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SENATOR JONATHAN PRENTISS DOLLIVER

# IN MEMORIAM

## JONATHAN PRENTISS DOLLIVER

ROBERT SMYLLIE, D. D.

Senator Jonathan Prentiss Dolliver was born in West Virginia February 5th, 1858. His father, Rev. J. J. Dolliver, recently deceased, was a widely known Methodist minister of that state. "Pentiss," as his father lovingly called him, long after he had reached ripe manhood, was a genuine son of the Manse. He was never ashamed of the humble circumstances that surrounded his childhood and early youth, and never appeared to better advantage than when he talked of the trials and triumphs of that parsonage home. The father lived to be nearly ninety and was the patriarch of the home, till his last hour, both in Fort Dodge and Washington. While the State opened for Senator Dolliver a splendid career and bestowed upon him many honors; it should not be forgotten that the Church put its impress upon him first, and gave to the State the finished product of a splendid manhood. The State had good material to work into a great statesman.

In the Dolliver home there grew up three sons and two daughters, of which Jonathan was the second son. R. H. is a Methodist minister, Superintendent of Black Hills Mission Conference. V. B. was the youngest boy. He died a few years ago in the prime of a very promising manhood. Mary, the oldest girl, lives in Evanston, Ill., and is the wife of E. R. Graham of the Methodist Book Concern. Miss Margaret is the Dean of Women in Morningside College, Sioux City.

Jonathan P. Dolliver was graduated from the University of West Virginia, when only 17 years old. He then engaged in the study of the law in the office of his uncle, and afterwards taught school in Illinois. He came with his brother R. H. to Iowa in 1878 and opened a law office in Fort Dodge. His clients were few, and the struggle of those early years, fighting a hard battle against poverty, is full of encouragement to young men. It shows that young men who have the right stuff in them can rise to the highest positions in the face of poverty and through most adverse conditions.

His great ability in public speech soon brought him into prominence in the community; and his fame spread rapidly. He was the boy orator of the period. He stumped the country in the Presidential Campaign of 1883; and when he returned home, just before the election, he was received in the public square by a crowd estimated at twenty-five thousand. An address which he delivered before the Republican State Convention in Des Moines when he was only 26 lifted him into national prominence. He was made the candidate of the Republicans for Congress, in the Tenth District in 1888 and was elected six times in succession. On the death of John H. Gear, he was appointed to the United States Senate, by Governor L. M. Shaw, and was elected by the General Assembly for the unexpired term, and again in 1907 for a full term. He was married to Miss Louise Pearson of Fort Dodge in 1896. His wife, two daughters, and one son survive him.

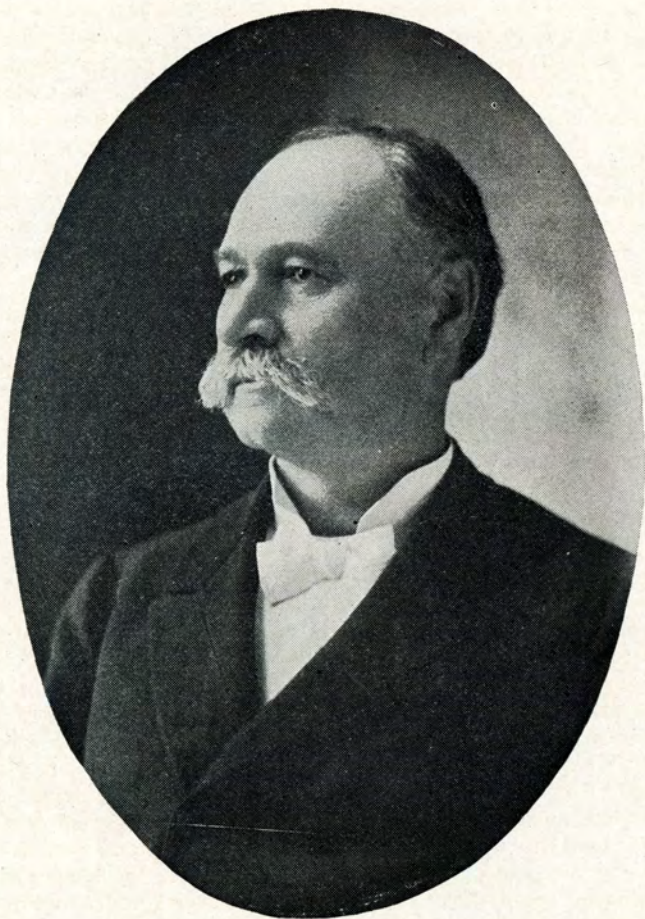
He was a national figure from the time he entered Congress. His great ability as an orator and debater, made him a man who had

