

Dr. S. P. Fogdall

Born In Denmark

Dr. Sorenus P. Fogdall, the short, ruddy faced head of the departments of history and government of Ottawa University was born near Kolding, Denmark, September 2, 1870.

He came with his parents to the United States while still a small child. He studied at the Dano-Norwegian Baptist Theological Seminary and then became identified with the University of Chicago from which he received the degree of Ph. B in 1906. In 1915 he was awarded his M. A. degree from the same school and took his Ph. D. degree at the University of Iowa in 1921.

He was married to Louise Swansen of Harlan, Iowa, August 31, 1910. He has two children, Vergil Swansen, who graduated from Ottawa University last spring and is now doing graduate work in the University of Iowa, and Gordon Swansen, a student in the Ottawa High School.

Prof. Fogdall was an instructor in the Sac City Institute from 1909 to 1912 when he accepted a position as professor of history and government at Des Moines College, Des Moines, Iowa. In 1918 Des Moines and Highland Colleges united to form Des Moines University. Dr. Fogdall continued in his capacity of professor of history and government in this school until 1929 when he accepted a similar position at Penn College at

Oskaloosa, Iowa. In 1931 he came to Ottawa University as professor of history and government to take the place of Dr. Samuel LePage who took over Dr. Fogdall's chair at Penn College.

Dr. Fogdall was a member of the Iowa State Commission on High School Curriculum in 1929. During the World war he was an instructor in the Automobile Corps, Des Moines. He is a member of the American History Association, Iowa State Teachers Association, Missouri Valley History Association. He was ordained into the Baptist ministry in 1906. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Republican party.

Dr. Fogdall is a journalist and lecturer of some note. He is regular American correspondent of the Kolding Folkblad, of Kolding, Denmark. He has written a number of political articles for American newspapers and magazines. He is author of Teaching of Civics and Training for Citizenship, 1918; Danish-American Diplomacy, 1922; An Outline of American Government, 1926. He has given many lectures on America's relation to Europe, World Peace, etc. He was identified with archeological research in Cimbrian mounds, Jutland, 1921.