NATHANIEL SOUTHGATE SHALER '62

Soldier, Administrator, Teacher, Scientist, Humanist and Poet.

Dean Shaler was perhaps the most versatile member of the Faculty. He not only attained distinction as an administrator and scientist, but was also well known as a soldier, historian, philosopher, and poet. After graduating from the Scientific School as a Bachelor of Science in 1862, he served two years in the Union army, as captain of a Kentucky volunteer battery, known as "Shaler's Battery." Four years after leaving the army Dean Shaler became a member of the Faculty.

As a teacher and educator Dean Shaler combined the exacting standards of the old-fashioned school-master with a breadth of view and a progressive spirit which lead him to welcome and vigorously promote all improvements in educational methods. He was one of President Elliot's most active and useful co-workers in the many educational reforms accomplished in the University during the last 35 years. Most conspicuous was his long and active service as Dean of the Scientific School, during which time he applied his energies unspARINGLY to bringing the School up to the highest standard of excellence.

Next to his service for the Scientific School, Dean Shaler's administrative work is perhaps chiefly distinguished by his successful development of the Summer School. Another feature of the College administration which had his active approval and support was the Student Reception Committee, a system by which every new comer should be assisted in adjusting himself to his new surroundings.

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