long years of service is beginning to crumble. Workmen are replacing the stones in the foundation, which have been disintegrated by wind and weather. It is a peculiarity of the Wisconsin limestone, which all the University buildings on the Hill are made of, that it becomes oxidized, and changes to powder, due to the dampness. South Hall, built in 1885, was meant originally for a women's dormitory. With North Hall, the men's dormitory and University Hall, it constituted the entire campus.

Capt. J. C. Elsom, former assistant professor of physical education, is back in Madison. He received his commission as captain in the United States Army Medical Corps in September. Captain Elsom expects to be transferred to a reconstruction camp in England.

Prof. Louis Kahlenberg, '92, of the chemistry department was guest of honor at a banquet of the Milwaukee section of the American Chemical Society in honor of the tenth anniversary of its charter. Dr. Kahlenberg spoke on the topic, "Some Results of

New Investigation on the Chemistry of the Keratins." This is a subject upon which he has done some original work.

The new president is the most important matter now under consideration by the Regents. In the December issue of the *Wisconsin Journal of Education* M. V. O'Shea writes:

"At this writing no word has yet been spoken regarding a successor to President Van Hise, but it is certain that the Faculty, and the Regents, and the alumni will look to Dean Birge to carry forward the work of the institution. He has led the University during the most crucial period in its history—the last five or six months during which the University was transformed from an academic into a quasi military institution. President Van Hise was in Europe at the time and all the responsibilities of leadership fell upon Dean Birge. No one else could have done the extremely difficult work of these last few months so effectively as he has done it. He combines in his experience and in his educational philosophy more fully than any one else who has recently been connected with the institution the traditional spirit of the University, its ideals as they have been evolved during the last forty years, and the aspirations and expectations of all the friends of the University for the future. In an exceptionally effective way he met the new conditions imposed by the war, and he has looked forward with optimism and confidence to a period of reconstruction which would make the University more useful to the State and the Nation and to its students than it has been in the past. It would not be proper to anticipate the action of the Board of Regents in the present emergency, but one may very properly express the hope that the leadership of the University will be placed in the hands of Dean Birge during the critical years immediately ahead of us."

This year's Badger will not only contain the war histories and war accomplishments of all students but also an account of a good part of the alumni activities, according to a statement of the business manager, Ben Wishnefsky, '20.

Carl Russell Fish, writing from the

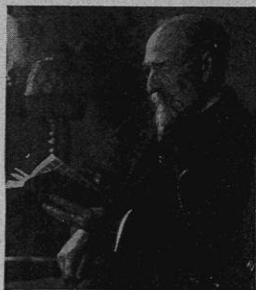
American University Union in London, says in part:

"A number of men I have met here in London on hearing that I come from the University at once asked me 'Are you still sending out those superb agricultural bulletins, which we have seen?' I shall be glad to assure them that we are. There is a very marked interest in training for agriculture among the men in the Army, and I should predict that the agricultural institutions will be even more popular in the future than in the past. As far as Wisconsin is concerned, I suppose no men in the Army can look forward to attending there until next year. In the meantime we are trying to see what we can do for them in England. Of course there is nothing here comparable to what we have, but I am in hopes that by turning them into a study of intensive methods they may bring back something which will be new. I should be very glad of any suggestion from the Wisconsin men as to any particular courses over here which are desirable. What we are chiefly interested in as educational problems is the establishment of permanent relations between American and British institutions. In agriculture it seems to me that this should mean a greater flow of men from England to America than vice versa, although an American with whom I crossed considered that American agriculture was extremely backward because we produced less per acre than countries of Western Europe. He could not see that the fact that we produced very much more per man had anything to do with the matter. We should be very glad to have on tap here your bulletins, both educational and experimental, perhaps particularly the latter, and will keep you informed of any inquiries that may be made concerning Wisconsin."

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching has just issued its Twelfth Bulletin, dealing with Pensions for Public School Teachers. This Bulletin describes in detail every pension system for teachers in the United States and gives reasons for believing that the great majority of them are socially unjust and financially unsound. The causes of this unfortunate situation are indicated in a brief history of pension systems.

