

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

CHARLES REINING (d. 1918)

In the death of Dr. Charles Reining, Instructor in German, on the 11th of August, 1918, the Faculty of the Leland Stanford Junior University has suffered the loss of a colleague of broad and accurate scholarship and a devoted and successful teacher. A sturdy optimist, maintaining an infectious cheerfulness under physical odds that only a few of his most intimate friends realized, completing his education and assuming his work as a teacher under the cramping limitations of an infirmity which seldom permitted the full execution of the promptings of his eager and active spirit, a loyal and sympathetic friend who possessed in a rare degree and thoughtfulness that never let slip an opportunity to be of service and give pleasure to those with whom he was associated, he won, by his fine courage, cheery personality, and loyalty, the confidence and affection of his colleagues.

In addition to his chosen science, Germanic Philosophy, in which he published several contributions of value and made extensive collections of material for later elaboration, he was deeply interested and well-informed in certain branches of botany and zoology, and studied with as great delight the plants and animals of the woods and mountains, which he loved to visit, as the languages and literatures of his own specialty. He had such an affection for the considerable collection of books which he made in the course of his brief career as a scholar and teacher, and such a fondness for his friends and University that his wife, following his wishes, refused to sell the books, but gave to each of his more intimate friends such volumes as they chose for remembrance, and the larger remaining part of the collection to the University Library and the library of the Department of Germanic Languages.

Since these traits of character and these acts of unselfishness on the part of an alumnus and member of the Faculty deserve to be recorded in the history of the University, the Academic Council resolves to make the above minutes a part of the record of its meeting today and to send a copy to the widow and the mother of Dr. Reining, together with an expression of sincere sympathy with them in their bereavement.

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