



## Historical

IN the history of any institution there are always some events standing out vividly which are turning points in that history. The past year has seen three important happenings which will stand out in the memory of students and alumnae. They are the death of "Ottawa's Grand Old Man"—Dr. Ward—the reconstruction of Old Science Hall and the resignation of Dr. S. E. Price, and in those things connected with these events we believe former students and alumni will be most interested.

### DR. MILAN L. WARD

Dr. Milan L. Ward was intimately connected with O. U. for forty years. In 1869, Dr. Ward came to take complete charge of the institution. In the next two years he was successful in carrying the school through a critical period, at the end of which time he took a position on the faculty of the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, which position he held for ten years. At the end of this time Dr. Ward was again called to serve Ottawa University. "It was at this time," declared Dr. Ward, "that I decided to cast my lot with O. U. and spend my life in building it up." He guided the college through another crisis and following that was connected with the school in several different capacities. For six years he was president, for eighteen years professor of mathematics, and for several years he served as financial field worker.

During the time Dr. Ward was connected with O. U. many changes and advances were made. When he came, there was no land south of seventh street that had been improved. The University owned this land and much of the unimproved land surrounding the city. There were practically no trees on the campus, except for a row of hedge which grew along ninth street. Old Science Hall was the only building on the campus at the time. Dr. Ward surveyed and plotted practically all of the University lands, part of which was sold for farms, part as lots, and there still remain thirty-three acres in the campus. The present beauty of these thirty-three acres is largely due to the efforts of Dr. Ward. It was he who planted most of the trees which now shade the north part of the campus. It was he who had the weeds and nursery stock removed. In fact there are many things we could enumerate which he did to bring the University grounds to their present condition.

"My greatest desire and wish has been to see both the University and its students attain the most possible success and be of the greatest service to humanity." This is Dr. Ward's own statement of his aim in life. What a noble purpose! Is it any wonder that he is called "Ottawa's Grand Old Man?" As evidence of the success of his life, we point to the success of Ottawa University, and to the service that it is rendering to humanity. But his greatest success came not in the building of a college for service, but in the building of christian character and personality into the lives of hundreds of students who are living monuments to the successful life of "Ottawa's Grand Old Man."

The last work which Dr. Ward accomplished for O. U. was to aid in the reconstruction of Old Science Hall. He was the first to make a contribution towards the work.

On August 4, 1923, Dr. M. L. Ward died. But he is not gone; he still lives in the lives of those with whom he came in contact and in the life of Ottawa University.