

Veranus Alva Moore

Dean of the N. Y. State Veterinary College

April 13, 1859 — February 11, 1931

The University Faculty records with deep sorrow the death on February 11, 1931 of Veranus Alva Moore, late dean of the N. Y. State Veterinary College.

Born on April 13, 1859, he entered Cornell University in 1883 and graduated with the degree of B.S., in 1887. In the spring of his senior year, he entered the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Federal Department of Agriculture where he served nine years, the last one as chief of the Division of Animal Pathology. While in Washington he studied medicine and received the M. D. degree in 1890.

At the opening of the Veterinary College in 1896, Dr. Moore was appointed Professor of Pathology, Bacteriology and Meat Inspection, a position which he held continuously until his retirement. In 1908 he succeeded Dr. James Law as Dean of the College and as such served for twenty-one years. From 1898-1910 he was Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology in the Ithaca division of the Medical College.

Primarily interested in Veterinary education at a time when the general public little appreciated the need and importance of trained veterinarians, Dr. Moore did an inestimable service by instilling into the public consciousness an appreciation of the vast responsibilities resting upon a sound scientific veterinary service in the promotion of public health.

His training as a bacteriologist and pathologist gave him a keen insight into the close correlation between many of the diseases common to animals and man, and ideally fitted him to advocate public health measures of far reaching importance to both State and Nation. He likewise rendered an incalculable service to the livestock owners of the country by his research and his sound advice.

He published many special papers, gave numerous addresses, and prepared books in his field. A teacher for more than thirty years, his influence upon successive generations of students was profound and he inspired them with something of his own high ideals for their chosen profession. His quiet dignity and exceptional ability won for him the highest admiration and affection of all his colleagues.

In a wider circle of his relations, the same high appreciation of his character and abilities is apparent. His successive appointments as delegate of the United States to the International Veterinary Conference in Budapest; Member

of the International Commission for the control of tuberculosis in cattle; member of the Commission for revising the Federal Meat Inspection regulations; an Adviser to the Surgeon General's Office in the World War; member of the White House Conference on Child Health and Protection, all alike are indicative of the confidence felt by public officials in the wisdom of his counsels and his single minded desire to promote the public well-being. In addition he gave generously of his time to the local Board of Health, Board of Education, Memorial Hospital, and other organizations.

The bestowal of honorary degrees upon Dr. Moore by two great universities and his recent election to membership in the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in London are well merited academic honors.

A successful and sympathetic teacher, just administrator, wise counselor, and steadfast friend is gone, but the memory of his consecrated life will long be cherished as an incentive and a benediction.

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