to be reckoned with. He was a very close student of public questions. His library was very large—he was a prodigious worker, and his memory was something marvelous. When he entered Congress he was the silver tongued orator of that body; but in his twenty years of life in Washington he changed much. He was none the less attractive as a speaker, but in the later sessions he was freely conceded to be the ablest debater in either House. He arrived at his conclusions in his own way and was very positive in his convictions. He was a man of the finest manners, every inch a gentleman; but beneath a polished exterior there was the blood of the puritan. The glove was velvet and the touch usually most pleasant, but the hand was steel. In the fierce debates in Congress of the last session, it seemed to part company with his associates of former years, it was not the result of the surrender of any principle, which had controlled; but the outcome of his relentless logic. A study of his public utterances will show a beautiful consistency, joined to a growing statesmanship, controlled by a patriotism always at white heat. When the history of the last session of Congress can be impartially written, Jonathan P. Dolliver will loom up, not only as the greatest orator of his generation, but as one of the greatest mountain peaks among the constructive statesmen of the period.

His private life was beautiful, not only as a good husband and a tender parent, but also as a dutiful son. His respect and reverence for his father was refreshing in an age when old people are thought to be in the way. When a man, whose reputation was nation wide, and even world wide, his affection for his father suffered no abatement from that of his childhood.

Few men in public life have been as well known by Methodist ministers, in general, or enjoyed such cordial relations with them. When he appeared before a Conference he always captured the situation and was the lion of the hour. Every minister in Northwest Iowa Conference had a personal interest in him and he was a friend of them all. Every pastor who ever served in Fort Dodge, during his 32 years of residence, held him in highest esteem. During his long absences in Washington, he did not allow himself to forget the church at home. The pastor was often made glad by a personal letter which frequently contained a substantial check. As an official, when at home, he was always ready to do difficult things, and to collect money where none of the others could hope for success. He will be lovingly remembered in the First Church for decades.

His work for the church in his own Conference will always seem to center in the very efficient aid he gave Dr., now Bishop Lewis, in his efforts to secure an endowment for Morningside College. He not only gave largely, in proportion to his means, but he gave invaluable assistance. The Carnegie gift which was the basis of the first two hundred thousand dollars, was due almost entirely to the influence of Senator Dolliver. In the success of the canvass, too, the Dolliver brothers, with Miss Margaret, will always be remembered for their splendid work. The gift of the General Education Board, which formed the basis for the second two hundred thousand, was due to influences which could not have been successful, apart from the man who is the subject of this sketch. The name of Jonathan P. Dolliver will be forever entwined with the history of Morningside College. Some day a statue of this splendid man will adorn the campus. It would be fitting to hang up on the wall of the Auditorium a life sized oil painting of him, as soon as it can be prepared.



DR. GEORGE W. PRATT

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BENNETT MITCHELL, D. D.

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Rev. G. W. Pratt, LL. D., who died at Sioux City, April the 18th, 1910, was one of the founders of Morningside College. At the session of the Northwest Iowa Conference in 1894, the Presiding Elders, Brother Pratt being one of them, offered a paper recommending that a commission be raised and given power to organize "a College or Conference Seminary" at Morningside. The Conference struck from the paper the words "or Conference Seminary" and sent it to the Committee on Education for consideration. The committee reported recommending the appointment of the commission. The report was adopted and the commission raised, Brother Pratt being a member of it. When the college was organized he became a trustee by the previous action of the Conference, which office he held continuously until his death.

Brother Pratt was born in Maine, 1841. He came to Iowa in 1875. He began his public career as a lawyer. In 1879 he was converted under the ministry of that marvelous woman Mrs. Maggie Van Cott at a campmeeting held at Clear Lake, Iowa. The barrister became a preacher. He joined the Upper Iowa Conference in 1877. In 1884 he was transferred to the Northwest Iowa Conference, and stationed at First Church, Sioux City.

He was six feet in stature, a stalwart in character, and broad in the sphere of his usefulness. There was a vein of droll wit in his mental makeup. He often parried an argument made against him by subtle wit or an odd remark. He was a warm and constant friend of Morningside College. He had not much money to give but gave the school most loyal and effective support.

