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## Tributes From Early Associates

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## TRIBUTES FROM EARLY ASSOCIATES

### LETTER FROM NATHAN BUTLER

Mr. T. B. Walker,

President Minnesota Academy of Science.

I was never more surprised at the death of any man than at that of Prof. Winchell. I had seen him but a few days before, and he was the picture of perfect health. Had I been asked to name a man with a perfect physical constitution, I should have named him before any other man that I knew.

When making the geological survey of the northern part of Minnesota, the Indians admired him for his physical strength and endurance. They said he would travel all day and lie on the ground, with his feet to the fire and a stone for a pillow, and sleep all night, while other white men wanted a soft bed, made of fir boughs.

His mind was as strong and active as his body. His strong reasoning powers enabled him to deduce conclusions from facts in his possession that amounted to a mathematical demonstration. He did his own thinking and formed his own opinions. He deferred to the opinions of no one, unless he had a better knowledge of the facts.

Another feature of his character was his absolute honesty. He was honest to himself, as well as to all others. He was not tainted with any hypocrisy,—pretending to believe a thing he did not, because it was popular. His scientific training strengthened this feature.

Where will the Academy find a man to fill his place?

Very respectfully,

(Signed) NATHAN BUTLER.

### LETTER FROM THOS. S. ROBERTS

June 2nd, 1914.

To Mr. T. B. Walker,

President Minnesota Academy Sciences:

Dear Mr. Walker and Members of the Academy: I regret exceedingly that several unavoidable circumstances make it im-

possible for me to attend the meeting of the Academy this evening. I am most heartily in sympathy with the special object of the occasion and but agree with you all, I am sure, in feeling that a memorial session to do honor to Professor Winchell is most fitting and appropriate as he was one of the most potent factors in bringing the Academy into existence and in keeping it alive during its somewhat checkered career, especially during the early years of its life. Professor Winchell I have known since my boyhood and have always had the highest regard and respect for him. He was a true friend, a man of high integrity, earnest purpose, strong and attractive personality, scholarly attainments and withal a man who made a manly and lasting impression upon whatever activity in life he chose to enter.

The Academy has lost one of its oldest and best friends, and he will be greatly missed from its ranks.

Very sincerely,

THOS. S. ROBERTS.