MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR
EMERITUS PROFESSOR CHARLES E. YOUNG

Charles E. Young, Emeritus Professor of French at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Extension Division, one of the predecessor institutions of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, died on April 26, 1971 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife, Lillian; a son, Herbert, Indianapolis, Indiana; and a sister, Mrs. Bertha E. Bennet, Gulfport, Florida.

Professor Young was born in Dorchester, Massachusetts in 1878. In 1902, he took the A.B. Degree at Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. At the University of Wisconsin he took the M.A. Degree in 1908 and the Ph.D. in 1912. After teaching French at Vanderbilt University, Beloit College, and the University of Iowa, he came to the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Extension Division in 1929 as Professor of Romance Languages and Chairman of the Department. Following his retirement in June, 1949, he taught English for ten years at the Milwaukee School of Engineering.

From the beginning of his career, Professor Young was primarily interested in teaching, especially teaching the technique of foreign language reading, which became his major area of experiment and research. The many articles he wrote for modern language journals and his book, French Grammar: An Aid to Reading (1930), earned him a national reputation as an authority in his field. In 1959, he was among ten teachers of modern foreign languages to receive the first national foreign language achievement awards given by the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association.

As a scholar, he was also interested in working in other areas. He edited with introductions Honoré de Balzac's La Recherche de l'Absolu (1914) and Anthology of French Lyric Poetry (1925), and was joint author of French Literature in Outline (1928), Introduction to French (1951), and The Teaching of English to Engineering Students (c. 1963).

For many years Charles Young was active in national learned and professional organizations. He was president of the section on Modern Language Teaching within the Modern Language Association of America (1922) and Secretary-Treasurer of the National Federation of Modern Language Teachers (1926-1934). At the time of his death, he was a member of the American Association of University Professors, the Modern Language Association of America, and the American Association of Teachers of French.

Charles will be remembered by many of his colleagues for his numerous contributions outside the classroom. He was active in the affairs of faculty government, heading several significant faculty committees as well as serving as a member of others, particularly during the years of formative growth of the Milwaukee Extension Division in the thirties and forties including the immediate post World War II period. He was involved in the early establishment of an advising and counseling program for students.

Charles had many friends in the University, most of whom preceded him in death. But there remain among us those who remember him well and admire his many fine talents and his efforts in behalf of higher education and the University of Wisconsin.

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