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J. HOWARD FRAZIER.

The subject of this sketch was born at Natrona, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1891, and died at Johnson City, Tennessee, on September 11, 1917. He was a young man of unusual promise, self reliant and always able to do the work allotted to him.

He attended the public schools of Elizabeth, New Jersey, Argentine, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, where he completed the grade schools. He then attended the high school of Bristol, Virginia, and Allegheny, Pennsylvania. He was a student at the A. and M. college of Mississippi, 1909-1910, and came to Ames as a student on February 22, 1913. While at Bristol, Tennessee, he also attended the Sullins Musical College, where he devoted much time to the study of violin music, becoming an unusually good player. When not at school he was a cash boy in Kansas City in a Department Store, an office boy in a tannery at Bristol, Tennessee, a clerk in a freight office, later a clerk in a music store at Bristol and later had charge of the department of musical instruments in "The Fair Store," Chicago. During his first summer vacation in Ames he worked at various kind of mechanical labor. During the second summer he became the official slide maker of the Department of Botany. He was most efficient in this work and as student assistant in Morphology, later as assistant in the two-year botany course, he did splendid work, always doing his work in a most efficient and careful manner. Owing to ill health he resigned his college work and went to one of the Des Moines hospitals. When in somewhat improved condition he moved to Bristol, Tennessee, to live with his sister. Here he made, for the Department of Botany, a fine collection of oaks. At the advice of the doctors he went to Miami, Florida, where he paid some attention to botany, so far as his health would permit. He then moved to Johnson City, where he died.

At Ames Mr. Frazier was active in musical circles and was a member of the Colonial Club. Mr. Frazier became a most enthusiastic botanist. In reply to a little remembrance sent to him by the Department of Botany (a copy of Gray's Manual)

he wrote in April, 1916, "It is certainly a remembrance worth while, especially to one who has learned through the Department of Botany to appreciate the wonderfulness of life by means of plant and nature study in general. There is quite a large ridge of mountains just eighteen miles south of Bristol and later in the summer I expect to get acquainted with many new plants in that district." Then he goes on to say something about a collection of plants made in the Niagara region the previous summer, which he sent to the Department of Botany.

What more can we chronicle of a young life on the threshold of doing much useful botanical work? He was a man of noble and fine sentiments, of fine character, of a sunny disposition and was liked by all. His associates at Ames will not forget the cheer he brought into the laboratory and work shop.

