

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

LUCIEN BLAIR KINNEY (1895 – 1971)

Lucien B. Kinney, Professor of Education Emeritus, died in Palo Alto on December 24, 1971. He had been a member of the School of Education faculty from 1940, when he was appointed as an Associate Professor of Education, until 1960, when he retired as Professor of Education. He served also as Acting Dean, 1943-1946.

Professor Kinney was born in Hudson, Wisconsin, in 1895. He attended the University of Minnesota where he received his B.Sc. in 1923, M.A. in 1925, and Ph.D. in Mathematics, 1931. He was on the staff of the University of Minnesota Bureau of Educational Research, 1931-32, and an Instructor in Education, 1931-37. He was Chairman, Department of Mathematics, and Acting Registrar at what was then the Oswego (New York) State Normal School, 1937-40. During summers, he was Visiting Professor at Colorado State College, Fort Collins, and Syracuse University. He joined the Stanford faculty in 1940.

Throughout his twenty years at Stanford and continuing after his retirement, he published several textbooks and numerous articles in the fields of arithmetic and mathematics in elementary and secondary schools, the teaching of mathematics in the schools, developing curricula and using current materials in high schools, and preparing and certifying teachers for elementary and secondary schools. In addition, he made distinguished contributions to professional education as a member of important commissions and committees and as a consultant to universities, city school districts, and state departments of education.

He had been President of the California Council on Teacher Education, Chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Credential Structure in California, and a member of the Committee on Standards of the National Council on Accreditation in Teacher Education, Commission on Teacher Education of the California Teachers Association. He was also a member of the American Educational Research Association and of Phi Delta Kappa. His contributions as a leader and member of these groups have had significant influence upon the standards for accrediting college and university programs for preparing teachers and upon the quality of these programs. He also helped bring about important changes in the nature of and requirements for teachers' credentials in California.

In recognition of Professor Kinney's distinguished career as an alumnus and educator, the University of Minnesota honored him in 1960 by selecting him to receive its "Outstanding Achievement Award."

Lucien Kinney's many students, colleagues, and associates in education throughout the nation will long remember his dedication to professional education, his imaginative teaching and leadership, his far-ranging mind. But just as enduring for all who knew him will be a sense of deep personal loss. Lucien Kinney stays in their memory as a fine human being, reserved and warm, witty and kind, always and unfailingly compassionate.

Professor Kinney is survived by his widow, Joye S. Kinney, and a step-daughter, Joan Valentine, of Palo Alto. To them, we of the Academic Council extend our deepest sympathy.

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