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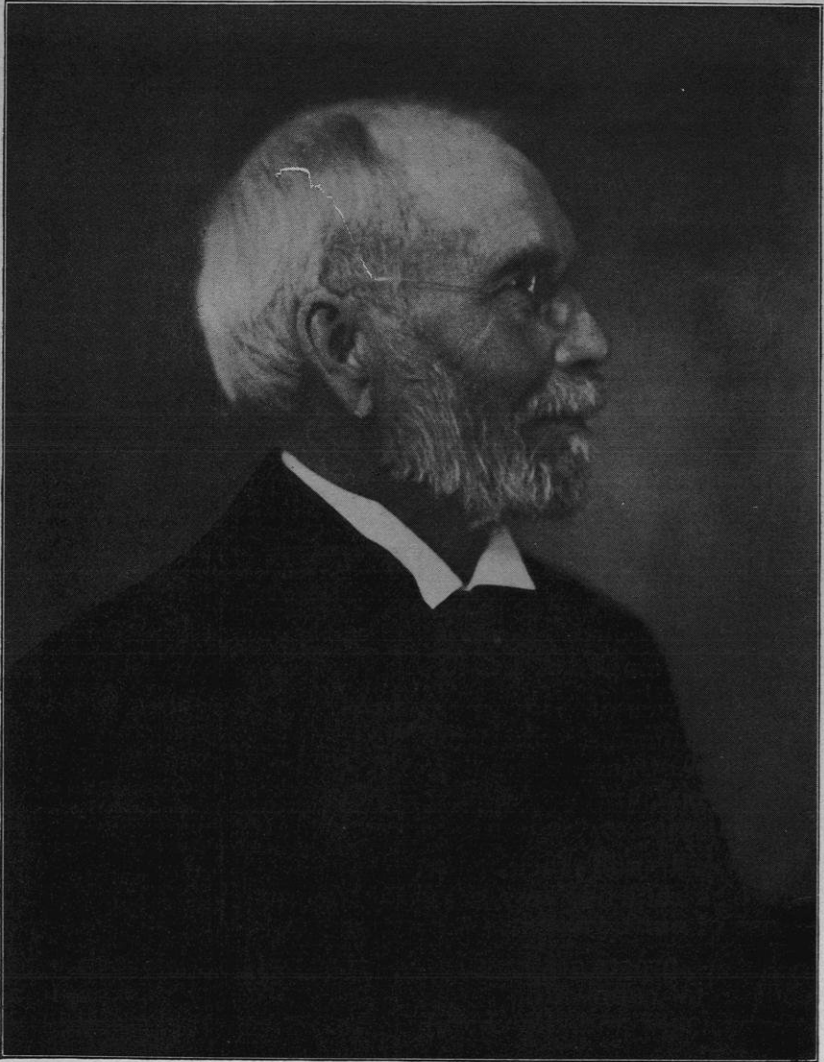
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ALEXANDER KERR

BY PROFESSOR GRANT SHOWERMAN, '96

ALEXANDER KERR has been continuously a member of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin since 1871; his service goes back through the administrations of Presidents Van Hise, Adams, Chamberlin, Bascom, and Twombly, simultaneously with the last of whom he came to the University, accepting the chair of Greek language and literature at the beginning of the forty-fourth year of his life and the twenty-second of the life of the institution. The graduating class of the College of Arts and Letters for the year 1870-1 had numbered 18, and the total enrollment, including 131 preparatory students, 23 law students, and 116 members of the Female College, was 485. There were two graduate students. The faculty of 1871, exclusive of the Law School, was composed of eleven members: President J. H. Twombly, mental and moral philosophy; W. F. Allen, Latin and history; S. H. Carpenter, logic, rhetoric, and English literature; W. W. Daniells, agricultural and analytical chemistry; J. E. Davies, natural history and chemistry; J. B. Feuling, modern language and comparative philology; R. D. Irving, geology, mining, and metallurgy; Alexander Kerr, Greek language and literature; W. J. Nicodemus, military science and civil and mechanical engineering; J. B. Parkinson, mathematics; J. W. Sterling, natural philosophy and astronomy. It was still a time

When service sweat for duty, not for meed;

the duties of dean, registrar, etc., were performed in rotation by the various professors.

Besides Professor Kerr, there survive of this early faculty Professor Daniells, who came to the university in 1868, and Professor Parkinson, whose service began in 1860. All three are on the list of professors emeriti since July 1, 1907, though Professor Kerr still engages to a limited extent in the activities which he began thirty-nine years ago.

Alexander Kerr was born of country stock in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, August 15, 1828, the third of a family of five brothers and one sister; his parents were George and Helen Kerr. The Kerrs emigrated to Cornwall, Ontario, Canada, in 1835, removed in 1838 to Joliet, Illinois, and in 1841 to the vicinity of Rockford, in the same state, where for ten years Alexander Kerr attended district school and worked on the farm. In 1851 he entered the Rockford Scientific and Classical Institute, and from this school in 1852 entered Beloit College as a sophomore, graduating with highest honors in 1855.

From 1855 to 1861 Professor Kerr resided in Georgia. In 1856-7 he was at the head of the Classical and Scientific Academy at Houston. On January 1, 1857, he was married at Rockford to Katharine Fuller Brown, a former student of New Ipswich Academy, New Hampshire, and a graduate of Rockford Female Seminary. The degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Beloit in 1858. In the same year, he became professor of mathematics at Brownwood Institute, a school for boys at La Grange, Georgia, leaving which institution after a short service, he was from 1858 to 1861 principal of a private academy near La Grange.

At the outbreak of the war in 1861, Professor Kerr, with Mrs. Kerr and a son born the preceding year, returned to Rockford, and in 1862 assumed the duties of superintendent of schools of Winnebago County, Illinois, to fill out the term of his brother, James B. Kerr, who had enlisted, and who after gallant service was mortally wounded at Kennesaw Mountain on June 27, 1864, dying at Atlanta on July 3. This office he resigned in 1863, in order to take charge of the public schools of Beloit, Wisconsin, serving in this capacity until his call to the University of Wisconsin in 1871. In 1869 he was president of the Wisconsin State Teachers' Association. From 1873 to 1884 he served on the Madison Board of Education, and in 1895 was president of the Wisconsin Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, of which distinguished body, and of the Hellenic Society of Great Britain, he is still a member. His home has been on Langdon street ever since his coming to Madison: from 1887 to the present, at number 140; prior to that time, on the lot adjacent, to the west. His father and mother died in 1859 and 1862, and he is the only surviving member of the family. Mrs. Kerr's death took place in 1890. Their two sons, Charles H. Kerr, born in 1860, and James B. Kerr, born in 1867, are both alumni of the university; the former is a successful publisher in Chicago, and the latter an attorney of note in Portland, Oregon. After the death of

Mrs. Kerr, Professor Kerr spent several summers in Greece. He has been a member of the Congregational Church throughout his residence here.

The tyranny of routine duty during this long and varied career has kept Professor Kerr neither from engaging in the wider educational life of the nation nor from pursuit of the special interests of the scholar. His published addresses on educational subjects and his lectures and published articles on Greece and Greek literature have been noteworthy for the sanity and vigor of their idealism and for their finished literary form. It is his purely literary work, however, which has been his most absorbing interest and his greatest success outside the class room. His first printed work, a graduating poem entitled "Atlantis Found," is real poetry in both form and content, and called forth complimentary expressions from high places. In 1892, in conjunction with Professor H. C. Tolman, he published the Gospel of Matthew in Greek; and in 1899 put forth independently the *Bacchae* of Euripides, with a metrical translation much to be commended for its simplicity, accuracy, and spirit. In leisure moments since 1901 he has been engaged on a translation of the Republic of Plato, a task for which his training, experience, ideals, and temperament have made him especially fit. Six books have already appeared, and the translation of the three remaining books will bring to completion a version distinguished by scholarly rendering of content, beautiful English, and faithful preservation of the literary charm of the original, worthy of a place beside even the famous translation of Jowett.

The rugged physical health whose foundations were laid in the country life of Professor Kerr's youth has served him well throughout his long career, and is now as little impaired as the vigor of his intellect itself. From 1871 to 1903 his work was absolutely uninterrupted by illness, and since that time he has been kept from his duties but twice; once for a short period in 1903, and again in 1906, when he was disabled by a more serious illness, from which he nevertheless made a marvelous and complete recovery. He is now in the eighty-second year of his life, and last summer paid one hundred and six visits to the golf links, playing as many games; and at present in the dead of winter is supplementing his trips to the Hill by taking the long walks which have always been a habit with him.

No former student or other friend of Professor Kerr would be content with a biographical sketch which did not lay abundant stress

upon his personal qualities. The vigor of his mind and his body has always been more than equalled by the vigor of his heart. Everyone knows and appreciates his gentleness, sincerity, and courtesy, his conscientiousness and fidelity, his patience and quiet courage under the fire of ill fortune, and the rich fund of sane and kindly humor upon which with the charm of a Nestor he has been drawing to the delight of his friends for three generations of men. The student of the influences of environment upon personality may trace in the finished product of his character the effect of his old-world birth and boyhood training, of his youth amid the wholesome surroundings of the country, of his association with the highminded woman of his choice, of his travels, of his familiarity with the noblest literature during the long years of his constant service of the antique world, of his natural inclination toward the Christian virtues and his lifelong cultivation of them.

Though he look old, yet is he strong and lusty;
For in his youth he never did apply
Hot and rebellious liquors in his blood,
Nor did not with unbashful forehead woo
The means of weakness and debility;
Therefore his age is as a lusty winter,
Frosty, but kindly.

It seems peculiarly fit that the genial afternoon of Professor Kerr's life should be spent in leisurely labor of love over the golden page of Plato. If old age like his have need of weapons at all, surely he has the walls of his armory covered with them: "The most apt weapons of old age," says venerable Cato in Cicero, "are a knowledge of the liberal arts and the practice of the virtues; cultivate these through every period of your lifetime, and when you have lived long and much, they bring forth wondrous fruitage, not only because they never fail you, not even in the very extreme of old age (though this is to be sure a very great consideration), but because the consciousness of a life well spent, and the recollection of many deeds well done, are sources of greatest joy."

ALUMNI IN CONGRESS

BY JOHN J. ESCH, '82

AN examination of the Congressional Directory shows a membership in the national Congress of 92 senators, 393 members, and 7 delegates or commissioners, a total of 492. An examination of the biographies of these members discloses the fact that 275 received a collegiate education; 6 a normal school education; 42 graduated from academies; 27 from private schools; 77 attended common schools or graduated from high schools; while the balance are unclassified. Of those holding degrees from higher institutions of learning, including professional schools, 21 graduated from the University of Michigan; 12 from Yale; 12 from Harvard; 12 from the University of Virginia; 9 from Cumberland university, Tenn.; 8 from the University of Wisconsin; 7 from the University of Georgia; 6 from Washington and Lee university, Va.; 6 from Bowdoin college, Me.; 5 from the University of Iowa; 5 from the University of Missouri; 5 from Dartmouth college; 5 from the United States Military academy, West Point, N. Y.; 5 from Vanderbilt university, Nashville, Tenn.; 4 from Princeton; 4 from the University of Mississippi; 4 from Cornell; 5 from the University of Pennsylvania; 4 from the University of Arkansas; 3 each from Tulane university, New Orleans; United States Naval academy, Annapolis, Md.; University of South Carolina; University of Kansas; University of Texas; University of Tennessee; University of North Carolina; Trinity college and Swarthmore college.

From this statement it will be noticed that the University of Michigan has graduated the largest number, twenty-one, with Yale, Harvard and the University of Virginia twelve each, and the University of Wisconsin eight. The strong law school at Ann Arbor twenty odd years ago attracted students from many states; a fact which accounts in some measure for Michigan's supremacy. Among members coming from Southern states the University of Virginia, Washington and Lee university, of the same state, and Cumberland university, located at Lebanon, Tenn., were the most popular.

The fact that over a hundred members of Congress had the advantage of no education higher than that afforded by the public schools, indicates that a college education is not a *sine qua non* to political preferment; in fact, some of the most influential members in the Sen-

ate and House never had the advantage of a so-called higher or collegiate education. Five graduates from West Point and three from Annapolis have found more satisfaction and possibly more success in serving their respective states and the nation in a political than in a military capacity.

