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THE ALUMNI LIST

The Alumni List wasn't any more than mimeographed before changes and corrections were in order. The *London Times* announced Irene Curnow's engagement, and she herself wrote of a change in address. This number of THE MONADNOCK will go to her as Mrs. Cyril M. Thomas, Electrical Department, Municipality, Straits Settlements.

Other additions and corrections are in order as follows:

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A revised edition of the *List* will be made ready for MONADNOCK subscribers in the fall, and alumni of the School of Geography are urgently requested to send in notification of changes in address, as well as news for THE MONADNOCK, and even subscriptions.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

With outside help it proved possible to send the first two numbers of Volume II of THE MONADNOCK to all former members of the school. But such help cannot be depended upon indefinitely, and the current number goes only to subscribers, the number of whom has increased splendidly, though it is still insufficient to support the publication. Will not present subscribers renew promptly and, by forwarding a dollar in payment for Volume III, help to minimize the cost of the fall campaign among the somewhat recalcitrant alumni?

The increasing use of mimeographed sheets, notably abstracts and outlines of studies that are either too long or too inaccessible for general reading, is making available at the School a body of teaching material of exceptional value. If sufficient interest is manifested, steps will be taken to prepare extra copies at nominal cost for those alumni who may wish to use them. Announcements will be made to subscribers through THE MONADNOCK.

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RESEARCH PROJECTS

THE close of the academic year sees unusual activity in the field in prospect among the geographers of Clark. Dr. Clarence F. Jones sailed on June 28, for Grenada, where he will make a reconnaissance and where he will leave his companion, Harley P. Milstead, who will gather material there for his doctor's dissertation. Dr. Jones will visit other Caribbean islands, travel into British Guiana, then along the northern coast of the continent to Santa Marta, where he will meet Dr. Curtis F. Marbut sometime early in October. They plan to proceed up the great valley of the Andes, with frequent side trips, to Bogotá; then over the eastern range, down the headwaters of the Orinoco, and finally by pack train out across the llanos to the Caribbean once more. Dr. Marbut expects as a preliminary to make a reconnaissance of the soils of Middle America.

Meanwhile Charles Gooze has gone south also, to spend several months in the irrigated lands of Argentina, and in travel. John G. Curtis will go a little later to Jamaica to work on the regional and economic study which is his thesis project.

In North America, Carleton P. Barnes is already at work with the Michigan Land Economic Survey. Both J. Herbert Burgy and Moina Prator will carry on research in special aspects of the cotton industry. Clarence E. Koeppe will be in Canada and John L. Page in Mexico making first-hand studies for climatological summaries of broad scope, intended eventually to have a place in Köppen's new work. Ethel Simkins is travelling by motor to gain a general knowledge of the United States before she starts her agricultural study.

SPECIAL STUDY

WALLACE R. ATWOOD has been awarded a fellowship by the Institute of International Education and will be a student at the University of Zürich in the autumn. He sails for England the last of June with Dr. and Mrs. Atwood, will attend the Meeting of the International Geography Congress there, and then proceed to Germany where he plans to make himself sufficiently familiar with the spoken language to understand something of what will go on at Zürich.

Ina Yoakley will spend the summer in travel before returning to normal school work. Her itinerary promises to show her almost everything between the Rio Grande and Alaska. It was at the instance of Julia Shipman that she came to Clark, persuaded that a year

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

The success of the second world cruise of the "Floating University" now seems assured. Dr. Ridgley will be in charge of geography, and John Page and George Means will act as his assistants.

Dr. Rollin S. Atwood has been appointed Associate Professor of Geography in the University of Florida at Gainesville.

Dr. Malcolm H. Bissell is teaching for the summer at the University of Southern California.

Harriet E. Lee will be Instructor in Geography at Wellesley College next year.

Edith Hoyt has accepted an appointment at Marietta College in her home town of Marietta, Ohio.

of professional study would be more valuable than wider travel.

