IN MEMORIAM

SAMUEL WEIDMAN

1870-1945

Samuel Weidman, field geologist, scientific writer, research man, and teacher, died after a long illness on September 22, 1945. He was the son of Alexander Weidman and Eleanor McIlvaine Weidman, and was born October 11, 1870, near Reedsburg, Wisconsin. He was graduated from the Reedsburg High School and the University of Wisconsin. Under fellowships he studied at the Universities of Chicago and Wisconsin and received his doctorate in philosophy from the latter.

He married Miss Adda J. Westenhaver in 1899; she and three sons and six grandchildren survive him. In twenty-five years of field research, he studied general and metamorphic geology, soils, water supplies, glaciation, and iron deposits; and published the results in several volumes of the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey.

Doctor Weidman came to the University of Oklahoma as Assistant Professor of Geology in 1919, he was advanced to Professor of Geology in 1925, and became Professor Emeritus in 1943. He did field work in Oklahoma in the Arbuckle and Wichita Mountains and in the northeastern part of the State.

While teaching at the University of Oklahoma, he continued his research and published a number of articles resulting from his field and laboratory studies. For several years he served as Chairman of the University of Oklahoma Research Committee.

He was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the Oklahoma Academy of Science, being President of the latter in 1924. He was a member of the American Institute of Mining and Mineralogical Engineers, the Association of American Geographers, American Association of University Professors, and Sigma Xi Society.

His more extensive publications include: Pre-Cambrian igneous rocks of the Fox River valley, Wisconsin; Soils and agricultural conditions of north-central Wisconsin; Pre-Potsdam peneplain of the Pre-Cambrian of north-central Wisconsin; Baraboo iron-bearing district of Wisconsin; Geology of north-central Wisconsin; Reconsinaissance soil survey of part of northwestern Wisconsin and of Marinette County; Underground and surface water supplies of Wisconsin; Evidences of glaciation in Arbuckle region, Oklahoma.—C. E. Decker, University of Oklahoma, Norman.