

# MONUMENT TO STUDENTS WHO DIED IN WAR WITH SPAIN TO BE UNVEILED MAY 30

## Elaborate Exercises Will Mark Dedication of Memorial to University of Minnesota Boys Who Gave Their Lives in Service of the Nation.



V. O. M. VOLUNTEER MEMORIAL STATUE.



FRED C. O. SMITH, Sergeant Company M, Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.



THOMAS P. A. HOWE, Sergeant First Montana Volunteer Infantry.



GEORGE HOWARD EDWARDS, Quartermaster Sergeant, Company H, Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.



SIDNEY PRATT, Company A, Thirteenth Minnesota.



OLAF H. RASK, Lieutenant Company M, Fifteenth Minnesota Volunteer Infantry.



C. E. PAYSON COLWELL, Company H, Thirteenth Minnesota, States Marines.



HARRY LOCKE CURRIER, Corporal Company A, Thirteenth Minnesota.



AUGUST FOSS, Corporal Company H, Second Nebraska Volunteer Engineers.



LIEUTENANT CHARLES MCCLURE, Thirtieth United States Infantry.

Dedicated to the alumni and former students of the University of Minnesota who served in the United States army and navy during the war with Spain, the soldiers' monument, a life-sized figure in bronze, is to be unveiled on the morning of May 30. The exercises attendant on the ceremony are to be held on the drill ground of the university campus and a temporary platform near the site of the monument, across from the university armory, will be erected for the use of the speakers of the day, and other notables who will join with the university students in paying honor to the university men who enlisted for the Spanish war.

Elaborate exercises, to be participated in by university organizations and the entire faculty and student body, are being planned by Chairman Arthur E. Haynes of the memorial committee. Former Lieutenant Governor Rice will preside over the ceremonies, which will include speeches by Governor Johnson, former Governor Van Sant, President Northrop and J. T. Wyman. In addition Professor Haynes will tell the history of the monument,

and both the men's and women's glee clubs will sing. The university glee corps will also take part in the exercises, and it is probable that an exhibition drill will be given by the undergraduate soldiers.

### How Fund Was Raised.

The monument fund, which now amounts to about \$5,750, has been raised in the last four years thru the energy of Professor Haynes. Of this amount the regents, including the Pillsbury heirs, who gave \$1,000, contributed \$1,500; the students, \$1,000; alumni, \$750; faculty members, \$300, and from outside sources the sum of \$1,100 was raised. In addition, the state legislature appropriated \$800 to the fund, the board of regents \$300, and interest on the principal has brought in \$300.

Two tablets containing the names of 219 alumni and former students of the university who served in the army or navy during the war with Spain, are to be placed on the armory walls this week. These tablets are of bronze, and their erection on either side of the armory entrance will be the second step in three lines of work mapped out by the memorial committee.

The first step was the placing of a cannon, appropriated by the government, on the armory grounds; the second, the erection of the tablets; and

the third will be the placing in position of the soldiers' monument across Seventeenth avenue SE from the armory.

### Nine Who Died.

While the university soldiers' monument is to be dedicated to all the students of the university who served in the Spanish war, it will be in the nature of a memorial to nine of the young soldiers who died either as the result of wounds or as the result of exposure during the war. Of this number three were students when they enlisted, the other six being alumni and former students.

When war was declared many of the students who were members of the First Minnesota militia regiment volunteered for service and became members of the Thirteenth Minnesota. In Co. B among thirty-five students and former students were enrolled and this company contained more Minnesota university men than any other in the service, although every other company in the regiment numbered on its roster one or more of the men whose names are engraved on the tablets to be placed on the armory walls.

### Where Students Served.

In the Twelfth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth Minnesota regiments there was also a generous sprinkling of university students, while the rolls of other volunteer and regular army regiments and the navy rolls show fifty-seven former students enlisted.

Three of the young men who enlisted in Co. A of the Thirteenth died in the service in the Philippine islands. They were C. E. Payson Colwell, Harry L. Currier and Sidney Pratt.

C. E. Payson Colwell was a junior in the classical course at the university when he enlisted. His home was in Minneapolis and he was one of the most popular men in the university. He died in Manila, while hostilities were at their height, and his body was brought home for burial at Wyocena, Wis., the family home.

Harry L. Currier was also a junior at the university when the war broke out. He was enrolled in the mining school and he became a corporal in Co. A before he succumbed to a fever in Manila. His home was in River Falls, Wis.

Sidney Pratt was probably the best-known in Minneapolis of the university men who gave up their lives in the war. He had attended the university for two years, but was not continuing his course at the outbreak of the war. His home was in Minneapolis and he died in Manila.

### In Fifteenth Minnesota.

In Co. M of the Fifteenth regiment were two former students of the university, O. H. Rask and Fred C. O. Smith. Both of these men, the sole representatives of the Minnesota institution on the company's roster, died in the service.

Fred C. O. Smith was a freshman in the literary course at the university and one of the youngest men in his company. His home was in Pipestone and he went south with his regiment. He was taken sick in camp at Chicamanga and never recovered, dying in a Minneapolis hospital after he had been sent home on sick leave.

O. H. Rask entered the army as a lieutenant in Co. M, Fifteenth Minnesota, but afterward accepted a commission in the marines and ranked as a first lieutenant when he died, as the result of privations, in Bacoor, Philippine islands. He was the only one of the Minnesota contingent whose body was not brought home for burial and every year on May 30 a United States flag and a Minnesota pennant, sent by Professor Haynes, decorate his grave in the Philippines.

George H. Edwards of Menominee, Wis., a former student of the university, entered the Third Wisconsin infantry and served with his regiment during the campaign in Porto Rico. He became a quartermaster sergeant, but died in Coama, Porto Rico, the victim of fever.

### One Graduate Dies.

Only one Minnesota graduate, August Foss, a corporal in the Second Nebraska volunteers, died in the service. Foss was a graduate in 1897 in the engineering department, and had hardly started in his profession when a call for volunteers came and he enrolled himself with the Nebraskans. His home was in Rushford, Minn., and he died in a Min-

neapolis hospital as a result of disease contracted in the service.

Thomas P. A. Howe, a sergeant in the First Montana volunteer infantry, and a former engineering student at the university, was killed in battle at Manila, Philippine islands, Sept. 16, 1900. He was well known in Minneapolis as a civil engineer, and had charge of the erection of the stone arch bridge over the Mississippi river. His home was in Sterling, Mass., and his body was taken there for burial.

Of the nine university of Minnesota men who gave up their lives in the Spanish war, only one, Lieutenant Charles McClure, was enlisted in the regular army at the outbreak of hostilities. McClure spent three years at the university and would have graduated from the academic course in 1897 had he remained a student. He re-

ceived an appointment to the regular army, however, and died in Cuba. He was buried at the Arlington national cemetery.

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