

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### HALCOTT CADWALADER MORENO (1873 – 1945)

Halcott Cadwalader Moreno died March 28, 1945. Emeritus since 1939, he was for three years prior to the time of his sudden death actively engaged in teaching applied mathematics to Army trainees, even up to the day before his death.

Dr. Moreno was born at Gainesville, Georgia, on November 2, 1873. He received his A.B. in 1893, A.M. in 1894, and B.L. in 1896 from the University of Georgia, and his Ph.D. in 1900 from Clark University. For four years he was a tutor in mathematics at Georgia; for four more he was a fellow and assistant at Clark. President Jordan heard of him and, after a conference, brought him to Stanford in 1901. At Stanford he was Instructor in Applied Mathematics, 1901-4, Assistant Professor, 1904-8, Associate Professor, 1908-18, Professor, 1918-24, then Professor of Engineering Mathematics attached to the Civil Engineering Department, 1924-39.

Enjoying an unusual zest for teaching he impressed his students, during his 38 years at Stanford, with his insistence on logical reasoning and accuracy. His teaching was painstaking and thorough - the type which is so necessary in applied mathematics. He achieved outstanding success in his chosen field. He had held membership in the American Mathematical Society, the Mathematical Association of America, Sigma Xi, and Phi Beta Kappa.

Collaborating with Professor G. A. Miller, he published an excellent paper on "Non-Abelian Groups in Which Every Subgroup Is Abelian". The work which he and Professor Hoskins did in applied mathematics brought great credit to Stanford. With groups of other professors he studied the writings of Dante, Plato and Homer which enriched his life and teaching. Breadth of interest characterized his reading and his library, and books were his hobby.

He possessed a large and varied library in the field of philosophy, religion and folklore of the negro. Until after the death of President Branner, who was a delightful teller of negro folk stories, Professor Moreno tactfully hid his own similar talent but later become much appreciated for his charming stories.

His life at Stanford was happy from the beginning. At Clark he had worked hard on abstruse subjects under inspiring teachers. At Stanford applied mathematics became his real life work. Here also he found congenial companionship with a faculty group of his own age, whose week-end relaxation was often enjoyed in the old hotel on Kings Mountain. He was the catcher on the faculty baseball team. He became an enthusiastic member of the Sierra Club, and on one of their camping trips he met Adele Brown, who became his wife on June 15, 1915. His love of the outdoors led him to build a summer home at Fallen Leaf Lake, near many of his colleagues. As trapper and fisherman he was always an interested and interesting companion on the trail.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Academic Council of Stanford University, That it record its sense of loss in the passing of Professor Moreno, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Moreno and his three sons, Charles, Albert, Engineer (E.E.) '40, Lt. Halcott, A.B. '41, and Theodore, A.M. '42.

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