

CHARLES REDWAY DRYER.

ONTARIO COUNTY, NEW YORK.

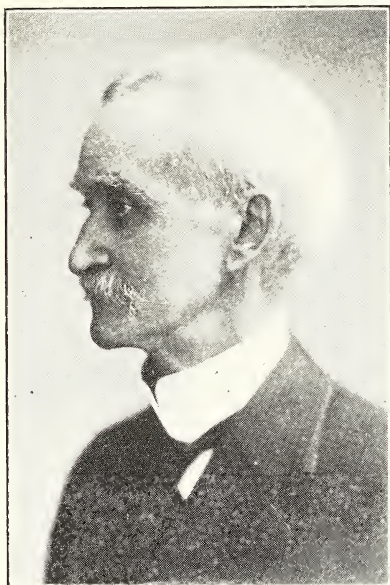
AUGUST 31, 1850.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA.

MARCH 21, 1927.

Dr. Charles Redway Dryer, former Professor of Geology and Geography in the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, died at his home at Fort Wayne, March 21, 1927.

He was born in Ontario County, New York, and received his early education in the academies of Macedon Center and Canandaigua. He graduated from Hamilton College, after which he studied medicine in the University of Michigan and University of Buffalo, from which latter



CHARLES REDWAY DRYER.

institution he received the degree of Doctor of Medicine. He practiced medicine for a short time but soon turned to teaching, which became his life work. In 1877 he became teacher of science in the Fort Wayne High School, in a day when the science teacher was expected to cover the entire field of physical and biological sciences. While an instructor in the high school he also taught toxicology and chemistry in the then existing Fort Wayne College of Medicine.

It is of interest to note that while his training in school had followed the lines of medicine and chemistry, his natural inclination drew him more and more into the field of geology and geography. Doctor Dryer was at heart a true naturalist and found some of his keenest intellectual delights in exploration and discovery. From 1886 to 1893 he

"Proc. Ind. Acad. Sci., vol. 37, 1927 (1928)."

served as an assistant on the Indiana State Geological Survey, surveying the six northeast counties, and working out in a very scholarly way the glacial geology of that region. When in 1893 the chair of geology and geography in the State Normal School became vacant and official inquiries were made about securing some person fitted to undertake this work, it was very natural that attention should be called to the work done by Doctor Dryer. He accepted the invitation to become the Professor of Geography and Geology, and held this position for 20 years.

He retired in 1913; spent a winter in study and lecturing at Oxford University, England, and his last years in Fort Wayne, doing considerable writing on geographical subjects and editing a series of new maps, since then very widely used in schools and colleges.

It is particularly appropriate that the Indiana Academy of Science should honor his memory. He was a charter member of the Academy, continuing his membership to his death. He was greatly interested in the work of the Academy, seldom failing to attend its sessions. He served as the President of the Academy in 1901, at which time he read as his presidential address a rather notable paper on the "Geography of North America."

He was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Association of American Geographers and the Royal Geographical Society of Great Britain.

His books include: "Studies in Indiana Geography," 1897; "Lessons in Physical Geography," 1910; "Geography Physical, Economic and Regional," 1911; and "Economic Geography," 1916.

He was also the author of numerous articles, a few of the important of which are represented in the accompanying bibliography.

As an inspiring teacher in his classroom, a productive scholar in his chosen field of study, and a man of wide reading and broad culture, he has permanently enriched the educational and scientific heritage of our State.

PAPERS BY DR. C. R. DRYER.

"The North America of Today and Tomorrow and Indiana's Place in It."—Proceedings of Indiana Academy of Science, 1911, pp. 37-54.

"Geographic Influences in the Development of Indiana."—Journal of Geography, September, 1910, pp. 17-23.

"The Maumee-Wabash Waterway."—Annals of Association of American Geographers, 1920, pp. 120-124.

"Morainic Lakes of Indiana; Wabash Erie Region."—Inland Educator, Vol. IV, pp. 63-69, pp. 120-124.

"A Century of Geographic Education in the United States."—Annals of Association of American Geographers, 1924, pp. 117-149.

"Natural Economic Regions."—Annals of Association of American Geographers, 1915, pp. 121-125.

"Genetic Geography."—Annals of Association of American Geographers, 1920, pp. 3-16.

"Studies in Economic Geography."—Geography Review, 1916, pp. 289-300.

L. J. RETTGER, Indiana State Normal School, Terre Haute.