

## GLENN CULBERTSON.

SWITZERLAND COUNTY, INDIANA.

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Nineteen years of close and understanding fellowship make it difficult to write with moderation of a friend's life. This is particularly so when the friend is a man like Glenn Culbertson, who achieved the rare distinction of being strong in many ways.

Born in Switzerland County, Indiana, in 1863, of Scotch parents, and reared in a consistently Scotch Presbyterian home and community, his life was the natural product of such heredity and nurture. He was



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educated in Hanover College, from which he received the A. B. degree in 1888 and the degree of Master of Arts in 1891. Subsequently he studied with Salisbury in the University of Chicago, by whom he was greatly influenced. In 1920 the University of Wooster conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Science.

Professor Culbertson was principal of the Salida Academy in Colorado the years 1888 to 1890, and of the Presbyterian Academy in Bangkok, Siam, from 1890 to 1893. The latter year he returned to Hanover to become professor of physics and geology, which position he held to the time of his death in April of the present year. During recent years he was also vice-president of Hanover College and secretary to the Board of Trustees. He was elected to membership in the Indiana Academy of Science in 1895, and made a Fellow in 1899. He was presi-

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dent of the Academy during the year 1908, a regular attendant upon its stated meetings, and a frequent contributor to its Proceedings.

Professor Culbertson was an ardent churchman, for many years an elder in the Hanover church and clerk of its session. He was particularly active in the promotion of Sabbath school work locally and throughout the State. His service as a churchman was recognized by his election as moderator of the Presbytery of New Albany. Doctor Culbertson was equally active as a citizen. He was president of the Hanover Bank, a leader in public school affairs, the first man to be enlisted in the promotion of civic movements, and a fearless exponent of decency in local politics. He represented his district in the 1909 session of the state legislature.

As a teacher his classroom technique was always supplemented by infinite patience and thoroughness, and a gift for discovering and inspiring young men of special ability. He has thus produced a number of first-class scholars. His own scholarship was sound rather than extensive, but his viewpoint was thoroughly scientific. He found no conflict for himself between the hypotheses of modern science and his theology.

The primary characteristic in Professor Culbertson's personality was loyalty—loyalty to his family and his friends, to his home town, to his church, to his college, and to his convictions. To him duty was high privilege. Next to loyalty and his high sense of duty was his love of men, his love of little children, and of the "Great Outdoors." He was an outdoors man; he hunted, fished, explored and played. He was an expert gardener and orchardist. He was the outstanding athlete of his college generation; played center on the first championship football team in Indiana, and was a veteran of the diamond.

But it was in forest and field that Doctor Culbertson was most at home. He was a naturalist. No bird, bug, bee, plant nor fossil escaped him. He explored every cavern, cranny, fossil bed, and outcropping stone within tramping distance of Hanover. He knew the secrets of the streams of southern Indiana, and of hedge-row and hillside as well. He saw the first spring migrant, and heard the first warbler. The skies were filled with well-known friends. The problem on which he spent most time and labor was erosion in the hill country of southeastern Indiana and northern Kentucky. For 30 years he kept careful measurements of the cutting back of Clifty Falls in order to determine the rate of erosion and therefrom the age of Clifty Ravine. Possibly his best contribution to science is his archeological survey of Jefferson County and the adjoining counties of Indiana and Kentucky.

WM. A. MILLIS, Hanover.