

Dr. W. B. Wilson, head of the biology department at O. U. since 1904, is retiring. He is in fine health, but is yielding to a ruling made by the board of trustees setting an automatic retiring age at 65. His place will be filled by Dr. Stuart M. Pady, a young Canadian scientist who has had his training in McMaster and Toronto Universities of Ontario.

Dr. Wilson graduated from Ottawa University in 1895. He first entered the academy as a student in 1887, thus his intimate contact with the university extends over a period of 49 years as a student, as an alumnus, and as a teacher. He became a member of the faculty in 1904—32 years ago. Dr. Wilson will remain with the department on a pension serving in a teaching capacity and as curator of the museum.

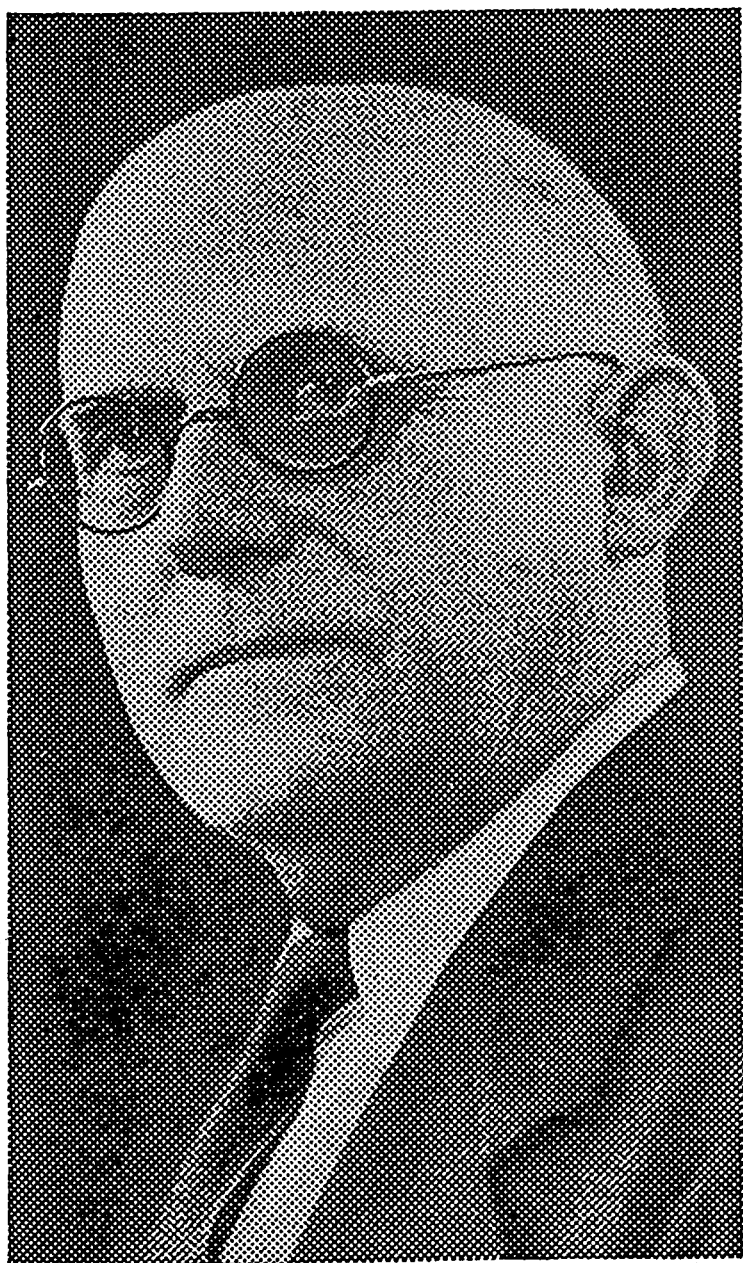
Since graduating from O. U. in 1895 Dr. Wilson has held only three positions. In 1895 to 1896 he taught in Bacone College in Oklahoma. After a year of graduate work he went to Bethel College in

Kentucky as head of the science department for six years. In October, 1904, he was asked to return to his alma mater as head of the biology department to fill the position left vacant by Dr. Franklin Barker who went to University of Nebraska and later to his present position in Northwestern University.

During his 32 years of service on the faculty of O. U. Dr. Wilson has been offered many positions. But each time he decided to stay with his alma mater. Offers to go to Pittsburg Teachers college, Clinton College of Mississippi, Richmond College of Virginia, the University of Kansas, and the University of California at Los Angeles have all been rejected even though the salary in most instances was better than his salary at Ottawa. Dr. Wilson has never applied for any position which he has held.

He has done extensive graduate work. 1896 and 1897 he did graduate work in O. U., there being a graduate department in the university at that time. Several summers he has studied at Chicago and at K. U. In the summer of 1912 he studied marine biology in Puget Sound. In 1927 Dr. Wilson was granted an honorary doctor's degree by Hillsdale College of Michigan in recognition of his service in the field of biology.

Wherever Dr. Wilson has studied or taught he has been closely associated with athletics. While a student at O. U. he played football, baseball, and tennis. At Bacone College he coached football the year he was there and his team lost only one game. At Bethel he coached football one year and was chairman of the athletic committee. With the exception of a year he has been chairman of the O. U. athletic committee and representative to the Kansas College Athletic con-



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ference since 1906. He has served the latter organization in several capacities, being president from 1925 until 1929.

At Ottawa Dr. Wilson has served the school in several administrative offices. He was vice-president from 1916 to 1919, dean of arts and sciences from 1919 to 1925, and has been director of the summer session since 1925. He has also served as registrar and on numerous committees. He has been active in the community being a member of the First Baptist church, the Kiwanis club, and the Country club.

He is a member of the Kansas Academy of Science, which group he served as president in 1929 to 1930, and of the Botany Society of America.

Dr. Wilson was born in 1871 in Jonesboro, Tenn. Early in life he moved with his family to Brown county, Kansas, where he remained until entrance into Ottawa University.