Since the admission of our state into the Union in 1848, Wisconsin has been represented by 14 senators and 93 members of the House. Of these 14 senators four, Walker, Dodge, Sawyer and Stephenson, state that they enjoyed only a limited or common school education; two, Durkee and Howe, that they enjoyed a liberal education; Doolittle graduated from Geneva college, New York; Carpenter spent two years at West Point; Quarles, two years at the University of Michigan; Cameron graduated from the National Law school, Saratoga, N. Y.; Mitchell received private instruction and an academic education in the United States and studied in England, Switzerland and Germany; Spooner, Vilas and La Follette graduated from the University of Wisconsin.

Of the 93 members who have represented our state, 37 held degrees from colleges, universities or professional schools; 16 had received an academic education; and 40 a common school education. Of the entire number of 93 representatives, only 7 graduated from the University of Wisconsin. Of these, Thomas Lynch, a member of the Fifty-second and Fifty-third Congresses, and A. W. Kopp, a member of the present or Sixty-first Congress, graduated from the law school of the university, while Burr W. Jones, Robt. M. La Follette, Webster E. Brown, John M. Nelson and the writer graduated from the collegiate department. It will thus be seen that of the one hundred and seven individuals who represented and now represent our state in the United States Senate and the House of Representatives, but eight were graduates of the university, Senator La Follette having had membership in both the House and Senate.

This comparatively small proportion arouses some speculation as to its cause, in view of the fact that since the first class graduated from the university in 1854 there have been about 10,000 who have graduated. As, however, the average age of senators is 60, and of the members of the House about 46, we should not expect our graduates to reach Congress who had not graduated on an average from fifteen to twenty-five years ago. The number of graduates of the university up to that time would more fairly measure the test of the university's Congress-

sional output. It is reasonable to expect that from now on a larger proportion of representatives in both houses of Congress will be graduates of our university; in fact, in this, the Sixty-first Congress, out of the total of thirteen there are four university graduates.

The university, moreover, is represented in Congress not alone by its Wisconsin members. Senator Moses E. Clapp, of Minnesota, graduated from our law department in 1873; Representative E. A. Hayes, of the Fifth California district, graduated in the class of 1879; Representative J. A. Tawney, of the First Minnesota district, and chairman of the all-powerful House Committee on Appropriations, attended our law school during the college year 1882-3; and Representative A. F. Dawson, of the Second Iowa district, studied one year at the university.

Some of our graduates who have reached the halls of Congress have added fame and prestige to the university by reason of the share they took in helping to shape laws of the nation and to administer its affairs. This is particularly true of Senators Spooner, Vilas and La Follette. Senator Spooner won the reputation of being one of the ablest debaters in the Senate on constitutional questions. He also showed constructive statesmanship of a high order in framing laws made necessary by reason of the war with Spain in connection with our government of the Philippines, and in connection with the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the construction of the Panama Canal. Senator Vilas prior to entering the Senate in 1891 had held the position of postmaster-general and secretary of the interior in Cleveland's cabinet, and in these positions attained a high record for executive ability. Senator La Follette, by reason of his large experience as a member of the House for three terms and as chief executive of our state, was well fitted to maintain the high standard set by his predecessors in the Senate, and has already made himself felt in national councils in securing the enactment of progressive legislation.

In the House of Representatives in the present Congress Congressman John M. Nelson, of the class of '92, is a member of the Committee on Industrial Arts and Exhibitions, Pacific Railroads and Elections No. 2. During the Sixtieth Congress he took a leading part in the movement to secure an amendment of the House rules; and his familiarity with the rules and procedure of parliamentary bodies has made him an expert in these matters. Congressman A. W. Kopp of the Third district is a member of the Committee on Pensions, Expenditures in the

State Department and Elections No. 1. As a new member he took a prominent part in the extra session of this Congress in framing tariff schedules on lead and zinc ores, schedules which were of vital interest to the people of our state. The writer retains his position on the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

A SOLUTION OF THE WISCONSIN ATHLETIC PROBLEM

BY EDWARD M. McMAHON, '08

WISCONSIN'S football season for 1909 has become history. Sufficient time has elapsed to view the situation in a calm and reflective manner—a way in which it is impossible to view it during the heat of mid-season. Viewing the situation in this manner one conclusion is apparent: Wisconsin's progress along the athletic line has not kept pace with her advancement along other lines—enrollment, oratory and debate, and journalism. That this is not a desirable condition this article will take for granted. Whatever may be the opinion of a small minority of the faculty upon this point, it is sufficient for our purposes to know that the student body, the alumni to a man, and all friends of the university are season after season becoming more tired of the inferior athletic article which is being placed upon the market under a cardinal wrapper and bearing the inscription, "Made at Wisconsin."

In attempting to find the cause of this embarrassing situation an unfriendly Madison and Milwaukee press disposes of the problem in its very characteristic manner: "There is something wrong at our state university." The student body, ever hopeful of the morrow, has confidence in coming seasons. The alumni and patrons of the university, not so willing to live in the better day until it has actually come, are asking the question: "What's the trouble, and what's to be done?" To attempt to answer these two questions is the only purpose of this article.

There is little serious trouble in Wisconsin's athletic camp. Taken as a whole, a better "era of good feeling" never existed among the different elements—faculty, coaches and student body. At last the faculty as a whole has learned that there is nothing about an athlete to justify their treating him differently than other human beings.

During the last football season Coach Barry and his assistants had the respect and confidence, not only of the team, but of the student body. Those who should know said that Barry did all in his power. If lack of efficient coaching was the cause of the unsatisfactory season, the responsibility must be placed elsewhere. It must be charged to the administration of the university—they, who when asked for an appropriation of \$700 with which to pay for assistant coaching, appropriated the paltry sum of \$200. Through this act practically all of the burden of coaching was placed upon the shoulders of one man. He carried it as well as any one man could.

The student body at Madison, from the very beginning of athletic reform, has been willing to adjust itself, within all reasonable bounds, to the so-called "new athletic idea." An athlete coming to Wisconsin today and offering his services to the student body providing he receives "a fair price," would receive very little coaxing to stay. That time has passed. The modern undergraduate conception of an ideal Wisconsin athlete is of a different mould. He must be more unselfish and self-sacrificing. He must be a gentleman. He must be loyal to Wisconsin in defeat as well as in victory. He must regard Wisconsin as primarily a place of learning. If he has these characteristics, he may possess a smaller amount of brawn and muscle and still be regarded as an ideal athlete. This is the prevalent idea among the student body.

The fact that Wisconsin is not turning out a better athletic commodity is not due primarily to an unreasonable faculty minority. Neither is it largely due to coaching facilities, or to an undesirable spirit among athletes and student body. It is due to something else. Let us consider this something else.

Prior to 1904 it was considered legitimate to give to athletes who "picked Wisconsin" inducements of various kinds, providing these athletes remained in Madison during the season of the particular form of athletics in which they participated. This practice prevailed for a considerable time before the real significance of such a system became apparent. Finally at the instigation of the faculty the evils of this system were made plain. They demanded that the athletic structure which had been reared upon such a foundation and by hands so entirely foreign to a university community, should be razed to the ground. A revolution visited Madison athletics of such proportions that in a single season the training table quarters were transformed into an ordinary "house for rent." The "gym" became a ping pong hall, and the

lower campus a marble field. All of this occurred because illegitimate means had been used to get to Wisconsin a superior grade of athletic ability.

The faculty was largely responsible for this transformation. The student body began at once the task of erecting a new athletic structure. They used a style of architecture entirely in harmony with the modern idea of athletic building. They used none of the old materials. It has been a difficult task for the student body. They have had to encounter the stern opposition of an unreasonable minority of the faculty. Great progress has been made by the students, but one problem remained to be solved: the creation of a legitimate and practical system which will bring to Wisconsin its share of athletic material. This part of a new structure—the weakness of which was the cause of the old being destroyed—remains to be built.

Lack of material was the cause of last fall's unsuccessful season. Less than one hundred men reported for practice during the entire season,—and of these many went out for the exercise. The condition actually existed of having scarcely material enough to fill the eleven positions. This was especially apparent in the second half of the Minnesota game. Why was this? Because better material was not to be found in the university. That kind of material was playing elsewhere—much material which logically belonged to Wisconsin. This is the cause of the athletic trouble at Wisconsin.

It is possible to remedy this condition before the arrival of another football season. Begin in this way: Have the university take charge of, and run, the inter-scholastic meet. Such a plan has, and will, meet with considerable opposition from the high school principals of the state. They are unable to appreciate the fact that the meet will never fulfill the purpose for which it is being held until the university is given charge; and the secondary schools, as a general proposition, are very reluctant to concede, in any form, greater powers to the university. The change can, however, be made with or without the cooperation of the high school principals. If it is not possible to secure control over the present meet, the university can hold a meet of its own, and, unlike this, open it up to schools outside of the state. This meet would be managed and controlled by the university athletic department. Scholastic requirements and its supervision should be left to a committee of the "prep" school principals. With the university in charge of the meet, a united effort would be made by the entire student body to en-

ertain its guests, to talk athletics to them, to impress them with the fact that Wisconsin is the home of democracy and the place for them to come. This entertaining would then not be left to the fraternities, who now do the entertaining largely for selfish reasons. All high school athletes would be treated alike. Trophies awarded to the victors of the meet would bear the shield of the university. This would tend to keep Wisconsin in the minds of the successful athletes. The entertaining of guests could be placed in the hands of an organization of upper classmen. There is need in the university of one good, permanent boosting athletic organization. We already have two upper classmen organizations, neither of which seem to be serving any important need. Possibly, if it could be shown that the best interests of the university would be served, these organizations would combine and assist the athletic department, not only in conducting the inter-scholastic meet, but in other ways helping to crystallize a better athletic spirit. This larger, more representative and more serious boosting organization could look after the scholarship of athletes. It could see to it that athletes keep eligible to play. This in a general way is the first method by which our supply of athletic material would be increased.

But a high school athlete may be convinced that Wisconsin is just the place for him to go and still not come. He may not have the financial means with which to go to college. In one way or another he may receive offers of assistance from, or through, other schools, in this way making it better for him to go there. Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota and the Eastern schools—not to mention Marquette—have gotten, and are getting, men in this way. Up to date Wisconsin has neither created in the athlete the desire to come, nor has it been of any material assistance in helping him to remain. If the taking over of the field meet will successfully impress upon high school athletes that Wisconsin is the place to come, it seems possible to assist financially, and in a legitimate manner, athletes who are financially unable to stay at Wisconsin. Practically all colleges and universities offer scholarships to prospective students, who for one reason or another would promote certain lines of activity. There could be no objection to the creation of an athletic scholarship fund at Wisconsin. This fund would be used to assist high school athletes who during their high school course have demonstrated that they possessed a superior grade of scholastic and athletic ability. The president of the university, in conjunction with the officers of this new student organization,

would pass upon the credentials of those deserving consideration in making the awards. This fund could be loaned to these students. The source of the fund could very easily be collected in small amounts from alumni and friends of the university. Everything would have to be above board. It is possible to make this plan practicable in its details. Why not try it?

There is nothing about the athletic problem at Wisconsin which is impossible to solve. The controversy over the seven game schedule is a minor issue. The most important obstacle which must be overcome is the getting to Wisconsin a larger amount of athletic ability, and the keeping of this ability eligible to participate in athletics. If the present generation of upper classmen will give to this problem the serious consideration which it deserves, Wisconsin's athletic problem will be solved.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I.—NAME AND OBJECT.

The name of this Association shall be The Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin. Its purpose shall be to encourage friendly and social intercourse among its members, and to promote by organized effort the best interests of the University of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

All graduates of any college or school of the university leading to a degree, may become members of the Association upon paying the annual dues.

ARTICLE III.—LIFE MEMBERS.

Section 1. Any member or any alumnus may become a life member upon the payment at one time of the sum of thirty dollars, which sum shall be in lieu of all further dues during the life of such member. Of such sum of thirty dollars, not more than three dollars shall be available for use in defraying the current expenses of the Association during the year in which such payment is made. The remainder of said sum shall become part of a permanent fund, only the income from which shall be used at any time in defraying current expenses.

Section 2. Any graduate of the University of Wisconsin may become a member by subscribing to the Association, within thirty (30) days after receiving his degree, the sum of twenty dollars to be paid within ten years from the date of his graduation, with interest at six per cent per annum. Such sum of twenty dollars and interest may be paid in installments and at such times as the subscriber may elect. The payments of the interest each year shall be received in lieu of any annual dues, and the subscriber shall become a life member when the subscription of twenty dollars and accrued interest is fully paid within said term of ten years.

ARTICLE IV.—HONORARY MEMBERS.

The Association may elect honorary members who shall be entitled to all the privileges of active members except voting and holding office, but shall not be subject to the payment of any dues or assessments.

