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**IN MEMORIAM  
G. B. HALSTED**

G. B. Halsted, retired professor of mathematics and member of the second faculty of The University of Texas at Austin, died on March 16, 1922. He was 68.

Professor Halsted was born on November 25, 1853, in Newark, New Jersey. He received bachelor's and master's degrees from Princeton University in 1875 and 1878, respectively. He held a mathematical fellowship while a student at Princeton. He was awarded a PhD from Johns Hopkins University in 1879.

Professor Halsted was a tutor and instructor at Princeton University. He joined the faculty of the University in 1884, where he held the chair of pure and applied mathematics. He resigned his position in 1903 to teach at St. John's College.

Professor Halsted was internationally known as a scholar and creative teacher. Especially noteworthy were his translations and commentaries relating to non-Euclidean geometry, including works by Bolyai, Lobachevski, Saccheri, and Poincaré. He wrote an elementary geometry text, *Rational Geometry*, based on Hilbert's axioms, which was translated into French, German, and Japanese.

Professor Halsted was a member of the American Mathematical Society and served as vice president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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