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CHARLESTON, IL--Miss Emma C. Kelly, author, and Mrs. Frances McColl, editor, both retired English instructors from Eastern Illinois University, have published Volume II of the Research and Review Series.

Volume II is a monograph of Chestine Gowdy who, not only taught English in Minnesota, Normal, (now Illinois State University) and one summer at Eastern Illinois Teachers College here, but also published textbooks -- her first in 1901, revised in 1909.

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Professor Kelly presents an abbreviated view (only 46 pages), entitled Chestine Gowdy Teacher Ahead of Her Time (1860-1953). By chapter and verse, Miss Kelly shows just how far ahead of her time Miss Gowdy was. Nowhere in the Gowdy grammar books does the word "semantics" appear, simply because, as she confessed in her correspondence with Miss Kelly, she had never seen or heard the word. But, the logic basic to general and pure semantics is there.

In the last half of the Gowdy monograph, Miss Kelly simply quotes a few examples of the many cited in the texts of writing made colorful by the use of figurative language and shows the way Miss Gowdy taught her students how to interpret them and how to compose passages using words in their figurative sense.

Complimentary copies of the monograph are available upon request from Dan Hockman, professor of history and chair of the Research and Review Series; or from the University Union Bookstore.