He was Presiding Elder of the Sioux City District and therefore in close touch with the institution in its dark and dubious days when it was in a struggle for existence, without money and with but few friends. He was one of the little band that stood by it without flinching. He was always in good sympathy with the faculty. To the students he was cordial and helpful. While he was as polite as a Chesterfield, he was a manly man, a reliable friend and a stern defender of the truth. They say he is dead. No, the good die not. He has been "transferred" to heaven, but the fragrance of his life and the fruits of his labors abide with us.

# THE STANDARDIZATION OF COLLEGES

F. E. HAYNES, PH. D.

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A significant feature of recent educational development has been the progress made towards the standardization of colleges. The most important factor in this work has been the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching. At the beginning of its operations, it found it necessary to determine what institutions should receive its funds. It had to frame a definition of a college or university. The defining of a college incidentally had an important effect upon preparatory work. A college course of four years, based on a secondary course of four years above grade work, gave us a standard more definite and uniform than anything we had had previously.

Another influence of importance has come from the General Education Board of New York. This foundation, unlike the Carnegie Foundation, has devoted itself more particularly to the endowment of colleges. In selecting institutions to aid, it has emphasized especially location and business management, although it has by no means neglected scholastic standards. Morningside has benefitted materially and intellectually from this foundation. It was one of the first three institutions in Iowa to receive its indorsement.

Still another factor in the work of standardization has been the Board of Educational Examiners in Iowa. Established for the purpose of raising the quality of teaching in the public schools of the state, it has incidentally been a strong force in raising the standard among the colleges. It has set up a standard as to endowments, library and laboratory equipment, number of departments, preparation and teaching terms of professors, that has already been helpful to every progressive institution in the state and will be of increasing value in the future.

Morningside welcomes all of these efforts to raise the standards of college work. The ideal of its founders has been to establish a college of high rank. Its entrance requirements and those for graduation are the standard requirements. Its academy course has been lengthened to four years to meet the Carnegie requirement. The next step must be to bring the library and equipment up to the highest standard. All these advances are in the line with the settled educational policy of the college. The outside factors, referred to above, are simply helps along the way of educational progress.

## THE NEW CHEMISTRY BUILDING

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Important changes have been made in the quarters of the Chemistry Departments, which heretofore have been on the first floor of the Main College Hall. The building on the Campus directly south of the Main Hall, formerly known as the "Park Place," has been thoroughly remodeled to accommodate the Chemistry Department. Old partitions were taken out and new ones put in, the walls were plastered and painted, hardwood floors replaced the old floors and the whole interior was modified and arranged so as to be adapted for the various laboratories and rooms of a chemistry building, and additions built on the northwest side.

The first floor contains a lecture room, the general laboratory for inorganic chemistry, and a balance room. The second floor is occupied by the laboratory for advanced chemistry, the library and balance room, a spacious storeroom, a private laboratory and the office. The basement contains an acid room.

The laboratories are supplied with modern conveniences. The students' desks have been fitted with new, stained, hardwood tops and contain drawers and lockers for each student. Each desk is furnished with gas and water. New sinks have been put in which are connected with a new system of drain pipes, which is a great improvement over the old system. Ample shelf room has been provided for bottles and reagents. Each laboratory is furnished with hoods to carry off noxious fumes and gases. The building is amply furnished with both gas and electricity. A new steam heating system, connected with the Main building has been put in, with abundant radiation.

Important additions have been made to the equipment—and supplies—of the laboratory—about a hundred and fifty dollars worth of platinum ware, a new calorimeter, two new gas generators, an apparatus for distillation under diminished pressure, and a full supply of chemicals and apparatus for general use. The chemical library, which now contains about 500 volumes, is soon to be enlarged by a new addition of books, covering the field of analytical, theoretical and physiological chemistry. Prof. D. B. Jones, Ph. D., has entered upon his work with enthusiasm and good promise of success. Morning-side is in a position to build up a strong department.



**GENERAL INORGANIC LABORATORY**



**ADVANCED LABORATORY**



# FINANCIAL NEEDS

FIELD SECRETARY F. D. EMPY

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## I. We Must Purchase Greater Library Equipment:

(a) SEVEN THOUSAND VOLUMES must be added to the college library this year. This new necessity is forced upon us by recent action of the State Board of Education. After July 1, 1911, all first class colleges in Iowa must have a library of 15,000 volumes. We now have only about 8,000 volumes. When the 7,000 new books arrive, Morningside College will be in possession of one of the most serviceable college libraries to be found within many states.

(b) Shall Morningside become a SECOND CLASS College? NO! NORTHWEST IOWA CONFERENCE OFFERS \$15,000.

