

DR. J. D. S. RIGGS.

J. D. S. Riggs is a native of Washington, Pa., where he spent the first few years of his life. From here he moved to Rockford, Ill., where he spent his youth. He entered Shurtliff College, Upper Alton, Ill., in the third preparatory year, and remained in that institution till the middle of his Sophomore year, when he entered the University of Chicago for one term. He then entered upon a business career for six years, but in 1875 he returned to Chicago University and re-entered the Sophomore class with which he graduated in 1878.

The following year was spent as Teacher in Salt Lake Academy. In 1879, he was married to Miss Mary E. Chaney.

In the same year he was elected Principal of the Preparatory Department of Chicago University, which position he held until the closing of the doors of that institution in 1886. During the following year he was Joint Principal of a University Academy in Chicago.

In 1887 he was called upon to organize the Preparatory Department of Denison University, at Granville, Ohio, into an Academy. He successfully performed this work, and remained at the head of the Academy until elected to the Presidency of Ottawa University in 1896. During Mr. Riggs' five years' work at Ottawa University he has established a reputation for scholarship, sympathy and sociability. His abilities have been testified to by his being honored with a position on the State Board of Education. He received the degree Ph.D. from the University of South Dakota, after pursuing a non-resident course of study in Greek, Latin, German, French, Italian, Spanish and English Literature.

Dr. Riggs has been honored during the past year by being elected to a membership in the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity of Chicago University, an organization which is composed of persons who stood at the head of their classes. This fraternity was not organized while Dr. Riggs was in school, but was made retro-active, and he was one of fifteen out of about two hundred who received this honor.

He has also been honored during the past year by being elected to the position of President of the State College Presidents' Association of Kansas.