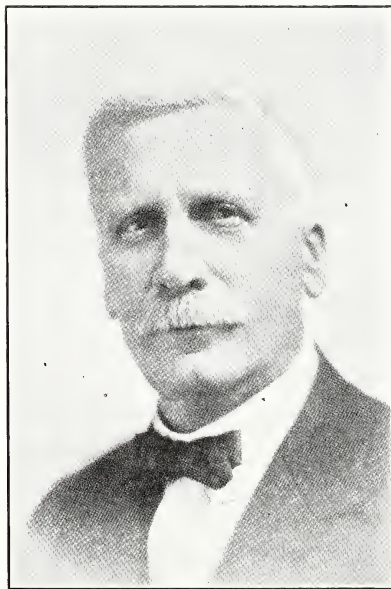


ROBERT GREENE GILLUM.

GREENVILLE, VIRGINIA.
JANUARY 22, 1855.

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA.
AUGUST 20, 1924.

Robert Greene Gillum, for many years Professor of Physics at the Indiana State Normal School at Terre Haute, Indiana, died at his home on August 20, 1924. More than a year before this, the early symptoms of the disease which finally took his life, began to show themselves. In order that he might have the time and rest to recuperate, he resigned his position in June, 1923. The Board of Trustees of the State Normal School, recognizing his long and faithful period of service in the institution and his unfailing loyalty to all the interests of the school, refused to accept his resignation outright, but granted him a leave of absence, and when it became evident that Professor Gillum could not return to his post, he was made Professor Emeritus.



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Professor Gillum was a native Virginian, receiving his early education in the common schools at Greenville, Virginia, and entering later the Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, where he remained two years as the holder of a scholarship. As a young man, he left Virginia and came to Indiana, the state of his adoption. He entered Indiana University in 1877, graduating in 1881 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was later a graduate student at Indiana Uni-

versity, Harvard University and at Chicago University. He served as principal of the high schools of Union City, Huntington and Anderson, Indiana, and from the latter place was called to the Indiana State Normal School in the spring of 1886 as assistant teacher. From this position he was soon advanced to the professorship of Physics and Chemistry and when this department was later divided, he became professor of Physics.

Professor Gillum was for many years a member of the Academy of Science and while not very often presenting formal papers, was deeply interested in its work and in frequent attendance upon its meetings. Professor Gillum should be credited largely with the life and work of the Terre Haute Science Club, an organization composed of the science faculties of the Rose Polytechnic Institute, the Indiana State Normal School and the two city high schools. For almost a quarter of a century he was the secretary of the club and it was his unfailing interest in matters of science that made him assume in large measure the responsibility for arranging the programs and installing the special bits of apparatus for demonstration for the public meetings of the club. As secretary of the club, it was his duty to write brief reports of the papers presented. An examination of these many records could not fail to reflect the unselfish devotion which Mr. Gillum brought to this task.

Few men have the happy faculty of making and holding friends in such generous measure as Professor Gillum had. With his students he was not only their instructor but he usually became their counselor and friend. He loved folks and he loved them in a sincere and generous way. No man could long remain a stranger in his presence. He numbered among his acquaintances everybody within his friendly grasp. He was an active member of many social and charitable organizations and took a very great interest in the welfare of his own community. At the time of his death, he was serving as a member of the Terre Haute Board of Safety. In his death, the Normal School has lost an earnest teacher; the community in which he lived, a splendid citizen; and those who knew him personally, a friend.

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