At the Spencer session, September 1910, our annual conference unanimously decided to undertake to raise \$15,000 for Morningside College library. Each district conference has entered heartily into the plan and instructed strong district committees to complete the task by July 1, 1911. A popular response is now well under way and will easily meet the issue if every loyal supporter "lends a hand."

(c) TWO DOLLARS will add one volume to the library. Friends are asked to contribute the price of small allotments of books at an average cost of \$2.00 per volume. FIVE HUNDRED books will name a memorial alcove. Each volume will bear the name of the donor. Subscriptions are payable on or before Jan. 1, 1912.

## II. The Annual Educational Collection:

(a) General Statement: We are now dependent upon this collection in full to meet the new demands of the State Board of Education requiring Class A colleges to have an income of \$25,000 annually above tuition receipts. Our endowment is now \$400,000 and should soon yield \$20,000 annually. If paid in full, the annual conference apportionment for Morningside College will provide the last \$5,000 income needed.

(b) College Day: **Sunday, December 4, 1910, is set apart this year as our annual college day.** So far as possible the annual collection should be taken on this day and forwarded promptly to Miss Emma Dahl, cashier. Cash funds are very much needed at this season of the year and we cannot too strongly urge the necessity that each pastor give this matter prompt consideration.

## NEW TEACHERS

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The new Director of the Conservatory of Music, Mr. Orwin Allison Morse, brings to his work an education and experience which give him a peculiar fitness for the position. He is a native of Iowa, and spent the early years of his life in this state and southern Minnesota. His college course was taken at Battle Creek College, Battle Creek, Michigan, and he afterward pursued studies at Toronto University. Musical study was started at a very early age, and he began playing for Sunday school and church services when about nine years old. After leaving college, although already an accomplished musician for his age, he spent several years in severe study at the Toronto



MR. ORWIN ALLISON MORSE

Conservatory of Music, affiliated with the Toronto University, always taking honors in his work. On one occasion he stood at the head of a class of over one hundred in harmony, winning the scholarship offered.

Since leaving the Conservatory almost his entire musical career has been in connection with school and college work, and as a church organist and choirmaster. He thus has obtained an intimate knowledge of the relations which a musical department should sustain to the other departments of college work. He comes to Morningside after five years spent as Director of the School of Music at John B. Stetson University, the foremost institution in the state of Florida. During his incumbency there, the attendance at the musical school more than doubled, a choral society was organized which gave many of the great oratorios for the first time in the state, he gave a large number of organ recitals, and organized and conducted the first Music Festival in the state. He was everywhere recognized as the leading musician in Florida, and an authority in pipe organ construction and playing.

In 1908 he was elected an Associate of the American Guild of Organists, the leading musical organization in America, and also represents Iowa on the National Committee of the National Association of Organists.

Mr. Morse's education has been by no means confined to music. He has given much attention to art and literature, has traveled widely both in this and foreign countries, and thus obtained a breadth of vision that shows itself in his work and his relation to the department in his charge.



MRS. INGA NELSON BROWN



MISS ESTER V. SEAMAN

Miss Esther V. Seaman, the new instructor in Latin, is an alumnus of Grinnell College, having majored in Mathematics and Latin. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and has had experience in tutoring and as a substitute in the schools of Le Mars and Sioux City.

Mrs. Inga Nelson Brown is demonstrating her great efficiency as an instructor in pianoforte. Her first recital at the College was an artistic production and in every way a great success.

## A NOTABLE PASTORATE

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A most notable pastorate was brought to a close when, by appointment of Bishop Luther B. Wilson, the Reverend W. T. Macdonald was transferred from Grace Church, at the last session of the Northwest Iowa Annual Conference. Probably no pastorate in this city, or this Annual Conference, will stand out as of greater permanent importance than this one. Six and one-half years ago Mr. Macdonald came to a small congregation, worshipping in an altogether inadequate structure. He planned at once for larger things. He was loyal to the highest interests of the College. When the crisis of the endowment campaign was upon us, he voluntarily deferred for two years the enterprise for which the plans had already been so well laid. That emergency having been successfully passed, the purpose of years was again taken up. With extraordinary skill, the most indefatigable perseverance, and an admirable, unyielding demand for the best possible, he brought this much needed work to a magnificent, successful consummation. It would have been easy—and most men would have yielded to the pressure and done this—to have built a church that would have done for the present, and only cost half the amount necessary for the splendid structure which we now have. With far-seeing wisdom, Mr. Macdonald insisted on the larger vision and by the greatest toil and sacrifice, he provided for the largest need of the present and the permanent requirements of the coming years. While building this \$65,000 temple of worship, every need of Morningside's population received the most faithful pastoral care from the minister.

