MRS. RACHEL LLOYD.

Acting Chancellor Bessey spoke to the students of chapel, March 14, of Mrs. Rachel Lloyd, formerly instructor in the university, who died recently at Beverly, N. J. He said:

"It has been my sad duty a number of times to speak of the departure of only of high attainments in chemistry, those who have been in the university. I want to say a little with regard to one who was a professor in this unifor seven years, and who retired six years ago; one who left a very strong impress while here, one whose impress is still felt. Dr. Rachel Lloyd died in Veverly, N. J. just one week ago to-day. She was for seven years unis university, having been elected to the position in May 1887; and she resigned in June 1894, because she was entirely broken down in health.

"Cnancellor Canfield in speaking of her resignation said: 'This is another case of an instructor whose health was practically broken in the service of the state."

"Mrs. Lloyd was a woman of rare refinement, coming from an old family in which wealth and refinement had been present for generations. She fived in a home surrounded by all the luxury that wealth could give. Her husband, Dr. Lloyd, was a prominent physician in Philadelphia. Her children were also with her. But death came and struck down her husband and children, and then came the panic of '73, '74, '75, and left her penniless. The stricken woman found herself at about thirty-five years of age facing poverty and the need of turning to some employment to earn her livlihood. She became a teacher in a school for girls in Louisville, Kentucky. Here she labored for many years, teaching during the year and spending her vacations in Harvard university in the chemical laboratory. I heard her say she was drawn to chemistry because her husband was a chemist and because he was interested in that line of work.

"She continued to study at Harvard, taking the work one summer at a time, and at last she was able to go abroad. She studied for two years in the University of Zurich, and in the spring of 1887 this old university gave her the degree of doctor of philosophy for the work that she had done. Immediately after receiving the degree she came to us. I shall never forget the occasion when Professor Nicholson called me into his office in the chemical laboratory in the spring of '87. The regents had made provision for an additional professor of chemistry, and he wished to confer with me in regard to the matter. Said he, 'I am thinking

of nominating a woman for this place.' He said it timidly, and I shrugged my shoulders, because there are not many women chemists, and there were fewer then than now. Then he tolo me all about her, and read letters from eminent men in Harvard and elsewhere, showing that she was a woman not but a woman of rare attainments otherwise. She came to us and remained with us, working as probably no other professor has worked here, and she worked herself to death in our service.

"She spared not herself. She was not only a trained chemist, she was a great teacher, and more than that she was the beloved adviser and counsellor professor of analytical chemistry in of the students. The young women have lost a great deal because you came to the university after Doctor Lloyd left us. There still lingers on this campus like a sweet perfume the memory of her devoted life. It is you good fortune to be here where these memories still influence your lives. You do not know it, but many of you are still influenced by the life of this strong, belpful woman. It is your misfor une that you have not come into direct personal contact with this refined, devoted, wise and willing friend, adviser, and teacher-Rache, Lloyd."

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