



## Thomas Conant Roney, A. M.

Dean of the Faculty and  
Professor of English Literature

was born forty-three years ago in Allowaytown, N. J.; one of his parents being a descendant of the family of Mary Ball, the mother of Washington, the other a member of the Buell family, honorably known in the early history of New England and in the wars of 1776, 1812, and 1861.

He was educated in the public schools of Iowa and the University of Chicago, from which he graduated in 1878, when he was recommended by his professor for an instructorship in Greek in his Alma Mater. He taught in Burlington, Iowa, Collegiate Institute from 1879 to 1880, whence he was called to Denison University and later became principal of Shepardson College, 1886-1887.

He then spent some months in study and travel, and returning to Chicago was successively engaged with S. C. Griggs & Co., and A. C. McClurg & Co., as literary advisor and reader. During this period he devoted considerable attention to the study of educational problems, and in 1893 he was invited by President Gunsaulus to assist in organizing the work of the Institute.

Prof. Roney has for many years been a diligent student of music, often appearing in concert. He is the author of numerous musical compositions, a lecturer, and a contributor to current periodicals, and has a volume of poems ready for publication. He is a member of the Psi Upsilon fraternity, University of Chicago Congregation, and the Denison Club.



## Victor Clifton Alderson, A. M.

Professor of Mathematics

was born at Plymouth, Mass., June 4, 1862. He is a lineal descendant of Elder Wm. Brewster, who came in the Mayflower in 1620. He received his early education in the Boston public schools, and fitted for college at the Boston Latin School where he captured all the mathematical prizes and won a Franklin Medal. He received his degrees at Harvard University in the class of '85, graduating *summa cum laude*. He belongs to the Phi Beta Kappa and Delta Upsilon Fraternities.

He has been a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and president of the Chicago Delta Upsilon Club. He is now a member of the University Club of Chicago, a member of the Society of Colonial Wars and Historian of the Society of Mayflower Descendants. He is regarded as the best authority in the west on Mayflower pedigrees.

In the teaching of mathematics he has made many innovations which have been copied in all parts of the country. The strength of his courses in mathematics has done much for the standing of our school in college circles. He is now engaged in writing a new college algebra.