ARTICLE V.—OFFICERS AND DUTIES.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be a president, a vice-president, a recording secretary, a general secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. The president, vice-president, and recording secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association for one year, and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected or appointed. The general secretary shall be chosen by the executive committee for the term of one year, beginning at such date as the executive committee shall find most suitable. The treasurer shall be chosen by the executive committee, and shall hold office for one year from the first day of September in each year, and until his successor shall be appointed. Vacancies occurring in any office shall be filled by appointment by the executive committee for the unexpired term. The president of the Association shall be the chairman of the executive committee.

Section 3. (a) *Executive Committee*: There shall be an executive committee consisting of the president, vice-president, recording secretary and four next preceding surviving ex-presidents of the Association. It shall be the duty of the said committee to conduct the affairs of the Association, subject to the constitution, by-laws and rules thereof, and to carry out all of the directions of the Association. The executive committee shall have power to make by-laws for the government of the Association, its officers and committees in all matters; but such by-laws may be amended, altered or repealed by the Association

at any meeting thereof; and no such amendment, alteration or repeal of a by-law by the Association shall be altered, changed, modified or restored by the committee. A majority of its members shall constitute a quorum.

(b) *President and Vice-President:* The president, or in his absence the vice-president, shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the executive committee. The president, or in case he is absent or for any reason unable to act, the vice-president, or such person as a majority of the executive committee may appoint for that purpose, shall with the general secretary sign all written contracts and obligations of the Association, and shall perform such other duties as the executive committee of the Association may assign him.

(c) *Recording Secretary:* The recording secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Association and of its executive committee in a book kept for that purpose. He shall preserve all correspondence and all communications addressed to the Association or to its committees relating to its affairs, and lay the same before the executive committee at any meeting thereof. He shall notify officers of their election and conduct the correspondence of the Association under the direction of the executive committee, and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the constitution or by-laws or as the Association or executive committee may direct.

(d) *General Secretary:* The general secretary shall take charge under the control of the executive committee of the editorial work, publication and business management of THE WISCONSIN ALUMNI MAGAZINE, and of such other publications as the Association shall decide to issue, or as, by arrangement made by the executive committee of this Association, shall be prepared or issued under the supervision of such general secretary. He shall keep such alumni records as the executive committee may direct. It shall also be his duty, under the direction of the executive committee, to keep in touch by correspondence and personal visits with local and class alumni organizations, and so far as possible with individual alumni, and in all ways strengthen and stimulate the interest of alumni in the university and do such other work as may be requested by the executive committee. The general secretary shall receive such salary and allowance for traveling expenses as the executive committee shall from year to year determine. He shall give a bond to this association for the faithful performance of his duties and for the accurate accounting for all moneys and other properties that may come into his possession in his official capacity, in such sum as the executive committee shall direct.

(c) *Treasurer*: The treasurer shall receive, collect, safely keep and, under the direction of the executive committee, disburse all funds of the Association. He shall report annually or oftener, as required by the executive committee, shall keep regular accounts of all sums received and disbursed by him, and shall notify all members in arrears. His accounts shall at all times be open for inspection of the executive committee. He shall at the expiration of his term of office pay over and deliver to his successor in office, or to such person as the executive committee shall appoint to receive the same, all moneys, books and property in his possession to such officers, on demand. He shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the constitution or by-laws, or as the Association or the executive committee may direct.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting and the annual election of the Association shall be held at Madison, Wisconsin, at such time during the week of the annual commencement of the university as the executive committee shall prescribe. Special meetings may be called by the executive committee or by resolution adopted by the Association at any meeting. Fifty members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE VII.—ANNUAL DUES.

The annual dues of each member, other than members described in Articles III and IV hereof, of the Association shall be one dollar, payable on or before May 1st in each year.

ARTICLE VIII.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot.

Section 2. (a) In the election of officers a majority of the votes cast shall elect.

(b) In the election of honorary members three-fourths of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

ARTICLE IX.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

There shall be the following standing committees and such other standing committees as the Association may by resolution provide for: an alumni visiting committee with sub-committees; a committee on legislation; a committee on necrology. The duties of the several standing committees shall be such as may be provided by the by-laws.

BY-LAWS.

Section 1. Any member who shall neglect to pay his dues for two successive years, shall be suspended from the Association after written notice from the general secretary.

Section 2. Any member who shall be suspended under Section 1 of these by-laws shall be restored to full standing only upon payment of his back dues, or by vote of the Association at a nannual meeting.

Section 3. THE WISCONSIN ALUMNI MAGAZINE shall be the official organ of the Association and the regular subscription price for the same shall be one dollar a year.

Section 4. (a) *Visiting Committee*: The alumni visiting committee shall consist of as many sub-committees each composed of five members as may be determined by the executive committee from time to time, and the chairman of these sub-committees together with the president of the Association shall form a central visiting committee. These sub-committees shall be appointed as follows: the members of the existing sub-committees shall determine the terms of their respective service by lot, so that they shall serve from one to five years respectively. The vacancies occurring at the expiration of these terms of service shall be filled as follows: at the annual meeting of the central visiting committee on the Monday of commencement week each sub-committee shall present to the central visiting committee three names of persons who are in its opinion suitable for filling the vacancy occurring by the expiration of the term of office of one member, the name of the most suitable nominee being first on the list and the others in the order of their qualification. From this list the executive committee shall select two names to be placed in nomination before the annual meeting of the Alumni Association in the form of a ballot. The person receiving a majority of votes cast at such meeting shall act as member of the sub-committee for a period of five years.

In case of a tie, the president shall give the deciding vote. No member of a sub-committee shall be eligible for re-election to said sub-committee. In case of the formation of a new sub-committee its members shall be appointed by the executive committee. These members shall serve one, two, three, four, and five years respectively. Each retiring member of each sub-committee shall serve as associate member of this committee for a period of five years. Associate members shall receive notices of all meetings and shall have the privilege of attending all meetings of their sub-committees.

It shall be the duty of each sub-committee of the alumni visiting committee to visit the university at least twice each year and to be represented at the meeting of the central visiting committee on the Monday of Commencement week.

Each sub-committee shall report to the central visiting committee at its annual meeting on the Monday of Commencement week and at such other times as may be determined by the executive committee. The central visiting committee shall be the official board of visitors of the Alumni Association to confer with the president of the university and the board of regents. It shall be the duty of the central visiting committee to prepare and submit a report at the annual meeting of the Association.

(b) *Committee on Legislation:* The committee on legislation shall be composed of five members who shall be elected as follows: The members of the present legislative committee shall serve respectively for a period of one, two, three, four, and five years, the length of service of each member being determined by lot. The vacancies occurring at the expiration of these terms of service shall be filled as follows: The legislative committee shall nominate three candidates each year, from which the executive committee shall select two; and from these the Alumni Association shall elect at the annual meeting one member for this committee whose term of service shall be five years.

(c) *Committee on Necrology:* The committee on necrology consisting of five members shall be appointed by the president at the annual meeting each year. Its duty shall be to prepare biographical sketches of all deceased members of the Association and present at each annual meeting appropriate resolutions respecting the death of members of the Association who shall have died during the year next preceding such meeting.

Each committee shall adopt rules for its government subject to the constitution and by-laws.

Vacancies occurring on any committee shall be filled by the committee for the unexpired term.

Each of the standing committees and each of the sub-visiting committees shall elect from its members a chairman and a secretary, but no person shall be eligible for the position of chairman until he has served upon the committee for at least one year.

Section 5. Annual Elections: The executive committee shall prepare a ballot for the annual election as follows:

It shall make two nominations for each of the following offices: president, vice-president, and recording secretary. It shall make two nominations for each of the following officers as prescribed under By-law No. 4: member of committee on legislation; member of each sub-committee of the alumni visiting committee. In case of the failure of any committee to submit three nominations to the executive committee, the executive committee shall on its own initiative place two nominations before the Association for each vacancy on a committee to be filled.

Ten nominations for the selection of five members to be recommended to the board of regents for appointment on the official board of visitors of the university shall be submitted by the executive committee. These nominees shall be chosen from those who have been active upon the various sub-committees of the alumni visiting committee.

EDITORIAL

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

BY request of the constitution committee, consisting of Dr. A. J. Ochsner, '84, president, Lynn S. Pease, '86, and Matthew S. Dudgeon, '95, we are publishing a draft of the proposed constitution of the Wisconsin Alumni Association. The purpose of publishing it at this time is to provoke a frank discussion and free criticism of the document, so that it may be possible for the committee to make a careful revision—if such be necessary—by commencement time, and to present a product free from flaws in June to the annual meeting of the Alumni Association. It is, of course, desirable that the criticisms of the various sections and paragraphs be specifically made, so that the committee may know exactly what is desired.

A LAW REVIEW

In our first issue of the present college year Carl Zollmann, '09, contributed his ideas on "A Magazine for the Law School." This article was widely commented upon. At the Wisconsin Alumni Teachers' club banquet at Milwaukee last November the pros and cons of such a magazine were discussed by prominent alumni. We understand that the regents will again consider the establishment of a law review. We suggest that this is an opportune time for alumni to communicate to the "Discussion and Comment" column of *THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE* their ideas as to the advisability of editing such a publication at the university. In our opinion it would be a progressive step in advance which could not fail to put the law school on a much higher plane. What do you think, fellow alumnus?

WHAT DOES WISCONSIN NEED?

While rejoicing over the encomiums and laudatory articles concerning the University of Wisconsin which are pouring in upon us in constantly increasing numbers from high places and men of prominence, let us as loyal alumni not forget that this Alma Mater like others is not beyond being improved and strengthened. It would be false loyalty to contend that Wisconsin has all it needs. However eloquently we may praise our university when speaking to an outsider, among

ourselves let us counsel how the institution and its work may be made more effective. We recommend that our alumni send to THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE short, concise statements in answer to the following question, "What does Wisconsin most need?" These answers will be published in the column entitled "Discussion and Comment." By contributing their ideas, our alumni can render a distinct service, and can suggest means by which Wisconsin can continue to be not only "the leading state university," but the leading university.

A SCANDINAVIAN EXCHANGE PROFESSOR

The Boston *Evening Transcript* in a recent number contains this interesting bit of news: "The University of Christiania has appointed a committee to cooperate with similar committees from Denmark, Sweden, and the United States with the object of facilitating the plan for the interchange of professorships and scholarships between Scandinavia and the United States." Why not make the University of Wisconsin a beneficiary of this project? The state of Wisconsin is one of the most Scandinavian states in the Union. The university has a Scandinavian department which is constantly growing. The course in general survey of Norse literature has acquainted thousands of students not of Scandinavian origin with the beauties of the literature of the Northmen. Why not secure an exchange professor of Scandinavian literature? The German element of the state is working tooth and nail for the establishment of the Schurz professorship. A Scandinavian exchange professor would do for the advancement of Norse literature, art and thought in Wisconsin what the Schurz professorship will mean for the furtherance of German thought and action. Also, it would further establish Wisconsin's claim to being an international university.

ATHLETIC REFORM

The attention of our readers is called to the article by E. M. McMahon, '08, on page 196 of this magazine. Mr. McMahon advances a constructive program of athletic reform. The hackneyed phrase, "Something is wrong with athletics at Wisconsin," is but seldom accompanied by definite suggestions for improvement. We are pleased to see Mr. McMahon not only criticise present conditions, but also set forth ideas for reform.

THE WISCONSIN ALUMNI CLUBS

THE SIOUX CITY CLUB

BY MRS. H. J. TAYLOR, '85

The U. W. Alumni Association of Sioux City, Ia., held its annual banquet at the home of Mrs. H. J. Taylor in December. Twenty-five guests were seated. Toasts from the classes represented and college songs made a delightful evening. We have in our association a member of the class of '64, who recalls for us the early days. Miss Adah G. Grandy, '02, was chosen president for the coming year, and Mrs. Julia Clark Hallam, '81, secretary-treasurer.

THE SALT LAKE CITY ALUMNI

BY G. G. ARMSTRONG, '91, L '93

The new year finds the few U. W. men and women in Salt Lake City about as usual:

Judge J. A. Street, non-graduate, has had a busy year.

E. O. Leatherwood, l '01, is assistant district attorney for the Third Judicial district.

W. M. Bradley, l '83, is practicing law very successfully.

Mrs. A. V. Taylor (Blanche Powers, '91) is looking after her home.

W. W. Armstrong, l '87, is in the mining and banking business. He is one of the leading men in our Commercial club.

Jas. H. Knowles, e '99, is with the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake R. R. Co.

