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“Rugged and cliff defended,
Always they daunt the dalesman;
Silent, serene, splendid,
Ever they call the trailsman.”

—*Guiterman*

ALUMNI NUMBER

NOTES

A sixty-page mimeographed summary of Hann's Handbook of Climatology (Ward Translation) has been prepared by the class in climatology and is on sale by the Home Study Dep't. for \$1.00.

Dr. C. B. Fawcett, of the University of London, will be in residence during the fall semester of next year. We anticipate that he will give lecture courses on "Geography of the British Empire" and "Continental Europe". Dr. Fawcett is one of the most eminent of the British geographers. He developed a strong department at the University of Leeds, and has recently been called to the chair in London.

Clark is especially fortunate in having as a member of the staff during the first semester of next year, Mr. George Young, son of Sir George Young. Mr. Young has been for more than twenty years associated with the British Embassies in various leading capitals of the world, including Washington, Madrid, Constantinople, and Belgrade. He is a specialist in political science and international relations, and will offer regular courses of instruction

THE SUMMER SESSION

The Summer School offers a six weeks session from Monday, June 30, to Friday, August 8. Geography courses will be given by Dr. Ridgley, Dr. Jones, Mr. Burnham, and Dean Little, of the regular faculty, and by Dr. Koeppe and Dr. Shipman, as visiting professors. Professor Bye will return for History work for the fourth summer and Dr. Howe, of the University of Cincinnati, will give courses in United States History. Dr. Brandenburg gives courses in Economics.

Saturday Field Trips are planned for Geography and History during the session. These field trips, which will be industrial in character, are to be

in the Department of History and International Relations. He is a charming speaker, and his work will undoubtedly be very attractive and valuable to students of geography.

President Atwood spent Friday, April 25th with Dr. Albert LaFleur at the Ball Teachers College, Muncie, Indiana. In the afternoon he addressed a general meeting of those interested in the organization of teaching of geography.

On the evening of April 26th President Atwood attended a meeting of the Detroit Alumni, at which Dr. Preston E. James, Mr. Carl Holzhauser, and Dr. S. Van Valkenburg, all of whom have been associated with our Clark School of Geography, were present. The balance of the group were graduates of Clark College.

As we go to press, word has been received that Dr. Jones has been appointed Lecturer in Geography at Wellesley College for the autumn semester of 1930-1931. Dr. Jones will give a combination seminar and lecture course on the Geography of South America.

organized more completely this summer than in previous years. Dr. Langdon White will conduct the Transcontinental Field Trip of eight weeks. After the close of the Summer School, Professor Bye will conduct a field trip of two weeks through the historic scenes of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia. Professor Howe, of New Britain, Connecticut, will conduct a field trip of three weeks in New England and Maritime Canada. Mrs. Isabelle K. Hart, of Oswego, New York, will conduct a New England Field Trip of two weeks for New York State teachers.

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WHERE ARE THE ALUMNI?

Paul Huffington, (A.M. 1929), is Head of the Department of Geography State Teachers' College at Bridgewater, Massachusetts. Mr. Huffington says that he is pleasantly situated and likes his work very much.

Ruth E. Baugh, (Ph.D. Clark 1929), is busily at work at the University of California at Los Angeles. Among various activities, Dr. Baugh is organizing a new course, "The Geographic Basis of Human Society." She also attended the inauguration ceremonies of Dr. Shantz as Pres. of the University of Arizona, as the official Clark delegate.

Malcolm H. Essell of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles writes that he is making a study of the Iron and Steel Industry of the Pacific Coast. Other studies that are under way are concerned with the motor traffic and paleoclimatology. Dr. Bissell gives courses in Geography in the Summer Session and during the regular year he teaches geology.

Maude Cottingham Martin, (A.M. 1926), is pleasantly located in the Junior High School, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

"Distribution of Precipitation in Relation to the Floods of the Mississippi Basin in 1927" by Dr. J. E. Switzer appeared in the Proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Sciences 1928. The author of the article is also busy on research on, "Land Utilization in the Bloomington Area," and "The Utilization of Our Inland Waterways." Dr. Switzer was elected President of the Indiana Chapter of Sigma Xi for 1929-30. He will conduct classes at the University of North Dakota for the summer session of 1930 after which visits will be made to Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks and the Black Hills of South Dakota.

