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Advantages of Business College Training—Wesleyan College for Women—Educational Activity in Various Quarters.

The demand for physical charm in school ma'ams approaches the borders of a mania in St. Louis. A combination of beauty and brains is estimated by certain gray-bearded pedagogues the essence of educational progress and intellectual development. But the local supply is far short of the demand, hence adjoining states are asked to relieve the distress of Missouri's metropolis. Prof. J. Wils Andrae, superintendent of the public schools of St. Louis county, is the leader in the beauty quest. He wants 100 school teachers pretty enough to meet the exacting tastes of St. Louis pupils.

Superintendent Andrae recently asserted that the average attractiveness among teachers in his jurisdiction was not high enough. He believes, he said, children would learn more rapidly from pretty teachers than from women with "wry faces and bad tempers." Applications would be received gladly, he added, and newspapers in several neighboring states gave publicity to his announcement.

Applications are flowing into Clayton office in a steady stream. Half the applicants sent photographs. Many of the others told the superintendent they cheerfully would travel hither for personal inspection. All the portraits, said Andrae, were those of women handsome enough to give good chances for matrimony. When he showed the pictures to the venerable school trustees, each of the officials betrayed new interest in his duties.

New Forestry Professor.

Prof. Frank J. Phillips has recently been appointed professor of forestry in the University of Nebraska to succeed Prof. Francis G. Miller, who goes to the University of Washington, Seattle, as head of the newly created School of Forestry.

Prof. Phillips is a native of Michigan and pursued a course in the Michigan Agricultural college, specializing in forestry while at the same time he gave much attention also to botany, agriculture, horticulture, chemistry and surveying. Upon the completion of this course he immediately entered the United States Forest service, thereby gaining experience in the field. Later he entered the post-graduate course in forestry in the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated in 1905 with the degree of Master of Science in Forestry.

During his connection with the United States Forest service he has been assigned to many projects in Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska (twice), Oregon, Washington, Southern California, Texas, the Black Hills of South Dakota, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming, New Mexico, etc. This wide experience has given him an unusual acquaintance with the forest conditions and forest problems in all portions of the country, and the knowledge which he has gained in this way will be of utmost use to him in his class instruction.

Prof. Miller will enter upon his duties September 1.

Promoting Physical Culture.

Highland Park College's new athletic field at Des Moines has attracted considerable attention among athletes over the country. It is 40x500 feet. It has been graded, a quarter-mile track established and both the foot ball gridiron and the base ball diamond are all that could be desired. The grandstand seats 1,000 people. The field is fenced with a nine-foot board fence. The base ball team at Highland Park college this year lost but one game which is counted a remarkable record. Nearly all of the players will remain for two years more, which insures a great base ball team next year. There are four fine tennis courts and a splendid archery club. The early morning physical culture work in the gymnasium is much appreciated by the large number of students in attendance.

Wayne Normal College.

The Normal college of Wayne, Neb., is located in one of the most beautiful, beautiful and prosperous sections of the central west. During the past sixteen years it has instructed 5,000 students, who are occupying high positions in business, in teaching and in the professions. The school owns and occupies two large recitation buildings and five dormitories, with a boarding hall, which will accommodate 500 students. All buildings are well equipped, heated from a hot water central heating plant and lighted with electric lights. The preparatory department receives students over 14 years of age, who can read in ordinary school books. Graduates from the teachers' course receive state certificates and are admitted to the sophomore class of the university without ex-

amination. The departments of music, elocution and business are the very best. No entrance examinations are required and students may choose their studies. Expenses are low and accommodations are superior.

Honors for Dr. Butler.

"England's two most famous universities," says Leslie's Weekly, "have lately been doing honor to President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia university. At Oxford Dr. Butler was presented with an illuminated address inscribed in a handsome silver casket, in commemoration of the visit, some time ago, of English educators to this country and in recognition of assistance rendered them by Dr. Butler. Cambridge conferred on him the degree of doctor of laws, as a merited tribute to his scholarship and his intellectual power."

Columbia's Summer School.

With 800 pupils enrolled, or 400 more than on the opening day last year, the ninth summer session of Columbia university began with prospects of being by far the most successful ever held. The indications were that the total registration this year would greatly exceed that of last year, which in its turn was a record-breaker with a total of 1,000. Last year it was five days after the session started before enrollment ceased. The campus on the opening day was thronged with men and women who will take advantage of the summer course. They came from as far as Washington, and the south sent many representatives. Among the students are many graduates of colleges and universities elsewhere, as well as men who have been practicing their profession for many years.

Oberlin's Growth.

Oberlin college at Oberlin, O., has increased its student roll from 1,208 in 1889-90 to 1,845 in 1906-7. In that time there have been added to the college buildings the Severance chemical laboratory, completed in 1901 at a cost of \$70,000, and the Warner gymnasium, costing \$50,000. Two new buildings are now under way, the Finney Memorial chapel, the gift of Frederick M. Finney of St. Louis in memory of his father, Charles G. Finney, estimated cost \$100,000, and the library building donated by Andrew Carnegie, which will cost about \$150,000.