Ethel Simkins, our favorite British spy, has borrowed companions from Vassar and Bryn Mawr, purchased a shiny Chevrolet, and set out to see how oats, peas, beans and barley grow in the United States before she undertakes her thesis, on an agricultural subject, under the direction of Dr. Baker. She will visit most of the national parks, and expects to see a good deal in between, but will probably avoid Chicago. What with everyone driving left-handed in England we worried a little about her operators' license examination, but the inspector was young and impressionable and she got by. If she doesn't turn out to let any big bridges past, we'll doubtless have a stimulating reunion in the fall.

Olive Thomas will move, next fall, to the University of Rochester.

Carol Mason is to be at Milwaukee-Downer College.

Robert W. Rucker will return to teach at Illinois State Normal University.

Adelphia Mitchell will instruct at Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas.

Dr. Langdon White leaves Miami University to take the chairmanship of the Department of Geography at Randolph Macon College, Lynchburg, Virginia.

George W. Schlesselman, at the time of going to press, is still considering alternative openings.

SCHOOL NOTES

TRANSCONTINENTAL PARTY

Enrolment for the transcontinental field party, under the direction of Dr. Preston E. James of the University of Michigan (Ph. D., Clark, 1924) early exhausted the capacity of the bus engaged for the trip. Now the good news comes that a special new White bus has been made ready for the party, its capacity slightly greater than the original one, with the result that a few last-minute applicants can probably be accommodated.

Members of the party will spend the first week of Summer School in daily conference with the leader. The expedition started on July 9 and will take approximately eight weeks. Dr. Ridgley has laid out an elaborate itinerary which touches an amazing number of areas of geographic significance from coast to coast, and the party will gain both a wide general knowledge of the United States and acquaintance with a great variety of its extraordinary geographic features.

NEW YORK STATE TRIP

Guy H. Burnham will have charge of a two-weeks' field trip, leaving Worcester by bus on August 11, and having as its objectives the Catskills, Finger Lakes district, the Adirondacks, and the Hudson-Champlain lowland. The itinerary is planned to follow this route: Worcester, New York City, Albany, Plattsburgh, Potsdam, Rochester, Syracuse, Oneonta, Albany, Worcester.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Preliminary enrolment for the Summer School is approximately the same as last year at this time. There were about 250 students in the 1927 Summer School.

FALL FIELD SCHOOL

As last year, the entire School of Geography will move into camp on the opening of the University in the fall. This year the camp will be established October 1st, probably near Amherst. The party will map a section just south of the area studied last year, extending across the Connecticut valley lowlands, and including parts of the upland on each side. Urban studies will be carried out in Northampton, Amherst, and possibly Holyoke.

REGISTRATION

Applications have already been received for the admission, next fall, of more than twice the number of students that, in the opinion of the faculty, can be wisely accommodated. The international aspect of the School continues strong, however: the year just closed saw representatives with us from England and Holland, and two from China; next year there will be students from England, Sweden, Germany and Hungary.

LIBBEY PORTRAIT

Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw spoke at Commencement, presenting on behalf of Mrs. Libbey a portrait of the late Professor William Libbey of Princeton. This has been hung in the alcove of the work room where the Libbey Library is now nearly arranged.

SEA WATER STUDIES

The liberality of Mr. Shaw of Exeter, New Hampshire, has made possible the purchase of a third marine thermograph, already installed on a ship plying in the Caribbean. The records will later be correlated by Dr. Brooks in connection with his studies of sea water temperatures and their significance.

DEGREES

At Commencement on June 11, graduate degrees in geography were awarded as follows:

Rollin Salisbury Atwood, Ph. D.
Julia Mary Shipman, Ph. D.
Willem VanRoyen, Ph. D.
Floyd Franklin Cunningham, M. A.
Anna Hanratta, M. A.
Huang Yü Yung, M. A.
Harriet Elizabeth Lee, M. A.
Robert William Rucker, M. A.
George Wilhelm Schlesselman, M. A.

