

IN MEMORIAM
FREDERICK MACALLISTER

Frederick MacAllister, retired Professor of Botany at the University of Texas, died in Austin, January 7, 1949, after a prolonged period of ill health. He was buried at Saginaw, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Ina (McCalman) MacAllister, to whom he was married in August, 1906.

He was born on a farm near Davison, Michigan on September 28, 1874, the son of Lester Samuel and Ella Welch MacAllister.

His education was obtained with difficulty and was delayed by irregular attendance, since it was necessary for him to contribute his share to the work of the farm. He was graduated from the Davison High School in 1896, after which he taught in rural schools and worked in the hay fields during the summer before continuing his education. In 1899 he entered Albion College, where he received the B. A. degree in 1903 with major work in Chemistry. He taught in the Traverse City High School in 1903-04, and in Beloit Academy for the period 1904-1909. While teaching in the Academy he pursued graduate work in botany, both at Beloit College and at the University of Wisconsin. He was awarded the M.A. degree by Beloit in 1908. He was an assistant in botany at the University of Wisconsin, 1909-10, and from this institution he received the Ph.D. in 1910.

He was appointed instructor in botany at Cornell University in 1910, and in 1912 he became an instructor at the University of Texas. He progressed through the several ranks to become professor in 1925. He retired in 1947.

Dr. MacAllister was a naturalist in a broad sense, being interested in many phases of both plant and animal life. With him botany was an avocation as well as a vocation. He was a gardener with the proverbial "green thumb." Throughout his life an ardent hunter and fisherman, each outing was also an opportunity to botanize. His interests were Catholic, but a major portion of his attention was devoted to the Bryophytes. During the last active years of his life he devoted himself assiduously to the preparation, of a monograph on the mosses and liverworts included in

his extensive collection. It is a cause of much regret that his health failed before he was able to complete this work.

As a teacher Dr. MacAllister was at his best with graduate students. His comprehensive and thorough knowledge of all fields of plant science, his competence as a cytological technician and microscopist, and his expert ability as a photographer, led most of the graduate students in biological science, whether working under his direction or not, to his office for advice and help at one time or another. He was always willing to listen to the problems and troubles encountered in research, and his counsel was given freely and cheerfully.

As an individual he was unassuming, modest and retiring. For many years he was active in the Councils of the University Presbyterian Church. He was a devoted husband, and a kindly neighbor who inspired close friendships.

His publications, and the titles of papers read before the Botanical Society of America are available upon request from the Office of the General Faculty.

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