Mrs. E. O. Leatherwood, '01, keeps E. O. looking well.

John E. Taylor, e '01, is agent for a mining machine company, and is one of the leading men at golf at the Country club. His wife is a U. W. girl and an excellent tennis player.

Your humble servant was assigned by the judges of this district to the civil division of the court work last January when we all succeeded ourselves for another four years.

Edwin B. Bartlett, '05, who was with the Allis-Chalmers Co. in Salt Lake City for over a year, has returned to Milwaukee as assistant superintendent of the A. O. Smith Co., manufacturers of automobile parts.

There are other U. W. people here, but I cannot recall the names. We have a Badger club of about 250 members here. It was very active during the G. A. R. week last August.

AS OTHERS SEE US

[*Milwaukee Free Press*, December 15.]

THE WISCONSIN WAY.

A striking evidence of modern educational methods no less than of the enterprise and forehandedness of the University of Wisconsin is seen in the dispatch of Prof. Dennis of that institution to the shores of Merrie England, where he is to make a first-hand study of the budget controversy and the constitutional issue.

No one will deny the importance of having trained American observers and students on the ground to study this epoch-making English crisis from our unprejudiced standpoint, and fortunate indeed is the school that has the men and the means to accomplish so desirable an end.

The present revenue, tariff, constitutional and class contest presents so many angles and complications that long-distance opinions are of little more consequence than the partisan testimony of Englishmen. Students of history and economics at the University of Wisconsin will therefore be greatly privileged when in the course of their studies they receive a first-hand American interpretation of the great English issue which will be joined at the polls in January.

[*Milwaukee Sentinel*, December 24.]

TRIBUTE FROM PRESIDENT LOWELL.

It is in no spirit of provincialism and narrow self complacency that the people of Wisconsin plume themselves on the state university. It is no longer a matter of mere state sentiment and local partiality.

From the most authoritative outside and even foreign sources have come extraordinary tributes to the relative high standing and distinctive superiorities of the noble and progressive institution on the shores of Lake Mendota. Indeed, we of the Badger state have heretofore only half realized the splendid advance and comparative position of our university.

The latest tribute to the University of Wisconsin as a beacon light of progress and an example for the older institutions of the East comes from the new president of Harvard.

A college which does not in the higher sense fit men for active life, which is aloof from and out of correspondence with the living interests about it, is not fulfilling its supreme function of serving the community nobly, nor striking its roots deep enough into the

soil to insure its own enduring vigor. Emphasizing this need of "absolutely close touch with the community," President Lowell went on to illustrate:

The institutions about us today that are doing the most in the way of helping their respective communities are the great state universities of the West, and we have an enormous amount to learn from them—with Wisconsin the leader and others following close at its heels. We have to learn to do the things which Wisconsin is doing, and we all realize how much more difficult it is to do that in the midst of a great urban population with diversified industries than it is in a rural community with agriculture as the principal industry.

The state university is what it is mainly because of the intelligent, public spirited effort and high enthusiasm of the men who have directed its government and shaped its administrative and teaching policies. Honor to the builders!

[*New York Times*, December 21.]

READY TO FOLLOW THE WEST.

While Harvard under President Eliot abandoned many long-established traditions and policies, especially in the matter of increasing the number of elective courses and studies, and was sufficiently "progressive" to startle, and even to alarm, not a few educators with fixed notions as to what a university should be and do, it seems likely that his successor has some big surprises in store for those who expect under him a return to the older and

more conservative ways. He is quoted as saying:

The institutions that are doing the most to help their respective communities are the great state universities of the West, and we have an enormous amount to learn from them.

Now, universities less like Harvard than these referred to could hardly be imagined. Instead of trusting to endowments and having as the object of their being the creation of a comparatively small intellectual aristocracy of scholars, the state universities depend on annual legislative appropriations, and their purpose is not merely to educate young men but to do something, and as much as possible, to increase the practical efficiency of the whole population contributing to their support. . . .

Of course, no college nowadays restricts the students to the "Latin, Greek, and mathematics" that once made up the whole of higher education, but these state universities, with, as President Lowell said, Wisconsin in the lead, give so much besides that the three old stand-bys remain as little more than interesting curiosities, the pretty amusements of a peculiar few. There are hints, now and then, that the state universities suffer from the domination of politicians; but the effects, as yet, do not seem to be any more serious than, if as serious as, the sectarian and economic limitations imposed by individual bene-

ficiaries, and the politicians are interfering not more, but less, as time goes on. At any rate, the faculties are as free as faculties ever are to teach what they think right and true. . . .

[*Providence Evening Bulletin*, December 22.]

LOOKING TO THE WEST.

President Lowell of Harvard is reading the colleges of the East a needed lesson when he calls to their attention the direct, practical service for their communities which the Western universities perform. In that section of the country the institutions of higher learning attempt to help business and politics and almost all forms of life about them. Here our colleges, with rare exceptions, devote themselves chiefly to "general culture," and the universities to professions, without serious thought of the special needs of their towns, cities or states. . . .

The University of Wisconsin is the leader of these [Western] institutions. For it the people of Wisconsin feel almost as much pride as they feel for the state itself. The appropriations that the legislature makes for its maintenance are astonishingly large, for the people are continually receiving advantages from its work. Rhode Islanders are somewhat familiar with one side of Wisconsin's public service because of the

activities of a Brown alumnus, Charles McCarthy, '96. He helped to originate a system of legislative reference by which members of the legislature are informed upon all questions of public importance and are thus able to meet the specious arguments of lobbyists and are in a position to demand all the advantages in legislation which the most advanced nations or states possess. . . .

There are many other ways which the university has found to improve politics and industry. The fact that the state agricultural buildings and the State Historical Library are to be found among the institution's collection of structures gives some hint of its service in other directions. In short, Wisconsin is a sort of university settlement for the whole state. . . .

Here in Rhode Island we have unusual opportunities for cooperation between the state and Brown university. As in Wisconsin, but in few other states, the chief institution of learning is located in the capital, and there is a possibility for the union of theory and practice in government and politics just as there is in Madison. In countless numbers of ways Brown could improve conditions in this city and state, but, like the rest of our Eastern colleges, it is too far up in the

air; it has slight "contact with the ground." . . . Let it and the other New England colleges under the leadership of President Lowell attempt to emulate the greatest of all these state institutions of higher learning, the University of Wisconsin, while still maintaining their own leadership in culture and the humanities.

[*Hampton's Magazine*, January, 1910.]

The university at Madison is the leading state university because under Dr. Van Hise's guidance it has taken the lead in one of the most significant and revolutionary educational movements that the country—or perhaps the world—has known.

"If the people can not go to the university, the university must go to them," is the way President Van Hise puts it. It was manifestly impossible to move around from county to county the sort of university President Van Hise found on his election to the presidency in 1904. Therefore he set to work remodeling the institution so that it could be moved, or to put it differently, spread out over the state.

Dr. Van Hise has watched and studied progress and development in all its phases, particularly the problems involved in the relation of the state to education. Among other things he had developed very definite ideas as to what the state

university ought to mean to the people—to all the people. His field of work had led him into every part of the state, and he knew the needs of the people as few others associated with the university did.

When President Van Hise took charge of affairs, he found a university of some 2,500 students, all of them at Madison. It now has an enrollment of more than 4,500 in the Madison departments alone, and there are other thousands who are being taught in their homes.

Under the Van Hise stimulus the state conservation of forests is helped along by the university; the university engineers are practically furthering the good roads movement; and the battle against the white plague is waged among people by university bacteriologists.

[*Milwaukee Sentinel*, December 26.]

PLATONISM AND BUTTER FAT.

Some exponent of the history of philosophy (is it George Henry Lewes?) divides all mankind into two great spiritual categories of Platonists and Baconians.

We are reminded of this by a pleasant, semi-humorous paper entitled *Utilitarian Idealism*, by Prof. John R. Commons of the University of Wisconsin, in the *Intercollegiate Magazine* for December. Utilitarian idealism is the term hit on by the professor as best defining the spirit dominant in the aim and teaching at

the state university. To get back to our two great human categories, an effort is made there, as we gather, to blend the soaring and ethereal pure idealism of Plato with the demand for "fruit," the practical objective of the material good of man, insisted on by the Baconian canon.

It is thoroughly modern in its practicality, and yet not unmindful of the sublimity of the "fine translunary things" dreamed of in the philosophy of the ancients, this utilitarian idealism of our state university. The institution hitches its wagon to a star; but to a utilitarian and practical star, if you please. It idealizes the useful and dreams of the attainable; and its star-drawn wain is a substantial car of Ceres and Pomona (colloquially farm wagon), well laden with scientifically improved produce and truck.

It is, we infer from Prof. Commons, in our agricultural education, that this blend of the ideal and the practical is best illustrated. The imaginative student is invited to picture in his rapt

mind's eye the ideal squash, the perfect horse, the transcendent butter machine, the archetypal cow—let us say the super-cow, as prefigured by Gov. Hoard in his moving apostrophe at the dairy show to the sacred (bos) of our peerless cheese and butter state.

Thus is the standard of perfection set on the bright horizon of practical effort. Having these ideals, these Platonic types of abstract perfection, steadily in mind, effort is constantly bent in manual effort to approximating them concretely in the product.

If this utilitarian idealism does not, in time, evolve the super-cow, the super-horse, the super-squash, nay, even the super-farmer, at our state university, we shall be surprised. Meanwhile, *belles lettres* and the humanities are not being neglected; and we quite agree with Prof. Commons that educational methods at the U. of W. dovetail very neatly into "the modern problem how to combine idealism and utilitarianism in the same person." 'Rah!

UNIVERSITY LEGISLATION

FACULTY

The regular monthly meeting of the university faculty was held January 10, at which routine matters and the form of the catalogue and special announcements were considered.

A special meeting of the university faculty was held Monday, January 17.

The committee appointed to confer with the committee of the Student Conference in regard to the establishment of a student court to act in all matters of student discipline, reported favorably upon the proposed plan. The report, which was adopted by the faculty as recommended by the committee, provides for a student court to consist of six seniors and three juniors, who shall be elected by the student conference committee which includes representatives of the men in all classes and organizations. This court shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of discipline of male undergraduates except in cases involving dishonesty in university work, and except in all cases arising in the summer session. If a student is dissatisfied with the findings of the court of his fellow students, or with the penalty it imposes, he may appeal to the university faculty.

The matter of lengthening the football schedule was brought to the faculty's attention by President Van Hise in the form of a resolution adopted by the student conference committee, which was as follows:

“Resolved, That it is the desire of this committee and of the student body which it represents, that the schedule be extended to include seven games;

“That this committee requests the faculty to take whatever action is necessary to so extend the schedule.

“By an extension to include seven games, we mean the addition of two extra games to the schedule as now existing. We do not ask for two more games with conference colleges, but for games with schools outside the conference, or at least with the colleges in the state.”

The minority of the athletic council presented a report favoring an extension of the football schedule to seven games.

After a discussion of the proposed addition of two games, the faculty expressed its unwillingness to lengthen the schedule. But as the

matter had not been acted upon by the athletic council in the form in which it was presented to the faculty, in the resolutions of the Student Conference, the faculty voted that the question of increasing the number of football games to seven be referred to the faculty athletic council for further consideration.

Upon the recommendation of the regents, to whom the matter had been referred by the legislature, the faculty voted to appoint a committee of its members to investigate the fraternity and sorority system in the university.

REGENTS

The regular meeting of the regents was held January 20. Several important additions to the faculty were made. Action on the location of the new biology building and of the women's dormitories was postponed for a special meeting. The regents approved the plan for a student court.

In accordance with the arrangement made with the United States Forest Service in connection with the establishment of the forest products laboratory at the university, members of the government staff of that laboratory are to give lectures at the university in the course in forestry. The regents appointed as instructors in forestry McGarvey Cline, director of the laboratory, and his assistants, H. F. Weiss, H. S. Bristol, L. F. Hawley, C. T. Barnum and Frederick Dunlap. These experts will begin their lectures on forestry and allied subjects at the opening of the second semester.

Grace Larned was appointed instructor in physical training in the new women's gymnasium. Ralph W. Owen, Eau Claire, was made assistant in English. Minnie Bergman was appointed vocal teacher in the school of music. Caroline E. McGill, Watertown, N. Y.; R. H. Tucker, Danville, Va.; and W. I. King, Lincoln, Neb., were appointed assistants in political economy. Helen Flint, Madison, was appointed assistant in English.

