

WILLIAM PROCTER 1873 - 1951

William Procter, biologist and industrialist, died at his winter home in West Palm Beach, Florida, on April 19, 1951. Born in Cincinnati, Procter was a graduate of Yale and also a student at Sorbonne in Paris and at Columbia University. In 1902, he participated in the organization of the Procter and Borden Company and, at the time of his death, he was a director of the Procter and Gamble Company.

William Procter made notable contributions to the study and advancement of biological science. In 1921, he established a biological laboratory on Mount Desert Island, Maine, and in 1936, he founded the Biological Survey of the Mount Desert Region, devoting much time, energy, and money to the study of local insects and of marine faunas. In 1950, he established the \$1,000.00 William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement awarded by the Scientific Research Society of America.

Procter served on the Advisory Board of the Department of Zoology of Columbia University, as Trustee of the American Museum of Natural History, and on the governing board of the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology. Besides the Ecological Society of America, he held membership in the Boston Society of Natural History, the Ray Society of London, the Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom, the Ecologists Union, the Royal Canadian Institute, the Ornithologists Union, the Entomological Society of America, and the American Microscopical Society.

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