

COOLIDGE O. CHAPMAN

Dr. Chapman was a professor of English. He was a very distinguished scholar. He received his Bachelor of Arts from Cornell and his Ph.D. from Cornell in 1927. He was an instructor of English at Williams College and then Associate Professor at the College of Puget Sound in 1932.

Dr. Chapman was a tall, very thin, lean person with a distinguished look in his eye. Again, a person very dedicated and very helpful to the students. He taught English, particularly English literature. He had a very great love for English literature and it was a joy to hear him read English poetry and English literature. He had a research project that took him most of his life. It was to do a Concordance of Tennyson's Pearl. I recall that he came in one day and had the little volume which was probably one-half of an inch thick in small format published and he said, "Well, there is a life's work finished." It was recognized by the various outstanding critics as being a definitive work of scholarship and is in most of the libraries of the country.

The Chapmans were both tall and very thin. They had two children - a daughter and a son, John. John became an outstanding attorney in Seattle. The daughter married a Tacoma librarian. The Chapmans lived somewhat of an isolated life because they seemed to be very self-sufficient within themselves. Dr. Chapman took a very great interest in the

University curriculum and made a good many innovations and constantly emphasized the fact that we should return to the classic languages and to an academic core centered around the classics.