MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MILWAUKEE
ON THE DEATH OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS LEWIS ASHLEY VANTINE

Lewis Ashley Vantine, Professor Emeritus of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee, died unexpectedly at Miami, Florida, on December 26, 1958, at the age of 81. Mr. Vantine was a life-long resident of Wisconsin, where he was born, where he received most of his education, and which he served in several capacities throughout his long life. He was born in Lyons, on October 5, 1877; was graduated from the high school at Burlington; and in 1901 from the two-year elementary course of the Milwaukee Normal School, then located at Eighteenth and Wells Streets, the original school for what has become successively the Milwaukee State Teachers College, the Wisconsin State College, and the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee. He received his Ph.B. degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in June 1909; in 1905 attended summer school at the University of Chicago; and in August, 1929, received his M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Mr. Vantine taught in the schools of Wisconsin for 46 years. His varied experience fitted him admirably for his work on the campus of the Milwaukee State Teachers College and the Wisconsin State College, where for the last 33 years of his professional career he acted as supervisor of student teaching and as director of the placement bureau. For two years, 1901–1903, he taught in a rural school in southern Wisconsin; from 1903–1907, in elementary grades of the Milwaukee public schools; from 1907–1909, at the Milwaukee German-English Academy, a distinguished private school then located on Broadway Street in the building now occupied by the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

In 1909, Mr. Vantine came to what is now the Kenwood Campus of the University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee to teach in the Milwaukee Normal School, serving the school in various capacities through its change of status until his retirement in 1947. His first assignment was to the campus training school, where he was critic teacher in the fifth grade from 1909–1912 and in the eighth from 1912–1913. In the fall of 1912 he was appointed supervisor of student teaching in the elementary grades, a position which he filled until 1925, when he became supervisor of student teaching in secondary education. Even after he was made director of the appointment bureau in 1933, the post he maintained until his retirement in 1947, he continued to assist in the supervision of student teaching in secondary schools.

On the college campus and throughout the state, Mr. Vantine was as well known for his musicianship as for his teaching. He was for years a pupil of Wilhelm Mittelschulte, organist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and considered the outstanding organist in the Middle West. When Mr. Vantine came to Milwaukee he held the charge of organist at Hanover Congregational Church; from 1905–07 at Loretto Methodist Church; and from 1910–1952 at the First Church of Christ Scientist. In 1952 when he began to spend several months of each year in Florida he resigned as organist. In 1914, in addition to becoming supervisor of student teaching, Mr. Vantine became an instructor in the music school teaching organ and from time to time courses in music appreciation. All those associated with the college between 1914 and 1947 will remember Mr. Vantine's participation at the organ in commencement exercises and other important school functions.
Two other interests distinguished Mr. Vantine, his love and knowledge of nature and his fine social sense. On both of these the school capitalized from time to time by asking him to give courses in school and community relations and in botany. His cottage at Oostburg became the center for field trips and for Mr. Vantine's genial hospitality. Alumni, fellow faculty members, students, and college employees found him always a very human, warm-hearted, social man with unusual poise and unusual interest in the welfare of his students and his colleagues.

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