Henry Turner Eddy

Henry Turner Eddy was born June 9, 1844 in Massachusetts. He received his A.B from Yale in 1867, and then followed the engineering course in Sheffield scientific school, where he held the office of instructor in fieldwork in engineering from 1867-1868 and earned his Ph.D. and A.M. After this appointment, H.T. Eddy taught mathematics and Latin at the University of Tennessee for a year, and mathematics and civil engineering at Cornell from 1869-73. During this time he was married to Sebella Elizabeth Taylor and also earned his C.E. and Ph.D. for studies in pure and applied mathematics. Unable to settle down, Eddy then went on to teach mathematics at Princeton from 1873-1874 and then moved to Cincinnati.

Once in Cincinnati, Henry Turner Eddy became involved in the then new University of Cincinnati. While at the University of Cincinnati (1874-90), Eddy taught classes in mathematics, astronomy, and civil engineering. In fact, he was one of the first three professors to be employed by the University, along with F.W. Clarke and F.D. Allen, and was quickly appointed dean of the faculty, a position he held from 1874-77 and 1884-89. Eddy took a year of leave in 1879-80 to study at the University of Berlin and Physikalische Institute in Berlin and Sorbonne and Collège de France in Paris, but resumed teaching upon his return to the United States. In 1890 he served as Acting President and President-Elect for the University of Cincinnati before retiring to assume the role of President of Rose Polytechnic Institute (now Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology), a position he held from 1891-94. Henry Turner Eddy was the last remaining member of the original faculty of the University of Cincinnati to leave his position.

After leaving Cincinnati and then Terra Haute, Henry Turner Eddy accepted a position as a professor of engineering and mechanics at the University of Minnesota. While there, he also served as the first President of Sigma Xi at the University from 1896-98. He continued as a professor until his retirement in 1912, shortly after attaining the position of Professor and Dean Emeritus. Retirement meant time to continue with scholarly works as Eddy, with C.A.P. Turner wrote “Concrete Steel Construction” which was published in 1914 and released in a second edition in 1919. In 1921, Henry Turner Eddy died in Minnesota after having lived a long scholarly life.
Box 1:
1. Letter Heading from L. J. Kirchberger.
4. Letter Heading from Alexender Roltzmann.
7. Letter from President of University of Michigan.
8. Letter from Christine Ludd, Johns Hopkins University. April 11, 1881.
9. Letter from D. Sisman, Oakland, California. April 19, 1875.
11. Letter. March 9, 1876.
14. Biographical information and photocopies of the Circular of the University of Cincinnati, 1875-76, and Programme of the Academic Department, 1889-90, in which H. T. Eddy is listed as a faculty member.