

vantages of vitamine preparations, it is particularly important that investigators in nutrition exert great care in the wording of statements as to the practical significance of vitamins in every day life. Otherwise they may become unwilling accomplices in the perpetration of a gigantic fraud upon the American public.

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### ANSEL AUGUSTUS TYLER

THE sudden death of Professor Tyler of Millikin University (Decatur) on March 31 from pneumonia has taken from the institution and the college circle of the state a quiet and faithful worker whose place will be hard to fill.

Ansel Augustus Tyler was born at East Bridgewater, Pa., on March 7, 1869. He received his A.B. at Lafayette College in 1892, and won the Ph.D. at Columbia University in 1897. Thereafter he taught botany or biology for a year each at Union College, Syracuse and Arizona, with such success that in 1900 he was called to take charge of this work at Bellevue College in Omaha. At that date the prospects before Bellevue were alluring and he threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of building up not only his own department but also the college itself. The high appreciation in which his efforts were held was manifested by his election as dean of the college in 1911, a position which he held as long as he remained there. But the fortunes of Bellevue suffered serious reverses and, although Tyler devoted himself unsparingly to its service, he found the institution steadily losing ground through influences which he could not control or modify. So in 1916 he accepted a call to take charge of the department of biology at Millikin University. Here again he was formed to carry a heavy load of teaching during a transition period, but a year ago was granted some much needed aid in his department and had just started to realize his cherished ambition of developing that work when his career was so prematurely terminated.

Tyler's ability as a college student won him the Latin salutation on graduation and also

election to Phi Beta Kappa. His later work brought him in 1898 membership in Sigma Xi. He was a fellow of the American Association and a working member of the State Academies in Nebraska and Illinois. In 1908 he was honored by election as president of the Nebraska Academy. Although quiet and retiring in personality, he was always ready to carry his part in enterprises of public merit. Thus in 1910 there was organized a movement to secure and preserve for Omaha a splendid and unique tract of wild forest near that city. Tyler served as secretary of this organization, the Fontanelle Forest Association, until he left Bellevue, and did much to develop public sentiment in favor of the project, which has recently realized much of its hopes through a generous gift from a public spirited citizen of Omaha.

But Dr. Tyler's greatest work was after all in his department. He inspired many college generations with his own high ideals of service and love of the truth. From his class room went out a steady stream of students filled with love of science and steadied by his calm and thoughtful leadership to test the offerings of life, to reject the hollow and false, and to cherish the true. Such service to the college and the state can not be measured in formal terms but will always be held in grateful remembrance by his students and his colleagues, as well as by the many other friends to whom he devoted himself equally unselfishly.

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### SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

#### RESEARCH WORK IN COAL MINING

THROUGH the efforts of the coal operators of western Pennsylvania, another year of extensive research work in coal mining will be conducted by the cooperative department of mining engineering of Carnegie Institute of Technology and the Pittsburgh Experimental Station of the United States Bureau of Mines. The research will be carried on through teaching and research fellowships appointed by the Carnegie Institute of Technology and supervised by senior investigators in the Experimental Station.