L. H. PAMMEL.



GLENN I. TENNEY

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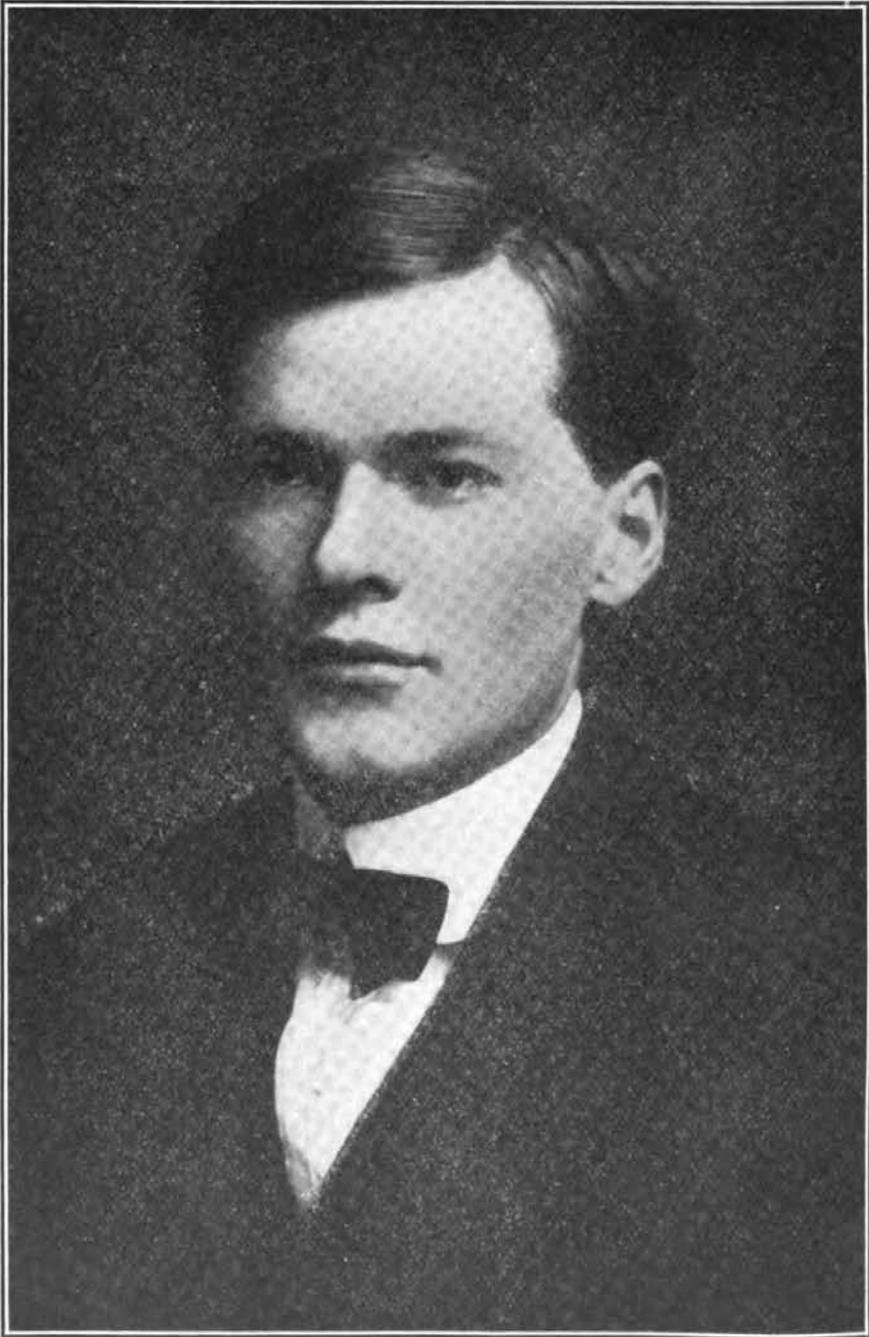
When Glenn I. Tenney of Des Moines became a member of the Iowa Academy of Science at the 27th annual meeting in 1913, he was, as far as the writer knows, the youngest member the Academy has ever had on its list. In the preceding summer he had attended the Macbride Lakeside Laboratory at Lake Okoboji. When he presented himself for admission the director was naturally hesitant for here was a boy who had just completed his second year in the high school while the classes were made up quite largely of college graduates. His probationary admission, however, was not a mistake, and he soon won the admiration of everyone by his enthusiasm and untiring industry. Early and late he collected hand specimens of the boulders about the lake, he tramped to far away swamps for shells, he broke up limestone boulders by the hour for fossils; minerals, rocks, mollusc shells, leaves, flowers, and so forth, he collected in profusion and it was more than a boyish whim for he arranged and labelled them, he learned them, he asked questions all day long. Few acquired more knowledge there that summer and to none did it come with greater freshness and pleasure.

Upon finishing high school he entered Greenville College, Illinois, and a year later he matriculated at the University of Chicago where he specialized in chemistry and geology. At the close of his junior year, in June, 1917, he entered the employ of the Roxanna Petroleum Company, working for a time in Kentucky but was soon transferred to the Rocky Mountain Division with headquarters at Cheyenne, Wyoming, serving as assistant geologist until May, 1918, when he was made chief geologist in charge of the work in the Laramie Basin,—an unusual responsibility for a young man of twenty-three years. Because of the importance of this work he was placed on the deferred list by the draft board, but he resigned in October and entered the Naval Aviation Branch of this service. While

on his way to the training camp at Seattle he became ill with influenza and died at Salt Lake City on October 31.

During his brief life he endeared himself to everyone who ever met him; clean of mind and body, full of vigor and buoyancy whether on the track, where he won some of the highest secondary school and college honors of America; or in the class room, where he strove to excel; or in the service of his country, he gave gladly the best that was in him. He planned great things for the rest of his school career and life, and those who knew him best, know that science has lost a most promising worker and the Academy has lost a very sincere friend.

A. O. THOMAS.



ROBERT B. DODSON

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1894-1918

Scientific men everywhere realize that with the exception of creative work the most important task is the discovery and encouragement of those very unusual minds that seem to have a peculiar adaptability to productive research. Mr. Robert B. Dodson, who was a graduate student in Physics and Mathematics at the State University of Iowa from the fall of 1916 until his death in December, 1918, proved himself to be one of those unusual men who are worth capturing and encouraging. Mr. Dodson's mind showed not only the ability to follow the analyses of another, though intricate, but also that he was capable of independent thinking. In all his work he was thorough-going. Had he lived he would without question have made a distinct place for himself in the creative work in Physics of this country. His scientific promise gives his death a peculiar sadness to his friends engaged in scientific work. Both his associates and his teachers recognized his character to be thoroughly genuine and his life to be motivated by the highest ideals.

G. W. STEWART.