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SOPHIA RAE FOWLER

FACULTY RESOLUTION ADOPTED DECEMBER 11, 1933

The faculty of Pacific Lutheran College do hereby pay tribute to the memory of our colleague and friend, Sophia Rae Fowler, whose Christian life among us was ever a source of strength and comfort.

Her high regard for scholarship, her kind, wise, and sympathetic counsel, her conscientious service, her sense of loyalty, her quiet, unassuming manner, have left their imprint upon all with whom she came in contact.

Miss Fowler put so much of her own rich and beautiful personality into her work that her position as Normal Supervisor will be difficult to fill.

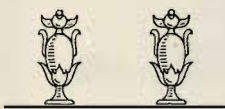
We thank God for the years she spent among us and for what the memory of those years will mean. May her life be a living monument of one who fought the good fight, who kept the faith, and for whom is laid up a crown of righteousness.

RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT BODY

In the sacred memory of Miss Sophia Rae Fowler, who was called from our midst to her heavenly home, we, the members of the Associated Student Body of Pacific Lutheran College, do express our deep sorrow in her passing from us, and our great joy in knowing she is not really lost to us, but has only gone before, and is awaiting our arrival in the homeland of the redeemed.

Her scholarship, her understanding love, and her high devotion will be missed keenly by the student body.

Beautiful in life, in death an inspiration, she was loved by all in life; and her memory will be ever hallowed by those of us who knew her so well.



MEMORIAL ADDRESS BY DEAN PHILIP E. HAUGE

Colleagues, Students and Friends:

This morning we meet to pay tribute to the memory of our colleague, your teacher, and dear friend of us all, Sophia Rae Fowler. She whom we all had learned to love and respect has passed on, but we thank God that the memory of her life will remain with us to guide, encourage, and strengthen us in our daily tasks.

Her life was an expression of the good, the beautiful, the harmonious, the worthwhile. For over three years we worked side by side with her, and during that time we never heard her speak an unkind word. Surely hers was a beautiful soul. Whether she associated with members of her profession, with students, or with friends, we always felt that her presence made for harmony. She was always building for the future, always nourishing the worthwhile, and at all times a gentle force for good in the lives of those with whom she came into contact.

Her recognized leadership in her profession was the result of conscientious work and study. Her former students, who are now engaged in teaching thousands of children in the state of Washington, will, among many other things, carry with them her love of thorough scholarship. One of her last official acts was the giving of a radio talk over KVI, a week ago today, through which she reached thousands of members of the pre-school organization.

Today she was to have continued her lectures over the radio, but God willed otherwise. Her life message had already been given. In the words of Ruskin she had taught that the "object of true education is to make people not merely do the right things, but enjoy the right things; not merely industrious, but to love industry; not merely learned, but to love knowledge; not merely pure, but to love purity; not merely just, but to hunger and thirst after justice."

It is difficult to speak of Miss Fowler without giving intimate illustrations of her conscientious service. "Helpfulness is the highest quality of the human life. Service is the crowning glory of man. The serving type is the noblest type of all manifold varieties of human development." Such a type was this quiet, unassuming character.

Her sense of loyalty was obvious to us who knew her intimately and were happy to be numbered among her friends. All educational problems that she met she attacked with sincerity, wisdom, and kindness. All her counselling she thought out well and gave frankly.

We know Miss Fowler would want us to announce that the classes she taught will meet at the usual time. We do not expect to fill her position until after Christmas vacation, but present members of the staff will do their best to carry on the work begun by her.

Her place in our hearts will never be filled by anyone else. Her Christian example will always be an inspiration to us all.

A member of the Soroptimist Club, to which Miss Fowler also belonged, has fittingly expressed our thoughts:

. . . Ready to lay aside all thought of self when others called . . . gentle in affection, yet fierce in loyalty . . . wise in judgment . . . warm in heart . . . Hungry for beauty and thus enabled to translate it into words—as in deeds . . .

Intimate with the woods and prairies; with children, flowers and birds . . . Akin to the heartsease of pansies . . . and to the "Strength of the Everlasting Hills bounding her horizon . . .

A daily walk with God . . . There can be no shock of surprise today as she "sees Him face to face."

DOES THIS INTEREST YOU?

The first half of the fall semester is now over. The enrollment, 252, is much better than we had expected, being considerably larger than last year's at the corresponding time.

This is in a large measure due to the expectation that the Federal government through the N. R. A. would make it possible for students to pay their way by working under the supervision of the College. While this expectation has not yet been realized, it nevertheless has served to direct the attention of a large number of students to the advantages offered by our College.

Another matter which is a source of gratification is the comparatively large number of the graduates of the Normal Department placed in positions last summer and fall. At the time this bulletin goes to press, 66 percent of the graduates of 1933 had secured teaching positions. In addition to these, several graduates of former years who have not been teaching have been employed.

As is well known, the College has, especially during the last year, operated under great financial difficulties. Despite this, the morale both of teachers and students has been excellent. Our teachers, who not only have had their salary reduced, some as much as 57 percent, but who also have had to wait for it several months, have nevertheless shown a fine spirit of cooperation, thus making it possible for the College to do its work without interruption. Our students are this year attending College under circumstances which a few years ago would have been thought impossible. Many of them have had to practice economies that have put them to the severest tests. But instead of destroying their courage it has given them a more serious outlook on life and a determination to face their problems squarely.

Notwithstanding the many difficult problems we have been called upon to solve, we are nevertheless looking forward to the rest of the school year in a spirit of hopefulness. According to the best authorities available the employment situation has been greatly improved during the last five or six months. Should it continue to improve, which we have reason to believe, it should be possible for many new students to enroll at the opening of the second semester, February 5.