

THE OUTLOOK.

From the President's Point of View.

At the end of the last College year some changes in the faculty were made necessary. While the resignations then presented were accepted with regret, the management stands committed to give to the patrons of the institution a high grade of instruction and the best equipment that the funds at its disposal will warrant. It is a matter for rejoicing on the part of all friends of our University that the vacancies in the faculty have been filled in such a way as to give complete satisfaction to all.

On the opening day of the year, it was our pleasure to have with us the new professor of History and Economics, Rev. E. K. Chandler, A. M., D. D. Dr. Chandler had previously visited us several times within recent years, and was well and favorably known to our College community and to many of the people of Ottawa. His introductory remarks showed that he was in thorough sympathy with the spirit of our Uni-

versity, and he has taken hold of his duties with an enthusiasm born of experience and of love for his work and interest in the young.

Dr. Chandler is a graduate from Madison (Colgate) University and the Baptist Union Theological Seminary, now the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. After holding successful pastorates in Indianapolis, Ind., Rockford, Ill., Saco, Me., Cambridge, Mass., and Warren, R. I., he took a special course in history and economics in the University of Chicago, and assumed the presidency of Clinton College, Clinton, Ky. He was there three years, accepting then the position of Dean of the Theological department of Bishop College, Marshall, Texas, where he has been for five years. He has taught with pronounced success both the subjects connected with his department and other branches which he has had occasion to teach. He is also a powerful and inspiring preacher, and will be of special assistance to our ministerial students. He has already had some meetings with these and is planning work with and for them which will undoubtedly result in great profit to all who will take advantage of it.

It was a source of regret to us all that Prof. Raymond A. Schwegler, A. B. the new occupant of the chair of Greek was prevented from being with us at the beginning of the year. However, he was in his place on the first day of the second week, and the work in his department is going on so vigorously that the members of his classes have forgotten their delay in beginning it. Mr. Schwegler was honor man in Brown University in a class of 140 members. During his senior year he was president of his class and of the University Y. M. C. A. He paid his expenses through College by tutoring in Greek and Latin, and made a specialty of languages, taking three years in Hebrew, and one year each in Assyrian, Egyptian, Coptic and Syriac. He declined an instructorship in Brown University at his graduation, preferring to come west, and last year he declined a fellowship in the University of Chicago, as he wished to continue teaching. Professor Schwegler is a teacher of rare power and a platform speaker of unusual ability. At the chapel service on the first day he was with us he gave us a taste of his quality as a speaker, and he is demonstrating daily his ability to teach.

In the department of Natural Science, some important changes have been made. The members of the two literary societies which have been occupying rooms in the Science building kindly agreed to the growing needs of the Science department, and are this year holding their meetings in classrooms of the new College building. The Society halls have been added to the equipment of the department, and this additional room has greatly relieved the crowded condition in that building. The old Philaethean hall has been connected with the Geological museum; the Zoological museum has been moved into it; the room formerly occupied by this museum is now used by Professor Barker as a class-room, and is connected with his laboratory. On the main floor, the Olympian hall is now a part of the lecture room of Professor Yates, excepting such portion of it as has been partitioned off for a weighing room and a consulting room. In addition to these changes, room sixteen in the basement has been piped and fitted up with desks, for advanced laboratory work in Chemistry. This gives the building entirely to the Science department, excepting that for the present year the President's office will remain there.

The exigencies of the situation last year upon the re-establishment of the Art department were such that the President gave up his room in the new building. This year he has his desk in the office occupied by Dr. Lovett, the Field secretary, and his classes will recite in the Science building.

The Art department, which won for itself a fine reputation last year by reason of the excellent work of Miss Ditzler, has been strengthened by the appointment of Mrs. E. H. Becker, who will give instruction in china painting and pyrography. Mrs. Becker gave an interesting description of her work at the beginning of the term, and has specimens of it on display in the window of the store of the Davenport-Lathrop Dry Goods company.

At Charlton Cottage many new faces may be seen. Some of those who added to the attraction of the place are there no more, but their places are filled by others, and the vacancies are now few. Miss Stickler, the very efficient and popular matron, is at her post doing excellent service as usual. The vacancy caused by the regretted retirement of Mrs. Lovett as

head of the house has been filled by the appointment of Mrs. Ida S. Martin, of Atchison. Mrs. Martin is the widow of Hon. John A. Martin a former governor of Kansas. She is a woman of ripe experience along lines which especially qualify her for her duties with us, of genial personality, good executive ability and sweet Christian character. She has already endeared herself to the young women who have come under her influence, and will maintain the high reputation enjoyed by the cottage as a model home for our young women.

The Department of Education is under the direction of Professor Schwegler, and this fact assures for the department a continuance of the popularity which it attained under Prof. Parker. The Department of Public Speaking, the Conservatory of Music, and the Business Department, all continue under their former management, and will therefore fully meet the expectations of those who enroll with them.

The central part of our main building is growing rapidly, the work in the classes is going on with vigor and enthusiasm, the professors who have been with us during past years are faithfully and energetically discharging their duties, and the *esprit de corps* among the students is gratifying. The enrollment will equal if it does not surpass that of last year, and this fact when we consider the disappointment caused by the summer's drouth, is highly encouraging. Foot-ball, tennis, military drill, and other departments of Athletics are receiving their due share of attention, the re-organized orchestra is delighting us with its assistance, the Field Secretary is successfully keeping our merits and our needs before the people of the state, the Bible classes are large and earnest, the Christian associations are aggressive, and we feel that we can say, not formally simply, but truly, that we believe we have entered upon a year of our work which will prove for our loved University more successful than any of the years of her preceding history.

I have suggested in the last paragraph material sufficient for several articles, but I have already written more than I had planned. I have time to say only that I am pleased with the enterprise displayed by the new management of the CAMPUS, and am sure it will this year be a worthy exponent of the Greater Ottawa University.