

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION

EDWIN WILLIAM SCHULTZ (1888 – 1971)

Edwin William Schultz came to California in 1919, to become associated with this University's School of Medicine. Here he and his wife Francel raised their family, and spread their generous and gentle spirit to the community; and here Dr. Schultz contributed much to the quality and evolution of the University, especially of the Medical School to which he devoted 34 years of his life.

Dr. Schultz was born in 1888 on a farm in Wisconsin. His first educational interest was agriculture; he received his undergraduate degree in this field from Winona College in Indiana. He turned then to Medicine; he began his studies at the University of Michigan, but soon transferred to Johns Hopkins from which he received his degree in 1917. Soon after, he was called to Army duty and served as head of Pathology in his hospital unit in France. After this he devoted a year to work with the American Red Cross in France and Poland, where he made studies of that grim companion of war, typhus fever. From this experience he came to Stanford to be an instructor in the Department of Bacteriology and Experimental Pathology. Soon he became head of the Department and served in that capacity for a third of a century, until his retirement in 1953.

Dr. Schultz fashioned his life into one filled with interest and service to his fellows. Fifty-six years ago he married Francel Roberts, and together they explored the world on various scientific missions. As a charter Guggenheim Fellow in 1925, he studied in Paris and in Egypt, where he acquired the interest in viruses that shaped his subsequent scientific career. After retirement from the University he became project director for curricular reconstruction in the Medical School of the University of Indonesia; he and Mrs. Schultz lived for seven years in Djakarta, helping to revitalize its major School of Medicine and, in the process, gaining many devoted friends for themselves and for this country. After that he undertook another major task, as Director of Pathology in the first-established Regional Primate Center, affiliated with the University of Oregon. After two years in that post he retired for the third time, and returned to his home on this campus.

During his years at Stanford, Dr. Schultz's dedication to teaching is attested to by the nearly 2,000 medical students, a few spanning three generations of physicians, who learned from him the nature of infection and infectious agents; by over 150 graduate students trained in the Department, and by hundreds of dental students in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco for whom he provided courses for 15 years. At the same time he pursued imaginative investigations of poliomyelitis and other infectious diseases, and simultaneously, he managed to serve on many of the academic committees of the School, and to be a prime mover in the transfer of the hospital from San Francisco to the Campus. He developed the physical aspects of his Department from a rather primitive beginning as a post-earthquake relic of the museum, and he arranged for the construction of the auditorium that was later named for him, provided for by a generous grant from the Edward B. Noble family.

Dr. Schultz received recognition from his peers here and abroad. He was a member of numerous scientific and medical societies and a founding Fellow of some of these; a charter member of the honor medical society Alpha Omega at Stanford; a member of the first-established American Board of Pathology, and in 1956 President of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists.

Above all else, we who knew him well will honor his memory as a warm and gentle fellow man who brought to all aspects of life the same essential qualities of good will, fairness of mind, and wisdom. The world and this University have need of many more like him. This regard will be partly expressed in the establishment of the Edwin William Schultz Memorial Lectureship in Microbiology in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Schultz is survived by his wife Francel, and two sons, Edwin W. Schultz, Jr. and Robert B. Schultz.

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