

The estimable lady who is supplying as instructor in the modern languages, is fast winning for herself a warm place in the hearts of the students of O U Since we know of the excellent work of Mrs Viets in the class room it will, no doubt, be very interesting to the readers of the CAMPS to know something about the lady.

Mrs Viets is a native of French Switzerland, and was born in the town of Vevey, which is located near the beautiful lake Geneva She received her education partly in her native town and partly at Geneva.

After having finished her education at the two places, she went to Northern Germany to further fit herself for teaching which profession she had chosen as her life work After remaining here for four and one-half years studying the German language, she went to England, spending one year there to acquire the language.

On returning home she occupied the chair of language in Bellevue college, a school for young men Bellevue was founded in 1836 by a great pedagogue Sillig by name, and a Saxon by birth To this school young men from all the countries of Europe came, as it ranks very high as a linguistic school.

Mrs Viets would heartily recommend this school to any young man who is anticipating going abroad to study language The college is situated but a short distance from the lake shore The young men take most of their physical training on the water They have regular sail boats and row boats in which to exercise This method is very fascinating as well as beneficial.

Mrs Viets remained here three years, when her work was given up for a trip to Italy, where two years were spent in Florence studying the Italian language and teaching French From Italy she went to North Germany, where she remained but a year, and then decided to sail for America.

Her first position held in this country was in a young ladies' seminary located near Hartford, Conn., which position she held for five years Her course naturally led her to the Empire state and cast her lot for three years in Yonkers beautifully situated on the Hudson river not far from the historic home of Washington Irving.

At this time the western fever was raging in the east and Mrs Viets at once fell a victim to it allowing herself to be taken to Duluth Minn. not a great while before the World's Fair She visited Chicago during the

fair and while there gave private instruction for one year

In 1893 a former pupil invited Mrs Viets to accompany her to Europe, which invitation was accepted Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, she visited and spent the winter in Berlin, and the next spring went to the sunny Italian land again The party set sail from Genoa to return to America Having relatives in New Jersey, some time was spent at their beautiful country home

She again took up the work of teaching, this time at Gambier, Ohio, where she remained until the spring of '95 This same year she was united in marriage to Mr Viets Since her marriage she has been taking private lessons and giving private instruction, until the call came to visit Kansas and supply the place of our beloved instructor, Miss F C Norris, who is now traveling in Europe

We are glad that we have met this excellent lady and as she returns to her home in Chicago she will carry with her the best wishes of the students of Ottawa University

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