

In Memoriam



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The death of Dr. Robert S. Rockwood on November 23, 1932, brought a great sorrow to faculty and students which it is difficult adequately to express. It will be impossible for me to review in detail his twelve years of work as a teacher, as a faithful member of regular and special committees, as a dean, and as a counsellor.

Dr. Rockwood in all of his work sought first of all to serve the University. He cheerfully accepted all regular or special tasks and never failed to carry them through. Courtesy and sympathy characterized all his dealings with faculty and students.

He had a thorough knowledge of physics and a mastery of the recent fundamental changes of point of view in that subject which enabled him to explain the most difficult problems in simple language which the student and layman could grasp. He was neither dogmatic nor sensational; he made no display of learning, but had the genuine spirit of a

scholar and a great teacher. His recent research in ultra-violet radiation with publication just beginning had already brought him and the University to the attention of the scientific world. Had he lived, he would surely have made even larger contributions to this special field of knowledge.

Dr. Rockwood possessed a broad and intimate knowledge of the University, along with a deep and sympathetic interest in every phase of its development. He identified his whole life with the entire life of the University in a way that should challenge and inspire all of us.

No university can afford to lose men like Dr. Rockwood. I sincerely hope that we may cherish the memory of his unusual spirit of loyalty and devotion, of service and sacrifice for the University he loved and served so faithfully.

JAMES F. ZIMMERMAN.