

health and went to California to enter business. In San Jose, this modern Asbury founded Cherry Vale Chapel, and Centralia Methodist Church, and also "Bowman Church." On his dying bed, he comforted the family with the thought of his going Home; he directed them to found another church in the east end of the town with his Conference insurance money. His gift to the Chapel at Cornell is enshrined in that west window where are to be found the names of his family whom death had already claimed. The lovely inscriptions "The Righteous shall flourish as the palm tree" and "The workman fails but the work goes on" are fitting words for so worthy a character. Many of the buildings of the town have borne the stamp of his planning and execution: the first church, the first parsonage, Guild Hall, "Old Sem", and Main Hall. He lived to see his vision fulfilled. We have seen it grow beyond his fondest expectations.

Principal Fellows was importuned to become president of the new college, but he desired some well known man from the East for reasons of greater prestige. After due consideration, the Methodist pastor at Davenport, Rev. R. W. Keeler, was chosen, and the formal opening took place in September, 1857, with the following members of the faculty:

R. W. Keeler, President and Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy.

S. M. Fellows, Latin and Literature.

Stephen N. Fellows, Mathematics and Natural Science.

D. N. Wheeler, Greek Language and Literature.

Miss Susan Hale, Preceptress and Teacher of French.

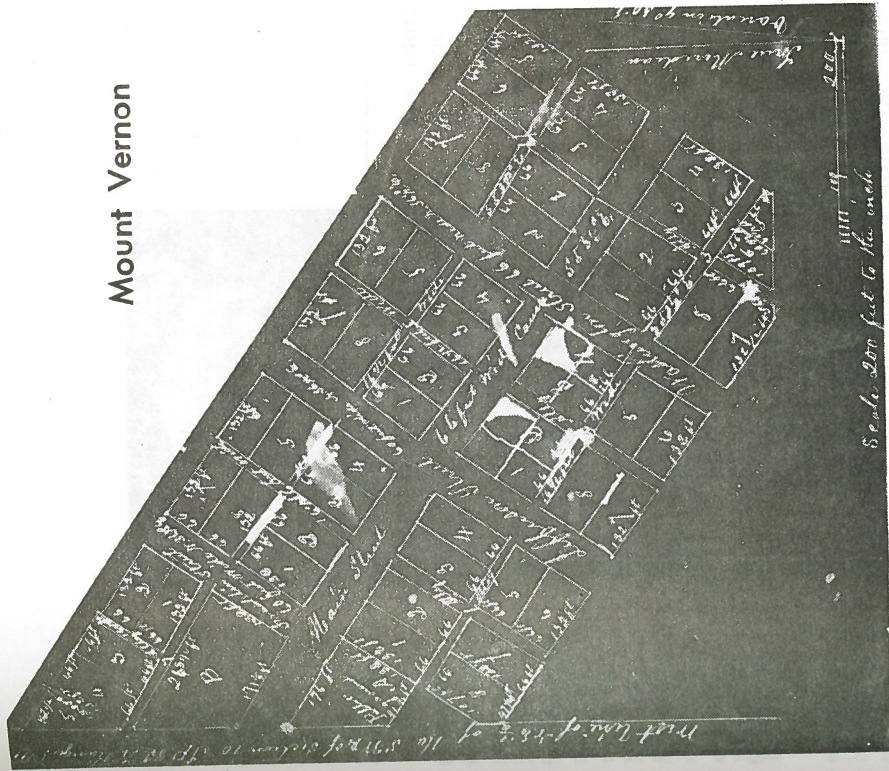
Miss Harriette J. Cooke, English Department, Drawing and Painting.

Miss Alice Foulke, Teacher of Instrumental Music.

Miss Elizabeth Dumon, Preceptress in Primary Department.

President Keeler was an excellent orator, but did not find the work of the college presidency congenial and asked to be relieved in 1859. Prof. S. M. Fellows, who from the beginning had been a guiding spirit, resumed the leadership as President and continued until his death in 1863. In 1864, the office of Vice-President was created and William F. King, of Delaware, Ohio, was chosen for the work. The next year, he was raised to the presidency, and held this office for 43 years, perhaps the longest tenure of any college president in the West. The noble lives and powerful deeds of these three men, Bowman, Fellows, King, raised Cornell College to a pre-eminence it has ever since maintained.

Mount Vernon



Plat and description of the Town of Mount Vernon situate on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section No. 10, Township No. 82 No Range No. 5 W. of 5th Principal Meridian, Iowa commencing at a stone planted for a corner on the Southwest side of the Bloomington and Marion Road 8.05 chains from the N.W. corner stake of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said S.W. quarter section and on the west line thereof thence S 53°30'E which is the course of Main Street. Main and Washington Streets are each 66 feet wide. Jefferson and Franklin Streets are each 60 feet wide. All the Alleys are of an equal width viz: 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet each. Streets and Alleys intersect and cross each other at right angles. The course of Washington Jefferson and Franklin Streets is N 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ °E. Blocks are 280 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet square. Lots are 66 feet in front and 132 feet in depth except the fractional lots the length and breadth of which in feet are shown on the plat; their numbers are 5, 6, 7 in Block 3, 8 in Block 1 and 5 in Block 7. The lots marked A and B are Public ground. The Star represents the place of beginning in further surveys.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true plat of the survey made by me September 20th, 1847.

Andrew D. Bottorff C. Surveyor.
State of Iowa, Linn County, ss.

Before the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared Allison I. Willits, Harvey Jewett and Joseph Gourley who are personally known by me to be the identical persons whom they represent themselves to be and acknowledged themselves to be the sole proprietors of the Town of Mount Vernon of which the within is a Plat and map of the survey and that said Town was laid out surveyed and platted under their direction by Andrew D. Bottorff Co. Surveyor.

Given under my hand this 24th day of February A.D. 1848.

Filed Feb. 26th, 1848 at 10 o'clock A.M. & Recorded May 4th, 1848

And, w. J. McKean, Justice of the Peace
W. M. Harris Recorder L. Co. Ia.