Mr. Macdonald was president of the Sioux City Ministerial Association and the chief local leader of the Biederwolf Union Evangelistic campaign. The membership of the church, Sunday school and all auxiliary bodies of the church, was greatly increased during his administration. He was a leader in every movement for good in the city and also in the Conference; and notwithstanding the pressure of the heavy labors alluded to above, found time to give great assistance in the endowment campaign, among other services having secured the gift of \$10,000 from Mr. J. J. Hill, of Minneapolis.

True always to the highest standards, recognizing the great work of the ministry as a sacred trust, exemplifying the dignity of his calling in extraordinary faithfulness in every service, he was a pastor beloved and his term must ever stand out as one of the most memorable in this territory in this generation. The affectionate goodwill of Morningside—of Grace Church, of the College, of the community, of the city and of the Conference—will follow Brother Macdonald throughout the years.

## OUR NEW PASTOR



WILLIAM CAMPBELL WASSER, Ph. D.

The Reverend William Campbell Wasser, Ph. D., has entered upon his duties as the new pastor of Grace Church, in a most auspicious manner. The College joins with the church and the city in extending a welcome to him and his gifted wife as they begin their labors here. Dr. Wasser is a talented young man, just entering upon his prime. Scholarly, familiar with literature, broadened by travel, a splendid preacher and a man among men, he has naturally made a decidedly favorable impression upon the entire community. He manifests deep sympathy with student life. His thinking is characterized by strong, up-to-date intellectuality. The family have moved into No. 1714 on Garretson Avenue, just opposite the church. They are getting into good social touch with the community and all omens are favorable for a highly successful pastorate so well begun.

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## NEWS AND NOTES

Mr. Allen Berkstressor, '10, is now Physical Director and Coach at Parsons College, Fairfield, Iowa. Allen is making good.

After two years' teaching in the Philippines, Mr. T. C. Anderson, '08, has returned to his home in Iowa.

Congressman E. H. Hubbard, of the Eleventh district, has been instrumental in securing some two hundred volumes of government publications for the College Library. All of the volumes were carefully chosen and some of them are of great value.

Two members of the college faculty, Professors Campbell and Butterfield, are on leave of absence this year. Both are traveling and studying in Europe. Two other members of the faculty, Dean Dolliver and Miss Ferguson, spent the summer on the continent.

Mr. Arthur G. Cushman, '08, after having served for two years as General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at Highland Park College, Des Moines, is now College Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the State of Iowa. If he does as well in his new field as he did in his old one he will be a great success.

Miss Martha Macdonald, at the opening of the current school year, took up her duties as an instructor in the Department of Mathematics at the University of South Dakota. Miss Macdonald graduated at Morningside in 1908 and took her Master's degree at the University of Iowa in 1910.

Miss Jessie Swem, of Cherokee, Iowa, has charge of the College Library in the absence of Miss Blanche Watts, the regular librarian who is spending a year's leave of absence in attendance upon the Librarians' Training School at Albany, New York. The new quarters of the library are a great improvement but much too small even yet.

Mr. Stanley Collins, '07, passed through Morningside recently on his way to Peking, China, where he is to engage in Y. M. C. A. work. Since his graduation from Morningside Mr. Collins has been engaged in graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania at which school he has been one of the secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. during the last two years.

Mr. Vernon Pritchard, of the junior class in the college, has been appointed by Congressman Hubbard to a cadetship in the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mr. Pritchard goes east soon after Thanksgiving to take the entrance examinations.

W. A. Blackwell, '05, recently in charge of the English Department at the Woodbine Normal, Woodbine, Iowa, is now head of the English Department at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas. Professor Blackwell took his Master's degree at the University of Iowa. Southwestern is to be congratulated upon securing the services of one so well equipped and experienced.

A special souvenir edition of the College Bulletin giving a complete account of the services in connection with the inauguration of President Freeman is now in a state of preparation. Those desiring copies of the souvenir may obtain the same, free of charge, by making application to the college authorities.

On November 6th, the hour for the regular monthly vespers, was devoted to a memorial service in remembrance of several students and friends of the college who have recently died. Those commemorated were Margaret Wright, Albert Digerness, Walter Edmonds, and Senator J. P. Dolliver. The speakers of the afternoon were Miss Jennie Nelson, Dean Chandler, and President Freeman. Special music was rendered by the College Choir.

