

Helen Hoitt Atherton to become instructor in Music.

W. Nelson Golden, to become instructor in Physical Education.

James C. Jeffery, to become assistant in Physical Education.

Prof. Gardner to Teach Agronomy.

Prof. Frank D. Gardner, who has been connected with the Agricultural department in Washington for several years, has been secured to fill the chair of agronomy left vacant by Prof. Gilmore, who is now at the head of the new agricultural college in Hawaii.

He is well fitted to take up this work. He has been soil expert in the Agricultural Department for many years. For the last few years he has had charge of soil management in the bureau of soils.

Mr. Gardner is a native of Illinois. He was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1890 and for four years thereafter held the chair of assistant professor of agriculture. In 1895 he went to Washington as one of the organizers of the bureau of soils. This position he retained until 1901, when he was sent to Porto Rico to establish the government experiment station on that island.

He was detailed by Secretary Wilson for this important work on account of his long experience and special fitness. Notwithstanding the primitive state of agriculture and the discouraging conditions which existed on that island at that time, he succeeded pre eminently in establishing a flourishing station there and in bringing about a more modern method of agriculture than had ever existed there before. After remaining director of the Porto Rico station for three years Mr. Gardner returned, at his own request, to the bureau of soils in Washington, where he remained until his resignation a few days ago to take up his new work. During his connection with

the bureau of soils he has traveled extensively over the United States, making a study of the different types of soils. Much of his time has been given to the study of the arid and alkaline soils in the far west.

Mr. Gardner has won a wide prominence in the scientific world. He is a member of several national scientific organizations, among which are the Biological Society, the National Agronomic Association and the National Geographic Society. He is also president of the University of Illinois Club of the District of Columbia.

Prof. George's Appointment.

Prof. H. C. George, who was graduated from the College in 1904, was recently engaged as head of the Wisconsin State Mining Trade School, and on Aug. 31 opened the fall term in the institution. Previous to that time he revised the course of study, and issued a bulletin on the advantages of the school.

For three years after graduation Prof. George was in charge of the engineering department of the Western University of Pennsylvania. Last year he was connected with the Wisconsin Mining school. His practical work in the Wisconsin mining district, in addition to his experience in college work, is certain to make him a strong man for the position.

Gifts to the College During the Past Year.

At Commencement the following gifts were announced as having been made during the past year.

For the erection of the Engineering Extension building the following gentlemen donated one thousand dollars each: Andrew Carnegie, James L. Hamill, W. M. Ritter, Isaac T. Mann, and J. G. White. The following sums were donated toward the erection of the Mining Extension building: Andrew Car-

negie, \$5000; George F. Huff, \$2500; D. M. Clemson, \$1000; Berwind White Coal company, \$1000; Alfred Hicks, \$1000; John H. Jones, \$1000; W. P. Snyder, \$1000.

Growth of Women's Department.

Being a state institution, supported by the tax payers of Pennsylvania under an agreement with the Federal Government, the educational advantages of The Pennsylvania State College have always been available to men and women on equal terms.

The first woman graduate was Miss Rebecca H. Ewing who died in 1874. The nature of the foundation of the College, 'in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions of life,' naturally gave it a trend toward industrial and scientific courses of study which were not attractive to women. The liberal arts were not excluded but were overshadowed. The recent development and adjustment of the various studies connected with Domestic Science and Art have brought new possibilities to education and by their scientific aspect form a needed link between the practical and the cultural in education. Domestic Science was long discussed in the programs of various women's clubs of the State as a subject of popular education; and an agitation was begun, headed by Miss McKnight, President of the Federation of Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania, which resulted in an appropriation of \$12,000 made June 30, 1907, by the State Legislature for establishing a Department of Home Economics for Women at the Pennsylvania State College, and \$13,000 for renovating, altering and enlarging the dormitory for women.

This dormitory had been erected in 1889 at a cost of \$12,016.00, the money being appropriated by the Legislature of the Commonwealth.