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One of America's Most Skillful Living Penmen

Henry P. Behrensmeyer

For many years our readers have seen specimens from the pen of Henry P. Behrensmeyer of Quincy, Ill. Many have specimens in their scrapbooks and have corresponded with Mr. Behrensmeyer. We have had frequent requests for more information about Mr. Behrensmeyer, so we take pleasure in presenting his picture and a few facts regarding his life.

H. P. Behrensmeyer was born on February 18, 1868. He received his first penmanship lessons from C. L. Martin followed by a course under Fielding Schofield, who was known as one of America's finest. A special edition of The Educator was at one time dedicated to Schofield and his work. He taught penmanship in the Gem City Business College for many years.

Mr. Behrensmeyer spent two years in the Gem City Business College office and taught penmanship classes beginning September 1886. During the three years that followed Mr. Behrensmeyer taught Mr. Schofield's classes during his vacation and succeeded Mr. Schofield in 1890, where he had full charge of the penmanship at Gem City Business College until 1932 when he retired from active teaching. He was married in 1890 and has one daughter and one granddaughter.

In the ranks of our most successful penmen and penmanship teachers are to be found many of Mr. Behrensmeyer's former students, which speaks for his ability as a teacher.

Mr. Behrensmeyer has a great fascination for the outdoors and spends much of his spare time hunting and fishing. He has lived a simple life the kind of life that has enabled him to maintain his high standard of execution through all these years.

Thousands have been inspired by his matchless penmanship. It has influenced the lives of many persons. Some men achieve greatness through their command of language, others by their knowledge of some profession, but Behrensmeyer achieved greatness through his skill with the pen.

He is generous and always trying to help others interested in pen work. Integrity, honesty, and industry are prominent traits in his character and, like many of America's finest penmen, he is extremely modest.

To Henry P. Behrensmeyer the penman, teacher, Lutheran, 32nd degree Mason and gentleman, we extend best wishes and hope that he may enjoy many more years of "ink slinging." Yes, the penmanship profession is fortunate for your long, unselfish labor. May we have many others like you.