

**MEMORIAL RESOLUTION**  
**STEWART WOODFORD YOUNG**  
**(d. 1931)**

By the death of Stewart Woodford Young, on April 9, 1931, Stanford lost another member of that group of brilliant young men who joined the faculty during the first years of the University's life. Professor Young received his B.S. at Cornell in 1890, where he became assistant in chemistry 1890-91. He was instructor in chemistry at Swarthmore College and joined the Stanford faculty in 1893. At the University of Leipzig he was a student 1899-1900. At Stanford he was Professor of physical chemistry from 1908 to the time of his death.

From the viewpoint of his former students, the outstanding quality of Stewart Young's work was his rare helpfulness in encouraging and aiding them to develop their own ideas. Because of this sympathetic and helpful interest, the lines of research carried out under his direction were unusually varied in their scope and character. This program was possible only because of Stewart Young's wide field of scientific knowledge and reading.

The later years of his life gave Stewart Young an outlet for his creative genius and love of art, affording him as well, an opportunity to satisfy a sort of natal longing to go back to the life and work of his ancestors as tillers and workers of the soil - producers of the essentials of life. The seven acre estate in Menlo Heights, rich in great old oaks and with a small barranco or wash running through its center, was the living laboratory that held the heart and mind and life of Stewart Young. It was there that many of us knew him best beneath his oaks and in the little canyon that he developed into a garden spot of blossoms and shrubs, of ponds and vine-clad rock beds, of drinking and bathing fountains for birds. He loved this spot and after years of effort he had completed its planting and final arrangement shortly before his death. His last bit of work there was the setting up of a large number of nesting boxes in the oaks for his friends the birds.

Stewart Young was most tolerant and genuine in his views of life and men. He was a liberal in all things except for a deep-seated and freely expressed contempt for sham and intolerance.

We of the Academic Council desire to give expression to our sense of the loss which has come to us in the death of Stewart Young. Be it resolved that this resolution be inscribed on the minutes of the Academic Council and a copy transmitted to the Board of Trustees of the University.

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