IN MEMORIAM—CHARLES RICHARD VAN HISE

F. E. TURNEAURE

Dean, College of Engineering*President Van Hise*

In the death of President Van Hise, the University has lost a great president. As he was the first alumnus to hold this position, and was, furthermore, a graduate of the College of Engineering, his career should be of particular interest to engineering students and alumni. His career is a fine example of what this nation can produce in the way of a country boy of brains rising step by step by native ability and sheer hard work to a position of great influence in the state and nation. What he accomplished through persistent and untiring energy, coupled with a continual widening of intellectual activities, should be a great inspiration to the graduates of the institution over which he presided for so many years.

President Van Hise was a Wisconsin man,—Wisconsin born and bred,—and his life work has been given to the interests of the people of his state. From the catalogs of the University, it appears that he entered the University in 1877 and graduated from the Metallurgical Engineering course in 1879. Just why he selected an engineering course is not known, as he never followed the engineering profession as a career. It is quite likely, however, that a taste for mineralogy and geology, combined with a practical turn of mind, had much to do with his selection. It has often been admitted by President Van Hise that he was no great “shark” in mathematics and mechanics, finding such studies difficult and not very attractive, and it is interesting to note that the Metallurgical course of that time differed from the Mining course only in the fact that chemistry was substituted for mechanics. Whatever may have been his intention, it seems certain that his future work was very largely determined by his contact with Professor Roland Irving, under whom he had a large amount of work in geology, metallurgy, and mining. Professor Irving was above all a teacher and a scientist, rather than an engineer, and inspired his students with the scientific spirit as few teachers of that time or of any later period have done. There being but few students at that time (two engineering students in Van Hise’s class) the opportunities for the young scientist or engineer to come into intimate contact with the work of inspiring teachers were unusually good, and it is little wonder that under these conditions a geologist like Irving

should produce another geologist like Van Hise. Immediately after graduation, we find the young scientist employed as assistant in metallurgy at the University, and from that time on his work was continuously connected with the University as instructor, professor, and president.

It is easy to picture Van Hise as a very serious-minded student, not over-fond of sport; we know, on the contrary, that he was not a grind, but a very vigorous and full-blooded youngster, joining in the fun as heartily as in the work. He greatly enjoyed the dormitory life then in existence, and always spoke of it with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm, frequently telling of the pranks of the boys at that time. He greatly appreciated this life with other boys, and his experience then undoubtedly had much to do with his strong efforts to secure appropriations for dormitories and commons for the students of the present generation.

As a scientist, President Van Hise did not confine himself to the library and laboratory. He was a practical man, and was constantly at work on problems of applied geology. Whether or not his engineering training had anything to do with this tendency, it is nevertheless true that he became one of the greatest applied geologists of this or any other country. He was not satisfied with deducing a possible theory to account for geological changes, but proceeded to test his theory by quantitative calculations. It was not merely a question whether a certain chemical or physical process could, theoretically, produce certain transformations, but also whether such process could operate to a sufficient degree to produce these results. Calculations of quantities and amounts entered strongly into his studies, and in such analyses he made use of precisely the same methods which the engineer must employ in the solution of large problems. He brought to bear on his problems all of the sciences involved,—mathematics and mechanics, as well as physics and chemistry,—and secured much help from experts in these departments in the solution of his problems. His ability in handling such problems made his studies of Lake Superior geology of immense practical value to the mining industries of the country. He was a master mind in his specialty.

But as a member of the faculty, President Van Hise's interests were not confined to his own department. He always took a very active part in all matters pertaining to the general work of the University, and was particularly interested in athletics. He was for a number of years member of the Athletic Council, and frequently, in faculty meetings, supported very strongly the side of the students in questions pertaining to athletics. He

was then, as always, a strong debater, persistent in securing what he thought to be the correct action.

