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BIOGRAPHY

Edward S. Keene was born at Rock Island, Illinois on October 8, 1864. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a Bachelor of Science in engineering in 1890, and his M.E. degree in 1912, also from Illinois. He remained at Illinois teaching mechanical engineering from 1890-1892. He joined the North Dakota Agricultural College in 1892 as the head of the Department of Physics and Engineering. In 1895 he organized military training on campus and served as the captain with two other instructors serving as lieutenants. In 1918 he took over as Dean of the School of Mechanic Arts. When President Ladd resigned
in 1921 to take his Senate seat, Professor Keene served as acting President. Dean Keene resumed his deanship when President Coulter was appointed.

In 1893 he married Myrtle Pearman of Champaign, Illinois and they had five children. Due to poor health Dean Keene resigned in 1926 and he died August 12, 1928.