MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS OF THE FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN--MILWAUKEE
ON THE DEATH OF FRANK F. ADAMS

Frank F. Adams, former vice-president of Milwaukee State Teachers College, died on November 4, 1959. The immediate cause of his death was pneumonia brought on by Parkinson's disease with which he had been afflicted since 1941. During this long siege, which he endured without complaint, he had the devoted sympathy, attention, and care of his wife, Lydia.

Mr. Adams spent his life in the profession of teaching. He began in a rural school in Nebraska at the age of 16. At the age of 20 he was principal of the public school in Strang, Nebraska. At the age of 24 he was superintendent of schools in Valley, Nebraska, a position he held for four years. From there he went to Havelock, Nebraska, where he held the superintendency for six years.

Mr. Adams continued his formal education while he taught, obtaining the bachelor's degree at the Peru, Nebraska, State Teachers College in 1912 and his master's degree at the University of Nebraska in 1917. He took additional graduate work at the University of Chicago and Columbia University. At Chicago he was elected to membership in Phi Delta Kappa, honorary education fraternity.

In 1922, at the age of 34, Mr. Adams was called to the Milwaukee Normal School to head the division for the preparation of teachers in the two upper elementary grades. In 1926 his responsibilities were broadened to include the administration of the program for intermediate grade teachers. In 1925 he was made vice-president of the school, which had now become a teachers college. In 1937 he was asked to assume the position of Director of Training, which included the directorship of the Campus Elementary School. He retired in 1947, six years after he became aware that Parkinson's disease had marked him as one of its dread victims.

As vice-president and highly respected educator and administrator, Mr. Adams took a leading part in formulating and administering policies that made Milwaukee State Teachers College nationally known as a leader in teacher education. For years he was chairman of the committee which executed a highly regarded policy of selective admission to the various teacher education curricula. It was this policy that made Milwaukee State Teachers College one of the few teacher education institutions in the country which reversed the proportion of students so that the greatest number finished in elementary instead of secondary education, thus meeting much more realistically the demand for teachers in these two fields. This committee, under Mr. Adams' chairmanship, also markedly raised the academic and personal standards required of students who were allowed to continue in teacher education.

Mr. Adams aided Milwaukee State Teachers College to make an outstanding contribution to teacher education by encouraging his colleagues in the establishment of the Integrated Course in Elementary Education and by participating in it for 10 years. The unique feature of the Integrated Course is the inter-relating of educational theory and student teaching in such a way as to make both more meaningful and useful to the young teacher.

Mr. Adams will be remembered not only as a fine teacher and a searcher for higher standards and improved quality in education, but also as one of the finest of gentlemen. He was characterized always by patience, kindness, and sympathetic understanding of colleagues and students alike. Mr. Adams was not a man to preach or shout; quietly he taught the lasting and fundamental values of life by living them.

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