

In 1860, he was elected professor of ancient languages in St. Paul's College, at Palmyra, Missouri, which position he held until the war broke up the institution. Returning to Wisconsin, he taught a select school one winter in Richland County, and then came back to Madison to remain permanently. Failing again of literary employment, he maintained himself by working at the printer's trade, while employing his spare time in literary work. On June 11, 1864, he was elected clerk of the city of Madison, which position he continued to hold until October 10, 1868, when he was elected professor in the University of Wisconsin. But he also engaged in various literary enterprises while he held the position of clerk, acting as member of the city board of education, and serving a term of two years as superintendent of schools for the western district of Dane County. During this period he was also often called by the late Professor Read to fill his chair in his absence; and he was frequently consulted by University students who came to him for advice in reference to their debates, compositions, and commencement exercises.

In 1866, the executive committee of the University appointed Professor Carpenter to fill temporarily the chair of Professor Read, who had been called to the presidency of the University of Missouri; and in 1868 he was regularly elected professor of rhetoric and English literature, and his connection with the University continued from that time without interruption until his death, although the title of his professorship was changed in 1870 to logic, rhetoric and English literature, and in 1875 to logic and English literature. In 1875, he was elected to the presidency of the University of Kansas, but declined, believing that he could accomplish more good by remaining here.

From the year he graduated until his death, Prof. Carpenter was a close and indefatigable student, and a diligent writer. He has made numerous and valuable contributions to the religious and educational periodical press of our country. Ten of his educational addresses have been published, the last of which is a very interesting, eloquent and scholarly lecture on "Moral Forces in Education." This was thought by many his happiest effort, and it attracted the attention of many of our foremost educators. Pres-