Carleton History Department
1910-1920

Ezra Thayer Towne
Maurice Kent
Herman Justus Thorstenberg

James Howard Robinson, 1916-24
Nuba Pletcher, 1916-22
Louise Irving Capen, 1919-21


"Out beyond the pale of civilization."

David Bryn-Jones, 1920-52

Not shown:
Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard Exchange Professor, 1912
Oscar C. Helming, 1919-22
Thomas Henry Billings, 1919-20

1910-1911 (Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne was on Sabbatical)
Mr. Maurice Kent, B.S. (University of Iowa), Director of Athletics & Instructor in Physical Education, also offered American History and Industrial History of the United States courses in 1909-10. Tuesday, September 22, 1916, he married a Northfield native, Miss Margaret Blodgett, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Blodgett. He served Carleton as both coach and Athletic Director from 1909-1912, and won many friends. The couple moved to Iowa where he was Athletic Director at the University of Iowa, his alma mater, and they made their home in Iowa City.
1911-1912
Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne; Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart, Harvard Exchange Professor of History*

*Harvard Exchange Professor Program. Established in 1911 between Harvard, Beloit, Knox, Grinnell, Colorado and Carleton, a professor from Harvard divides his time during one semester among these colleges and each college may send a member of its faculty to Harvard each year. In 1920 the plan was expanded to include Pomona College, and since that date two professors, instead of one, have visited the six colleges, each professor dividing his time among three colleges. There were three History professors on the list of Harvard Exchange Professors – the 1st one, Dr. Albert Bushnell Hart (1912), the 17th one, Dr. William Scott Ferguson (1925), and the 20th one, Dr. Frederick Merk (1928). The Harvard Exchange is included in the Carleton College Catalogs until the 1932-33, but not in the 1933-34 catalog or afterwards. (7/3/07 nl) SEE THE HARVARD EXCHANGE section for COMPLETE LISTS.

September 1913, History no longer grouped with Economics, was made a single department. Dr. Towne become Professor of Economics, no longer History, although continued to teach Economic history courses. History later included Political Science, and later still, American Studies was included within the History Department, but eventually became the History department again.

1913-1914
Dr. Herman Justus Thorstenberg. (Ph.D. Yale) Member of the staff of the newly created Department of History for four years, Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne

1915-1916
Professors: Dr. Herman J. Thorstenberg, Dr. J. Howard Robinson (1916-24) (Ph.D. Columbia), Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne
Assistant Professor Nuba M. Pletcher (Ph.D. Columbia) (quarter-time at Carleton while also full-time at Shattuck-St. Mary’s)

Dr. (James) Howard Robinson chairman rapidly developed history as one of the most important departments in the College. Courses in history multiplied, concepts of history widened. New fields of study included Latin America, the Near and Far East, American, English, and European history. Became recognized as author, The Development of the British Empire. After eight years, moved to Miami University in Ohio as professor of history and later dean, then to Ohio State and Oberlin where retired in 1965 or 1966.

Professor Nuba M. Pletcher, An Introduction to Modern European History 1500-1914 Reprint of original 1915 edition by Shattuck-St. Mary's School June, 2000
This reprint was made possible by a generous gift from the Shattuck School, Class of
1955. Shattuck-St. Mary's, a co-educational college preparatory boarding and day school, is one of the oldest private schools west of the Mississippi (founded 1858) and has long been one of the best. Nuba M. Pletcher, Ph.D., was an outstanding history instructor at Shattuck from 1909 to 1963. In his honor, a small group of Shattuck alumni are republishing his admirable concise modern European history textbook, still insightful and relevant today. All proceeds from its sale are being donated to Shattuck-St. Mary's School. **Assistant Professor of Economics and History at Carleton College 1916-22**

1916-1917
Professor: Dr. J. Howard Robinson, Dr. Ezra Thayer Towne, Dr. Herman Justus Thorstenberg. (Ph.D. Yale) Member of the staff of the newly created Department of History for four years.

1917-1918
Professor: Dr. J. Howard Robinson
Assistant Professor: Nuba M. Pletcher

1918-1919 **Classical History combined with History**
Professors: Dr. J. Howard Robinson, Thomas Henry Billings (U. Chicago, Ph.D. Classicist)
Instructor: Henry Richard Mueller (Columbia, M.A. History & Political Science)

1919-1920 **Classical History combined with History**
Professors: Dr. J. Howard Robinson (Latin America, British Empire, Contemporary History), Dr. David Bryn-Jones (British Empire), Oscar C. Helming (Economics, taught Industrial/Social History of England and U.S.), Thomas Henry Billings.
Assistant Professor: **Nuba M. Pletcher** (History for teachers)
Instructor **and Chairman**: Louise I. Capen (New York, M.A.) (Modern Europe, U.S., French Revolution)

Dr. David Bryn-Jones (1920-1952) (served as Chair 1937-38). B.Sc. D.D. (University College, New South Wales, theology and political science) Professor of Economics and Political Science, Professor of International Relations on the Frank B. Kellogg Foundation, 1936-52. A native of Wales, equally at home in pulpit or classroom. Was nominally a professor of economics, dominating interest contemporary relations among world powers; brilliant lecturer. In 1925 Carleton conferred degree of Doctor of Divinity, at a time when he was sharing his professorial duties with regular preaching at Trinity Baptist Church, Minneapolis, of which he became full-time minister in 1927. Continued teaching at Carleton.