Provision was made for instruction in textiles, weaving, and modern fabrics in the course in home economics for the next semester.

PROGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY

TO STUDY CELESTIALS

Professor Edward A. Ross of the sociology department goes to China shortly to study social conditions and to gain added material for use in his classes. He sails February 9, and will spend some months investigating such problems as the anti-opium campaign, the effect of missionary work, the growth of education on the western model, the industrial outlook of China, the woman question, and the fundamental problem of population.

DESCRIBES NEW GAS METER.

The recent meeting of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at New York was addressed by Prof. Carl C. Thomas, college of engineering, who spoke on "An Electric Gas Meter." In his paper he describes a meter developed in the university laboratories which is now employed commercially to measure large quantities of gas, air, or steam.

SPEAKS AT AMES AND PURDUE

Professor E. H. Farrington of the department of dairy husbandry lectured on the testing of dairy products and on the sanitary construction of dairy buildings at the short course for farmers at Iowa Agricultural college, Ames, January 20-21. He also spoke at the Purdue farmers' course January 13 on dairying in Europe.

CHALLENGES TO RACE

Ernest C. Meyer, professor in the department of political science, has issued a challenge to all comers for the world's championship in backward skating. Professor Meyer claims the title, basing his claim on the records he made in the tournament at Leipsic in 1905, when he covered a kilometer, 1,093.6 yards, back-

ward, in 1:56 1-5, and two kilometers, backward, in 4:12 3-5. Mr. Meyer offers to race any distance from a quarter mile to five miles. He was graduated from the university in 1901 and at that time held the record for the high jump. He was in the consular service at the time he won the skating championship.

REBER ON EXTENSION

Dean L. E. Reber addressed the Association of American Universities on "University Extension" at its annual meeting held at Madison January 4 and 5.

REINSCH ON THE LIST

The coming fourth Pan-American conference, to be held in Buenos Ayres in July, is now occupying the attention of officials of the state department and others interested in the meeting. To prepare material for the use of the United States delegation the committee appointed Dr. L. S. Rowe, Dr. Paul S. Reinsch, W. E. Curtis and John Barrett.

ELECT TURNER PRESIDENT

Professor F. J. Turner of the department of American history was elected president of the American Historical association at its meeting in New York during the Christmas recess.

DICKINSON'S PLAY ACCEPTED

Professor Thomas H. Dickinson of the English department of the university has received word that his drama, "In Hospital," has been accepted for production by the New theater, in New York. Mr. Dickinson's production was the second to be selected from among the thousands submitted.

"In Hospital" is a one-act allegorical, introspective drama, dealing with

the rapid passing of time. The scene is laid in the operating room of a large city hospital and is replete with intense dramatic situations.

RAVENEL MARRIES

On December 28 the marriage of Miss Adele Petigan Van der Horst of Charleston, S. C., and Dr. Mazyck Porcher Ravenel of Madison was solemnized at the St. Michael's church in Charleston, by the Rev. John Kedshaw. Dr. and Mrs. Ravenel will be "at home" after February 1, at the Irving, where the bride will be welcomed into western society by hosts of friends of the distinguished professor.

RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Professor Edward Burr Van Vleck has been awarded an honorary degree in mathematics by Clark university.

CUNLIFFE IS VICE-PRESIDENT

The Modern Language association of America has elected Professor J. W. Cunliffe of the English department vice-president for the ensuing year.

ANDREWS HONORED

Dr. John B. Andrews, Ph. D. '08, was elected secretary of the American Association for Labor Legislation at the annual convention recently held in New York. Dr. Andrews recently prepared for the U. S. Bureau of Labor a history of women in trade unions.

MCCARTHY TO EUROPE

Dr. Charles McCarthy is planning a trip to Europe for the purpose of studying industrial legislation and continuation schools and will leave in March, providing no special session of the legislature is held.

NEW GYM MEN

Arne C. Lerum, Cottage Grove, who was graduated from the university law school in 1906, has been appointed instructor in physical training for the outdoor sports during the rest of the collegiate year, and I. Bernstein, Chicago, has been made trainer of the 'varsity teams. Edeken Nespor, physical director of the Manitowoc Y. M. C. A., was appointed assistant in physical training in place of Gilbert Main, who was promoted to an instructorship.

VAN HISE ELECTED

President Charles R. Van Hise was elected vice-president of the Association of American Universities at the meeting in Madison in January.

LECTURES ON DAILY LIFE

The problems of daily life from the psychologist's viewpoint were discussed by Prof. Joseph Jastrow on January 21, in the third of his series of five lectures on popular problems in psychology before the Milwaukee College Endowment association.

COLLEGE PRESIDENTS MEET

The annual meeting of the Association of Wisconsin College presidents, of which President Charles R. Van Hise is president, was held in Milwaukee January 28.

REINSCH ON COMMITTEE

Professor Paul S. Reinsch has been appointed a member of the committee to prepare a codification of international law. He was appointed by Senator Root of New York, who is president of the International Law association. The codification will be carried on under the auspices of this association.

STUDENTS

ORIENTALS ENTERTAIN

Oriental students of the University of Wisconsin International club gave a program on December 18, in which representatives of China, Japan, India, and the Philippines took part.

On January 20 the club listened to a lecture by Edwin D. Mead of Boston, director of the International School of Peace, on "The United States and the United World."

The club is arranging for a concert to be given under its auspices by the Milwaukee Maennerchor in February.

ATTEND MISSIONARY MEETING

Twenty-four students of the University of Wisconsin represented the institution at the Student Volunteer convention at Rochester, N. Y. The movement aims to interest college students in missionary work.

The Wisconsin delegates included the Misses Irene Shenkenberg, Waterford; Vernie McCann, La Crosse; Grace Griffin and Ada MacAdam, Madison; and Leroy Johnson, Wausau; Lawrence Coe, Barron; James Stephens and Erwin Meyers, Evansville; Harold Bickel and Daniel Foxwell, Racine; Ruben Trane, La Crosse; F. C. Henke, Milwaukee; W. F. Boyd, Marinette; Arthur Jorgenson, secretary of the university Y. M. C. A.; and Guok-Tsai Chao, Shanghai, China.

TO ENCOURAGE RESEARCH

Two engineering fellowships, worth \$400 a year, just established by the regents, in addition to three graduate scholarships already offered in the college of engineering, will give further encouragement to the research which has already solved many difficult problems in engineering.

AT COSMOPOLITAN MEETING

Guok-Tsai Chao, '10, Shanghai, China, with Albert J. Ochsner, Jr., '12, Chicago, and Louis P. Lochner, '09, Mil-

waukee, represented the University of Wisconsin at the third annual convention of the American Association of Cosmopolitan clubs at Cornell December 22-24.

In his report of the Wisconsin chapter, A. J. Ochsner gave the membership as 85 students, representing 20 different foreign countries.

G. T. Chao was made chairman of the committee on constitutional changes, A. J. Ochsner chairman of the committee on resolutions, and L. P. Lochner was elected general secretary of the association and editor of a monthly magazine to be published in the interests of the association.

DAIRY COURSE ALUMNI MEET

The first annual meeting of the Dairy Course Alumni association, the new organization of graduates and former students of the winter course in dairying was held at Madison January 26. Morning sessions were held, with a banquet at night. The meetings were addressed by leading members on topics relating to dairying.

There are now nearly 3,000 graduates and former students of the dairy course.

SPEAKS ON CHINA

China is to be one of the prime movers in the world-wide campaign for woman's suffrage, according to Lau Chi Chang of Canton, China, a graduate student in political science at the university, who addressed the convention of the American Political Science association in New York on December 31 on "Government and Public Opinion in China." During the last three years meetings convened by women have had much influence in some of the minor political matters, particularly in boycotts. The women of China have been aroused by the general suffrage movement, and are expected to have a large share in the democratizing and occidentalizing of the Empire.

BIG MEN TO ADDRESS STUDENTS

A number of distinguished scholars from universities of Spain, Germany, England, and America have been secured to address the students. Three series of lectures are to be given under the auspices of the history department.

Professor Eduard Meyer of the University of Berlin, an authority on ancient history, will give three lectures the latter part of February. Three more will be given by Professor E. W. Protheroe of the Royal Historical society of London, who comes to America especially to lecture at Wisconsin, Harvard, and Johns Hopkins.

On January 20 Signor Rafel Altamira of the University of Oviedo, Spain, lectured on "The Spanish Mind and Character," and on January 22 he spoke on "What Spain has Done for Civilization."

Professor George Santayana of Harvard will give a series of six lectures in April on the three philosophical poets, Lucretius, Dante and Goethe. Professor A. M. Brooks of Indiana University department of fine arts gave a course of seven illustrated lectures the second week of January on the history and development of Gothic architecture.

A. Lawrence Lowell, president of Harvard, spoke at a convocation of students January 5. Among others who will address the students in convocation are John R. Mott of New York, general secretary of the International Y. M. C. A., March 4; Rev. Hugh Black, noted Scotch divine and author, April 22; and President Henry Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

HOOTEN IS RHODES SCHOLAR

Ernest A. Hooten, Lawrence candidate, has been elected to the Cecil Rhodes scholarship.

Mr. Hooten passed the Rhodes examinations when a junior in college. He has since received his A. B. from Lawrence, and the degree of master of arts from the University of Wisconsin. He

is now writing his doctor's thesis under the direction of Professors Showerman and Beatty.

RECEIVES GOLD WATCH

Manager Genkwan Shibata, '09, of the Wisconsin-Japanese baseball team, was recently presented with a gold watch by Dr. Charles McCarthy and the members of the team. Engraved on the case were the words "To Shibby, from the bunch. Japan team, 1910."

PYTHIA ELECTS OFFICERS

Pythia election for the second semester has resulted as follows: President—Bertha Gesell; vice-president—Pearl Richardson; secretary—Agnes Davis; treasurer—Helen Schram; keeper of archives—Margaret Anderson; censor—Helen M. Fitch.

The election of Bertha Gesell to the presidency makes her a member of the Keystone society.

PRESENT GERMAN PLAY

"Die Deutschen Kleinstaedter," a side-splitting comedy, was presented by members of the Germanistische Gesellschaft in the high school auditorium on January 20.

ENGINEERING AGRICULTURE ELECT

Students of agricultural engineering at the college of agriculture have just formed a new association, the Agricultural Engineers' club, with John Peters, Lake Beulah, president; L. F. Graber, Mineral Point, vice-president; and R. P. Bean, De Soto, secretary and treasurer. The thirty charter members plan to hold meetings for the study and discussion of questions of farm engineering.

OPEN CATHOLIC CHAPEL

The new Catholic student chapel will be dedicated Thursday, January 27, the Rt. Rev. James Schwebach, bishop of La Crosse, presiding. The address will be delivered by Archbishop Messmer of

Milwaukee. Bishop Fox of Green Bay and other prominent clergy as well as Catholic alumni will be present.

The music will be under direction of Rev. T. M. Bach. The "Ecce Sacerdos" by Professor Singenberger of Milwaukee will be rendered.

IS ADJUDGED WINNER

Miss Vida R. French, of Buffalo, New York, a graduate student in the horticultural department of the college of agriculture, was the successful competitor in the students' apple judging contest held January 19 in connection with the state horticultural society's session. She receives a money prize of \$8.

LECTURES ON SOUTH AMERICA

"Industrial Conditions in South America" is the general subject of a series of lectures which Miss Harriett Merrill, '90, gave before the students under Professor H. C. Taylor in January.

DATES FOR FORENSICS

Dates have been determined for the class oratorical contests by the public speaking department as follows:

- Sophomore open—February 5.
- Junior exhibition—February 25.
- Junior open—February 26.
- Senior open—February 24.
- Finals—March 13.

One contestant will be elected from the sophomore and junior events and four from the senior open. These will appear again in the finals from which one man will be chosen to represent Wisconsin at the Northern Oratorical league contest at Minnesota.

PROM PLANS ANNOUNCED

John E. Hand of Chicago and his orchestra of twenty-five will furnish the music for the prom. In order to make the refreshments of the 1910 Prom surpass those of previous years, the committee has decided to expend \$150 more than usually in this direction.

ENGINEERS MEET

The University of Wisconsin Student Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers held its first regular meeting January 13.

ELECT LEMON CAPTAIN

The freshmen basketball squad, numbering sixteen men, has elected Kenneth Lemon of Madison captain and Haley F. Drewes of Johnson Creek manager.

SHARE GYM MANAGEMENT

The work of former Athletic Director C. P. Hutchins, resigned, has been temporarily divided between Coach E. H. Ten Eyck and Arne Lerum, '06. Lerum will take charge of the track team and of out-of-door sports for the remainder of the year.

