

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WILLIAM H. CARRUTH

When William Herbert Carruth came to Stanford in 1913 as Professor of Comparative Literature and Executive Head of the English Department, he had already achieved at the University of Kansas a distinguished academic and personal career. There he took his Bachelor's and Master's degrees and began his work as teacher, rapidly advancing to the rank of Professor of Modern Languages. To the same university he returned, after taking his Doctor's degree at Harvard University, as professor of the German Language and Literature. For twenty-six years, from 1887 to 1913, he carried the duties of that position, and through the later years of it, in addition, important executive responsibilities as Vice-Chancellor of the University. During that period, too, he edited a number of books in his chosen field, translated significant works of foreign scholars, and earned a recognized place in the anthologies of American poetry. His earnest activity in the work of his chosen religious body led to his being elected, in 1909, President of the National League of Unitarian Laymen. No less distinguished was the influence he exerted in his community as helpful and sympathetic teacher, public-spirited citizen, and winning friend and neighbor.

When Dr. Jordan called him to Stanford in 1913, to take the place made vacant by the death of Professor Newcomer, Professor Carruth brought to our university his trained capacity as a scholar, his ripened human culture, and his modest love of service. His work among us was not so much in the public eye, but those who were closest to him—students, colleagues, and friends—knew best the unselfish generosity he put into his work, the enriching influence exerted by his sincere love of beauty and of worthy living.

In our appreciation of the fine-spirited service that Professor Carruth has given to our university and our community, we, the Academic Council of Stanford university, hereby record our deep sense of loss in the death of our colleague and friend, and direct that copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the Trustees of the University and to the family whose bereavement we share.