This Laboratory has suffered an irreparable loss in the death on April 16, 1949, of its founder and Director.

The work of the Laboratory will continue through the present year, carrying out to completion some of the works left unfinished at Dr. Cushman's death. The 25th volume of the Contributions will be the concluding volume and the 5-year index to vols. 21-25 will be published. In addition, a Memorial Volume to Dr. Cushman will be published. This will contain descriptions of his life's work, the history of the Laboratory, and the complete bibliography of his publications, nearly 550 in number.

Dr. Cushman willed all his collections, mounted and unmounted, his library, and his card catalog, and all the cases and cabinets containing these things to the Smithsonian Institution and they will eventually be transferred to the U. S. National Museum in Washington, D. C., and a room provided for them where they may be kept as a unit. They will be added to and kept up to date and made available for future workers on the Foraminifera.

It is hoped that a Cushman Memorial series of publications may be established, patterned after the Special Publication series from this Laboratory. This would be a series of faunal, ecologic, or monographic papers, in general too large for inclusion in one of the already-existing paleontologic journals, and of an irregular schedule of appearance.

It is with a very deep sense of loss, not only for the field of micro-
paleontology, but also in a personal way, that we shall carry on the work so well begun by our beloved master who for these 26 years worked with us and his host of students and colleagues from far and near as Director of this Laboratory, "and wist not that his face shone."

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