



PROF. J. A. YATES, M.S.

Professor J. A. Yates was born October 24, 1865, at Bush, Laurel County, Ky. His early education was obtained in the district schools. He taught six years in the public schools of his native State.

January 19, 1885, he entered the State College at Lexington, Ky. There he pursued the normal course and secured a state certificate. He then entered upon the scientific course at the same institution, graduating in June, 1890. At this time he was elected principal of Laurel Seminary. Two years were spent there.

In May of 1892, he was elected Professor of Science in the Williamsburg Institute in Kentucky. In October, 1897, he resigned his position there to accept the chair of Natural Science in Ottawa University.

He entered Chicago University July 1, 1895. A term and a half were spent there, and in 1896 another term and a half. In this year he was elected a member of the Chemical Society, and the next was granted the degree M.S., by the Kentucky State University. In 1889 he was invited to be a member of the Union Pacific Fossil Field Expedition to Wyoming. While there Professor Yates secured many interesting specimens for the museum of Ottawa University.

Perhaps to no other man is more credit due for the growth and efficiency of our Scientific Department; his efforts in its behalf are untiring. Under his hand the Scientific Course has sprung into sudden popularity and now has an enrollment larger than ever before.