John L. Page, (Ph.D. 1929), Associate in Geography at the University of Illinois will teach during the summer session in the Agricultural and Mechanical College at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Dr. Page's dissertation appeared as a supplement to the *Monthly Weather Review*.

Marion Lee Webster is head of the Department of Geography of the State Normal School at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Nels A. Bengtson, (Ph.D. Clark 1927), Head of the Department of Geography, University of Nebraska is actively engaged in several projects. The October 1929 issue of *School Science and Mathematics* carried Dr. Bengtson's article, "High School Geography to Be or not to Be," and the January 1930 issue of the *Bulletin of the Geographic Society of Philadelphia* contained another article from his pen, "Significant Geographic Aspects of the Exploratory Period of Central America."

Guy H. Burnham, (A.M. 1922), is still "carrying on" at his old stand in the Geography Workroom at Clark. His congenial spirit and helpful suggestions go a long way in making the students feel at home.

Robert G. Buzzard heads the Department of Geography at the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. This coming summer he will conduct his fifth annual study tour of 4,000 miles through the Eastern States. A visit to Clark is included in the itinerary.

Edna Campbell who left Clark in March for a trip thru Europe was forced to return to her home in Chicago on account of illness. At the present writing she is much improved and is living at 840 Roscoe Street, Chicago. "Our City—Chicago" of which Miss Campbell is senior author has just come from the press of the Century Company. This book is a coordination of Civics and Geography, designed to be used in the public schools of Chicago.

Burton Clark is now engaged in extensive research problems which take him to Washington, D. C. Dr. Clark was a student at Clark in 1925.

Flemin W. Cox writes that he is pleasantly situated at the Southern Illinois State Normal University at Carbondale. Mr. Cox gives work in both Regional Geography and Physiography.

Ina Cullom Robertson, (A.M. 1924), sends us her greetings from the State Teachers' College at Valley City, North Dakota.

On March 8, 1930 occurred a very pretty church wedding when Miss Sarah Jo Domingos became the wife of Carleton P. Barnes (Ph.D. 1929). After a short honeymoon in the southern States, Dr. and Mrs. Barnes returned to their home in Washington, D. C. Dr. Barnes is connected with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

George F. Howe, (A.M. 1924), has been a strong force in developing a new and progressive spirit in Geography throughout the State of Connecticut. Last year's activities included a New York-Canadian Field Trip for Connecticut Teachers and this coming summer he will be the conductor of the second Maritime Provinces Field Trip from Clark University. Aside from wide extension activities Mr. Howe directs the work in Geography at the State Normal School at New Britain, Connecticut.

Margaret Means, (A.M. 1929), is teaching Physical and Economic Geography in the Bloomington High School, Bloomington, Illinois. Miss Means will return to Clark this summer for further study.

Isabelle K. Hart (A.M. 1927), Supervisor of Geography in the State Normal School, Oswego, New York, collaborated with Dr. Atwood and Mrs. Thomas in the New York Edition of their Fourth Grade text, "Home Life in Far Away Lands." Mrs. Hart is one of the most active teachers of Geography in New York State. Not only has she been prominent on several programs of the New York State Teachers' Association, but she will also conduct a New England Field Trip during the coming summer for New York Teachers. Her "All New York" trip of last year was so popular that she was asked to give another this summer.

Langdon White, (Ph.D. 1925), Professor of Geography-Randolph-Macon Woman's College, Lynchburg, Virginia—will conduct the Transcontinental Field Trip for Clark this summer.

Preston E. James, (Ph.D. 1923), Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Michigan, has made a study of the regions around Vicksburg, Mississippi and Statesville, North Carolina. His article, "The Blackstone Valley; A Study in Chorography in South New England" appeared in a recent issue of the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*.

Eugene Van Cleef, (Ph.D. 1926), Professor of Geography at Ohio State University is the author of a recent book, "The Story of the Weather." Dr. Van Cleef is also at work on problems pertaining to Urban Geography.

Clyde Bollinger returned at the close of the first semester to his position as Head of the Department of Geography in the University of Oklahoma. An article by Mr. Bollinger, "A Population Map of Oklahoma in 1920" appeared in the April issue of the *Geographical Review*.

