



Those of Other Days



The following letter from Prof. Howard, now at the head of the Latin department of the University of South Dakota, will be doubtless interesting to many University people:

Vermillion, So. Dak., Oct. 19, 1903.
Dear Professor Barber:

Since I arrived here, October 6, my time has been quite taken up by the duties of my new position. The day following my coming I took charge of all my classes and the regular program has been carried out since that time. I found the work in good shape and am entirely pleased with the situation. Dean Young met me at the train and went with me to the best hotel, which, by the way, is of a kind to do credit to a much larger city than this is. Next day I secured a room and board at nice places near the campus. So far I have not secured a house that suits, but think I shall tomorrow have my choice of two, either of which will be satisfactory. Vermillion is a pretty place. The large, fine lawns and abundance of shade remind me of Lincoln in its better parts.

Lately they are laying broad cement sidewalks everywhere and I think we have come at a favorable time. The campus (25 acres) is unusually fine; the buildings look well and are suited to the uses they serve. The science building (\$40,000), completed in May, 1902, was planned inside by the science teachers and is all right. Next year a gymnasium (\$30,000) is to be built. The money is available. A Carnegie library is being erected for the city (\$10,000). The stores are far superior to what I expected to find. The view from the bluffs just at the southern and western edges of the city, out over the Vermillion and Missouri rivers and the space of four miles between them to the bluffs beyond the Missouri in Nebraska, is out of the ordinary. I would not tire of it if I went daily and gazed awhile. My reception has been most cordial. I like the faculty and students. They are doing earnest work here. One can know all of the university body and the relation of teacher and student is close. Later I shall write you my impressions more fully. I gave the paper you sent to Dean Young. I hope all is well with you and the Latin department. Remember me, please, to Mrs. Barber. Most sincerely,
J. H. HOWARD.

George P. Shidler, '03, now studying medicine at Ann Arbor, in the following letter gives an interesting account of the methods of play that have made the Michigan team so strong:

"Editor Nebraskan: If you care to, you might say that I have seen the famous Michigan team practice and play their initial game. Their speed and quickness seems to be their salient feature. Every man is in every play and they keep busy all the time. The quarter gives the signals like lightning, so that an outsider can hardly catch the numbers. Coach Yost follows the men around at practice and yells: "Hurry up," and "Every man in." At night he instructs the team in blackboard signal practice and uses checkers on a table for plays. He will call out 6-2-1- and the man who is to carry the ball must wave his checkers as he would move himself. On the field every man knows what he is expected to do in the big piece of eleven-man machinery. The most noticeable feature of the team is the way the quarter gives the signals—snappy hardly tells it, quick is not fast enough. They are three number signals and the next play is given just before the ball is tossed back by the center.

In Saturday's game I was utterly unable to join in the Michigan yell and I would have given \$500 to hear the old U-U-Uni from a thousand voices. Congratulations on the Dakota game.
Yours Truly,
George Shidler."

Mrs. Adeloid Whiting Williams, last year's efficient assistant in the woman's physical education department, has been visiting University friends. Mrs. Williams now lives at Seward, where Mr. Williams is superintendent of schools.

H. G. Strayer is teaching at Trumbull, Neb.

Miss Mamie Miller, '01, is teaching at Norfolk, Neb.

R. J. Clark, '06, is now railroading for the Burlington.

Miss Clara Fowler, '02, is director of physical culture in Wesleyan University.

"Squire" Barks is working as draftsman for the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha.

W. J. Cain, law '03, has a partnership interest in a real estate and loan office at St. Edwards.

B. F. Regan, '97, has been appointed general manager of the Westinghouse system at Pittsburg, Pa.

H. W. Cox, who attended the University last year, is teaching at the Nebraska Wesleyan University this year.

Miss Willa Cather, '95, has contracted with McClure's and Harper's to give them all her writings for the next three years.

H. L. Eaton, formerly of the mechanical engineering department, is now in the employ of the Iowa Foundry Co., at Des Moines, Ia.

C. C. North, '02, writes from the University of Chicago, that he is now well settled in his work and is much pleased with the school.

Mr. Moore, of Missouri Valley, Ia., last year a student at this University, is now studying law at the Iowa College of Law, in Iowa City.

Miss Margaret Haughwaut, who received her A. M. degree last year, and was a reader in the English department is preceptress of the Hastings College.

G. C. Kaar, '03, at present employed by the American Refinery Co., at Culbertson, will return to school next semester to take post-graduate work in chemistry.

Fred Morrell, '02, principal of the Seward High School, is in town attending the superintendents and principals' meeting, and will take in today's game of football.

Alex Hitchman, '06, is now working in his father's store in Weeping Water. He intends to depart soon for Mexico, where he will help his brother, who is an engineer for a Mexican railroad. He will probably return next year.

Mr. John Randolph, formerly an instructor in voice culture in the Conservatory, has been traveling in Europe for some time. He is not pursuing any special course of study, but is simply on a tour of recreation.

Edward C. Elliott, M. A., formerly of this University, is teaching now in the department of education at Columbia University. For the last six years he has been superintendent of schools at Leadville, Colo.

Friends of Joseph A. Sargent, '03, and Mary Horne Sargent, '96, will be pleased to know that their year-old son took first prize for health and beauty at the county fair held at Montrose, Colo., this fall. Seventeen babies competed.

M. Griggs, '98, is superintendent of the Horseshoe Mining company of Lead, S. D. This company has the largest cyanide mill in the Black Hills, having a capacity of 1,000 tons per day. Mr. Griggs formerly held the position Mr. M. A. Hilton now holds.

Dr. Canfield, librarian of Columbia University, formerly chancellor of the University of Nebraska, will deliver a course of seven lectures this autumn before the graduating class at West Point. Mr. Canfield is the first civilian to give regular instructional lecture at the military academy.

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