Joseph Edward Hallinen, who died in February, left the University of Oklahoma faculty where he taught physics, in 1901 to live on a claim in Wichita country. There for thirty years he studied plants and animals from a scientific view, his quarter section of land being a natural laboratory untouched by plow except for a brief stretch required to prove his claim. In his plain shack home, shown below, he accumulated a library of some five thousand volumes.

Joseph Edward Hallinen

PRACTICAL RESEARCH SCHOLAR

BY ROSS M. TAYLOR, '30

On the University of Oklahoma campus Prof. Joseph Edward Hallinen is remembered by those on the faculty or in school at the time (1902) as a quiet spoken, fashionably dressed gentleman who conducted his classes with dignity and who had a propensity for a high standard of work in his two fields of mathematics and physics.

In June of the spring of 1901 the government held a drawing at El Reno for land allotments in the new Kiowa and Comanche country. Professor Hallinen took advantage of the opportunity to file his name with the clerks of the board at El Reno, drew a small number from the allotment wheel, and though he could have filed on any one of the number of fine creek bottom tracts in the new country, he chose to make his claim near Cooperton, Kiowa county, at the foot of the mountains composing the Wichita national game and forest preserve.

Shortly after filing his claim Professor Hallinen left the University of Oklahoma, had a shack typical of the early settler's homes built, had his quarter fenced, and settled down to the life of a practical research scholar. He maintained this life for thirty-one years, living here constantly except for one year, 1916, when he was called to the University of Chicago to teach botany. After his return from Chicago until he was taken to the hospital suffering with his first and only illness he had not spent one night away from his home in fifteen years.

Mrs Charles N. Gould had studied under Professor Hallinen in 1902 at the university. After his retirement to study and research Doctor and Mrs Gould maintained their friendship with him. Later Dr A. O. Weese and Dr A. I. Ortenburger made visits to his home. In recent years Dr S. R. Hadsell, '04 arts-sc., and Jesse L. Rader, '12 arts-sc., renewed their acquaintance with Professor Hallinen and drove down several times from Norman to call. Professor Hallinen welcomed everyone to his home, but he never returned visits.

There are some individuals unacquainted with his work who would compare his life to that of a hermit, yet it lacked every requisite of a recluse life. He entertained at any time, but preferred to have them call on Sundays and Wednesdays. However, callers were always welcome, and he showed an especial friendliness for children with whom he was a companion and teacher.

Possessed of a private income sufficient to care for his needs there was no necessity for farming his place. He never owned a cow, a horse or any animal for use on his place. He did keep a non-descript collection of cats for a number of years, and there were the animals native to the land and those that found refuge from hunters.

With the advent of the automobile he bought an old touring car, the back of which he converted into a truck bed to haul his supplies and drinking water from the small towns around the country. This old car was replaced in its later days by a new model sedan. He had never had a well dug on his place. Rainwater caught in two barrels from the roof of his shack served to supply him with pure water for laboratory experiments. With the exception of having enough ground broken to prove his claim, of which some indications of the furrows may still be discerned, not one foot of the original quarter was ever tilled. At one time he allowed cattle grazing but when he discovered the cows eating several plants which he was studying, grazing had to be stopped.

Professor Hallinen was particularly a student of biology and natural history and
board of directors of the alumni association, and of a faculty committee elected to take part in choosing an educational head. He was recommended by six university presidents. Doctor Lindley, while already known as the man who has done more to carry education and the university to the people of Kansas, than any other factor, is just starting on his greatest steps as an educator.

The new board has declared its policy of non-interference with the internal details of administration of the state's five educational institutions, holding the head of the institution directly responsible. Chancellor Lindley's insistence on a legal settlement of a difficult situation is held by many to have been a decided victory in the cause of academic freedom in Kansas and in the nation.

Doctor Lindley comes from Quaker stock, his great grandfather, Jonathan Lindley, a member of the Society of Friends, offered a resolution in the North Carolina legislature to free all slaves. Later, he and some other associates liberated their slaves, and migrated to Indiana in 1811. There Mr Lindley was a member of the first board of trustees of Indiana University and as such assisted in location of the university.

Reverend Jenkins is well known as cowboy plainman, soldier, teacher, college professor, college president, lecturer, author, metropolitan newspaper editor, World war correspondent, religious journalist, world-traveller, statesman, ordained minister, and for more than twenty-two years, minister of the great city church in Kansas City.

This versatile leader has had a rich and adventurous background of experience. In 1930, Doctor Jenkins visited China and Japan, traveled over the Trans-Siberian railway to Russia, coming home from Germany, thus completing the circuit of the globe.

Like the prophetic poet-preachers of old, Doctor Jenkins is a man of affairs; when the issue of Christian idealism is at stake, he is ever to be found, with rare understanding and courageous disinterestedness. He took his part in Europe during the World war as a minister. He hates war, and for years has been a powerful element in the fight for world peace. Doctor Jenkins is editor-in-chief of The Christian, religious journal.

Sooner roll call

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Amy Louise Hightower, '27 arts-sc., Paul Valley.
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