BADGER GOES TO MILWAUKEE

The printing and engraving contracts for the 1911 Badger have been let to the Evening Wisconsin Publishing Co., and the Hammersmith Engraving Co.

ADOPT PINCHOT RESOLUTIONS

Resolutions regretting the dismissal of Gifford Pinchot from the office of U. S. chief forester have been presented to every organization in the university, and upon adoption will be forwarded to Mr. Pinchot and to President Taft.

BAND GIVES CONCERT

The annual concert of the University Regimental band was given in the gymnasium on January 25.

LOGAN HEADS COMMERCIALS

Officers of the Commercial club were elected to office for the coming semester as follows: Harold E. Logan, president; Edgar C. Wilson, vice-president; Calvin F. Schwenker, secretary; John E. Trelven, treasurer.

Arrangements were completed for a smoker to be given the club members

at the Delta Upsilon house, Wednesday, January 26. Professor W. A. Scott and Professor S. W. Gilman will be the speakers of the evening.

EDITOR GLEASON SPEAKS

Arthur Gleason, formerly of the New York Tribune, now of the editorial staff of Collier's Weekly, gave the first of the series of lectures by editors in active service to the students in the course in journalism in January, his subject being "How to Get the News."

ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

The schedule for the university baseball nine and track teams for the spring,

as announced by the "Big Eight" athletic conference, includes twelve baseball games and four track meets, as follows:

Track schedule—May 7, Illinois at Madison; May 14, Minnesota at Madison; May 21, Chicago at Chicago; June 4, Conference at Chicago.

Baseball schedule—April 16, Northwestern at Madison; April 20, Chicago at Madison; April 22, Purdue at Lafayette; April 23, Illinois at Urbana; April 28 or 29, Iowa at Madison; May 7, Illinois at Madison; May 13, Iowa at Iowa City; May 14, Minnesota at Minneapolis; May 19, Purdue at Madison; May 27, Northwestern at Evanston; May 28, Chicago at Chicago; June 4, Minnesota at Madison.

CURRICULUM

WANTS CHAIR OF DRAMA

Professor Thomas Dickinson of the English department, who is the author of several successful plays, proposes that alumni and friends of the state university make an effort to secure the chair in play writing which Henry B. Harris, dramatic producer, desires to establish in some American university, and for which he has offered to be one of six to give \$25,000 each with which to endow such a chair.

OVER 3,500 CORRESPONDENTS

Over 3,500 students are registered in the correspondence study department alone of the University of Wisconsin extension division, as reported by Director

L. E. Reber of the department before the Association of American Universities which just held its annual convention at Madison. Of these students some 800 are doing general college work for university credit, nearly 2,000 are pursuing technical studies, and the rest take special or preparatory courses.

FARMERS' COURSE

The seventh annual ten-day farmers' course in agriculture will be held at the college of agriculture February 8 to 18. At the same time a one week's women's course in home economics, and a week's special dairy course for creamery and cheese factory operators and managers, will be conducted.

MISCELLANEOUS

ASS'T PROFESSORS UNDERPAID

That 80 per cent of the assistant professors in American universities must supplement their salaries by outside work to make both ends meet; that, though they receive on an average just enough for the living of an unmarried man, 74 per cent are married and almost all of these have children to sup-

port; and that over 63 per cent have had to have financial assistance in their student days, incurring a debt which takes six to ten years to repay, are facts presented by Professor Guido H. Marx of Stanford university before the Association of American Universities in annual convention at the University of Wisconsin on January 4 and 5. Professor Marx

based his statements on statistics gathered from 250 assistant professors in the 22 universities represented in the association.

COPY WISCONSIN PLAN

The universities of Kansas and Illinois have established municipal reference bureaus modeled on the one now in successful operation in the extension division of the University of Wisconsin. In Illinois the state association of mayors co-operated with the university in developing the bureau on the plan of the Wisconsin institution. At Kansas it is also a part of the extension work, which was organized on exactly the basis of the Wisconsin extension system, after a professor had been sent to study the University of Wisconsin plan.

NAMES 'VARSITY MEN

Governor Davidson has named Charles McCarthy, Madison, who received his degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Wisconsin in '01; Paul J. Watrous, ex-'06, Milwaukee; and C. B. Culbertson, Stanley, who was graduated from the university law school in '94, as delegates to the conferences of state commissioners on employers' liability and workmen's compensation acts, and on uniform laws, at Washington, D. C., January 20.

VISIT STATE UNIVERSITY

In order to see how the University of Wisconsin is reaching the people of the state, a party of West Virginians, consisting of Gov. Glasscock, President D. B. Purinton of West Virginia university, M. P. Shawkey, state superintendent, the entire board of regents of the University of West Virginia, and several members of the state board of control, spent two days in Madison visiting the university on January 24 and 25.

COURSE FOR SMALL BOYS

A boys' course in corn and grain judging will be given February 8-12 at the college of agriculture for the first time this year. This course is especially designed to provide instruction for boys who have won scholarships in grain contests at county fairs during the past season.

BRIDGES ON EIGHT RAILROADS TESTED.

After making 15,000 tests on 50 railway bridges on the lines of eight different railroad systems of the country, Dean F. E. Turneure of the college of engineering is now compiling data which it is expected will entirely eliminate the element of guess work in allowing for speed strain in bridge design.

One of the greatest problems in bridge engineering is that of making the structure absolutely safe with the maximum economy in materials. Heretofore there has been little actual data on the comparative effects of speeds on the different parts of bridges, so that the allowance for such strain had to be made largely by guess. A few experiments were made with expensive machinery imported from Germany, including those of Dean Turneure in 1907 on the St. Paul road, but the extreme difficulty and expense prevented further investigation until Dean Turneure invented a machine of his own for the work.

Dean Turneure's invention is an electrical instrument which makes an autographic record on a strip of paper of every slightest bending, shortening or stretching of the part of the bridge to which it attached, when a train is crossing the bridge. Twelve duplicates of the machine were made in the shops of the college of engineering, and used simultaneously on different parts of the bridge, giving accurate data for comparison.

ALUMNI NEWS

BIRTHS

'00.

Born—To Dr. and Mrs. G. F. Ruediger, 517 S. Sixth St., Grand Forks, N. D., a son, on November 8. Mrs. Ruediger was Abbie Brayton, U. of Mex. '01. Dr. Ruediger is director of the state health laboratory of North Dakota.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Poss, of Milwaukee, a daughter, on October 1.

'02.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cameron of Eau Claire, a son. Mrs. Cameron was Helen G. Thompson, '02.

'03.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Bray, a daughter, on November 12. Mr. Bray is superintendent of schools at Spring Green, Wis. Mrs. Bray is a sister of J. A. Farris, '00, and John Farris, '07.

'07.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Simon of Beloit, a nine-pound baby boy, on January 9.

ENGAGEMENTS

PETERSON, '03—CHAPMAN.

Mrs. Atley Peterson of Soldiers' Grove announces the engagement of her daughter, Alma, to James Edwin Chapman of New York City. Miss Peterson is a daughter of the late Atley Peterson, formerly railroad commissioner and assemblyman.

KUSSELL, '06—GRIGGS, '05.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kussell of Milwaukee announce the engagement of their daughter, Irma, to Victor R. Griggs of Montana.

HOYER—LOCHNER, '09.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Hoyer of Milwaukee announce the engagement of their daughter, Emmy, to Louis P. Lochner of Madison.

RICHARDSON, '10—HENKE, '10.

As an aftermath to the holiday trip of the Wisconsin Student Volunteers comes the announcement of the engagement of Pearl Richardson, president of the University Y. W. C. A., to Fred C. Henke, a prominent Y. M. C. A. worker. Both are seniors, Miss Richardson in the college of letters and science, and Mr. Henke in the civil engineering department. Miss Richardson is a native of Rockford, Ill., while Mr. Henke comes from Wautoma, Wis.

MARRIAGES

BURRIS—LOY, '96.

Frances Burris and A. W. Loy were married at Lancaster, Wis., in November.

STORM—BRINDLEY, '03.

Pauline Storm and Willis E. Brindley were married on July 15, 1909, at Okmulgee, Okla. They reside in San Francisco, Cal.

RUSTE, '03—MCCAMMOND.

Mabel B. Ruste, daughter of Allen O. Ruste, and Roy Vernon McCammond were married at Charles City, Ia., on January 1.

TOWNE—WEAY, '05.

Margaret Agnes Towne of Eau Claire, Wis., and Edward Wray of Chicago were married at the home of the bride's parents, 204 Cameron St., Eau Claire, on December 29. At home after February 1 at Park Ridge, Ill.

WOOD—MOFFATT, '05.

Hazel Wood and John J. Moffatt were united in marriage at Muskogee, Okla., on September 22, 1909.

SHIPMAN—BIEGLER, '05.

Martha Irene Shipman and Philip Sheridan Biegler were married at Iowa Falls, Iowa, on December 29, 1909. The groom was connected with the Commonwealth Edison Co. of Chicago in 1905-6, was instructor in electrical engineering at Iowa State university from 1906-8, and has been in the automobile business in Spokane, Wash., since 1908. The young couple will be at home after February 1 at Spokane.

MCCORD—BRINDLEY, '06.

Agnes Armitage McCord, Smith '06, and Thaddeus H. Brindley were married at the home of the groom's father, Judge John Brindley, on December 14, 1909, the Rev. Henry Faville officiating. At home at Billings, Mont.

JONES—CURTIN, '07.

Hazel B. Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Jones, 139 S. Hancock St., Madison, became the bride of James H. Curtin of New York City on December 29. The ceremony took place at St. Raphael's church, Madison, the Rev. Father J. Kroha officiating. The attendants were Frances Conlin and Jos. H. Curtin, the latter a brother of the groom. The bride until recently filled a position at the State Historical library. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Curtin of Madison, and since his graduation from the university has been employed as a civil engineer in New York City. The young couple left immediately for their new home in the national metropolis.

BROCKWAY, '07—GELBACH, '07.

Belle Brockway and W. A. Gelbach, both of Lancaster, Wis., were married at that city on December 30, 1909, and left

shortly after the ceremony on an extended wedding trip. Mr. Gelbach was captain of the 'varsity football team in 1906 and is now connected with the United States Geological Survey. At home in Lancaster.

ALLEN—MCDANIELL, '07.

Annabelle Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Allen of Madison, and C. O. McDaniel of Gay's Mills, Wis., were married on December 22, 1909. At home at Gay's Mills, where Mr. McDaniel is a successful druggist.

RU TON—STEVENSON, '09.

Claudine Ru Ton of Goshen, Ind., and Willard L. Stevenson of South Bend, Ind., were married on November 23, 1909, at the home of the bride's parents. At home at South Bend.

DEATHS

'81.

Joseph Morley died at his home in Neillsville, Wis., on October 14, 1909. Mr. Morley was born at Oldham, England, on March 1, 1854. He came to America in 1875, and soon thereafter located at Neillsville, where he resided until his death. He was graduated from the law school of the university in 1881; practiced law with Judge James O'Neill at Neillsville for about a year; and then became cashier of the Neillsville Bank, which position he held until his death. In 1883 he married Florence Clark of La Crosse, who survives him. He leaves a son, Clark, aged 19, and a daughter, Ruth, 8 years of age.

'84.

James C. Officer, formerly state senator, died on January 1 in St. Joseph's hospital in Milwaukee, at the age of fifty years, death being due to pleurisy of the heart. Mr. Officer was born on January 23, 1859, in Vernon county. He attended the public schools of Milwau-

kee, and was graduated from the university in 1884. In 1886 he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Officer was deputy clerk of the circuit court from 1889-91, and in 1891 was assistant district attorney. The same year he was elected to the state senate. Mr. Officer is survived by relatives in Viroqua, Wis., where his remains were buried.

Duane Mowry, '75, in a letter to THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE says of Mr. Officer: "I knew Mr. Officer during practically his entire career in Milwaukee. It is mainly as an attorney and a man that I speak of him. He was a careful, painstaking and successful lawyer, not ostentatious and noisy, but generally correct and sound. His friendships were not numerous, but were made with caution and were usually permanent. The profession and the community have lost a good lawyer and a worthy man."

'95.

George Peltage, formerly of Madison and a graduate of the law school, died on December 8, 1909, at his home in Chicago. His mother, Mrs. Anna Peltage, preceded him in death only a month previous. He is survived by a brother, Dr. Rudolph Peltage, and two sisters, Mrs. Chas. Anderson and Mrs. Anna Comstock, all of Chicago.

