

ARTHUR DUNN PITCHER
IN MEMORIAM*

Arthur Dunn Pitcher, Professor of Mathematics in Adelbert College, Western Reserve University, died on October 5, aged forty-three years. While he had suffered from a weak heart for some time, his sudden death came as an unexpected blow to his family and colleagues. In fact he had met his classes as usual on October 4, and gave every indication of normal health.

He was born and reared in Kansas. He was graduated from the University of Kansas in 1906 and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Chicago in 1910. After that he held positions at the University of Kansas, Dartmouth College, and during the past eight years at Western Reserve University.

At the University of Chicago Professor Pitcher came under the influence of Professor E. H. Moore, under whose direction he wrote his doctor's thesis. After receiving his doctorate he continued the researches he had begun at Chicago in E. H. Moore's *General Analysis*; and these led him into researches in the Fréchet Theory and the Theory of Functions of a Real Variable. By his contributions to these fields of mathematics he attained a high place among American mathematicians.

While his principal interest was in the study of mathematics, nevertheless he performed conscientiously all the tasks that came to him. For the last three years he was a member of the budget committee and of the executive committee of Adelbert College. His work on these important committees gained for him the reputation of being fair minded and having sound judgment. As a consequence he was frequently consulted on matters of university policy.

At all times he maintained a high standard, but because of his patience and sympathy he enjoyed to an unusual degree the loyalty and affection of his students. The attainments of his students and their love for him called forth the admiration of his associates. His happy disposition and his kindly helpfulness to the students, to his associates, and to his friends, are sadly missed.

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