

## **MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**

### **HORATIO WARD STEBBINS (d. 1933)**

In becoming a member of the Stanford faculty in 1914, Horatio Ward Stebbins thereby furthered a participation in Stanford history begun by his father, Dr. Horatio Stebbins, a Unitarian minister of San Francisco, the trusted advisor of Senator Stanford and member of the Board of Trustees of Stanford University from its inception in 1886 until his death in 1902. Professor Stebbins had graduated from the University of California with Phi Beta Kappa honors in 1899 and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1902. He brought with him also ripened experience gained in the employ of the Southern Pacific Railroad and the San Francisco Bridge Company.

Thoughtfulness, sound judgment, and a fine spirit of co-operation enhanced the value of the thorough training upon which his University work was based and won the respect and admiration of his fellows, whether in the classroom, or in his administrative associations, both under normal University conditions and during the uncertainties of the late war. A certain modesty and reticence in public made him less well-known amongst his colleagues than his merits deserved. To his personal friends he showed a fund of kindly humor, a catholicity of interests, a patience with their shortcomings, and a respect for their individualities that endeared him to them and made him trusted as few friends are. To his students and colleagues he stood as an exemplar of the highest ideals of his profession.

In the loss we have sustained in Horatio Ward Stebbins' death it is fitting that the Academic Council should place on record its appreciation of his direct services, in accordance with our tradition, and direct the Secretary of the Council to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the Board of Trustees of the University and to the family of our late colleague.

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