On May 24 a very pretty home wedding took place in Baltimore which is of interest to all *Monadnock* readers. Mr. C. L. Cox of that city gave his daughter, Miss Ruth L. Cox in marriage to Rollin Salisbury Atwood, elder son of Pres. and Mrs. Atwood of Clark University. Miss Cox is a graduate of Goucher College, class of 1924 and a member of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Mr. Atwood received his Bachelor's degree at the University of Chicago in 1924. He took both his Master's and Doctor's at Clark in 1925 and 1928 respectively. At Chicago Mr. Atwood was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

During the past two years Dr. Atwood has been Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Florida and recently was appointed Assistant Dean of the College of Commerce and Journalism in the same University.

Margaret C. Walker, 2122 Lakeshore Drive, Oakland, California is Assistant Professor in Geography at Mills College. Miss Walker who writes weekly Astronomical Articles for the Oakland Tribune enjoyed recently nearly four months of travel in the Orient, South Seas and Australia.

William Van Royen, (Ph.D. 1928), at present secretary for the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce, New York City, will give courses in Geography at the University of Nebraska during the Summer Session.

E. Viola Grove who was a student at Clark during the Autumn Semester is teaching Geography in the Poughkeepsie High School, Poughkeepsie, New York. Miss Grove is a candidate for a degree in August.

During the summer of 1929, Prof. and Mrs. C. F. Moses of Muskingum College travelled more than 10,000 miles throughout the west. They visited Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake region, Zion-Bryce National Park and the Grand Canyon Region. Yosemite Valley, Crater Lake, Mt. Rainier and the Black Hills proved interesting places as well.

Mrs. Cecil Lewis Rew (nee Winifred Ridgley) has resigned her position as Secretary to Dean Howes of Williams College to accompany her husband to the University of Illinois where he will work toward his doctor's degree in French.

Marion B. Forsythe, (A.M. 1927), Supervisor of Geography in the State Normal School, Potsdam, New York collaborated with Dr. Atwood and Mrs. Thomas in their publication for Fifth Grade Geography in the State of New York. Miss Forsythe is also a co-author with Drs. Ridgley and Koeppel in the publication of Geography Notebooks for the new State Course of Study. It is well to see a Clark Alumna so actively at work with the pen as well as in the State Teachers' Association, where at various meetings Miss Forsythe takes a prominent part.

Dr. Otis W. Freeman is Professor of Geography in the State Normal School, Cheney, Washington. His article, "The Economic Geography of Hawaii" appeared in a recent issue of *Economic Geography*. A forthcoming book from the pen of Dr. Freeman is "The Geography of Washington."

Edwin J. Foscue is Assistant Professor of Geography at the Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Last summer Mr. and Mrs. Foscue conducted their second Caribbean Cruise, visiting Cuba, Panama and Guatamala. Mr. Foscue with Dr. John O. Beaty of the same University published a book, "Outline Maps for English Literature." He will return to Clark next year for further study.

James Glasgow, (A.M. 1929), is connected with the firm McKnight and McKnight at Bloomington, Illinois. Mr. Glasgow was married to Miss Ruth Adams of Normal, Illinois, at Chicago, in August 1929.

Katheryne C. Thomas, (A.M. 1925), who studied at Clark during the first semester, has returned to her position at the State Teachers' College, Buffalo, New York.

Harriet E. Lee is teaching assistant in the Geography Department at Wellesley College. During the past year she was elected to the Cornell Chapter of Sigma Xi. This summer Miss Lee will make an extended tour of the continent of Europe.

W. R. McConnell, (Ph.D. 1925), while on sabbatical leave from his academic duties at Miami University, did field work in the southwestern part of the United States. Dr. McConnell attended the dedication ceremony at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Mabel F. Ripley, (A.M. 1927), is instructor in Geography in the Western State Teachers College, Kalamazoo.

The engagement of Dorothy Vernon Noble, (A.M. 1926) Assistant Instructor in Geography for the past three years at Mt. Holyoke College, to Mr. E. Bennett Brooks of New York City, has been announced.

R. W. Rucker, (A.M. 1928), Head of the Department of Geography and Physical Sciences at the State Teachers' College, Hyannis, Massachusetts, will teach this summer at the Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Ill.

