IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT WILBERFORCE WARNER

Robert Wilberforce Warner died suddenly of a heart attack on the afternoon of September 18, 1961, after meeting his classes that morning. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Miriam Tregemba Warner of Austin; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Elizabeth Tiemann and three grandchildren, Karen Susan, Stephen Warner and William Andrew Tiemann of Dallas; and a sister, Miss Florence H. Warner of Austin.

Dr. Warner was born in Freeport, Illinois on August 20, 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Warner. He attended Beatrice, Nebraska High School and graduated in 1907. Upon high school graduation he attended Bellevue College, Nebraska, for two years. He then attended Washburn College, Topeka, Kansas, from 1909 to 1911, where he received a degree in mathematics and physics. After graduation from Washburn College, he worked for the W. A. L. Thompson Hardware Company from 1911 until 1916. He then attended the University of Kansas from 1916 to 1918 and received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Dr. Warner also received the honorary degree of Doctor of Science from Washburn College in 1941. During the period of his formal education, Dr. Warner was elected to membership in Tau Beta Pi, Theta Tau, Sigma Xi and Eta Kappa Nu. Later, he became a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers.

Dr. Warner served as an engineering officer in World War I for a period of six months prior to the termination of hostilities. He worked for the Cities Service Company, Denver in 1918, and for the Topeka Edison Company from 1920 to 1921. During 1921, he began his
teaching career at the University of Kansas where he served as an Instructor from 1921 to 1922. He was an Instructor at the University of Wisconsin from 1922 to 1923. He then returned to industry as an engineer with General Electric Company, where he was employed from 1923 to 1924. He worked for the Kansas City Power & Light Company from 1924 to 1928. He returned to teaching in 1928 as an Assistant Professor at the University of Kansas where he progressed to full Professor in 1930, which position he held until 1938. During 1935 to 1936, he was with Massachusetts Institute of Technology on a professorial exchange program. In 1938, he left the University of Kansas to begin his teaching career at The University of Texas as Professor of Electrical Engineering. He was Chairman of the Department from the time of his appointment until September, 1945.

It was during his Chairmanship, in 1941, that he suffered the first of a series of heart attacks; and even though his health required giving up the strenuous duties of the Chairmanship, he continued his devoted service to teaching up to the day of his death.

Dr. Warner was also an active member of the University Presbyterian Church, in Austin, where he served on the Board of Elders for quite some time.

Joseph R. Smiley, President
The University of Texas

Eugene W. Nelson, Secretary
The General Faculty

These Resolutions were prepared by a Special Committee consisting of Professors B. N. Gafford, Chairman, B. E. Short and A. W. Straiton.
Dr. Warner's publications are as follows:


