

PROF. NICHOLS WILL LEAVE

OTTAWA MAN WILL ACCEPT OFFER OF RIPON COLLEGE.

Head of English Here Will go to Wisconsin School at Salary of \$1,400 Per Year—Ottawa Sorry He Must Go.

Prof. E. R. Nichols, who has been head of the Department of English in Ottawa University for the past two years, will resign his position at the end of the present school year, to accept the position of head of the Department of Public Speaking and English Composition in Ripon College, Ripon, Wis. Definite announcement of his decision was made by Mr. Nichols this week.

The decision of Mr. Nichols to leave Ottawa University was made only after considerable deliberation, and with sincere regret on his part. It is putting it mildly to say that all the students, the members of the faculty, and the many other friends of Mr. Nichols regret that he will not be back here next year.

The offer from Ripon came three times before Prof. Nichols decided to leave. The last proposition came with



Prof. E. R. Nichols, Who Will Teach in Ripon College Next Year.

telegram assuring him a salary of \$1,400 per year for the next two years. This is a larger salary than Ripon intended to offer. But Mr. Nichols' reputation as coach of debate and his interest in oratory had gone farther than Kansas, and the Wisconsin college wanted the man. Salary considerations were not allowed to stand in the way.

Ripon College has a student body of about 250 and is a Congregational school. There is no academy connected with the institution. Mr. Nichols will have charge of the training of the debaters and orators of the school, and will supervise the class in English composition. Another man will look after the courses in literature. Prof. Nichols expects to take some more post-graduate work in Harvard in a few years, and specialize in composition. He considers the work at Ripon will be an admirable opportunity to gain experience along this line.

Prof. Nichols came to Ottawa University two years ago, fresh from a postgraduate course in Harvard, after his graduation from Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. He entered into all of the student activities of the University with enthusiasm and inexhaustible energy. It is probable that Ottawa University has never had another member of the faculty who has displayed a more versatile genius than has Prof. Nichols. His interest in oratory and debate is only one side of this many sided man. If there was student enterprise of any sort to be carried through, the advice of Prof. Nichols was always sought. His work in directing the big minstrel production of the Student Council this spring is regarded as one of the main reasons for its success. Mr. Nichols has originated the plot for a minstrel production which would probably have been given in Ottawa next spring had he remained.

Some measure of credit is due Prof. Nichols for Ottawa's winning debut in oratory and debates. Miss Adders' training in delivery, and Prof. Nichols suggestions for argument.

have gone a long way toward helping Ottawa win the state contest the past two years. This year Prof Nichols and Prof. Hardy have worked together and helped Ottawa win in debate.

Prof Nichols organized the first class in journalism in Ottawa University, and as a result Ottawa University has produced probably as many amateur journalists as any college its size in the state.

Ottawa predicts for Mr. Nichols great success in his new work. It is the consensus of opinion in Ottawa that Ripon College could not have found a stronger man for the department of public speaking and English composition than Prof Nichols.

Several good men are being considered by President Price for the place made vacant by the resignation of Prof Nichols.

In June Prof. Nichols will probably visit Ripon College for a few days, after which he will go to Franklin, Indiana, to attend the commencement exercises of Franklin College. With Arnold Hall, an old college friend, Prof. Nichols will spend July and August in the woods of Northern Michigan, on the shore of Lake Superior. The party will camp about forty miles from Munsing, Mich., and will only get their mail about once in two weeks. In the fortnight intervals the little camp will be a world to itself.
