

lay heavily on his heart and he played a dominating part in the establishment of the present pension system for public school teachers.

Swain's greatest contribution, in my judgment, was not that of an official but that of his personal influence. A few moments were sufficient to convert a culprit called to his office into a man who went out with a desire to try again. To the discouraged he pointed the way of life; to those who needed help he showed the way to self-reliance. With rare skill he transferred the misfit into his proper sphere. All this he did with a wisdom and tact of which he himself was entirely unconscious.

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EMERSON BLANE WRIGHT.

LAPEL, INDIANA.
SEPTEMBER 21, 1884.

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
APRIL 17, 1928.

Emerson Blane Wright was born at Lapel, Indiana, September 21, 1884, and died at Indianapolis, Indiana, April 17, 1928.

He received his education in the rural schools of Hamilton County, at Lapel High School, and at Indiana University, graduating from the latter institution in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts and later taking the Master's degree there. He was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, of the Masonic Lodge, and of



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the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1910 Mr. Wright was married to Miss Charlotte Passwater at Noblesville. Mrs. Wright, Maxine, their 15-year-old daughter, his mother, two sisters, and a brother survive him.

While a boy, living on the farm, Mr. Wright acquired a deep love for nature, which was manifest throughout his life. He began his teaching career in the rural schools of Hamilton County, later teaching in Lapel High School, where he himself had been a student. Mr. Wright also taught in the high schools at Noblesville, Bloomington, and Vincennes, and in the vocational department of Indiana University. At the time of his death he was a teacher in Arsenal Technical High School of Indianapolis, where he had taught for nine years. At Indiana University he majored in botany and did considerable work in drawing, in which art he excelled. Later he taught mechanical drawing for several years. While at Technical High School his old love for the out-of-doors led him to take up the teaching of botany.

It is as a teacher that Mr. Wright performed the greatest work of his life. He early became a Christian, and in the rôle of teacher he had a great longing to inspire in his students a desire for the high ideals to which he himself aspired. Many are the boys and girls whose lives have been deeply influenced by the sincere and sympathetic interest which Mr. Wright took in their success.

In his church life he always took an active part in Sunday School, Epworth League, and he attended other church services faithfully. In his civil life he was always active in everything that was for the community welfare.

During his last illness, which lasted several months, his most intense longing was to get back to his classes at Technical and to carry on with his life's work.

Besides his family he leaves a host of friends who will mourn his untimely death. By his death the Academy of Science has lost a loyal member, and we desire to record our high regard of his life that his family and friends may know our appreciation.

C. F. Cox, Indianapolis, Indiana.

FRANK CASPAR WAGNER.

ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN.

OCTOBER 5, 1864.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.

NOVEMBER 21, 1928.

The subject of this sketch, Frank Caspar Wagner, President of Rose Polytechnic Institute, lost his life on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 21, 1928. As he was leaving the grounds of the Institute his automobile was struck by an interurban car and he was instantly killed. Thus was brought to an untimely end the career of an unusually loveable man of noble character and of marked attainment in his chosen field.

He was born at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he received his early education in the public schools of that city. At the remarkably early age of 19 he received in 1884 the degree of A. M. from the University of Michigan, and in 1885 he was granted the further degree of B. S. in Mechanical Engineering from that University. In 1924 the honorary degree of Sc. D. was conferred upon him by Rose Polytechnic Institute upon the occasion of his inauguration as President, and in 1927