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The Faculty

We announce with deep regret the death on December 9, 1947, of Professor Winfred Trexler Root, head of the history department for the past twenty-two years. Dr. W. O. Aydelotte, assistant professor of history, has been chosen interim chairman to carry on the work of the department for the present.

Professor W. R. Livingston has completed his work in Washington, D.C. for the Air Force and has resumed his duties as full professor at the University of Iowa. Dr. Goldwin Smith, associate professor of history, resigned last summer to accept a post at Wayne University, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Ernest E. Ramsaur, Jr., instructor in history during 1946-47, resigned at the end of the year to accept a post as American vice-consul at Istanbul, Turkey. Dr. William O. Aydelotte, formerly at Princeton University, became assistant professor of history beginning in the fall of 1947. Mr. Aydelotte received his Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge, and is the author of *Bismarck and British Colonial Policy*. Dr. Eric Kollman, professor of history at Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, Iowa, is serving as visiting professor of history during the year 1947-48.

Professor H. J. Thornton has published an article "Co-Education at the State University of Iowa" in *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* (October, 1947), and has contributed book reviews to the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* and *Nebraska History*. The last six volumes of the Iowa Centennial Memoirs Series, of which Dr. Thornton is editor, were published during the year. Dr. Thornton delivered addresses before the Fort Madison Teachers Association, Ottumwa Teachers' Club, and Teachers Institutes at West Union, New Hampton, Wapello, Grinnell and Bedford. In February he addressed the Creve Coeur Club of Peoria, Illinois, on "The Evolution of American Foreign Policy". Dr. Thornton was recently appointed a member of a committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association to work for the preservation of important records and historical sites and memorials within the area to be flooded under the reclamation project of the Missouri River Valley.

Professor George E. Mowry has contributed a series of biographies of recent American statesmen to the

new edition of *Chambers Encyclopedia*, now being published in England, and a series of biographies of American Presidents to *Colliers Encyclopedia*. In April 1948 Dr. Mowry will deliver three speeches at the University of Nebraska: to a general Convocation of the University, on "Making Foreign Policy in Your Own Back Yard"; to Nebraska College, on "Free History, Free Society"; and to the Nebraska High School Teachers of History, on "California 1900-1916—Preview of the Present". Dr. Mowry is continuing his research on the Progressive Movement.

Assistant Professor Robert S. Hoyt, published an article entitled "Royal Demesne, Parliamentary Taxation and the Realm"—a study of the origins of the modern national state—in *Speculum* for January, 1948.

Assistant Professor George L. Mosse is contributing an article "Sir John Fortescue and the Problems of Papal Power" to a forthcoming issue of *Speculum*; and another, "The Influence of Jean Bodin's République on English Political Thought", to the spring issue of *Medievalia et Humanistica*.

Assistant Professor John H. Haefner returned in April, 1947 from a three months inspection tour of the secondary schools of Germany. During the past year he has reported on his observations to the National Council for the Social Studies at their annual meeting in St. Louis at Thanksgiving; to county teachers' meetings over the state of Iowa, directly to high school students in several Iowa counties, and to many local groups.

Dr. William J. Petersen was appointed in August 1947 to the position of Superintendent of the State Historical Society of Iowa. During the last year Dr. Petersen's article "Looking Backward on Hawkeyeland" which first appeared in the *Morrell Magazine* in December, 1946, has been reprinted in much enlarged form as a pamphlet and widely distributed by the Iowa Centennial Committee and the State Historical Society. Dr. Petersen has also written an historical introduction to a reprint of John Plumbe Jr.'s, *Sketches of Iowa and Wisconsin* which originally appeared in 1839. He also wrote a foreword to Lawrence Oakley Cheever's *The House of Morrell*. Both these volumes are appearing in 1948.

Professors H. J. Thornton, George E. Mowry, W.

O. Aydelotte, R. S. Hoyt, G. L. Mosse and W. J. Petersen attended the meeting of the American Historical Association at Cleveland, Ohio, in December, 1947.

Graduate Students

Dr. Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, head of the history department at Allegheny College, has been granted a two-year leave of absence to write a history of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. The project is administered through Allegheny College through a grant made by the Standard Oil Company. His work began in February at the Company's home office in Chicago. Melvin C. Wren, Ph.D. 1939, of Montana State University, is on a year's leave of absence to do research in London and is spending most of his time working in the City records.

Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, resigned his position at Bethel College, Kansas, this past summer to become Director of the newly organized Mennonite Research Foundation at Goshen, Indiana. He is also managing editor of the *Mennonite Encyclopedia*, and gives part time to the office of Archivist of the Mennonite Historical Library at Goshen. Howard D. Kramer, Ph.D. 1942, became assistant professor of history in Cleveland College, Western Reserve, at Cleveland, Ohio. John H. Galbraith, Ph.D. 1943, became assistant professor of history in the University of California at Los Angeles, second semester, 1947-48.

Bruce E. Mahan, Ph.D. 1927, was this year promoted to the position of Dean of the Extension Division, University of Iowa. Justin Williams, Ph.D. 1933, resigned as head of the history department at River Falls, Wisconsin, to continue work with the Legislative Branch, GHQ, Tokio, Japan.

H. Clifford Fox, Ph.D. 1941, resigned his post at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, to become President of Findlay College, Findlay, Ohio. Cecil O. Hahn, Ph.D. 1938, completed his work with the Historical Division of the Air University at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and is now Associate Professor of History at Southwest State Teachers College, San Marcos, Texas. Ruth I. Friedrich, Ph.D. 1938, resigned from Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C., and is now at Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas. On his release from the Army Augustus C. Low, Ph.D. 1941, became head of the history department at A. & T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Maxwell O. White, Ph.D. 1946, of State Teachers College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, was promoted to an associate professorship this year. Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, of State Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, taught during the summer of 1947

at the University of Maine, and Charlton W. Tebeau, Ph.D. 1933, of Miami University, Coral Gables, Florida, taught in the summer session of 1947 at Southern Illinois Normal, Carbondale. John A. Greenlee, Ph.D. 1934, of Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, this year became Associate Professor of History and Assistant to the Dean, Division of Science.

Boyd C. Shafer, Ph.D. 1932, completed his work with WDSS in Washington and accepted a post as Associate Professor of European History at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. He will teach in the summer session of 1948 at the University of Missouri. Harry D. Berg, Ph.D. 1940, resigned from the University of New Hampshire to accept a post at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan. Virginia Bever Platt, Ph.D. 1940, is Assistant Professor of History at Bowling Green College, Bowling Green, Ohio. Her husband Grover C. Platt, Ph.D. 1941, is Associate Professor of European History there. Everett W. Thornton, Ph.D. 1933, of Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma, taught in the summer session at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois.

Arthur G. Umscheid, Ph.D. 1935, Creighton University, is weekly News Analyst for Radio Station KOWH, Omaha. Last June he attended the Secretaries Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D. 1943, of State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has been appointed Director of a branch of the summer school of that College, to be held in Atlantic, Iowa, June 2 to August 20. Willis H. Walker, Ph.D. 1928, resigned his position at Upper Iowa University this year to become Associate Professor of History at James Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, became Chief of Instructional Problems in the Division of Secondary Education, Washington, D.C., on March 1. During the summer of 1947 he conducted workshops for social studies teachers at Emory, Butler, Lehigh and Syracuse Universities. During the summer of 1948 he will be on the campus of the University of Oregon and Indiana University. Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, of State College for Teachers, Albany, New York, was promoted to a professorship last year, and is serving as Educational Director for the Inter-collegiate Institute on the United Nations which meets in New York the third week of June. He is also chairman of the International Relations Committee of the National Council for the Social Studies.

Vergil S. P. Fogdall, Ph.D. 1921, retired, died at his Des Moines, Iowa, home in June, 1947. Sceva B. Laughlin, Ph.D. 1921 of Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, died August 15, 1947.

Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, Goshen College,

is acting editor of the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*. William C. Lang, Ph.D. 1941, of Yankton College, South Dakota, is President of the Department of Higher Education for the State of South Dakota, and last year was chairman of the committee to write the high school course of study for South Dakota. Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1938, taught at American University, Washington, D.C., during the summer session of 1947. Lyle S. Shelmidine, Ph.D. 1938, is head of the department of history at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington. During the summer of 1947 he taught in the summer school at the University of Washington, Seattle. James H. St. John, Ph.D. 1927, became Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, this year.

Raymond L. Schlicher, M.A. 1938, resigned from Iowa City High School last year to accept a position as Personnel Counselor for Veterans in connection with the Psychology Department at the University of Iowa. He is continuing his work toward his Ph.D. in Education. Lilliam Buehler, M.A. 1935 teaches at Tulare, California; Clifford Corrough, M.A. 1933, is director of personnel, high school, Belleville, Illinois; Ellen Johnson, M.A. 1946 teaches at the high school, Maquoketa, Iowa; Mary Condon, M.A. 1941, is Dean of Students at Montana Normal School at Billings, Montana; Clifford Harding, M.A. 1945, is a member of the faculty at Peru State Teachers College, Peru, Nebraska. Millicent Haines, M.A. 1938, of State College for Teachers, Albany, New York, was visiting professor of Education at the University of Montana during the summer session of 1947.

