LINNAEUS WAYLAND DOWLING

IN MEMORIAM

The following minute has been adopted by the Faculty of the University of Wisconsin, and is printed here in memory of Professor Dowling, who had been a member of this Society since 1897.

Linnaeus Wayland Dowling was born at Medina, Michigan, on Decem ber 7, 1867. He graduated from Adrian College in 1890 and obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at Clark University in 1895. He gave his entire collegiate service of thirty-three years to the University of Wisconsin, becoming successively Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of Mathematics. His special field was geometry, and he was the author of textbooks on Analytic Geometry, Projective Geometry, and Mathematics of Insurance.

Professor Dowling's instruction was characterized by an exceptional clarity of exposition which, with his magnetism, geniality of manner, and interest in his students, made him a universally popular and beloved teacher. He was a man of unusual breadth of interests: a talented musician, an eager and well-informed botanist, and a student of the humanities. His knowledge of the language and literature of Italy, where he studied under the geometer Segre, was exceptional; and he was an ardent reader and lover of poetry. These talents explain, in part, the bonds of sympathy that united him with so many colleagues and students. But above all his attraction was due to his personal qualities, his cheerful disposition and his kindly character. His influence in these private associations was no less great than in his admirable public service as a teacher, and he will long be remembered and missed by his friends.

Be it resolved that we as a faculty hereby express our sense of loss in the death of our colleague, Professor Dowling, and that this resolution be spread upon our minutes and a copy of it sent to Mrs. Dowling and to his son Dr. Philip Dowling.

[RESOLUTION OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN]