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She was known as an authority on bibliographical work. Another accomplishment for which she was well known was the fact that she could read fluently any language in the chemistry library. This she had developed through her own initiation. Many have been the times that she has translated work for graduate chemistry students.

Sold Three Degrees.

Miss Sparks came to the University in 1904 as resident bibliographer, nutrition investigation laboratory, serving in that capacity until 1910. For the next two years she did miscellaneous bibliographic work. In 1912 she became library assistant in the department of chemistry. At the time of her death she was librarian in the Chemistry library and taught a course in the literature of chemistry.

Miss Sparks was born December 5, 1872, in Miller township, this state, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sparks. She was reared in Ottawa Township, and Marselles and Seneca high schools. She received her bachelor of arts degree from the University in 1895, a bachelor of library science degree in 1899, and master of arts degree in 1903.

Written Books.

She was library organizer, Davenport, Ia., Academy of Science, 1900; in the Elkhart, Ind., public library, 1903; Dowagiac, Mich., public library, 1904. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

She has written books as well as numerous articles. Among them were: Bird vs. Street Cars, Note of a Brilliant Meteor; Dialect or English; A Census of the Periodical Literature of Chemistry, all appearing in magazines; a book, "Chemical Literature and Its Uses."

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