Business College Activities.

L. F. Johnson of St. Edward, Neb., a 1907 graduate of the Lincoln Business college, has accepted a splendid position with the Pullman Co., of Chicago. He will have charge of the real estate and collection departments. Five new Underwood typewriters and a No. 3 Burroughs adding and listing machine have been added to the equipment of the college. Prof. W. A. Robbins has just finished auditing the accounts of one of Lincoln's notable business men, a member of the Omaha club, under the instruction of P. S. Wolfe, in doing excellent work. Miss Sarah Edie is taking advance work at this college. She will be principal of the commercial department of the Pawnee city academy the coming year.

STENOGRAPHY GIVES CHANCES

What a Thorough Business College Education Led To.

Charles S. Fee, general passenger and ticket agent Northern Pacific railroad, St. Paul, Minn., entered the railway service as a stenographer in May, 1872, and was secretary to the general manager of the Michigan Central railroad. His duties as stenographer soon enabled him to get a more thorough grasp of the details of the railway management, so that in 1875 he became chief clerk to the general manager of the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad. In 1877 he was promoted to the position of chief clerk to the general manager of the Northern Pacific railroad. In 1883, just ten years after he started in work as a stenographer he was appointed general passenger and ticket agent, in which position he has greatly increased the passenger traffic over the Northern Pacific.

A knowledge of stenography opens doors of opportunity that would otherwise be closed to the young man. It enables a young man to go into a business or railway office and obtain a larger salary at the start than he would receive if he went into the office minus the business college education. Railways and businesses make a habit of training their young men stenog-

raphers who are directly under the heads of departments to fill the shoes of that department in case of an emergency. All the knowledge, all the dexterity in handling details that that head of the department has been years and years acquiring are naturally absorbed by his stenographer.

COLLEGE FOR WOMEN.

Wesleyan's Solution of Its Co-educational Problem.

A new women's college for Connecticut, the first to be established in this state, is one of the plans that is to materialize on the retirement next year of President Bradford P. Raymond of Wesleyan university, at Middletown. For the last ten years President Raymond, backed by a majority of the board of trustees of Wesleyan, has waged a losing war in the interests of co-education. The Wesleyan undergraduates and a large proportion of the alumni are strongly opposed to the "qualla," as they irreverently call the few women who have had nerve enough to stand this opposition to their presence and study at Wesleyan in the same classes with the men. This antagonism has increased yearly until some two years ago the men, being in the great majority, voted practically to put the women members of the class out of the class day exercises of commencement week and sidetrack them entirely. For a few rounds it was war to the teeth, the faculty ranging up in sympathy with the men or opposed to them, according to their ideas of the co-educational subject. Finally the board of trustees voted to limit the number of women students each year to less than 30 per cent of the total number of students of the preceding year. But the rule has never been put into force because the number of women applicants has steadily decreased until hardly a score have been admitted to the college.

There is a general feeling here that the coed plan has been a flat failure and that with the retirement of President Raymond some new scheme will be outlined.

The new plan, which it is hoped may propitiate both parties, is the establishment here of a separate women's college, the faculty to include the Wesleyan professors appointed to the new college and the women would do their work entirely separate from the men, using their own recitation halls. In the laboratory work certain days could be set apart for their work in the Wesleyan laboratories. In the classes for advanced degrees the plan followed at Yale of allowing the men and women to take the same courses would not be opposed by the men. This would mean the establishment of a college that would occupy the same relative position to Wesleyan that Radcliffe college does to Harvard university.

Educational Notes.

Prof. Arthur Fairbanks, who holds the chair of Greek at the University of Michigan, has been elected director of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Prof. L. Raymond Tabbot, the newly appointed professor of French department of the Boston university, is only 31 years of age, and the youngest man ever appointed to the Boston university faculty.

Dewitt Darrow, a teacher in the manual training school at Evansville, Ind., has been refused reappointment for the reason that "he is afflicted with a chronic cough."

He is now at a summer school seeking means to develop a new institution.

Dr. John C. Shedd, formerly of the University of Wisconsin and for several years director of the department of physics at Colorado college, at Colorado Springs, has ministered at Denver, a new institution, to be opened on September 1.

The Omaha Commercial college now reports a shortage of stenographers. So many calls have been made upon it for competent operators that practically all of the advanced students have been given splendid positions. There seems, at the present time, to be a dearth of good stenographers in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Markham Kellogg celebrated the fifty anniversary of their marriage, until 1907, the editor of the School Journal, the Teachers' Institute (now Teachers' Magazine) and Educational Foundations, and is still associated with them editorially. He has written several books on education.

A roster reception is being planned by the faculty and students of the Omaha Commercial college to be given Friday night, August 30, to the new professors, Charles and Harriet, who begin their duties on September 3. Every ex-student of the institution, including the friends of the college, will receive special invitations. This will be without doubt one of the largest receptions ever held in the city. Music, refreshments and a brief program will make up the evening's entertainment.

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