

# PROF. NICHOLS WAS A REAL COLLEGE MAN.

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A Sketch of the Activities of Prof. Hill's Successor—Was In Athletics and Early Chose Literature.

Before the close of commencement week in June, Prof. Murray G. Hill, who had been for four years head of the English department in college and who first organized this work into a separate department, resigned to pursue further study. Prof. E. R. Nichols was secured. A sketch of his college activities is given by his permission.

Egbert Ray Nichols, A. M. Ph. B., Professor of English and Literature in Ottawa University, was born in the village of Mt. Ayr, Newton county, Indiana in the year 1882. Hailing from the same county as George Ade, at an early age he began to cultivate a taste for literature.

Leaving his native town at the age of seventeen, he entered the preparatory department of Franklin College, and was graduated from the college in 1907 with the degree of Ph.B. During his college course Prof. Nichols was a representative college man, taking an active part in the athletic, literary and social activities of his college.

In athletics he was proficient in tennis, played full back on the football team, and managed the basketball team of '06.

He was also a member of the S. A. E. fraternity and the Webster literary society. For three years he was a member of the college debating club and for two years he was on the debating team of six. He twice represented his college in the state oratorical contests.

After graduating from Franklin College, Prof. Nichols spent two years in the graduate department of Harvard University, taking English, phil-

osophy composition and literature, and received in 1907 the degree of A. M.

Mr. Nichols has already made himself popular with college people, and has brought some new ideas into his work which shows his competence. Some training for those desiring to enter the oratorical contest, or having ambitions for journalism will be offered in a composition class which has been organized.

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