H. Harrison Russell, (Ph.D. 1926), is completing his fourth year in the State Teachers' College, Bloomsburg, Pa. For the past two years, Dr. Russell has acted as Chairman of the Committee on Revision of Normal School Geography of Pennsylvania. He is also co-author of the Ridgley-Russell-Harr Test in Geography which has recently appeared.

Clark University welcomes Dr. Julia M. Shipman as Professor in Geography for the Summer Session. During the past year, Dr. Shipman has been connected with the University of Nebraska and will go to Mt. Holyoke College as Assistant Professor in Geography.

Bessie A. Merritt, (A.M. 1928), located in the Senior High School, Fredonia, New York is continuing her interest in Geography by working on the subject, "Changes in the Agriculture in Sheridan Township, New York.

Lois Keller, (A.M. 1929), writes that she is enjoying her work this year in the Shaker Heights High School, Cleveland, Ohio as teacher of Geography. Miss Keller and Miss Neva McDavitt are planning a trip to the Pacific coast this summer. Miss McDavitt was a classmate of Miss Keller's and is Instructor in Nature Study and Geography in the Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois.

Mrs. C. Marsingall Thomas, (nee Irene J. Curnow), 3 Grosvenor Gardens, Muswell Hill, London, England, before returning to England with her husband, addressed the Malayan Teachers' Association on, "As Seen on the Map." Another article by Mrs. Thomas is, "Some Contrasts in Standard Topographic Maps," which appeared late in 1929.

Carl F. Holzhouer, (A.M. 1928), is teaching Geography in the North Eastern High School at Detroit, Michigan. The school in which Mr. Holzhouer is located is one of the newest ones in the city.

Albert La Fleur who took his Ph.D. from Clark in June 1929, is now head of the Department of Science at Ball Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana.

Burton M. Varney, (Ph.D. 1925), Associate Professor of Geography in the University of California at Los Angeles, has been re-elected Councilor of the American Meteorological Society. In addition to teaching three courses on Climatology, Dr. Varney has contributed a section on "Meteorology and Climatology, to the "American Yearbook" published by the *New York Times*. His article "Origin and Development of the United States Weather Bureau" contributed to "Uncle Sam's History of the United States" is in course of publication by the United States History Association.

George Schlesselman, (A.M. 1928), is teaching geography in Hillsdale College, Mich., where he is substituting for Eric P. Jackson, who is at present a French Field Service Fellow at the University of Grenoble, France.

Helen Goss Thomas who has devoted the year to writing and to Harvard University Extension Work, expects to sail for Europe on June 17, for a tour of five months.

Dr. Arthur John Sibelka-Perleburg of Budapest had the Silver Cross for Jerusalem Pilgrimage conferred on him this year. At present he is connected with the Central Statistical Office of Hungary. "The Ages of Legislatures—Geographic Distribution of the Jews" is one of his recent articles while the study of, "The Geography of Palestine" is one of his present research problems.

Floyd F. Cunningham, who is located at the State Teachers College at Florence, Alabama, presented a very interesting paper entitled "The Status of Geography in the State Teachers Colleges of the United States" at the National Council of Geography Teachers.

J. Herbert Burgy will return to the University of Illinois where he was associate Professor of Geography during the past year. Mr. Burgy will teach at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, during the second summer term.

Miss Edith M. Fitton attended the May meetings of the American Meteorological Society in Washington, D. C.

The death of Flora E. Otis, a member of the European Field Trip occurred this winter at her home in Oswego, New York. Miss Otis was an old member of the Oswego Normal School and was known to Clark students who have attended Summer School and the members of the European Tour.

Mr. M. F. Burrill (M.A. 1926) will give courses in Physiology and Regional Geography at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., during the Summer Session.

Beginning with the Fall Semester Miss Zeller becomes associated with the Eastern Illinois State Teachers' College at Charleston, as Instructor in Geography. Miss Zeller was a member of the first Transcontinental Field Trip in 1928.

Dear Geographers,

Doubtless you know that the blue-ribbon steamship, BREMEN, (which brought us safe to Bremerhaven on record time) has already surrendered first place to her sister ship, the EUROPA. But we don't care. Like her loyal stewards, we consider the BREMEN the last word in all that contributes to joy and comfort in ocean travel.