Bishop Wilson Seeley Lewis, former president of Morningside College, and Mrs. Lewis sailed for China about the middle of September. They were accompanied by Miss Ida, '09, who will engage in missionary work in China. Bishop and Mrs. Lewis had been in the United States since January, 1910. They will not return to this country again until the time of the next General Conference.

The following members of Morningside's Alumni were married during the summer:

On June fourteenth, Helen Wilson, '08, and H. L. Mossman, '10.  
On August twentieth, Clara Griswold and Goodsell Pendell, '10.  
On September first, Genevieve Howard, '07, and R. B. Hayes.  
On September second, Florence Clark, '08, and Frank Heilman, '08.  
On September fifth, Ida Ullman, '09, and Edwin Brown, '09.  
On October tenth, Ethel Johnson, '10, and A. G. Cushman, '08.

President Freeman attended the inauguration of Doctor Frank R. McVeigh as President of the University of North Dakota, Fargo, N. D., during the week of September 26th. In connection with the inaugural services he gave two addresses, one of them on the subject of "Endowed Colleges."

The annual trial of strength between the Freshmen and Sophomores took the form of a push-ball contest this year. The contest was a novel one and seemed to be a very satisfactory way of settling the question of physical supremacy between the two classes. The Freshmen came off victors in the contest, the final score standing: Freshmen 13, Sophomores 6.

The ninth session of the Summer School, conducted during the past summer, was in every way a success. The number of students enrolled was 210, more of whom came from Nebraska and South Dakota than is usual. Of the above number 53 were college and academy students, the rest being teachers or prospective teachers. Plans are already under way for the Summer School of 1911 which it is hoped to make larger and better than ever.

The election of officers for the Freshman class was conducted this year under the general supervision of the Department of History and Politics. According to a new plan recently recommended by the faculty the election was patterned after those of the American city and state. As the first step the Freshmen were required to register, after which nominations for office were made by petition. A primary election was next held, followed in turn by the regular or final election. The whole contest was carried out successfully and proved to have a large educational value.

Morningside was represented at the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association by President Freeman and Professors Garver, Brown, Haynes, Stiles and Mrs. Reynolds. A large number of alumni and former students were also in attendance, advantage of which fact was taken to organize a "Morningside College Club of Des Moines," of which Mr. A. G. Cushman, '08, was chosen president. The object of the club will be to hold an annual banquet and reunion in connection with the meetings of the State Teachers' Association.

On the day after Hallowe'en there appeared in one of the Sioux City papers a story to the effect that a group of girls from Morningside College had, upon the previous evening, dressed themselves in peculiar manner and gone to the city where, after parading around for a time, they finally haled a policeman and asked to be arrested and taken to the police station there to be locked up for a few minutes. The officer proved to be accommodating and the girls spent some time singing college airs behind the grated doors of the station. It ought not to be necessary to deny such an unwarranted statement, as this, like many other such stories is absolutely without foundation.

# MORNINGSIDE COLLEGE SUMMER SCHOOL

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## FOR 1911

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**The Tenth Summer Term.** The tenth session of the Summer School will begin Monday, June 19, 1911, and continue six weeks.

**Courses Offered.** The following courses are offered:

1. Courses in Music and Elocution.
2. High School and Academy credit courses.
3. Normal courses for the various grades of certificates.
4. Special Primary Courses for Teachers and Supervisors of Primary Departments.
5. College Courses for Students who are desirous of doing work in advance of their classification or of bringing up back work.

**The Faculty.** The Faculty consists of the regular College Professors and Instructors, and also, of thoroughly qualified and experienced city and county superintendents.

**Credit Courses.** As the Summer Term is a regularly organized part of the college year, full credit is given for the completion of the credit courses offered. Many college and high school students are taking advantage from year to year of this opportunity for doing credit work.

**The Attendance.** The attendance for 1910 was more than 200. The management has set out to make a strong increase in the enrollment for 1911. Students were in attendance last year from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

**Excursions and Special Entertainments.** The Faculty Reception, the Annual Excursion to Riverside Park and up the Big Sioux, the Elocutionary and Musical entertainments have proven most enjoyable affairs. These will be repeated in 1911.

**Summer School Bulletin.** For full information concerning the Summer School write the Director about April 1st for a copy of the Summer School Bulletin.

E. A. BROWN, Director,  
Morningside, Sioux City, Iowa.