IN MEMORIAM
FREDERIC WILLIAM SIMONDS

Frederic William Simonds was born in Charlestown, Mass., July 3, 1853, the son of Andrew Wait and Ellen R. (Cox) Simonds. When he was about ten years old, his father removed to the west and he grew to manhood in Richmond, Indiana. In 1875 he received the degree of Bachelor of Science at Cornell University, a year later that of Master of Science. In 1879 he was made Doctor of Philosophy by the University of Syracuse and in 1893 was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Arkansas. In 1877 he married Norma A. Wood of Syracuse, N. Y., a woman of unusual charm and strength of character, who died in 1915. To them were born three children, Fred Hartt who died in 1909, Anna Wood who presided over her father's home after her mother died, and Andrew Warren, Engineer with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation.

Dr. Simonds' first teaching position was at Cornell University, where he was Instructor in Geology and Paleontology, 1875-1877. He was then Professor of Geology, Zoology, and Botany at the University of North Carolina, 1877-1881. In 1880 he was Special Agent for the Tenth Census in the Department of Mining Statistics. In 1887 he was Lecturer in Economic Geology at Cornell University; from 1887 to 1880, Professor of Geology and Biology at the University of Arkansas; and for five years--1887-1892--assistant Geologist in the Arkansas Geological Survey.

In 1890 he came to the University of Texas as Associate Professor of Geology, in charge also, for a short time, of the Department of Biology. After serving as Associate Professor for five years, he was made Professor and held this position till his death, March 27, 1941. He was a valued member of many University committees and for ten years was Secretary of the Faculty. In the life of the community he was active as a member of the Episcopal Church, being for years Vestryman and Superintendent of the Sunday School at St. David's Church and later Senior Warden at All Saints Chapel.
He was one of the founders of the Geological Society of America, Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, President of the Texas Academy of Science, 1899-1900, and for many years its Secretary, Charter member of Sigma Xi and President of the Texas Chapter, 1915-16, Honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa.

His publications include, besides numerous papers in scientific journals:

The Geography of Texas—Physical and Political: 1905.
The Maury-Simonds Physical Geography: 1908.

In the death of Dr. Simonds the General Faculty has lost its oldest and one of its best loved members. For more than fifty years he had taught geology with us. As a teacher his work was fresh, bright, and stimulating, his skill as a draftsman and his keen sense of form contributing in no small degree to the effectiveness of his presentation. As an investigator, particularly in his best loved field, physiography, he was enthusiastic, notably accurate, thorough. As a colleague he was sympathetic, helpful, just. As a citizen he stood for all that was best. As a man he was sensitively upright in all his dealings, kindly in all his relations. The University owes much to his example and will long cherish his memory.

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