

Alumni Department

Arthur Pearse '00 was a visitor at the Phi Psi house last Sunday.

C. P. Atwood '00 of Plattsmouth visited the Delta Tau rooms last week.

C. E. Bedell '00 has returned to the University to spend a few weeks in assisting in the Electrical Engineering Department.

Miss Olive Stratton '00 who is teaching in the public schools of Madison, Neb., is at home in this city. The schools in Madison are closed while moving into the new high school building.

C. C. Pugh '99 visited the university Friday and Saturday. He is the proprietor of a sheep ranch near Hebron and just returned recently from Kansas City where he went with a car load of sheep.

W. L. Thorne '00 has been visiting friends at the university the past week. Mr. Thorne has been acting foreman in a cattle ranch near Hastings since his graduation and has but recently returned from an extended trip to California and the west.

Maj. Conrad Scharman and wife visited the university last week. Major Scharman was among the early students of the university. During the late war he was a major in the Third Nebraska and at present he is treasurer of Lincoln county.

Jay A. Barrett '88 secretary of the alumni association is preparing to make a complete record of all graduates of the university. A book will be kept for that purpose and each graduate will be given several pages. All matters of interest will be entered on the proper page, this making a record that will prove invaluable in a few years. A collection of photographs of all graduates is also contemplated.

Prof. G. E. Howard '76 has this to say in a recent letter to Secretary Barrett, concerning the desirability of securing Prof. Geo. W. Botsford '84 as an instructor in the university: "Botsford would indeed be a man of whom the university could feel proud. I saw him at work at Harvard and the work was exceedingly well done." Professor Botsford after his graduation here in '84 was lecturer in Greek and Romance history at Harvard, professor of Greek at Kalamazoo, took his Ph. D. at Cornell University and later filled the chair of Greek at Bethany College, W. V. He has recently put out a History of Greece published by McMillans.

The feeling aroused among the students and faculty of Leland Stanford Jr. university by the enforced resignation of Dr. Ross of the department of sociology and the consequent dismissal of Prof. G. E. Howard of the history department has evidently not abated very much.

At a recent meeting of the history seminar of that institution a resolution was drawn up and signed by every member of the seminar expressing deep regard for Professor Howard, and expressing admiration of "the spirit which has lead you for the sake of your students and the university to make many sacrifices." "We are touched by your devotion to our welfare made evident by keeping up your work faithfully to the last in circumstances which rob labor of its zest." "We deplore the loss which the univer-

sity has sustained; but we know that your resignation cannot break the ties which bind you to your students." The members of the seminar went in a body to Professor Howard's home to present the resolutions.

Probably the general events leading up to and immediately following Professor Howard's resignation are familiar to most of the students of the university. However the great interest attaching to the affair which aroused the entire student body and induced the resignation of a number of the most prominent of Stanford's faculty may be a sufficient excuse for a review of it here.

It will be remembered that Professor Ross was dismissed for some utterances which were distasteful to Mrs. Stanford, the patroness of the university. The day following in an address to one of his classes Professor Howard asserted in strong language his own independence and right to freedom of speech. His object he said was to impress upon the students the supreme value of justice, independence and a close adherence to the vital principles of American liberty. He is quoted as saying "I do not worship Saint Market street. I do not reverence holy Standard Oil nor do I doff my cap to the Celestial Six Companies."

Shortly afterward President Jordan requested him to apologize for "criticizing the action and management of the University" or falling in this to at once tender his resignation. Professor Howard replied tendering his resignation and asserting that his address was as earnest a protest against interference with academic freedom as he was capable of making, but declaring that there was absolutely no discourteous reference to the president nor to the founder of the university, although there was involved a strong disapproval of their action. President Jordan accepted the resignation on January 13th.

Professor Howard in a letter to President Jordan stated his position thus: "I have not changed my attitude toward the university nor toward my professional duties. I am only protesting against revolutionary proceedings. The vital point of the whole present incident is a question of free speech." He requested that his resignation take effect at once.

Professor Howard graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1876 and took his masters degree in 1879. During the years 1876-78 he studied in Europe and returned in 1879 to take the chair of history which he held until 1891. He resigned to go to Leland Stanford, accepting the first chair offered by President Jordan at the opening of that institution. He was universally beloved by students and faculty alike.

The dismissal of Professor Howard was followed immediately by the resignation of several of the strongest men in Leland Stanford's faculty. Among those who resigned was Professor Chas. Newton Little of the department of mathematics, who like Professor Howard is an alumnus of Nebraska. He graduated in the class of '79 and took his doctor's degree at Yale in '85. He was connected with the mathematics department here from '80 to '93, being at the head of that department from '90 to '93.

There is a strong feeling among the students and alumni of Nebraska in favor of calling Professor Howard to the university and placing him in charge of some line of work in history. For the present he will live in San Francisco and will be engaged in the completion of his work on "The History of the Institution of Matrimony."

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