

FIRST DEAN TEACHERS COLLEGE, PRESIDENT

Dr. Albert Ross Hill is Popular With Student Body and Admired by Educators— Sketch of His Life.

President Albert Ross Hill, whose inauguration as head of the University of Missouri, has attracted such a notable host of visitors to Columbia, combines with the sterner qualities necessary for the successful executive administration of a great university a depth of scholarship which has won the respect and admiration of other educators with a broad democracy which endears him to students. He has a winning personality, and the interest he manifests in student activities strengthens his power over the student body. He introduced the semi-weekly student assembly at the University of Missouri, championing it, for one reason, because it serves to encourage and unify the "college spirit."

Born in Nova Scotia.

Dr. Hill is a native of Nova Scotia, and got his earlier education in country schools. He had his first academic education at Dalhousie University, where he took his A. B. degree in 1892. After a year's post-graduate study at Cornell University in philosophy, Dr. Hill went abroad, and spent a year in Heidelberg, Berlin and Strassburg.

Returning to Cornell in 1894, Dr. Hill was made a fellow in Philosophy. In 1895 he received the degree of Ph. D. there.

The following summer was spent at Clark University as a student, and the University of South Carolina conferred the degree of LL. D. on him. He was professor of the Psychology of Education at the State Normal School at Oshkosh, Wis., from 1895 to 1897.

Advent at Missouri.

One year was spent at the University of Nebraska as Professor of Philosophy, and the next five years as director of the psychological laboratories. He then came to the University of Missouri where, in 1903, he was made head of the Department of Education. He organized the Teachers College here—taking the initiative in establishing "laboratories" as part of the course, and his services as dean of the College attracted widespread attention. He spent three years in that position and as teacher of Educational Psychology, from 1904 to 1907.

Cornell again demanded his services, and he was made professor of Educational Psychology there. His success won repeated honors, and he was advanced from Director of the School of Education to Dean of the College of Arts and Science. He remained at Cornell until 1908, when he was called to the presidency at the University of Missouri. He is thirty-eight years old, is married and has two daughters.

His Youthful Air.

Although young, Dr. Hill appears younger. The story is told of him, that when visiting the dormitory of the preparatory school last fall, he was mistaken for a new student and was asked if he had to stay there all night, too. His youthful appearance is due in part to his love of pure air and healthful sports. It is said that with one hour in the fresh air every day, he feels no ill effect from his long office hours.

Dr. Hill, in discussing the importance of the selection of a vocation, sometimes, relates an incident in his experience, when he was offered a \$60-a-month clerkship in a country store. Because of the poor lucrative returns from country school teaching, he nearly abandoned the profession of teaching for the seemingly more promising field of clerking.

In speaking of this instance, he said once in a talk to the Central High School of Kansas City: "Your views will change as you grow older, and you will be able to decide more wisely. Don't permit an attractive offer to divert you from the broader purposes of life." Educated in the most western of eastern universities—Cornell—he is in full sympathy with western ideas of education and college administration. There is probably no better known man to the teachers and educators of Missouri, than President Hill.

Sincerity is Convincing.

No one, even though he has but a casual acquaintance with Dr. Hill, can fail to be struck with his unusually attractive personality. He possesses that rare and subtle quality which at once establishes the feeling of perfect confidence, not only in his intelligence, but also in his honesty and sincerity. And this impression develops into conviction, as acquaintance deepens into intimacy. As a friend, he is loyal, sympathetic, every ready to help, to encourage, and, if necessary, to criticize. His criticism, however, is always that of sympathetic, intelligent understanding, and, quick to appreciate a problem, whether it be his own or that of another, he brings to its solution a comprehensive, intelligent grasp, clear thinking, and absolute sincerity of purpose. It is always constructive criti-

cism; if he finds any defects, he also sees the remedy, and with faith and courage, he labors with enthusiasm to organize, to improve, to broaden. It is the faith of the man in ultimate success, his belief that the right will be done, that is so inspiring to those who labor with him; that calls out all that is best and strongest in those who come under his leadership.

A Leader of Men.

He is a leader in the truest sense of the word, not a driver. The gift is his to inspire with enthusiasm and loyalty, not to alienate; to encourage, not to dishearten; to strengthen, not to weaken. So thoughtless is he of self, that he disarms selfishness in others; so fair and just, that wrongdoing cannot thrive about him; so truth-loving himself, that sham and trickery can do no harm. It is his idealism, combined with clear insight into the practical limitations of conditions, that explains his unusual success as an administrator.

Indefatigable in industry, sparing himself neither labor nor time when work is to be done, forceful, intelligent, aggressive in the best sense, believing in the good of others, never lacking faith, sincere, courteous, kindly, generous—these are the qualities that make President Hill a great leader and a rare man.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT FOR WATERWAYS BILL

Comprehensive Improvement Plan Will Be Outlined.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—It is generally believed that the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and kindred associations in session here will define a comprehensive plan for waterways improvement. A bill to be prepared soon probably will be introduced in Congress after the holidays.

Hundreds of representative business men, governors and statesmen who are attending the sessions are enthusiastic over the outlook. J. W. Van Cleave, president of the National Manufacturers' Association, was the principal speaker yesterday. He declared that the manufacturers of the entire country favor waterways improvement.

DR. RILEY'S MONOGRAPH

Teacher of Sociology Writes of the Missouri Poor Law.

Dr. T. J. Riley, of the department of sociology of the University of Missouri, has just completed a monograph on "The History of the Poor Law and of Poor Relief in Missouri." This history has been prepared for the Carnegie Institution as a part of its "Social History of the United States." It deals primarily with the territorial and state enactments for the care of dependent children, paupers, vagrants, the insane, the feeble-minded and epileptic, the deaf and the blind.

Castro in Venezuela.

By United Press. BORDEAUX, France, Dec. 11.—President Castro of Venezuela has landed here without opposition. He was cordially greeted by local officials. It is believed that this indicates a settlement of the dispute between France and Venezuela.

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