

What the Graduates of Lincoln Institute are Doing, 1906

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The subject of this sketch, MISS ZELIA N. PAGE, was graduated from Lincoln Institute in 1898. Her father, Inman E. Page, having resigned the presidency of Lincoln Institute the same year she finished her education, moved his family to Oklahoma Territory, where he was elected president of Langston University. Owing to her musical education, which she received under a German, Carl Brill, the Board of Regents elected her as music teacher in the University. Though a graduate in music she did not stop, but later studied under Emil Liebling and in the Chicago Conservatory of Music.

Miss Page was simply elected to teach piano music, but having been trained on the violin and cornet, and being so deeply interested in her work, she organized an orchestra of twelve pieces and a band of fifteen. As there was no fund to pay for instruments for these two organizations, as there was to pay for pianos of the University, she bought them, and paid for them by giving concerts from time to time.

During the month of March, 1905, the University Orchestra, under her management, gave concerts throughout Oklahoma and Indian Territory and the northern portion of Texas. This concert work brought not only credit to her, but to the University.

Miss Page's career as Musical Director in Langston University from the beginning, September, 1898, until the present time has been marked with the greatest success.



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