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SHeltered among fine, graceful maple trees, with the tapering outline of evergreen pines against the southeast horizon, "The Maples" is set apart from the hurry of campus life, shielding the memories of yesterdays that live within its walls still, and adding a feeling of peace and quiet.

Among Iowa State's older alumnae, "The Maples" will always be remembered as the home of Dean Edgar W. Stanton, member of the first graduating class, who spent his entire life in the service of Iowa State College. Coming to Ames from

Pennsylvania, Dr. Stanton first lived in "The Maples" as chore boy for Professor George W. Jones, first head of the Mathematics Department, for whom the house was built. After his graduation, as an instructor in mathematics, he continued to live with them until he became head of the Mathematics Department to succeed Professor Jones, when "The Maples" became his permanent home. He later served the college as secretary, treasurer, was acting-president four different times, and was made Dean of the Junior College in 1903, in which capacity he served until his death in 1920.

After the death of Dean Stanton, Mrs. Stanton turned "The Maples" into a tearoom for faculty members, and

when she became Dean of Women the faculty took over "The Maples" as a club, and a board of directors was chosen to operate the tearoom. Several managers have been in charge during



the seven years of its existence. Miss Mabel Anderson came to "The Maples" in this capacity in January, 1926. In the fall of this year the financial standing of "The Maples" was such that the board was able to undertake a number of improvements, with the cooperation of the college.

The kitchen, which before that time had been crowded and insufficiently lighted for good service, was enlarged by tearing out the old back porch and extending the room to enclose the stairway to the basement storeroom, which had been accessible only from the outside. Windows were then put in across this entire south exposure, providing one of the loveliest views on the campus. With windows in both

the west and the north also, excellent ventilation and lighting has been secured, making the kitchen unusually pleasant to work in. Rearrangement of the equipment in the best possible working order, the addition of convenient shelves and tables and an ice box, added to the general efficiency of the kitchen.

During Christmas vacation of the same year, the front porch was glassed in to provide a meeting place for guests and for party groups. Although reserved primarily for this purpose, the porch is used, when occasion demands, for

special parties and sometimes, during the summer, for regular guests.

With the opening of the new Memorial Union building next fall, provided with ample facilities for cafeteria and dining room service, "The Maples" will no longer be a faculty tearoom, but will become Music Hall. Despite the comfort of newer and finer equipment which will be possible in the Union, the hominess, the peace, and the dignity which are a part of "The Maples" can never be duplicated or replaced.

The happiest business in the world
Is that of making friends.
No investment on "the street"
Pays larger dividends.