ADJOURNMENT TO THE GENERAL FACULTY MINUTES

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON C. M. MONTGOMERY MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

The Special Committee of the General Faculty on the preparation of the C. M. Montgomery Memorial Resolution has filed with the Secretary of the General Faculty the following report.

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C. M. MONTGOMERY

Clifford Marvin Montgomery was born at Maxwell, Texas, on July 20, 1891. He was the youngest of thirteen children in a family that brought to their community the staunch qualities characteristic of Southerners: energy, determination, and conscience. After receiving a public school education, he attended Conwell Institute at San Marcos, and was graduated from Southwestern University in 1914. His postgraduate work was done at the University of California (M. A. 1919) and the University of Pennsylvania (Harriman Fellow, Ph. D. 1929). In 1928-29 he pursued independent research in Spain.

Dr. Montgomery had taught at Southwestern University, California, Texas Technological College, Duke, and Columbia. He had been a member of the faculty at The University of Texas since 1920. He professional accomplishments included the editing of textbooks and the publication of educational articles and a monograph, Early Contributions Written in Spain (Philadelphia, 1931). His predilection for the drama as a literary form led him to secure for the library thousands of Spanish plays. The task of cataloging this collection, one of the largest of its kind in the United States, was recently completed under his direction. He had also served as chairman of the Department of Romance Languages and associate editor of Hispania, a journal for Spanish teachers. He was an active member of the following learned societies: American Association of Teachers of Spanish, Modern Language Association of America, South Central Modern Language Association, and American Association of University Professors.

Professor Montgomery had many interests, and his participation in any group activity produced notable results. Being deeply religious, he devoted much of his life to church work. Because of his executive ability, he was honored with positions of great responsibility in local and national Methodist conferences. His co-workers affectionately called him "Bishop." As a teacher he imbued his students with his own zeal for work, and after they graduated he followed their progress with personal concern. When his administrative duties required him to deal with difficult situations, he consistently adhered to the principle of fairness, while expounding his conviction of what was right. If his view did not prevail, however, he bore no grudges afterwards. In all circumstances he was reasonable and considerate.

Clifford Montgomery was a man eminently endowed with the gift of sociability. His home life gave him the greatest happiness; he enjoyed himself most when sharing his pleasures with others. Whether at home, on a camping expedition, or at the University Club, his congeniality was evident in the wide circle of friends that he attracted. He was especially fond of games, which he played with endurance and skill. Those who were closely associated with him will cherish his memory and continue to feel his influence. It is sad that one with such a heart for living should be stricken at the height of his career, but he accepted his fate with exemplary composure, sustained by his faith and the love of his companions. The end of a good man is peace.

The death of Professor Montgomery on March 25, 1947, deprived us of a valuable colleague. The Faculty wishes to express its profound regret at this loss, and to record its appreciation of his long and faithful service to the University.

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