

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
FRANK MACE MACFARLAND
(b. 1869)

Frank Mace MacFarland, Emeritus Professor of Histology at Stanford University, and a member of its faculty for almost sixty years, died suddenly in San Francisco on February 21st. He was attending the first meeting of the California Academy of Sciences in its new auditorium which he had been instrumental in planning.

Dr. MacFarland was born in Centralia, Illinois, on June 10, 1869, the son of Dr. Parker M. and Sarah Elizabeth (Mace) MacFarland. He received his Bachelor's degree from DePauw University in 1889, his Master's from Stanford in 1893 and his doctorate from the University of Wurzburg in 1896. In Europe he studied at various centers of learning, including Freiburg, Zurich, Wurzburg and the famous biological station at Naples. His genial disposition and unusually wide scientific interests brought him a wide and intimate acquaintance with many of the most distinguished biologists of the period. In later years his reminiscences of European university life and famous personalities in Europe at the close of the last century were a delight to his younger colleagues.

In the early summer of 1892 Dr. MacFarland and his lifelong friend, the late Professor George Clinton Price, came to Stanford as instructors and advanced students, less than a year after the University first opened. During his long association with the university, Dr. MacFarland contributed much to its development. He played a leading role in organizing the Hopkins Marine Biological Station at Pacific Grove, of which he was in charge from 1910 to 1913 and co-director from 1915 to 1917, and in which he maintained an active interest throughout the remainder of his life.

On August 27, 1902, he married Miss Olive Knowles Hornbrook who has devotedly assisted and participated in his extensive studies, both as a skilled technician and as an artist whose delicate water color drawings have illustrated many of his scientific publications. Long and intensive study of the nudibranchs, a large group of marine molluscs of beautiful colors and bizarre forms, brought Dr. MacFarland world-wide recognition as the greatest authority on the life and habits of these animals. At the time of his death he was bringing to completion a comprehensive monograph on the group.

In addition to membership in many other scientific organizations both in this country and abroad, Professor MacFarland was very actively associated with the California Academy of Sciences, of which he was successively, corresponding secretary, first vice-president, and for fourteen years its president. Following his retirement from teaching he also served for five years as acting director of the museum and the Steinhart Aquarium. In 1946 he was made honorary member of the Academy, the highest honor the Academy can bestow. He was an honorary life member of the National Geographic Society, a corresponding member of the Malacological Society of London, and of numerous other learned societies.

Doctor MacFarland rendered long and distinguished service to Stanford., both as a stimulating and effective teacher and as an outstanding investigator. In his death, Stanford has lost another of that goodly company, its early faculty, whose labors contributed so much toward making it a great university.

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