



## DOCTOR ULYSSES S. GRANT

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Dr. Ulysses S. Grant who died at Evanston, Illinois, September 21, 1932, was born at Moline, Illinois, in 1867, but his parents soon moved to Des Moines, Iowa, where he lived until 1884. On that date they moved to Minneapolis and he entered the University of Minnesota from which he was graduated with honors in 1888. He remained at Minnesota for a year of graduate work then went to Johns Hopkins University from which he received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 1893. He returned to Minnesota where he taught and did field geology until 1899 when he was elected Professor of Geology at Northwestern University. In 1891 he was married to Miss Avis Winchell, daughter of Professor N. H. Winchell, State Geologist of Minnesota.

An attractive personality, an inspiring teacher, a high standard of scientific achievement, a sincere friendliness characterized Dr. Grant, and he was respected and loved by the many students who were in his classes during the thirty-three years of his professorship. He did extensive field work in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Wyoming as well as in Alaska, and wrote numerous scientific articles as a result of this work.

He was noted as an economic geologist who made investigations in copper, lead and zinc, iron and coal and for many years he was geologist for the Western United Gas and Electric Corporation. He was a petrographer, and the interest developed early in igneous and metamorphic rocks of the Lake Superior region, was maintained throughout his life. This was evidenced by the field course conducted by him each summer in that region.

Besides the responsibility as head of the department of geology, he served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern University. Also, he was elected to many important positions in which he served with great loyalty and efficiency in the numerous scientific organizations of which he was a member.

Generosity of spirit was a marked characteristic and this was illustrated in a practical manner by his readiness to permit any teacher in his department to go to another institution at practically any time in case the teacher would be materially benefited by such a change.

The writer had the privilege not only of being a student of Dr. Grant, but also of working with him in the field and in one instance of being with him alone for a month for a special investigation which was made on horseback in Wyoming, and of teaching with him in a temporary position for one semester. In all of these relations he proved himself a man of great ability and of the highest moral and scientific standards.

Vaughn Bryant has said of him that he was "a great and ardent scientist, an inspiring teacher, a sympathetic friend," and President Walter Dill Scott has said: "Professor Grant lived a noble and useful life. He added prestige to the profession he followed, distinction to the University he served, and affectionate memories to all who knew him."