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ALBERT BENJAMIN PRESCOTT.

DR. ALBERT BENJAMIN PRESCOTT, director of the chemical laboratory at the University of Michigan, died at his home in Ann Arbor, February 25, 1905. He was the senior member of the university faculty, and one of the veterans of American science.

Dr. Prescott was born at Hastings, N. Y., December 12, 1832. Educated as a physician, he took the degree of M.D. in 1864, and in that year and part of the year following, he served as an assistant surgeon in the United States Volunteer Army. In 1865 he became assistant professor of chemistry in the University of Michigan; was made full professor of organic and applied chemistry in 1870; and was dean of the school of pharmacy since 1870; and from 1884 to the day of his death, was director of the chemical laboratory. His whole professional life as a chemist was spent in the service of the university, as teacher, organizer, administrator and investigator during a period of forty years.

In a career like that of Dr. Prescott there is nothing sensational or spectacular. It was a life of obvious duties, uniformly well done, with nothing slighted, and no strivings after public recognition. Recognition, nevertheless, came to him unsought, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that his work was appreciated. He became president of the American Chemical Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Pharmaceutical Association; honors as high as any that American scholarship can confer. From