

OBITUARY

AUGUST F. FOERSTE

THE following minute, honoring the memory of Dr. August F. Foerste, was adopted at a meeting on June 1 of the faculty of Denison University:

In the death of August Frederick Foerste, Denison, A.B., 1887; Harvard, A.M., 1888, Ph.D., 1890; Heidelberg and Paris, 1890-1892; Denison, D.Sc., 1927, Denison University has lost another of her illustrious sons, a man whose work in science is known to paleontologists the world around.

Born at Dayton, Ohio, May 7, 1862, Doctor Foerste received his early education in the public schools of that city. While still a high school student he accumulated an herbarium of over 1,000 species of plants growing within a radius of ten miles of his home, and began collecting fossils at quarries near Dayton—a quest that led him later into fields afar, that made available to him for study fossils in many museums of America and Europe, and that brought him world-wide recognition as a geologist.

Unmindful of the lure of wealth and position, Doctor Foerste served as teacher in the Steele High School, Dayton, from 1893 until his retirement in 1932; his influence upon many generations of students is attested by the honor and respect they have shown him during these years. Since 1932 he has been connected with the United States National Museum at Washington, D. C., carrying on his studies of Ordovician and Silurian fossils. Of peculiar significance is the fact that his first papers appeared in the initial volume of the *Journal* of the Scientific Laboratories of Denison University in 1885, when he was a mature student of twenty-three years, and the page proof of his last paper (published in the April, 1936, issue of the same *Journal*) had passed through his hands the day before his sudden death, which occurred on April 23, 1936.

The faculty of Denison University adopts this resolution of respect honoring the memory of her worthy son, and directs that copies of it be sent to the family of Doctor Foerste and to SCIENCE.

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RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

PROFESSOR ARTHUR AMOS NOYES, since 1920 director of the Gates Chemical Laboratory of the California Institute of Technology, died on June 3 in his seventieth year. Dr. Noyes became assistant in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1887 and was director of the research laboratory of physical chemistry from 1903 to 1920. He was president of the American Chemical Society in 1904 and president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 1927.

DR. IRA EUGENE CUTLER, professor of zoology from 1898 to 1934 at the University of Denver and thereafter professor emeritus, died on May 25 at the age of seventy-three years.

Nature reports the death at the age of forty-six years of Professor Harrower, who as professor of anatomy at the King Edward VII Medical College and consulting surgeon at the General Hospital, Singapore, rendered great services to medical education in Singapore, and of Sir Wilmot Herringham, consulting physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, vice-chancellor of the University of London in 1912-15, on April 23, aged eighty-one years.

ON the occasion of the visit to Bath on May 16 of the Section of the History of Medicine of the Royal Society of Medicine, Sir D'Arcy Power unveiled a memorial tablet of John Hunter on the wall of 12 South Parade, where Hunter lived in 1785, and Dr. F. G. Thomson delivered an address on some early Bath physicians and their times.

A BRONZE bust of Michael Faraday, by Mrs. Feridah Forbes, has been presented by Sir Robert Hatfield to the Royal Society, which hitherto had possessed a portrait only.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE BRITISH DEPARTMENT OF SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH

THE annual report of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research gives, according to the *London Times*, many indications of the growing importance which British industrial authorities attach to science.

The Advisory Council of the department, the chairman of which is Lord Rutherford, point to a very encouraging response to the offer which the department made last year to research associations of increased

government support, provided the associations on their part obtained correspondingly increased contributions from the industries they serve. Negotiations with 13 out of 18 research associations in receipt of financial assistance from the department have been completed, and in every case offers of increased grants on a new basis have been made and accepted.

The Advisory Council states "that the immediate result has been that the association in question, as a whole, are already assured of a 30 per cent. increase in their resources as compared with those they