

HERBERT FRANKLIN DAVISON

HERBERT F. DAVISON, assistant professor of inorganic chemistry at Brown University, suddenly stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage, passed away at his home in Providence, April 28, 1926.

Professor Davison was born in Pawtucket, R. I., in 1881. He was graduated from the Churchill grammar school in 1897, Pawtucket high school in 1901 and Brown University in 1905, subsequently receiving the master of arts degree from his alma mater. Since that time he was a teacher of elementary chemistry—first at a private school in Concord, Mass., and then for many years at the Pawtucket high school. There he was assistant principal when he resigned in 1918 to come to Brown, where he had charge of the courses in freshman chemistry.

He was a member of the University Glee Club, the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, the Society of the Sigma Xi and the American Chemical Society.

In July, 1924, Professor Davison was married to Miss Daisy Capron, of Pawtucket, who was previously a teacher of domestic science in the Pawtucket high school. They made their home in the east side section of Providence.

As assistant professor of chemistry at his alma mater he won marked distinction as a demonstrator of the facts, utility and beauty of the science, and had the rare ability of exciting and sustaining in his students a love for scientific study. Many have been the careers in chemistry that had their beginning in his class room.

Professor Davison felt that teaching is one of the highest callings, and if enthusiasm, high ideals, command of his subject, hard work and ability to interest his students, are necessary in that calling, he certainly qualified as one of the best. He was perfectly happy when advising and helping his students, or when devising and trying out a new lecture table experiment to illustrate a principle in chemistry. At such demonstrations he was an adept, and many of his experiments with simple apparatus have been shown in his inimitable way to clubs and societies throughout New England. In this way he acquainted a large number of people with the meaning and workings of chemistry in daily life.

He worked just as hard and faithfully at his avocation—the growing of perfect apples. At his country home in Dudley, Mass., he had a splendid young orchard that gave him recreation and satisfaction in creative work.

One outstanding trait of his Christian character was positiveness. The doubting or negative side did not appeal to him. He was a positive ion, always charged, always pushing forward, always seeking the eternal truth. Stricken in the prime of life, in one

short moment after a day of pleasant labor, he leaves a host of friends who deeply mourn his passing.

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SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE SCIENCE EXHIBITION AT THE PHILADELPHIA MEETING OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

PREPARATIONS are in progress for the next annual science exhibition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is to be an important part of the fifth Philadelphia meeting of the association, to occur next winter in convocation week, shortly after the close of the Sesqui-centennial celebration. It is planned that the main exhibition will be housed in the gymnasium of the University of Pennsylvania, in close proximity to the meeting places of the sections and societies. The registration offices and the offices of the publicity service for the meeting are to be in the same building, so that all who register, as well as the press representatives who attend the meeting, will find the exhibition conveniently located. It is hoped that the exhibition will be visited by every person in attendance at this meeting, which promises to be exceptionally large and comprehensive.

The exhibition will include recently developed scientific apparatus, materials and methods and recently published books in scientific fields. It is safe to predict that it will be even more successful than was the exhibition at the Kansas City meeting last year. The exhibits will be of three general kinds according to the method of entry: (a) commercial exhibits (including apparatus, materials and publications shown by manufacturers and dealers), (b) formally invited exhibits and demonstrations, from individual men of science and research laboratories and institutions, and (c) voluntary exhibits of non-commercial character contributed by individuals and research laboratories.

Assignments are now being made to commercial exhibitors, who will pay a reasonable charge in proportion to the space taken; inquiries and applications for space should be made as soon as possible to Major H. S. Kimberley, manager of the Philadelphia Exhibition of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, D. C. As at the Kansas City exhibition, the fees paid by commercial exhibitors are to go into a special exhibition fund from which all expenses of the main exhibition are to be paid. Remittances for space are to be made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the permanent secretary's office will keep the accounts and make all disbursements from the exhibition fund.

Prominent places in the exhibition will be given to the formally invited exhibits. It is hoped that this