

HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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ABSTRACT

Chemistry at Indiana Asbury-DePauw in the Nineteenth Century. DONALD J. COOK, Department of Chemistry, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana 46135. —In the year 1838-39 President Matthew Simpson taught the first course in chemistry at Indiana Asbury University. One of his two students was Charles Gibbs Downey of New Albany who completed his studies at Wesleyan University in 1840. He returned to Asbury as an instructor in mathematics in 1841 and in 1842 became Professor of Natural sciences. William C. Larrabee became Professor of Mathematics. In 1849 Joseph Tingley, an Asbury graduate of 1846 and a cousin of President Simpson was appointed Professor of Natural Sciences and Charles Downey was transferred to the Indiana Central Medical College in Indianapolis, a school within the Indiana Asbury University. This school survived only three years and Downey became Professor of Mathematics at Indiana Asbury in 1852.

Philip Schaffner Baker replaced Tingley and from 1874 until 1882 was responsible for shaping the new department. Indiana Asbury became DePauw University in 1884 and Baker continued as Professor of Chemistry until 1901.

