

## IN MEMORY OF CHARLES REID BARNES.

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The death of Charles Reid Barnes, on February 24, 1910, removed from the Academy a man whose services in scientific organizations have been conspicuous, and who would have proved a most efficient member of this young organization.

His relations to his science were varied and important. He was always active in scientific societies, and was held in high esteem by his colleagues as an unusually efficient administrator. As a teacher he had few equals. There was a clearness and precision in his statements, a keen critical sense, an unvarying frankness, and a winning personality that always attracted and held students. For twenty-seven years he was co-editor of the *Botanical Gazette*, possessing to an unusual degree the editorial genius, which entered into every detail, from general policy to printing. As a reviewer he achieved high reputation, for he grasped the significant things, and let no doubtful results or inferior work slip by without incisive comment. His publications were not voluminous, but they include text books, taxonomic work dealing with mosses, morphological work dealing with liverworts, and critical papers on plant physiology.

To his comrades in American botany he was more than a companion in work. He was a loyal friend, whose sweetness and largeness of spirit bound them to him in bonds of no common strength. The memory of his quiet animation of bearing and cheerful vigor will not pass away from the minds of his associates.

The Illinois Academy of Science desires to record upon its minutes, along with its deep sense of loss, its gratitude that the life of the society has been enriched, even for a short period, by the presence of this strong, unsullied, and devoted nature.