Major J. H. Elward, father of Rodney A. Elward, '95, and Dorothy Elward, '00, died at his home in Hutchinson, Kan., on December 30, 1909. He is survived by his wife and three children.

'97.

Professor Frank J. Short, for a time in charge of engineering research at Cornell university, died at Fort Collins, Cal., of tuberculosis. The body was taken to Elkhorn, Wis.

'02.

Mrs. Jennie Webster Watson, mother of Prof. J. W. Watson, '02, of the university faculty, died at her home in La Crosse on December 8. She is survived by her husband and three children.

'03.

John Klue of the Denver Gas and Electric Co. recently drowned in the Colorado river in Colorado.

THE CLASSES

'73.

James Quirk of Minneapolis is one of the representative business men of the Twin Cities. He is engaged in the manufacture and sale of flour. He is always interested in the efficacy of higher education. For upwards of ten years he has been a regent of Hamline university, a Methodist college in St. Paul.

'74.

Judge John Brindley began his fourth term as county judge of La Crosse county on January 3.

Mary Dwight Akers of St. Paul recently spent eight weeks visiting relations in New England, and viewed points of interest in Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. She stopped on her return with friends in the vicinity of her old home in Dane county, and closed the trip about the middle of December with a short visit among several of her classmates in Madison.

Dr. R. R. Williams of Manning, Ia., had an enjoyable motor car excursion through several of the Western states last summer. The doctor has been inconvenienced in his social relations with alumni by a mistake in the general catalogue of the officers and graduates issued in 1907, by having been registered therein as living in Chicago. Dr. Williams had to offer proof among his friends in St. Paul and Minneapolis that he had not left Manning, Ia., where he has lived for thirty years as a successful citizen, physician and business man.

'75.

Walter H. Butler has moved his residence and place of business from Des Moines, Ia., to Kansas City, Mo. He is

director, treasurer and secretary of the General Agency and Securities Co., Commercial Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Eugene W. Chafin, former prohibition presidential candidate, was admitted to practice before the supreme court of the United States on December 16. He was presented by Senator Robert M. La Follette, '79.

Duane Mowry is a candidate for one of the seven judgeships in the recently created civil court of Milwaukee county. He has been in the continuous practice of law for more than thirty years and has been connected with important litigation in all of the state courts and in the United States circuit and district courts. Mr. Mowry is a member of the State and County Bar associations and of the State Historical society. He has held several minor judicial offices, including that of court commissioner for some twelve or fifteen years. He is now a member of the Milwaukee board of school directors.

'79.

George L. Voorhees, principal of the Morse school, Chicago, spent several days in Madison recently visiting the many new buildings and other objects of interest at the university with two sons, aged fourteen and sixteen years, who hope soon to call the U. W. their Alma Mater.

'81.

The bar primary of the Milwaukee Bar association endorsed Julius E. Roehr as a candidate for circuit judge on January 17.

'82.

Prof. William Gilbert Anderson, M. S. C., M. A., M. D., director of the department of physical education at Yale university, represented the University of Wisconsin at the inauguration as president of William Arnold Shanklin, L. H. D., LL. D., at Middletown, Conn., November 12, 1909.

James A. Sheridan, a prominent Milwaukee attorney, who has been suffering

from nervous prostration, is steadily improving and on the way to complete recovery.

Dominic H. Schuler is principal in one of the Milwaukee public schools. He has gained prominence as a conductor of teachers' institutes.

'85.

Charles L. Allen of Eau Claire, Wis., is engaged in extensive farming operations in Eau Claire county. Mr. Allen has of late years also been a heavy investor in North Dakota lands.

'86.

Theodore Schroeder, E '86, L '89, is a successful author and contributor to some forty periodicals.

James Wickham of Eau Claire assumed his office as judge of the newly created Nineteenth Circuit of Wisconsin on January 3. The new circuit is composed of Eau Claire, Chippewa, Sawyer and Rusk counties.

'87.

Albert Mieding, Pharmacy '87, is now a practicing physician in Milwaukee.

'88.

John T. Kelly, present city attorney of Milwaukee, will receive the Republican nomination as a candidate for reelection without opposition. The election occurs in April.

Frank R. Farr, who has been engaged in the practice of law at Eau Claire, Wis., since his graduation from the university, has formed a copartnership with Hon. L. M. Sturdevant, formerly attorney general of Wisconsin, under the firm name of Sturdevant & Farr. James Wickham, '86, who was for many years in partnership with Mr. Farr, has retired therefrom to go on the bench.

'89.

Adolph Huebschmann is a Social Democratic candidate for one of the judgeships in the civil court of Milwaukee

county, a court created by the last legislature.

William F. Stevens has removed from Ellsworth to Eau Claire, Wis. Mr. Stevens has for many years been travelling representative for the Glenn Refining Co. of Cleveland, O.

'90.

Arthur W. Phelps, formerly professor in the Boys' High school of Reading, Pa., is now professor of German at Pomona college, Claremont, Cal.

A. J. Myrland is serving his sixth consecutive term as district attorney of Burnett county, Wis. He with many others of "Mighty Ninety" is looking forward to a grand time at commencement time next June.

'92.

R. S. Witte of Milwaukee is candidate for civil judge of Milwaukee county. Mr. Witte began the practice of law in Milwaukee in 1898, when he was appointed first assistant city attorney, an office which he held for eight years. Since retiring from official life, Mr. Witte has been associated with Mayor D. S. Rose in the practice of law.

C. J. Fenner is principal of the Le-moore Union High school, Cal., where he also teaches mathematics and German. He is a member of the county board of education of King's county, Cal.

'93.

F. F. Showers is principal of the Stevens Point Business college, Stevens Point, Wis., in which seventy-nine pupils are now enrolled.

Attorney C. H. Sedgwick of Manitowoc, Wis., will take up residence in Creswell, Ore., in January, having been appointed resident agent of the A. C. Bohrstedt company of Minneapolis. Decision to leave Manitowoc was formed by Mr. Sedgwick as a result of his becoming interested in fruit lands in the West while on a recent trip to the coast.

Sabena M. Herfurth has been re-engaged as instructor in German at Milwaukee-Downer college. Miss Herfurth was an instructor in the German department of the university from 1898 to 1905.

John Siggelko is prominently identified with fraternal interests in Madison. He is a past division treasurer of the Sons of Veterans and at present an executive councillor of that organization. He is a supreme secretary and a director of the order of The Defenders.

Professor George T. Flom has been elected assistant professor of Scandinavian languages in the University of Illinois. Previous to his going to Illinois he for nine years taught Scandinavian languages at Iowa State university.

George L. Blum in January began his second consecutive term as judge of the Eau Claire county court. Mr. Blum has also been judge in the juvenile court of Eau Claire for several years past.

Casimir Gonski is a non-partisan candidate for judge of the newly created circuit court in Milwaukee county.

Henry Cummings, '93, has announced his candidacy for civil court judge to the voters of Milwaukee county.

'94.

Dr. G. MacGregor has removed to Eau Claire, Wis., from Baltimore, Md., and opened an office for the practice of his profession.

'95.

Charles L. Aarons is president of the Milwaukee board of school directors.

James O'Leare is practicing law in San Antonio, Tex. During his undergraduate days he was on the joint debate team for Hesperia Literary society.

Oscar Rohn is general manager of the East Butte Copper Mining Co., Pitts-mont Smelter, Butte, Mont.

Zona Gale of Portage is winning much flattering comment upon her latest book, entitled "Friendship Village Love

Stories." The *Outlook* of December 18 says of it in part: "It is high praise and not too much to say that the loving, sympathetic understanding and true loyalty of Zona Gale's portrayal of her friends is more akin to the beautiful stories written by Sara Orne Jewett than anything we have seen since her death."

'96.

The following were endorsed by the bar primary of the Milwaukee Bar association on January 17 as candidates for the seven positions in the newly created civil court for Milwaukee county: Lucian R. Worden, L '96; H. T. Ferguson, '97; and Clinton G. Price, L '01.

Attorneys E. L. Kelley, '96, of Manitowoc, Wis., and L. W. Ledvina, '06, of Two Rivers, Wis., have formed a law partnership under the firm name of Kelley & Ledvina. Mr. Kelley has practiced law in Manitowoc for the last fourteen years and has served as city attorney and district attorney of Manitowoc county. For the last eight years he has been associated with Judge Emil Baensch in the practice of law. Mr. Ledvina is serving his third term as member of the Wisconsin legislature, at the last session of which he was chairman of the committee on judiciary.

A. W. Loy, formerly of Platteville, Wis., has removed to Oklahoma City, Okla., and is now holding a responsible position with the Frisco Road, with which he has been associated for seven years.

The Milwaukee alumni members of the Delta Epsilon fraternity gave a "Dutch luncheon" in the Republican house during the Christmas holidays in honor of William Haase, U. S. artillery. Capt. Haase is a graduate of the university, a fraternity member, and one of the army officers who has worked his way up in the army without attending West Point. Among those present were Judge W. D. Tarrant, Henry Cochems, Ray Willetts, Waldemar Kremer, George Winslow, Bell Schranck, Wallis Benedict, Richard Wooster, John Worley, Wilfred

Parker, Arthur C. Kletzsch, M. C. Riley, H. H. Karrow, D. D. Blatz, J. J. Bradley and Dr. Karl Siefert.

George F. Downer is principal of the Butte, Mont., High school, and not professional athletic coach of that institution, as erroneously indicated in this magazine last month.

The law firm heretofore existing between Jos. E. Davies, '98, Arthur Mulberger, '97, and Robert W. Lueck, '03, practicing law under the firm name of Davies, Mulberger & Lueck, has been recently dissolved, Mr. Davies having several years ago moved to Madison, where he has built up an extensive practice with his partner, J. A. Aylward, '84.

Fred B. Peterson has come out as candidate for the new civil judgeship of Milwaukee county. He has been in the practice of law at Milwaukee since 1902. During his college days he acted as physical director of the Madison Y. M. C. A., and as assistant physical director under Dr. J. C. Elsom. While a student of the law school, from which he was graduated in 1900, he was elected justice of the peace for the Fifth ward in Madison, and served two terms. Mr. Peterson is well known among the younger business element of Milwaukee through his connections with the Milwaukee Athletic club, of which he is secretary, director and chairman of the athletic committee. He is prominent in Pythian circles, holding the office of high tribune in the grand lodge of the state.

Attorney Ray Van Doren has taken up residence in Merrill, Wis., and there is practicing his profession.

E. G. Ehlmann is teaching physics in the Youngstown, O., high school.

One more step in the earnest effort being made by well known Scandinavians of the northwest to establish the claim that America really was discovered by Norsemen before Columbus saw the light of day is the attempt now being made by Hjalmar R. Holand of Ephraim, Wis., to make sure the authenticity and genuineness of the famous "Kensington Rune stone" of northern Minnesota.

'99.

Chas. A. A. McGee, '99, special assistant district attorney of Milwaukee county, took charge of the prosecution of Ward E. Hedger for the murder of his wife last September, and added honors to his reputation as a skillful lawyer and eloquent advocate. Conviction of the defendant on circumstantial evidence was secured largely through his efforts.

Henry C. Case is connected with the legal department of the Allis-Chalmers company, Milwaukee.

William C. Sieker, for several years a successful teacher in the public and private schools of Milwaukee, is secretary-treasurer of the Manthey Sieker Co., of that city, machinists and manufacturers of feed water heaters.

A. A. Chamberlain, '99, and Charles N. Hall, '09, recently formed a law partnership in Huron, S. D.

Dr. A. W. Trettien, head of the department of education in the University of South Dakota, will deliver two courses of lectures before the summer session of the University of Missouri in 1910.

Anna Pinkum, who has been librarian at Marinette, Wis., for several years, expects soon to return to her home in Eau Claire for a rest.

W. S. Kies is general attorney for the Chicago & Northwestern railway at Chicago.

'00.

Wirt C. Williams teaches science and United States history at the Lemoore Union High school, California.

Arba B. Marvin has opened an office at 950 Commercial National Bank building, Chicago, for general practice as a solicitor of patents. Mr. Marvin graduated from the electrical engineering department of the university, and served in the testing department of the General Electric company at Schenectady, New York. He was for a time instructor in electrochemistry at Wisconsin, and has made a special study of chemistry, electrochemistry and electrometallurgy.

B. F. Coen is head of the English de-

partment at the Colorado Agricultural college.

The address of Emma J. Ochsner has been changed from 524 Garfield Ave., to 358 Garfield Ave., Chicago.

