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Robert L. Parker is a native of Iowa. At an early age he, with his parents, moved to Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas. His school advantages were very limited. Until his nineteenth year the only advantages which he enjoyed were a few months of district school.

In 1885 he entered the English Preparatory class of Ottawa University, and although his course was broken into by two years of teaching, he graduated with the class of 1891, receiving the double degree of B.L. and B.S. During his college course he took an active part in literary work. He won the first prize in the Sophomore Contest in oratory, and the following year he represented Ottawa University in the State Oratorical Contest.

In the fall of 1891 he was elected to the Principalship of the Paola High School, which position he filled for two years, resigning at the close of that period to accept a similar position at Marion, Kansas. After a year's work at Marion, he resigned to take up post-graduate work at Chicago University. In the spring of 1895 he was elected to the chair of History in Grand Island (Neb.) College, which place he filled during the following year. In the spring of 1896 he was elected to his present position. In 1895, Prof. Parker received from his alma mater the well-earned degree of Master of Arts.