PUBLICATIONS

Commerce of South America by Dr. Clarence F. Jones has just been published by Ginn and Company, and advance copies are already receiving enthusiastic notices. The book is unusual in its very elaborate and successful employment of the graphic method, and this factor of easy teachability, combined with the author's distinction for thorough research in the field, promises wide acceptance of the volume both as a text and as a business reference work.

Ginn and Company have also just published Book One in the revised

INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS

PRESIDENT ATWOOD sailed, the last of June, to attend the International Geographical Congress, meeting at London and later at Cambridge. He is the delegate of the National Academy of Sciences, of the National Research Council, of the National Council of Geography Teachers, and of the Clark School of Geography. Mrs. Atwood and Wallace R. Atwood accompany him.

Dr. Atwood is scheduled to address the Congress on two subjects: "The

series of school geographies by Dr. Wallace W. Atwood and Mrs. Helen Goss Thomas. This is intended for third or fourth grade use and introduces some new but already tested methods in the teaching of elementary geography.

GRADE SCHOOL COURSES

Dr. Ridgley and Dr. Atwood have completed plans for a new course of study in geography for the schools of the City of Worcester. This will be put into operation in the fall. It is unique in providing for six continuous years of geographic study, commencing in the third grade and continuing through the eighth.

NEW PRESIDENT

At the final meeting of the Society, Clarence E. Koeppel was elected President for the next academic year. Carleton P. Barnes was a close runner-up, but Koeppel had the better campaign manager. Election of other officers was deferred, according to custom, until the fall, when new members of the school will have a voice in the voting.

Physiography of the San Juan Mountains of Colorado," and "Geographical Research and Graduate Studies in Geography."

He plans to return August 5th, and will be one of the speakers, about a month later, at the formal opening of the Grand Canyon Observation Station, when new steps in the promotion of scientific and educational interests will be inaugurated under the auspices of the National Parks Association.

MORE GEOGRAPHICAL POETRY

Our contribution in the last number from Bret Harte was so well received that we venture briefly to mention Samuel Hoffenstein's *Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing*, lately published by Boni & Liveright, and distinguished as one of those rare books of poetry that gain place among the ten best sellers. Mr. Hoffenstein's contribution to geography bears the title: "Verses Demonstrating That No Man Can Be Unhappy Amid the Infinite Variety of This World, and Giving the Reader Choice of Several Titles, the Author's Favorite Being, 'Some Play Golf and Some Do Not.'" Let this extract serve as a sample:

Oh, how various is the scene
Whereon we spend our day!—I mean,
Oh, how various is the scene
Allowed to Man for his demesne!

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The changeful world so full of things,
From happy deuces down to kings,
That each, no matter how distressed
May find some thing of in-ta-rest.

Consider first topography,
Climate and geography:
Here's the land and there's the sea;
Here's a hill and there's a valley;
Here's a street and there's an alley;
Here's a mountain capped with snow;
Yon, yes, yon's, a swell plateau;
Here's a forest full of trees;
There's a meadow full of fleas:—
Oh, how various is the scene!
(You know exactly what I mean.)
Here is Paris, there is Rome;
Hither's Newark, thither's Nome;
Here is Kansas, yonder's Cork;

Here is Cairo, there New York;
Here the heathen, slightly bored,
Hymns his freshly baptized Lord,
There's Detroit and Henry Ford:—
Oh, how various is the scene!—
(You know exactly what I mean.)
Well, here it's cold and there it's hot;
Here it's raining, there it's not;
Here it's north and there it's south;
Yon it's wet, but here, what drouth!
Here the tiger eats raw meat;
There the walrus flaps his feet;
Here it's dark and there it's light;
First comes day, and then comes night;
Here it's solid, yon it's air;
Here it's here, and there it's there:—
Oh, how various is the scene
Allowed to Man for his demesne,
So full of this and that and them,
That living is a perfect gem;
That each, no matter what his lot,
May know it's cold while he is hot;
May rapture find in deepest woe
That there it's high while he is low.

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*“From an age that is past
To an age that is waiting before.”*