

# COACH WANN WILL LEAVE OTTAWA UNIVERSITY JAN. 4

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His Decision to Resign a Surprise—  
—Coach Wann's Record an Ad-  
mirable One.

There was much surprise and disappointment when last week Coach Norman G. Wann signified his intention of resigning, and taking his leave on January 4.

It may be possible to secure another coach to fill out the school year. Action on this will be taken at an early meeting of the board of trustees, probably. Prof. W. B. Wilson will take charge of Mr. Wann's zoology class.

Coach Wann does not disclose his future plans. He has several more remunerative offers made him; hence his decision to leave Ottawa. A proposition of \$700 for the rest of the year as assistant coach in Wisconsin University, Madison, has been received by him. He can go to Butte, Montana, high school at \$1,000 per year if he desires. He will go to his home at Richmond, Indiana, the first of the year for a short visit.

When Mr. Norman G. Wann came to Ottawa in the fall of 1908 the athletic condition of the school was serious. The athletic association was in debt something like two hundred dollars. Enthusiasm was dead and the future of Ottawa in athletics was rather dark. The material for a football team was not very good, but nevertheless his football team was not beaten by a college in its class, although it lost to schools whose enrollment was much larger than Ottawa's.

In the winter he turned out a basketball team that would have held its own had not Capt. Froning been forced to quit the game after Ottawa had piled up the largest score made against the Kansas University team up to that time.

The ladies' basketball team of '08

was one of which Ottawa will always be proud. The team did not lose a game during the entire season and easily earned the title "Champions of Missouri and Kansas."

In the spring of '09 out of a bunch of baseball material composed of a few veterans and some high school material a baseball team was turned out that won 16 of the 21 games played and had a logical claim to the state championship.

This fall Mr. Wann came back simply because he wanted to see Ottawa have a good football team. Financially, it was a losing proposition, as he was offered jobs that would have paid him more money. It is needless to tell what he did this fall for football, as his team won six games, tied one and lost one to Baker University by the close score of 6-5. His team defeated the College of Emporia 74 to 0, the largest score ever made by an Ottawa team. Of the five teams that Coach Wann has turned out here it would be safe to say that the ladies' basketball team of '09, and the football team of this fall have never been surpassed in the history of the school. The chances for a basketball team are fair, and prospects are for a winning baseball team.

Mr. Wann played his first football at Mercersburg Academy. He was at Earlham College in '02 and '03 and took his last two years in '06 and '07-08. While at Earlham he played four years on the football team, playing every position but quarterback and was captain and played fullback in '07, his senior year. He also played left field four years on its baseball team, and won four track letters. He played on the basketball team two years.

In '05 Mr. Wann coached the St. Vickers Academy and turned out a strong baseball and football team. This position is now held by Walter Eckersall, the famous Chicago University player.

Mr. Wann has held Indiana state records in track work at various times, holding the quarter mile record at one time. He has played on

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semi-professional baseball teams, playing one season on the Indiana State Hospital team, which was one of the fastest near Chicago.

Ottawa students and down town people are sorry to see Wann leave as they all like him. He is a hustler and generally anything that he pushes goes through. During his two years' stay here he has helped instill a college spirit into the students that had not existed before. When Wann said "We're all going to Baldwin," everybody went.

During his stay here he had electric lights installed in the Gym so that it was decently lighted for basketball. He also had seats erected in the Gym, and bleachers put on the athletic field. These had been sadly needed before. Coach Wann saw that they were needed and went to work and raised the money and superintended the erection of them. Probably the greatest thing done during Mr. Wann's stay here, and a thing which he urged, was the establishment of a student enterprise fee. This has put athletics on a firm financial basis. These are a few of the things which he has helped accomplish for Ottawa and he has stamped himself as a pusher of student enterprises, and an exponent of clean, hardy athletics.

Ottawa students hope that if Mr. Wann engages himself as a coach elsewhere it will be in the Missouri Valley. Athletic relations with any school of which he is athletic director, it is felt, will be pleasant. The college which engages him as coach and athletic director, should he decide to accept an offer of this kind, will be getting an able man.