

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

HARVEY MONROE HALL (1874 – 1932)

Harvey Monroe Hall, Acting Professor of Botany, died in Washington, D. C. on March 11, 1932.

He was born in Lee County, Illinois, March 29, 1874, but passed his early life in California near Riverside. He was graduated from the University of California in 1901, and received the degree of Master of Science in 1902 and the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1906 from the same institution. He was a member of the faculty of the University of California until 1919, when he joined the Carnegie Institution of Washington which enabled him to follow his prime interest, the development of his extensive research program. This he continued to direct from Berkeley until the organization of the institution's laboratory on the Stanford University campus in 1929, where he then made his headquarters and also became Acting Professor of Botany in Stanford University. He was a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of the California Academy of Sciences, and corresponding member of several European learned societies.

Dr. Hall made notable contributions to the taxonomic study of some of the most difficult groups in the flora of western America. His very thorough and painstaking investigations became the basis for a fresh approach to the central problem of modern biology, that of organic evolution. Actuated by a sincere love of nature and a striving to understand her ways, he applied the method of rigorous scientific thought and of careful experimentation to the questions he asked of her. The breadth and freshness of his outlook gave evidence of the rewards of this attitude of mind. He also enthusiastically devoted himself to the study of the function of wild life preserves and the various purposes which these may serve.

Endowed with an extraordinarily disciplined mind and possessed of tenacious energy, he lived his work. He was a delightful companion, a splendid cooperator, frank in counsel, kind of heart, unsparing of himself in service.

Be It Resolved: That the Academic Council of Stanford University hereby expresses its deep sense of loss in the death of Dr. Hall; and that copies of this resolution be inscribed on the minutes of the Academic Council and copies transmitted to the Board of Trustees of the University and to his family.