

## MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

### EMMET RIXFORD (1865 - 1936)

The recent tragic death of our colleague and friend, Emmet Rixford, Professor Emeritus of Surgery, at the age of seventy-two, suddenly ended the fruitful career of one of America's most accomplished and eminent surgeons.

Born in New Bedford, Canada, in 1865, a member of a large family, he came to California in 1867. He was graduated in engineering from the University of California in 1887 and from Cooper Medical College in 1891, where he was closely associated with Doctor Levi Cooper Lane as his professional disciple and later as his colleague, having been appointed adjunct professor of surgery in 1893 and professor of surgery in 1898, a position which he held at Stanford University from 1909 until his retirement in 1930.

Doctor Rixford was an inspiring teacher and a devoted friend of Stanford University who gave liberally of his time and money to the development of the Lane Medical Library, the welfare of which he had especially at heart. As a surgeon he possessed outstanding proficiency, a discerning judgment and signal resourcefulness. These qualities made him a respected leader in his profession, but his interests were not confined to his specialty alone, for he was a horticulturist by avocation and an ardent lover of the mountains. A man of marked personal power and ennobling ideals, he was beloved for his unaffected manners, candor and sincerity, not only by his students and colleagues but by an ever-widening circle of patients.

Generously unmindful of self and regardless of recompense he rejoiced to relieve the poor as well as the rich and there are many who shall call him blessed. Though advanced in years and afflicted toward the last, he nevertheless endured in his chosen service. We rejoice in his many-sided and abounding life but deeply deplore its ending in the days of its usefulness.

Be it therefore resolved that these words be entered upon our minutes and that they be transmitted to the family of our departed colleague.

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