

In Memoriam

ALBERT HENRY MARCKWARDT (1903-1975)

THE ACADEMIC WORLD AND MANS LOST AN important member when Albert H. Marckwardt, who served the Society on both the Editorial Board and the Board of Managers, died suddenly on August 20, 1975, suffering a heart attack while vacationing in England with his wife. No doubt, this is the way in which he would have chosen to end his extraordinarily active life.

He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on December 1, 1903, and grew up there. He received his A.B. (1925, Phi Beta Kappa), his A.M. (1928), and his Ph.D. (1933), all from the University of Michigan. After receiving his A.B. he taught high school English in his home state for two years and then returned to his alma mater for further study. There he remained for 35 years after receiving his A.M., successively as Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of English. In 1963 he moved to Princeton University as Professor of English and Linguistics, where he stayed until his retirement in 1972 at the age of 68.

Marckwardt was an educator in the real sense of the word. He was a teacher, a scholar, an administrator; a rare combination. He loved teaching. After his retirement from Princeton, he returned to Ann Arbor, where he taught part time for a year followed by a year as Senior Fellow at the East-West Center in Hawaii. Improvement of teaching, from elementary school through the graduate school, was another interest of his. His field of research as a scholar was language in general from the Old English to the Modern English period. He was both a generalist and a specialist, interested in the history and structure of English, its dialects, its usage, and the method of teaching it to native speakers and to speakers of other languages. He served as Director of the English Language Institute in Mexico City (1943-45), Fulbright lecturer at the universities of Vienna and Graz (1953-54); lecturer in Japan and Thailand (1962); lecturer in four Balkan countries (1964); Fulbright lecturer in Japan (1968).

His great breadth of interests may be seen in scanning his bibliography of some 175 items. A few of his publications may be mentioned: *Introduction to the English Language* (1942); Revision of Samuel Moore's *Historical Outlines of English Sounds and Inflections* (1951); *American English* (1958); 'Preface', 'A Brief History of the English Language', 'Etymologies', *Funk and Wagnall's Standard College Dictionary* (1963); *A Common Language* (with Randolph Quirk), based on a series of BBC television broadcasts (1964); and *Linguistics and the Teaching of English* (1965).

In addition to his many publications, he found time for numerous other kinds of scholarly and professional activities. Nationally, he served as a member of the

Executive Council of the Modern Language Association (1956-59), as a member of the Committee on Language Programs (chairman, 1953) of the American Council of Learned Societies and as a member of its Board of Directors (vice-chairman, 1961-64). He was president of the Linguistic Society of America (1962), the American Dialect Society (1962-64), and the National Council of Teachers of English (1967) and for a number of years on the Board of Trustees of the Center for Applied Linguistics in Washington. In 1971 he was its Acting Director. He served on advisory boards of governmental and quasi-governmental organizations: United States Office of Education, United States Information Agency, Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State, National Advisory Council on the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language, and was a member of numerous Fulbright selection committees. He was always willing to accept responsibility and to help in any way possible.

This brief sketch of Albert H. Marckwardt's professional career gives, at least in outline, I hope, some idea of his wide range of interest, his intellectual vigor, energy, and ability to work with others. He was a man of integrity as well as a scholar, teacher, lecturer, and administrator. He will be greatly missed.

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The Secretary-Treasurer regretfully announces the death of Professor P. Burwell Rogers on December 23, 1976.