

John Lemuel Stone

Professor of Farm Practice

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John Lemuel Stone, Emeritus Professor of Farm Practice at Cornell University, was born at Waverly, Pennsylvania, July 6, 1852, and died at his home in Ithaca, New York, March 8, 1933, in his eighty-first year.

Professor Stone was reared on the ancestral farm and there spent the major portion of an active, useful life. The dominant motives of his life were his love of nature, his devotion to agriculture, and his concern for the welfare of his fellowmen. These qualities made him a successful farmer, an inspiring teacher, a faithful churchman, a good neighbor, and a respected citizen.

Professor Stone was a pioneer in agricultural education. He was graduated from Cornell University in, 1874 with the degree Bachelor in Agriculture, in the second class to receive that degree. For twenty-three years following graduation he was a good farmer and leading citizen. His advice was widely sought.

In 1897 he became one of the original agricultural extension workers and an important factor in the development of the college extension and farm bureau movements. He became Assistant Professor in 1903 and Professor of Farm Practice in 1907.

He contributed largely to the development of the Agricultural College farms. Much of the careful planning and allocation of lands best suited to the needs of the departments is due to his wide knowledge of land utilization. Although not directly responsible for research in agriculture, his scientific training and first-hand knowledge of farm management problems made him a valued adviser in the organization of crop-growing and livestock projects.

As a teacher, Professor Stone won the confidence and esteem of his students. This attitude found expression in the "Stone Club," the organization of the Winter Course students in Agriculture.

Many of the valued publications of the College are of his authorship. Among them is the bulletin on "Tables for Computing Rations," which has had the largest circulation of any Cornell agricultural publication.

In 1919, after twenty-two years of devoted service to the University and to the people of the State, Professor Stone was retired as Emeritus Professor. During the remaining years of his life he maintained an active interest in numerous public welfare agencies, to which he had always given generous support.

Stone Hall serves to perpetuate the name of one who because of his efficient service and loyal devotion to agriculture and to his Alma Mater is eminently worthy of the honor. His living memorial is the immeasurable influence which he exerted upon his colleagues, his students, his neighbors, and his farmer friends. Such influence is passed on from generation to generation. It is immortal.

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