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Professor Ormond Beatty, A. M.

BEATTY, PROF. ORMOND, A. M., President of Centre College, was born in Mason County, Kentucky, on the 13th of August, 1813. His father, Judge Adam Beatty, was a lawyer of prominence, a personal and political friend of Henry Clay, and Circuit Judge of Mason County for twelve years. Prof. Beatty acquired the principal part of his early education at Washington Academy, in his native county, finishing, however, at Centre College, Danville, from whence he graduated, in 1835. Before graduating, he was tendered the Professorship of Natural Science in Centre College, which he accepted and entered upon, after spending one year at Yale College. In 1847, he was transferred to the Chair of Mathematics, which he filled for a short time only, returning to that of Natural Science. In 1872, he was elected President of Centre College, which office he still retains. Among his pupils who have acquired distinction, may be mentioned the names of John C. Breckenridge, Gov. McCreary, Joseph C. S. Blackburn, John Young Brown, Prof. Chenault, and Gen. John M. Harlan. While a student at college, President Beatty united with the Presbyterian Church, and has been an elder, and occupied other prominent positions, in that Church. In 1839, he was married to Miss Sarah L. Rochester, of Boyle County, and, in 1848, to Mildred Ann Bell, sister of the celebrated Joshua F. Bell, and daughter of David Bell, a prominent merchant of Danville. One child has blessed each of these marriages. A man of great natural ability and eminent scholastic attainments; and, although modest and retiring in his tastes and habits, he is one of the most thorough, able, accomplished, and successful among all the Presidents of Centre College.

