

to Dartmouth College, where he continued throughout his life.

The main feature of Young's activity was the breadth of his interest. He was receptive and sympathetic to any appeal that was genuine and sincere, had no respect for pomp and display, and was helpful and cooperative in every honest endeavor.

The main contributions may be divided into three general categories, (a) research, (b) teaching, (c) organization. (a) His first interest was in groups, but rapidly widened to include geometry and particularly foundations of mathematics. The most important are (1) his thesis on automorphic functions, (2) General theory of approximations by functions involving a given number of arbitrary parameters, the (3) Fundamental concepts of algebra and geometry (Macmillan, 1911), and the monumental work on Projective Geometry (Ginn and Company, 1910) with Professor Veblen, besides a number of other important articles in various mathematical periodicals. (b) In the teaching of mathematics he was always intensely interested and active; besides his uninterrupted support of the Mathematical Association of America as member of the council, vice-president and president, he was chairman of the National Committee on Mathematical Requirements. This work took much of his time and energy for eight years and resulted in the appearance of a volume of 650 pages which will exercise a profound influence on the teaching of elementary mathematics for many years. In this connection he also exercised a helpful influence as editor of mathematical texts for two important publishers. He also served as chief examiner in mathematics for the College Entrance Examination Board for two years, and cooperated in several far reaching innovations. (c) During the last few years the financial status of the Association and of the American Mathematical Society has demanded a great deal of careful study. Professor Young was appointed chairman of the Committee on Funds for both organizations and had already brought considerable order and system into the situation and had plans for future development that promised definite relief.

An active and fruitful service of over a quarter of a century has closed, and a cherished personality has become a memory. May those who are still active receive sufficient inspiration from his efforts to continue with the same endeavor.

VIRGIL SNYDER

RECENT DEATHS

GEORGE SYLVANUS MOLER, professor emeritus of physics at Cornell University and co-builder of the

first commercial dynamo operated in the Western Hemisphere, died on May 20. He was eighty-one years old and had retired from active service in 1917.

DR. THOMAS H. GRONWALL, associate in physics at Columbia University, author of many papers on mathematics and the applications of mathematics in engineering and physics, died on May 9, in his fifty-fifth year.

BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM BARCLAY PARSONS died on May 10, at the age of seventy-three years. Dr. Parsons was a member of the engineering staff in charge of the construction of the Panama Canal and was the builder of the Cape Cod Canal. He had been chairman of the board of trustees of Columbia University since 1917. He was also a trustee of the New York Public Library and of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

DR. CHARLES W. RICHMOND, associate curator of birds at the National Museum, died on May 17, at the age of sixty-three years.

HARRY H. BARROWS, assistant chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, died suddenly on May 3.

DR. R. BISHOP CANFIELD, since 1904 chief otolaryngologist of the University of Michigan Hospital and authority on the surgery of the ear, nose and throat, has been fatally injured in an automobile accident.

DR. JOHN R. MINEHART, dean of the School of Pharmacy of Temple University, Philadelphia, died on May 10, at the age of forty-four years.

THE death is announced at the age of forty-four years of John Berdan Charlesworth, research associate in African ethnology at the Peabody Museum of Harvard University. Mr. Charlesworth held the Anthony Wilkins Memorial Studentship of the University of Cambridge. Under his fellowship, and jointly for the Peabody Museum, Mr. Charlesworth had completed a two years' intensive study among the Basukuma, a Bantu tribe in Tanganyika Territory, Africa, south of Lake Victoria. It was on the return journey from this research that he died at sea of black-water fever. His collections and notes will go to the Peabody Museum.

THE death is announced of Sir W. Watson Cheyne, past-president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and consulting surgeon to King's College Hospital.

THE death is announced at the age of seventy-nine years of Charles Debierre, professor of anatomy at the Lille Medical School.