

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

WILLIAM OPHÜLS (d. 1933)

Our Medical School and University suffered a grievous loss through the death of our colleague and friend, William Ophüls, Dean for seventeen years and Professor of Pathology for twenty-four. His quiet and modest demeanor, cooperative spirit and self-sacrificing devotion will always remain a treasured possession.

After receiving his undergraduate and graduate training abroad, William Ophüls acted as assistant at the Pathological Institute of the University of Göttingen for two years. Upon returning to his native land, he became Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology at the University of Missouri, joining the faculty of Cooper Medical College in that capacity the following year. His scientific interests were not limited to pathology, however, but extended to medical education and public health. He had the latter particularly at heart, was President of the Board of Health of the City of San Francisco for three years, and maintained his interest and influence in this work throughout his lifetime.

As teacher, William Ophüls enjoyed to an unusual degree the respect, confidence and affection of his students. He had their best interests at heart and they sought his presence and rejoiced in it. As pathologist, he shared fully in the arduous duties of his Department, even after relentless illness had overtaken him. He asked little in support of his own activities, accepting restrictions without complaint and placing the welfare and desires of others above his own. As Dean, he always had the best interests of the School at heart and cooperated fully for its improvement.

In testimony of our loss and in appreciation of his services, your Committee recommends that these words be entered in the Minutes of the Academic Council, and that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, to those nearest of kin and to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of our University.

Arthur Bloomfield
Ernest Dickson