Benjamin Poss, special city attorney of Milwaukee, and Judge Paul D. Carpenter have formed a law co-partnership under the name of Carpenter & Poss, Wells building, Milwaukee.

'01.

James B. Graham, '01, L '08, has a position with the National Bank of Walden, N. Y.

Professor E. S. Meany published a one-column interview in the issue of December 1 of the *University of Washington Daily*, in which he expresses his regret at Professor Turner's resignation and the consequent loss to the University of Wisconsin.

F. C. McGowan is connected with the Deary Townsite company of Deary, Idaho.

Nelson B. Nelson has been elected camp commander of Eau Claire Camp No. 27, Spanish War Veterans. Mr. Nelson is employed in the office of the Soo railroad at Eau Claire.

'02.

Henry L. Janes has been appointed secretary of the American embassy at Constantinople. After leaving Wisconsin, Mr. Janes secured a scholarship at Columbia university. From Columbia he went to Berlin and Paris, attending universities in both those cities for two years. He then returned to Wisconsin to take his Ph. D. degree. In 1905 he was appointed second secretary of the American legation at Havana, Cuba, and a year later was appointed secretary of the American legation at Chile, serving under Col. Hicks of Oshkosh. From there he was promoted to secretary of the embassy at Rio de Janeiro.

William Ryan, '02, and Assistant Attorney General A. C. Titus, both of Madison, are gathering material for a law

book relating to the inheritance tax, which they intend to have published in the near future.

H. W. Young has been editor of *Popular Electricity* since the publication was started in May, 1908.

Mrs. Alma L. McMahon, who after her leaving the university went to Stout institute, Menomonie, Wis., graduating from there in 1904, has since that time been employed in the manual training department of the Iowa State Teachers' college. She teaches primary handwork and sewing.

Dr. Samuel G. Higgins has taken permanent offices in Milwaukee at 128 Wisconsin street. His practice is limited to diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.

J. C. Miller is manager of the American Air Cleaning Co., Minneapolis.

Dr. Arthur Curtis, 1426 E. 51st St., Chicago, has returned from a one-year's stay at Vienna.

Geo. A. Olson is assistant station chemist at the experiment station in Pullman, Wash.

Chester Lloyd-Jones is assistant professor of political science in the University of Pennsylvania.

'03.

Ruth C. Andrews spent her vacation in a trip through the Yellowstone National park and to the Seattle exposition, taking in Banff, Can., on her return.

H. C. Stair of Lake Mills has purchased the Cambridge, Wis., *News* from its owner, E. F. Kramer, and will henceforth edit and publish that paper. He has for thirteen years been connected with the teaching profession. Last year he was superintendent of the city schools of Berlin, Wis.

O. L. Stinson is publisher of the Bos-cobel *Dial-Enterprise*. For two years previous to his connection with that organ he was associated with the Baraboo *Daily News*.

Joseph T. Flint, until recently editor of the Owen, Wis., *Enterprise*, has sold out and is taking a vacation at his old home in Menomonie, Wis.

'04.

Leo Reitman is great consul of the Knights of the Maccabees of the state. Mr. Reitman is a lawyer, being connected with the law firm of Rubin & Zabel. He is a member of the Masons, Knights of Pythias, and the county and state bar associations.

Horatio B. Winslow, associate editor of *Puck*, passed Christmas with his parents, Judge and Mrs. J. B. Winslow, of Madison.

Regina E. Groves has recently accepted the position of assistant principal of the high school at Pawnee, Ill.

H. L. McDonald, formerly a member of the *Daily Commonwealth* staff of Fond du Lac, Wis., and since his graduation from the university connected with the U. S. Geological Survey, has been ordered to make a survey of one of the principal islands of the Hawaiian group. The work will take about five months. This is the first time the department has ordered a survey on the Hawaiian Islands. Mr. McDonald left San Francisco on December 21.

'05.

A. G. Ramstad has been transferred from the San Francisco office of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to the San José district, where he will be superintendent of electrical distribution.

George Swan is secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Seattle, Wash.

W. W. Weniger, '05, Ph. D. '08, is professor of physics at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Corydon T. Purdy is a member of the civil engineering firm of Purdy & Henderson, New York City.

Clarice Abbott, ex-'06, is director of music and painting in the public schools at Chehalis, Wash.

Don E. Mowry has an article on "State Inspection of Bakeries in Wisconsin" in a recent issue of *The Survey*, New York. The article has been widely commented upon by the press and the author has been the recipient of many inquiries concerning the subject.

H. A. Parker, ex-'06, is assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Kansas, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor A. K. Hubbard of that institution. Prof. Parker formerly was instructor in engineering at the U. W.

'07.

Prof. A. A. Johnson, head of the county agricultural school of Onolaska, Wis., has received a patent on a milk weighing and testing device, which he is vending to manufacturers of milking machine companies.

John Farris received the degree of civil engineer at the University of Pittsburg last June with special honors on a thesis entitled "Stresses and Sections in Highway Bridges." Mr. Farris has been associated in business with his brothers since leaving the university, and is now vice-president and chief engineer of the Farris Bridge Co., Diamond Bank Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

William F. Hood, Jr., of Fairchild, Wis., is in Eau Claire as lay reader for Christ Episcopal church. Mr. Hood expects soon to enter a theological seminary to prepare for the ministry of the Episcopal church.

Alfred Sommers is secretary of the chamber of commerce at Tacoma, Wash.

'08.

F. A. Schmidt, who has been in a tuberculosis sanatorium since graduation, has recovered sufficiently to go on McNulty's ranch, Box 162, Phoenix, Ariz.

Herman Meyer and Frank Hickox are teaching at the high school at Tacoma, Wash.

Ralph D. Hetzel is head of the department of public speaking at the Oregon Agricultural college, Cowalis, Ore.

P. M. Schwenker of La Crosse, Wis., has accepted a position as assistant superintendent of a 10,000 acre cattle range in Arkansas.

John Collins is attorney at Harlem, Mont. At present he is promoting a beet sugar industry.

George C. Mathews, assistant in oratory and debate at the U. W. last year, is now occupying a similar position at the Oregon Agricultural college, Cowalis, Ore. This institution is a rival of and larger than the state university.

'09.

C. P. Olson is an attorney located at 439-41 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Portland, Ore. Gustave Buchen, '09, and George C. Mathews, '08, spent the Christmas vacation with him.

E. G. Lange is teaching in the high school at Tacoma, Wash.

Stith Thompson is teaching English in the Lincoln High school at Portland, Ore.

Elizabeth McGregor is teaching in the Madison High school.

John Karnopp is located at Portland, Ore., where he is engaged in the real estate and lumber business.

Gustave Buchen is in charge of debating and oratory at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.

Louis P. Lochner was elected general secretary of the Association of Cosmopolitan clubs at the third annual convention of the association held in Ithaca, N. Y., December 22-24. For the present he will divide his time between THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE and his new office, and at the end of the present school year will go entirely into the cosmopolitan work.

Carl Cunningham, a graduate of the university course in journalism, is on the staff of his father's newspaper in Chippewa Falls. He spoke at the mass meeting held at Madison preceding the Chicago football game.

Theodore Stempfel, a graduate from the course in journalism, is special feature and humorous editorial writer for the *Indianapolis News*.

Arthur Robertson is scholar in American history at the University of Chicago.

J. R. Piffner has gone into partnership with District Attorney George B. Nelson, at Stevens Point, Wis., under the firm name of Nelson & Piffner.

F. C. Seoville, ex-'09, who during his college days was a member in the course in journalism, has for the last seven months been on the staff of the *Janesville Gazette*.

Congressman John J. Esch has announced the appointment of Lee T. Pond of Eau Claire as his private secretary.

W. A. Atwell is engaged in the practice of law at Stevens Point, Wis.

H. C. Wolfe is employed in the law offices of Kanneberg & Cochems, Milwaukee.

George A. Affeldt is practicing law in Milwaukee, having his office with Charles Hammersley.

William Curkeet and Carl Zollmann are employed in the law offices of Olin & Butler, Madison.

Harry Sautoff is located in Madison with the firm of Murphy, Kroncke & Sauthoff.

George Graebner and Joseph Eder are practicing law in Milwaukee.

A. W. Prehn is engaged in the practice of law at Wausau, Wis.

Clarence H. Hartley is a member of the law firm of Hanchett & Hartley, Superior, Wis.

Oscar D. Black is a member of the law firm of Burnham & Black, Richland Center, Wis.

D. K. Allen is in the office of D. D. Conway, Grand Rapids, Wis.

Kenneth F. Burgess with his four-act comedy "Three Queens and a Joker" won the prize for the best student-written play presented for production by the junior class of the university in February.

Ray P. Speer, a graduate from the course in journalism, is night editor of the *Eau Claire Leader*.

TEACHERS

Seven different universities of the country have called graduates of the department of romance languages to their faculties. The appointments include institutions in New York, the District of Columbia, Missouri, Wisconsin and Oregon.

Emil Hacker, Arcadia, who had a scholarship at Wisconsin and took his master's degree in '08, is French instructor at Mt. St. Alban's Boys' school, Washington, D. C. Anna G. Saby, Baldwin, who took her degree of master of arts last June, is teaching at Oregon State Agricultural college. Eliot Boardman, for three years a graduate student, is assistant professor of romance languages at Syracuse university.

L. P. Shanks, Madison, is now associate professor at the University of Tennessee. Vanderbilt university in the same state has made Charles E. Young, Milwaukee, M. A., '08, an instructor in French. Ida B. Steyer of Indianola, Ia., a summer session graduate student, is professor of modern languages at Tarkio college, Mo. Emma G. Simmons, M. A., '08, is now associate professor of French at Ripon college.

A. P. Rosselot, M. A., '08, has gone back to Otterbein university, Ohio, as professor of romance languages. Frank LaMotte, M. A., '08, is instructor in Spanish in the Kansas City High school, and Miss Mabel J. Bradley, M. A., '08, is in the high school of Huntington, W. Va.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE reviews recently published works by alumni, former students, or members of the faculty, and books relating directly to the university. Copies of such books, sent for review, are placed in the Alumni Library.

Professor Grant Showerman, '96, is contributor to the January issues of three magazines. The titles and magazines are: "The Philosophy of Trimmings," in the *Atlantic Monthly*; "A Morning with Pessimism," in *Harper's*; and "Straws and Sticks and Dust" in the *Educational Review*.

In the *Milwaukee Sentinel* for January 10, Professor M. V. O'Shea of the department of education gives his views on slang in a signed communication, in which he contends that "the slang of today is the language of tomorrow."

The *Cooperative Journal*, Oakland, Cal., for November, 1909, contains a charming article by Frances B. Marshall, '03, entitled "A Tramp from Santa Cruz to Big Trees."

Professor Joseph Jastrow of the department of psychology has a signed communication in the *Outlook* for November 20, 1909, in the "Public Opinion" column, entitled, "Minerva up to Date." In it he protests against the contention of a previous contributor that the colleges must follow the spirit of the American method and be inoculated with the business virus, and that promptly and vigorously.

Dr. Frederick C. Howe, special lecturer in political science, appears as contributor to a number of recent issues of magazines, among them the following: "Old London," in the *Atlantic Monthly* for January; "The Peaceful Revolution," in the *Outlook* for January 15; "How Elections may be Simplified," in *La Follette's* for December 25; and "A New Type of Philanthropist," in *La Follette's* for January 1.

The Independent in its current issue has an article on the recent trip of the baseball team to Japan which is well worth the reading. David J. Flanagan, '11, who made the journey, tells the story which is entitled, "Wisconsin vs. Japan in Baseball." Flanagan brings out a number of the personal and little interesting things which have not before appeared in print. The article is illustrated profusely with photographs of the trip.

All of the laws regarding labor enacted this year in the United States have been brought together in a valuable review compiled by Irene Osgood, '06, and published by the American Association for Labor Legislation, of which she is now assistant secretary.

"American Shoemakers, 1648-1895," a sketch of industrial evolution by Professor John R. Commons of the department of political economy, has been reprinted in pamphlet form from the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* for November, 1909.

"With the Professor," a collection of essays and articles by Professor Grant Showerman, '96, of the department of Latin, is being published by Henry Holt & Co., New York. The collection will contain some articles already published, and a number of new essays.

"Rede gehalten zur Feier des Deutschen Tages," a speech delivered by Professor Ernst K. Voss of the department of German on November 7, 1909, has just appeared in print and is being distributed to a number of recent issues of German National Alliance. In it he outlines the program of the National Alliance.