
ON THE DEATH OF WILLIAM ASHBROOK KELLERMAN.

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Inasmuch as Dr. William Ashbrook Kellerman died on the eighth of March, 1908, the Biological Club of the Ohio State University wishes to record its estimate of the worth of the man and its sense of loss in his sudden death.

Dr. Kellerman became allied with the club almost at its beginning and for many years was one of its most active and enthusiastic members. He served as president in 1891-1892. In starting the chief enterprise of the club, the Ohio Naturalist, he had a very large part. Indeed, when the establishment of such a periodical seemed beyond the financial means of the club, it was he who generously came forward and assumed the burden, proving his faith in the success of the venture by accepting extra numbers of the journal as security for his advances. Without this aid the present valuable journal of the club could scarcely have been undertaken.

Until handicapped by a difficulty in hearing which arose in the last few years, he was one of the most active participants in the discussions of the club, always adding interest and profit

to its meetings. Many of his papers, since published, were read for the first time in its sessions. In addition to these more formal contributions not less important though less pretentious were the many brief notes which he contributed under the head of personal observations. Never did a meeting pass at which he was present without his reporting some new and interesting discoveries he had made during the month. These short observations reveal a trait in his character which is becoming all too rare in the younger biologists, namely, his love of nature and his passion for study and collection in the field. In all of his forty years of collecting and close study of nature, he never lost in the slightest degree the enthusiasm of the youth making his first discoveries in science. From first to last he maintained unabated his great interest in the commonest things. At all times he enjoyed with the greatest intensity every observation made by his students, even if it was well known to him. Because of this he was one of the most stimulating persons any young man could have had to work under. Those who knew him in the field can never forget the keen enjoyment of field trips with him nor the profit derived from them.

As members of the Biological Club, many of us only beginning our scientific careers, we would recognize the inestimable value of such an impelling interest in our work and set it up as a mark for our own ideals, knowing full well that though few of us can hope to attain such intensity of enthusiasm as he reached, yet our success in large measure depends on our ability to maintain as Dr. Kellerman did, the enthusiasm of youth through the years of mature life.

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