

MEMORIAL RESOLUTION
EPHRAIM D. ADAMS
(1865-1930)

On the first of September, Ephraim Douglass Adams died at his residence on the Stanford campus. For twenty-eight years he had been a member of this Council, and from 1908 until 1922 he was Head of the Department of History.

Born in Decorah, Iowa, on the December 18, 1865, of pioneer New England ancestry, Professor Adams obtained his higher education at Grinnell College and the University of Michigan, receiving from the latter the doctorate in 1890. A year later he joined the Department of History at the University of Kansas, and in 1902 accepted an appointment as associate professor at Stanford.

During his long service in this university Dr. Adams was known as a great teacher, with the happy faculty of awakening interest among the younger students as well as inspiring research workers. He never gave up his contacts with freshmen. He was also a productive scholar with a significant list of publications in the field of diplomatic history. As a student of British-American relations he was a recognized authority, while the period of the American Civil War was especially his own. And yet while demonstrating exhaustive research in the exploration of a limited period, he was also a master of broad brushwork on a larger canvas, as his "Power of Ideals in American History" so well illustrated. In his profession he was highly esteemed, and the crowning tribute of his associates was in store for him when, at its meeting in December, he would have been elected President of the American Historical Association.

The Hoover War Library bears witness to his vision and enterprise. His was the first suggestion, to him were entrusted the planning and the early undertakings. He was the first chairman and to the end an effective member of its directing board.

A delightful companion, a fine sportsman, a loyal friend—a wide circle of associates will feel a personal sense of loss in the death of Professor Adams. The Academic Council, therefore, gives expression to its sorrow and spreads upon its minutes this tribute to those qualities by which he reflected honor upon his profession and won the esteem and affection of his associates.

And be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Trustees and to the family of Professor Adams.