MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MILWAUKEE ON THE DEATH OF ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DUDLEY COOKINGHAM BROOKS

In his thirty-five years of service to the University of Wisconsin, Dudley C. Brooks gave to the teaching of English an unfailing enthusiasm which won him the respect of his colleagues and, in many cases, the devotion of his students.

Dudley Brooks was born in Bozeman, Montana, on March 9, 1893. Although orphaned at an early age, he remembered that books and serious discussion had been the focus of the home he dimly remembered. He worked his way through high school and later through the University of Wisconsin where he took his B.A. degree. In World War I, he served in the Ambulance Corps in France and after the war stayed on in the Army of Occupation. During that time he joined the Beaux Artes Group and perfected his French. After taking his M.A. degree in English at the University of Wisconsin in 1922, he went to India where he held an editorial position in Calcutta. Here he developed his life-long interest in the mysticism of the Oriental religions. In later years in Milwaukee he was for several years president of the Theosophical Society and was a regular lecturer on Theosophy both in Milwaukee and Chicago. His two sons, by whom he is survived, are now studying for the ministry.

On his return from India in 1924, he became an instructor in Correspondence Study Courses in the Extension Division. In 1930 he transferred to the Milwaukee Extension Division, at first as an instructor, later as an assistant professor. His primary interest was in writing, specifically in the techniques by which both factual and creative writing are most effectively taught. In his inexhaustible enthusiasm for writing, he experimented with many types of fiction and was an active member of the Fictioneers. Over a period of many years, he organized the more ambitious of his students into a Writers' Group whose continuing activity is a living testimony to the success of his teaching career.

Dudley Brooks died in Door County, Wisconsin, on August 7, 1957, having been engaged in teaching and creative writing until a month before his death.

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