

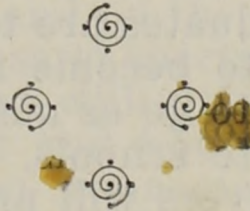


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## NOTES AND COMMENTS

The eightieth consecutive year of instruction in Willamette University will begin on September 20, 1923. Registration and examinations will be held Sept. 17, 18 and 19; class instruction opens at 7:45 a.m., Thursday, the 20th. Applications for admission to the Freshman class indicate that the enrollment will exceed that of any former year; and an unusually large number are to enter the upper classes.

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Sixty-nine graduates in liberal arts, twelve graduates in law, and one master were given degrees at the last commencement. Two persons secured diplomas in music and honorary degrees were conferred on six men of distinction.

A majority of the graduates are to teach in high schools of the Northwest, three are to become ministers, one is to enter Y. M. C. A. work, two are to go as missionaries in a few weeks, three are to enter graduate schools, two are joining business establishments and the lawyers will practice their profession.

Last year ninety-nine Willamette graduates were superintendents, principals and teachers in Oregon high schools; and a goodly number had like positions in Washington, Idaho, California and elsewhere.

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A beautiful incident of Commencement Week was the testimonial presented to Prof. James T. Matthews, by alumni and friends, in recognition of his thirty years' continuous service as a professor in Willamette. The testimonial consisted of some one thousand dollars in cash and scores of appreciative letters. The presentation was made at the alumni banquet by Jas. Crawford, '11, retiring president of the association. All hail, Matthews!

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## THE NEW GYMNASIUM

With much enthusiasm, ground was broken for the new gymnasium on May 29. Hundreds of students and townspeople



joined in the ceremony of songs, addresses and sod-turning. Bishop W. O. Shepard made the principal address.

Mr. A. E. Doyle, of Portland, is the architect and Messrs. Tranchell and Parelus are the general contractors. They are obligated to have the building completed by Sept. 29, but work is progressing so rapidly that they hope to hand the keys to the trustees at an earlier date. On August 1, the walls were up to the second story and material is being received promptly.

The building will have a frontage of 120 feet, an extreme depth of 142 feet and be three stories high. In the basement are rooms for teams, handball, boxing, massage, drying, storage, for 1000 steel lockers, showers and lavatories. The main floor will provide rooms for offices, measurement, charts, remedial exercises and the great playing floor. This floor will be 76 by 116 feet of polished maple and unbroken by any pillars. It will be lighted on three sides by sixteen immense windows. The roof will be supported by steel trusses with their lowest lines twenty-two feet above the floor. The size and arrangement of the room will allow three basket ball teams to practice at one time and on the occasion of contest games it is thought that two thousand spectators can be accommodated.

The third floor front will ultimately be finished for trophy and class rooms. Heat and hot water will be supplied by a boiler located in a room connected with the basement and adjacent to the swimming pool, which is to be installed later.

Having this wonderful building, with Prof. Rathbun as coach and physical director, with Mrs. Rathbun in charge of women's physical training, the University anticipates a great advance in athletics and health conservation. Already there are excellent prospects for athletics; at least a dozen star high school athletes have applied and been accepted for admission. Others are coming, and when Willamette meets teams in contest, there will be a good report.

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The football schedule this fall includes the Universities of Washington and Oregon, Whitman College, Puget Sound College, Pacific University, Oregon Agricultural College and possibly one or two more.

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### NEW PROFESSORS

Dr. S. B. Laughlin comes to Willamette as Prof. of Social Sciences, from Park College, Mo. He was graduated from Penn



College, A.B., 1905; Haverford, A.M., 1906; Iowa University PH. D., 1921. He has had graduate work at Harvard and Chicago Universities. His teaching has been done in a high school, missionary school in Palestine, an academy and seven years in a college. He is forty-two years of age and is married.

Prof. G. L. Rathbun is to have charge of physical training and athletics. He has been professor at Oregon Agricultural College for three years, where he has been notably successful. His preparation was at Beloit College, Springfield Y College, Illinois University and in Chicago. He has taught at Beloit, Chicago and Indiana University.

Althea Rathbun is to direct the physical education of women. She was prepared at Carroll College, Beloit and Chicago and is experienced as an instructor.

Herman Clark will be assistant professor of Chemistry. He has his master's degree from Willamette and has been highly successful as assistant principal and chemistry instructor in the Salem High school.

Leroy Detling is a graduate of the University of Oregon and has the M.A. from Stanford University. He has taught for two years and is to be an instructor in modern languages.

Prof. Roy C. Harding of Chicago is to be professor of History and Law. He is a graduate of Hillsdale College and has the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence from the Chicago University Law School. Dr. Harding has practiced law and taught, is thirty-one years of age and unmarried.

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The summer school has enrolled about ninety students and has been exceptionally successful. Prof. Dubach of O.A.C. and Dr. Sherman exchanged for the first term, the students receiving both with much appreciation.

Most of the professors have remained in Salem teaching in the summer school. Several are elsewhere. Matthews is on the summer faculty of Stanford University, Peck is teaching at the University of Washington, Von Eschen is in the graduate school of Chicago University, the Browns are at the University of Washington, Pres. Doney is scheduled for the afternoon addresses at the three annual conferences in the Northwest.