Between Bremerhaven where we landed and the city of Bremen, a distance of nearly fifty miles, the country is flat and beautifully cultivated. It is green along the Weser to the river's edge. On the outskirts of Bremen and of other cities we noticed groups of little gardens, every one with its own tiny garden-house. The garden-house, though small, was large enough in some cases to accommodate over night the family of the man who rented it. Here comes the man when his day's work is done to raise vegetables and flowers for himself, and to sell. And here comes his family to help, and to enjoy out-of-door life. There is much to enjoy for, usually, these little garden colonies occupy a site on a river bank or on the side of a terraced hill from which the view is beautiful.

The streets of the cities and the towns through which the railway passes are, like the fresh green fields, noticeably clean. A maid with a broom seems to have just gone that way. Even the coal yards, the brick yards, the spaces around factories present the same evidence of strivings after orderliness.

Automobiles are increasing in number yet, so few are they in Dresden, that often the streets look forsaken. It is said that a German automobile will stand the wear and tear of thirty years' use—as if any body wanted it to! Still, that wouldn't be so bad in the case of the "Opel," a cunning little machine made here, smaller and stronger than our "Ford" and charming to the eye.

Yesterday we saw a young woman down a main thoroughfare while beside her sat a large handsome dog wearing goggles.

The people here are very fond of animals and birds and flowers. Crocuses were opening their eyes ten days driving an open car at good speed ago, as were snow-flowers, March bells, violets, and pansies. Even without flowers the well kept lawns and tidy back yards would please our American eyes. The people themselves appear strong and sturdy. Even the babies have cheeks like winter apples; and it is surprising to find many men and women in the seventies and the eighties with rosy cheeks and enviable complexions.

Some say that the health and the rosiness here are due to the climate. Perhaps. The days so far have all been mild and sunny tempting sojourners as well as natives to walks and seats in the Grosser Garten, or to drives to places of special beauty in the neighborhood; of the latter, Dresden offers many.

One of your Massachusetts jurists when congratulated on having reached his seventieth birthday replied, "Seventy is the best age yet; hurry up and get there." Let me paraphrase by saying, Dresden is the most delightful German city yet; hurry up and get here.

With cordial greetings to everybody,
FANNY R. SMITH.

George S. Corfield who has chosen as his thesis "The Geography of Aruba, D.W.L.", will spend the summer in the West Indies, and the northern part of South America. While in Venezuela he will study the Petroleum Industry of the Maracaibo Basin. He expects to return home by the way of Trinidad, Barbados and the Virgin Islands.

SWISS-AMERICAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN GEOGRAPHY

In the spring of 1928 Wallace R. Atwood and George Schlesselman were awarded Swiss-American Exchange Fellowships which enabled them to pursue graduate studies at the Geographical Institute of the University of Zurich. Before the University opened in the fall they made an extensive tour of eastern Europe crossing the great plains of Hungary and reaching the city of Belgrade. While in Switzerland

many things of great geographic interest and returned with several hundred pictures of the countries and peoples which they visited. One of the most interesting portions of the trip took them far into the Sahara desert where they traveled in their small car for several hundred kilometers across the dune wastes which for so many centuries have been traversed only by camel caravans.



SWISS-AMERICAN EXCHANGE FELLOWS ENROUTE THROUGH THE SAHARA. MR. SCHLESSELMAN IS SEEN STANDING BY THE ENGINE. PHOTO TAKEN BY MR. ATWOOD.

they took many excursions into the high Alps, often going by auto, under the leadership of Swiss professors. During the winter months ski tours were planned which gave them excellent opportunities to see the winter landscape while enjoying the national sport.

During the two and a half month inter-semester vacation, the wandering geographers made a complete circuit of the western Mediterranean region by auto. Their route led through Switzerland, France, Spain, Gibraltar, Spanish Morocco, French Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Sicily and Italy. They saw

Following the completion of the academic year at the University of Zurich, Mr. Schlesselman returned to America, but Mr. Atwood remained in France for the next summer and winter. During that time he made a physiographic study of the Causes of southern France, which he has presented at Clark as a Doctor's dissertation. Under the guidance of Professor Emmanuel de Martonne, with whom Mr. Atwood studied while at the Sorbonne, he has prepared a paper on ancient glaciation which is being published in the *Annals de Geographic*.