As a university president, Charles R. Van Hise was one of the greatest presidents of a state university of recent years. He believed that a state university should be as strong as any endowed institution, and that the public would support this policy. He further believed that a state-supported university had obligations to the public and to the state beyond those of a private institution. These obligations he considered to be far-reaching and outside the ordinary scope of universities. The work of the Extension Division, developed under his administration, is an example of such public service. And in extending the University in these ways, President Van Hise had no fear that such activities would injure the standing of the University in its higher fields of work. He firmly believed that such work well done would strengthen rather than weaken the institution, and in this belief the experience of the past ten years has proven him to be right. He had the highest ideals of what a university professor should be, and it was the high quality of the faculty above all things that he insisted upon. He wanted as many first-class men in every department as the University could afford. As president, he endeavored to develop all departments equally. While naturally having more special knowledge of scientific departments than of others, he was absolutely impartial in his attitude toward all of the departments of the University. He was quite as anxious to have a strong literary course as a strong scientific one, and the discovery of a virile, inspiring teacher in any department was his greatest delight.

President Van Hise's ability in debate and his unusual energy and persistence led to his being very successful in his promotion of the interests of the University in the legislature. Due to its rapidly increasing growth and cost, the University was sometimes strongly attacked in committee hearings, and at times the President would be severely attacked in a personal way. Such personal attacks never seemed to trouble him in the least,—they were simply ignored; but he kept right on arguing for University appropriations and persisted in his fight to the very end, with the result that he usually secured what was needed and ended the campaign with a very much better public understanding of the position of the University and of his personal efforts in its behalf. Under his direction, the University has grown from an attendance of less than 3,000 to more than 8,000 students; the Medical College was founded; the Extension Division was established and developed; and a large proportion of the buildings now in existence have been constructed. For many years he has fought for student dormitories and commons,

firm in the belief that these institutions are of great value as a common meeting ground for young men of student age. It is hoped that his death will not prevent the consummation of his desires in this direction.

President Van Hise was not a man to be content with confining all his activities to his daily work. His mind was constantly on the alert, and he was a close student of general economic and political problems of the day. His intimate knowledge of mineral resources led him promptly to take up the subject of conservation, and he was quick to perceive the significance of this movement. Again on the great question of industrial regulation, his accumulated knowledge regarding certain great fundamental industries led him to take a vital and immediate interest in this problem, and a large amount of his time for the past two or three years has been devoted to a study of this subject. He gave his support whole-heartedly and vigorously to the prosecution of the war. He was at the same time a warm exponent of a league to enforce peace, and his last public address, based largely on information secured during a recent visit to Europe, was an earnest plea for public support of such an organization.

President Van Hise had thus for many years devoted his whole strength to public service,—to the University, State, and Nation. His unselfish and devoted work may well be an example to the students and alumni of the institution which he so greatly cherished.

—From *The Wisconsin Engineer*

BOOK NOTES

Brief reviews of writings by Wisconsin students, alumni, and faculty.

"*Your Better Self*," by Humphrey Desmond, '80, (A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, 50 cents) is a wholesome and attractive series of brief essays, grouped under the eight following headings: Moral Efficiencies, The Brave Man Chooses, Because Right Is Right, Customs Of The Trade, The Changed Life, The City for The People, Seeing New Lights, Looking Beyond. While appearing as a Holiday gift book, it covers fields of general interest at any season. Among books of this character that Mr. Desmond has previously written, will be remembered "The Way To Easy Street," "The Larger Values," "Little Uplifts" and "The Glad Hand and Other Grips on Life." The present volume is bound novelty style and contains 99 pages divided into eight chapters.

"*Birth*," by Zona Gale, '95, (The Macmillan Co., New York, \$1.60) is a new novel in which the appealing story of two generations—Mar-

shall and Jeffrey Pitt—is told. The theme involves many people and illustrates a spiritual law. The life of a small town is clearly depicted. The individual characters do not remain as vividly in the reader's memory as do the general situations they are employed to represent. The craftsmanship found in "Friendship Village" stories is successfully employed in this latest work by Miss Gale.

"*Want Ejected*" is the title of a patriotic playlet for rural schools written by Herbert Fish, '03, of the State Normal School, Minot, N. D., and published by the American Red Cross, Minneapolis. "The presentation of plays of this type by Junior Auxiliaries has an educational as well as a patriotic value. This activity represents not only the possibility of plays and pageants written by students, but also the designing and making of scenery and costumes."



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