Since our last News Letter, nine Ph.D. degrees have been granted: Harold D. McCleave, now at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Donald F. Howard, at Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa; Dwight L. Agnew, at Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Vergil S. Fogdall, assistant dean of men, University of Oregon, Eugene; F. Gould Davis, State Teachers College, LaCrosse, Wisconsin; Paul Knights, Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania; Aubrey C. Land, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Robert B. Rockwood, Upsala College, East Orange, New Jersey; R. Bruce Harley, Illinois Normal College, Macomb, Illinois.

Twenty-eight M.A. degrees were granted. Some of these continued graduate work, here or elsewhere; others are teaching. Mary D. Iversen, is an instructor in this University, as are Paul L. Hughes, Robert Iversen and Joseph J. Stephens. Harrison Mitnick is continuing in Commerce at Iowa, and James Platt is in English. John Bready went into Law School. George R. Muirhead is doing research in Paris, France; Howard J. Thompson is at Harvard and Clarence McIntosh at the University of California. Alton F. Lawrence is Chairman of the Department of Political Science at Fairmont State College, Fair-

mont, West Virginia; Leland Hott is teaching in Michigan State Teachers College at East Lansing; Irma Butner is at Washington, Iowa; Louis Dautremont at Manson, John Bengston at Burlington, Chas. W. Carter at Red Oak, and John Lacoste at Republic, Washington. Byron Fleck, John Kamerick, Helen Shepherd, Robert Myers and John Visser continue at Iowa.

Publications

Dr. Howard R. Anderson, Ph.D. 1930, U. S. Office of Education has an article "Can the Schools Teach International Understanding" in *Educational Leadership*, vol. V for October, 1947, and a chapter "Summary and Recommendations for Teachers and Administrators" in the seventeenth *Yearbook* of the National Council for the Social Studies. B. J. Hovde, Ph.D. 1924, President of the New School for Social Research, New York, has published several articles: "Credit in a Comprehensive Housing Policy" in *Tomorrow's Town*, February, 1947; "UNESCO" in *Social Research*, March, 1947; "Democratic Regional Planning" in *American Journal of Sociology*, June, 1947; "Impressions from a Visit to Europe" in *Public Housing*, December, 1947; "Some Observations on Higher Education in Europe" in *Bulletin* of Institute for International Education, January, 1948.

Paul H. Giddens, Ph.D. 1930, has a book "Pennsylvania Petroleum 1750-1872: A Documentary History," from the press of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Harrisburg; and an article "Colonel Drake was Her Neighbor" in the January 1948 issue, *Ethyl News*. Guy F. Hershberger, Ph.D. 1935, published an article entitled "John Horsch, a Proponent of Biblical Nonresistance" in the *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, July, 1947. Wallace W. Taylor, Ph.D. 1941, of Albany State Teachers College has an article "Visiting the United Nations" in the spring issue of *Citizenship Journal*. Harold T. Hagg, Ph.D. 1936, State Teachers College, Bemidji, Minnesota, published "Early Logging in Baltrami County" in *Minnesota History*, March, 1948, issue.

Carl B. Cone, Ph.D. 1940, University of Kentucky, published three articles the past year: "English Reform Ideas during the French Revolution" in *Southwestern Social Science Quarterly*, March, 1947; "Edmund Burke's Art Collection" in *The Art Bulletin*, June, 1947; "Major Factors in the Rhetoric of Historians", *The Quarterly Journal of Speech*, December, 1947. Daryl Pendergraft, Ph.D. 1943, State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa, has an article on "Thomas Corwin and the Conservative Republican Reaction, 1858-1861" in *Ohio Archeological and Historical Society Quarterly* for spring. Melvin Gingerich, Ph.D. 1938, Goshen College, contributed "Iowa's Oldest Amish Mennonite Settlement" to *Mennonite Life*, January, 1947.