FACULTY NOTES

During the last few days of March and the first week of April President Atwood made a hurried trip to California. En route he stopped in New York to address the Metropolitan Geographical Club of New York City. The next stop was in Washington for conferences regarding his summer work in the National Parks. He also stopped at Tucson, Arizona, where he was the guest of Dr. Homer L. Shantz, President of the University of Arizona, and a friend of all Clark people. President Atwood addressed a meeting at the University of Arizona, and on the following day he left with President Shantz and drove by automobile to Los Angeles.

At the University of California at Los Angeles both President Atwood and President Shantz were delegates to the ceremonies associated with the dedication of the new campus and plant for the University. They were both scheduled to speak at educational meetings held in connection with the celebration. Geography sectional meetings, at which they both spoke, were arranged by Doctors Varney and Baugh, both of whom have their Doctors' degrees from Clark. Miss McLellan, who has been on our Summer School faculty, was active at the conference, and Dr. Bissell, who is now teaching at the University of Southern California was present. Several others in attendance had been at Clark University at one time or another, and through luncheon and dinner engagements many social conferences were held.

On his return from Los Angeles Dr. Atwood visited the Sequoia National Park, and stopped at San Francisco for a conference with National Park supporters and officers.

Miss Ellen C. Semple was forced by ill health to give up her teaching last November and since then has been at the Memorial Hospital. She is seriously ill and does not expect to return

to her classroom work. We all cherish the hope that she may regain strength to continue some of her writing and enjoy seeing her friends who can come to her.

Dr. Brooks is still much occupied with the Gulf Stream and the Climates of North America with Miss Fitton as right hand man. The paper, "Gulf Stream Daily Thermograms across the Straits of Florida," presented at the Des Moines and Columbus meetings has been expanded and submitted for publication in the *Monthly Weather Review*. With Miss Fitton as joint author, a third paper, on the weekly succession of Gulf Stream temperatures, will be finished in time for presentation at the May 3rd meeting of the American Meteorological Society at Washington. A little study of Gulf Stream temperature and salinity profiles, based on observations made last April will also be presented at this time before the American Geophysical Union.

The climates of North America are now so well along that the United States section will probably be sent to Dr. Koeppen June 1st, and the other sections during the summer. The checking of tables, and the preparation of maps, in which the climatological class has been a great help, are being pushed to a conclusion. Owing, apparently, to his participation in the international project of which this is a part, Dr. Brooks has just been invited to join the International Climatological Commission.

Dr. Ridgley attended the February meeting of the Department of Superintendents of the National Education Association at Atlantic City. This winter meeting is one of the most important educational gatherings of the year. It emphasizes the administrative phases of education with special reference to the problems of school superintendents.

Numerous other educational organizations have their annual meetings at the same time and place as the Department of Superintendents. The National Society for the Study of Education is one of the outstanding affiliated organizations. Each year this society publishes a Yearbook and gives two full evening sessions to the discussion of its contents. The two sessions of the Society this year were spirited discussions on the report of 700 pages made by the special committee on arithmetic. Announcement was made that plans were under way for the Yearbooks of

1931 and 1932, and that there was a probability that the Yearbook of 1933 would be devoted to Geography.

At this February meeting a great exhibit hall is devoted to displays of publishers and manufacturers who produce material for school use. Map publishing companies present comprehensive displays of maps, globes, and other visual aids for geography, history, and other studies. Any student or teacher will be repaid for attendance at this February meeting whenever the opportunity is afforded.

PLANNING SOUTH AMERICA FIELD TRIP

If present plans materialize, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence F. Jones will conduct a Caribbean field party of eight weeks during the summer of 1931. The itinerary will include the Virgin Islands, most of the islands of the Lesser Antilles, northern Venezuela from Caracas to Valencia, and Puerto Cabello, the Dutch West Indies, The Santa Mar'a Banana and the Coffee Region of Colombia, the Panama Canal, Jamaica and Cuba.

