

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### CHARLES HASKELL DANFORTH (1883 - 1969)

Charles Haskell Danforth died in the Stanford University Hospital on January 10, 1969. He came to Stanford University as an Associate Professor of Anatomy in 1922, and was promoted to a professorship the following year. He served as Executive Head of the Department of Anatomy from 1938 until his retirement in 1949.

Dr. Danforth was born in Oxford, Maine on November 30, 1883. After receiving an A. B. Degree from Tufts College in 1908 and an A. M. from the same institution in 1910, he took a Ph.D. degree in 1912 at Washington University, where he remained on the faculty of the Department of Anatomy until 1922.

For over one-half of his life, Dr. Danforth was a pillar of great strength at Stanford University, in the Department of Anatomy and in the School of Medicine. During this period he became widely known for his many contributions as a scholar and a scientific investigator. Somewhat less known was the remarkable diversity of his interests. His important contributions in various disciplines led to his being claimed as one of them by physical anthropologists, geneticists, endocrinologists, and others, as well as by anatomists.

As a result of his many achievements, Dr. Danforth was accorded many well-deserved honors. He was awarded an honorary Sc.D. degree by Tufts University in 1941. He was elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society and the National Academy of Sciences, and to high office in a number of other scientific organizations. In addition, he served on the editorial board of several major journals.

In spite of his many and important accomplishments and the recognition that he received for them, Dr. Danforth remained a genuinely modest and humble man. The slightest praise was apt to bring a blush to the face of this kind and gentle person. In a time when true gentlemen were not so scarce, he stood forth as one of their exceptional representatives.

It would be futile to try to estimate the influence that he had upon the lives of his many students and younger colleagues. It is safe to assume that the successes of many of them are due in some part to his inspiration and encouragement. The lives of all who have known and associated with him have been greatly enriched by this experience.

The former Florence Garrison, to whom Dr. Danforth was married for over fifty years, died in May, 1968. He is survived by three sons: Charles Garrison, Alan Haskell, and Donald Reed.

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