John Miller, Ph.D. 1942, of WDSS has completed his volume on *Guadalcanal: The First Offensive*, now being published by the Government Printing Office. An article called "Crisis on Guadalcanal" appears in *Military Affairs*, vol. XI, no. 4. Kenneth R. Rossman, Ph.D. 1940, of Doane Collège, Nebraska, published "Thomas Mifflin, the Revolutionary Patriot from Pennsylvania" in *Pennsylvania History* for January, 1948. Wasył Halich, Ph.D. 1934, of Superior State Teachers College has an article on "The Ukraine and Medieval Trade" in *The Ukrainian Quarterly* (N.Y.) in the fall of 1947. Harold E. Briggs, Ph.D. 1929, of Southern Illinois Normal, Carbondale, has an article "An Appraisal of Historical Writings on the Great Plains Region since 1920" in the June, 1947 issue of *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*.

Mildred Throne, Ph.D. 1946, Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, will read a paper "Subsistence to Commercial Corn-Belt Farming: Southern Iowa Agriculture, 1833-1890" at the April 1948 meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Rock Island. At the same meeting Vernon Carstensen, Ph.D. 1936, University of Wisconsin, will give a paper on "The Wisconsin Idea: Its Origin and Development"; Dwight L. Agnew, Ph.D. 1947, of Stout Institute, Menomonie, Wisconsin will speak on "Jefferson Davis and the Rock Island Bridge"; Harold McCleave, Ph.D. 1947, University of Tulsa, on "The William Tennent Family in the Colonial Presbyterian Church"; and Philip D. Jordan, Ph.D. 1935, of the University of Minnesota, on "Health in a Scandinavian State".

Walker D. Wyman, Ph.D. 1935, State Teachers College, River Falls, Wisconsin, published "Reminiscences of a Nebraska Pioneer of the 70's" *Nebraska Magazine of History*, July-Sept., 1947; and "The Dead of American Wars" in *Social Studies*, March, 1947. Millicent Haines, M.A. 1938, of Albany State Teachers College published two articles last year, "Geographical Locations in Ninth Grade Social Studies" in *Journal of Geography*, October, 1947, and "Studying the Social System of the School" in *Educational Administration and Supervision*, October, 1947. Lyle S. Shelmidine, Ph.D. 1939, of College of Puget Sound, gave a paper on "Objectives of American Foreign Policy in the Near East" at the Western Branch meeting of the American Political Science Association at the University of Utah, last November.

Homer L. Calkin, Ph.D. 1939, of Washington, D.C. has an article "Changes in Providing for Army Enlisted Men (1846-1946)" in *Military Affairs*, Winter, 1948. Wasył Halich, Ph.D. 1934, of Superior State

Teachers, spoke at the Teachers Convention of Upper Michigan at Ironwood on "The Chief Causes of Recent Russian Action", and in September, 1947 he spoke at a Bankers Convention in the same city on "Why Russia Does not Cooperate with the Western Powers".

The Historical Conference

The Twenty-Sixth Annual Historical Conference met Friday and Saturday, April 9, 10, 1948 in Old Capitol. At the Friday afternoon session Professor William H. Hesselstine of the University of Wisconsin spoke on "States Rights and Human Rights in the American Civil War", and Professor George L. Mosse of the University of Iowa faculty on "A Re-Examination of the Liberties of Englishmen".

The speaker for the Friday evening session was Professor A. C. Krey of the University of Minnesota whose paper was entitled "The Substitution of Law for Force in the Settlement of Disputes." On Saturday morning Professor Robert R. Palmer of Princeton University spoke on "What Modern History Should We Try to Teach?" and Professor Robert E. Keohane of the College, University of Chicago, on "Articulation in History between High School and College".

The Summer Session

The regular Summer Session of eight weeks will open on Tuesday, June 8 and close on Wednesday, August 4, 1948. This year there will be three visitors from other institutions: Professor Eric Goldman of Princeton University; Professor Eric Kollman of Cornell College, Iowa; Professor Robert S. Eckles of Purdue University.

Courses offered in the Department this summer will be as follows:

Russia Past and Present, Professor Kollman; *Germany in Modern Times*, Professor Kollman; *Modern Britain*, Professor Aydelotte; *British Empire since 1900*, Professor Livingston; *Main Currents in American History*, Professor Thornton; *American Democracy since the Civil War*, Professor Goldman; *History of Iowa 1833-1948*, Professor Petersen; *Supervision of Social Studies*, Professor Haefner.

In addition the following seminars will be offered: *American Civilization*, Professor Thornton; *American Historiography*, Professor Goldman; *Modern Europe*, Professor Aydelotte; *Anglo-American Relations*, Professor Livingston.

The Department will offer again the general course in *Western Civilization in Modern Times*, under Professor Eckles.