At the present time, the finishing touches are being put upon the volume "South America" by Dr. Jones. This volume of about 800 pages, 50 chapters, and 335 illustrations, will

come from the press, by Henry Holt & Company, in May. It is a general treatment of the geography of South America from the standpoint of geographic regions, though the identity of the several political units has been maintained. It is a consummation of seven years of study and research work on South America, and of two periods of travel in the continent.

In addition to a course in South America and one in the geographic aspects of foreign trade, Dr. Jones is giving an Extension Class to 116 teachers of Worcester, on the Geographic Influences of American history.

VISITING EUROPE

Dr. Ekblaw and his family left Sunday afternoon, April 27, for Europe, sailing from Boston on the Red Star steamer "ARABIC". They will land at Cobh (Queenstown) and tour Ireland for a week; then they will cross from Dublin to Holyhead for a month in England; thence to Norway for a week in Sogne Fjord and by rail to Oslo; thence to Gothenburg and by the Göta canal to Stockholm, where they will make their headquarters for a month while they travel over Sweden and to the Baltic republics; thence southward across Denmark and Germany to Munich in southern Bavaria where Mrs. Ekblaw and the children stay while Doctor Ekblaw goes to Russia for the

International Soil Congress and a two month's tour of Soviet Russia, including Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan. They will return through Switzerland, down the Rhine Valley, cross Holland, Belgium, the battlefields of Northern France, and England to Liverpool, and thence by the northern route through the Straits of Belle Isle and up the St. Lawrence to Montreal.

It is Doctor Ekblaw's sabbatical year. In the countries that he visits he intends to study, particularly, the vegetation, soils, and land utilization in their relation to the life of the people. He will return to Clark in October and take up his regular classes again in February.

NATIONAL MEETING OF GEOGRAPHERS

The annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers and of the National Council of Geography Teachers will be held next winter at Clark University. The meetings of the Association will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, December 29th, 30th, and 31st. The National Council meetings will come on Friday and Saturday of the preceding week, December 26th and 27th.

We want to make these meetings just as successful from a professional standpoint, and as enjoyable as possible.

Members of the staff and all of the Alumni of Clark should look upon this opportunity during the tenth year in the history of the Clark School of Geography as a very delightful and appropriate way to celebrate our Decennial by serving as hosts to the National organizations of geographers. It is our desire that the members of the Clark School of Geography will be here and assist us in entertaining the guests, and we hope that many of you will contribute to the program.

LECTURES

During the winter Dr. R. DeC. Ward, climatologist of Harvard University, gave a very interesting lecture on his trip around the world in 1929, giving special attention to the climatic element at the various places visited in the trip. Slides were used to give a more vivid picture of human adjustment to climatic conditions.

The securing of men like Dr. Ward for special lecture work is a special feature of the program at Clark and is looked forward to by both students and faculty.

The faculty and students of geography enjoyed five lectures given by Dr. George B. Cressey of Shanghai College, China during March and April. Dr. Cressey comes to us after having spent six years in travel and teaching in China and has a knowledge of that region which few Americans possess.

In the lectures by Dr. Cressey, attention was given to geographic regions and their influence on human life. Contrasts were made between North and South China; unfavorable conditions for life in the land of the nomad were cited; and the natural resources and future of China discussed. These lectures were supplemented by the use of slides which added greatly in giving a touch of the real life conditions of the Chinese people.

THE STUDENT GROUP

MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY RECEIVING DEGREES AT THE JUNE COMMENCEMENT.

Doctor of Philosophy:

Wallace Richards Atwood, J. Herbert Burgy, Meredith Frederic Burrill, Floyd F. Cunningham, Bert Hudgins.

Master of Arts:

Katherine Bishop Clarke, Franklin Carl Erickson, Elizabeth Emory Gregory, Harry Kennedy Hutter, Theresa Francis McQueeny, Vina Elizabeth Spence, Anthony Joseph West, Rose Zeller.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

One of the most pleasant activities of the year, the reception of faculty and graduate students outside the Geography Department, was given by the Geography Students, March 8th, 1930. Each graduate group put on a "stunt" which added greatly to the occasion. Throughout the evening dancing and cards were enjoyed.

During the last week in May the members of the staff and the graduate students enjoyed a picnic supper at Shady Lawn, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Titus of South Hadley. During October 1929, the Connecticut Valley Field Party enjoyed the hospitality of the Titus home.