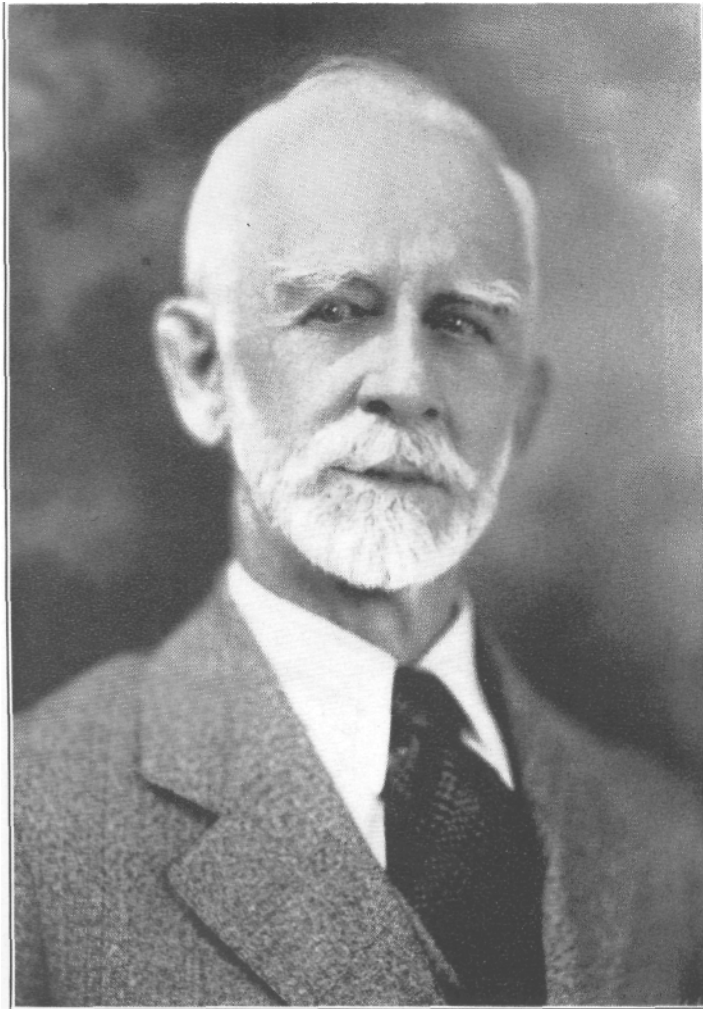


Charles D. Adams

In Appreciation



CHARLES D. ADAMS, UPLAND, CALIFORNIA

The California Avocado Association, and in fact cooperative fruit marketing organizations generally, owe a great debt of gratitude to Charles D. Adams of Upland whose photograph does honor to our Yearbook as frontispiece.

Born on October 22, 1844, at Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Adams was early handicapped by a frail body and poor health. Overcoming this to some extent in his boyhood, he entered the College of the City of New York.. After two years' study his health broke down completely and he was sent by his parents to Dresden, Germany, where for three years, under a famous physician, he gave all his time to the problem of overcoming his

physical weakness. He was successful, and returned to New York where he was engaged for years as a wholesale salesman of woolen goods.

Mr. Adams came West in 1886, settling first in Los Angeles and soon after, removing to Upland where he has resided for fifty years. He was one of the founders and developers of Upland and it was he who gave Upland its name. Realizing what the future held for the fruit industry he became interested in citrus growing and especially in Cooperative Marketing. An ardent supporter of the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, he was employed to assist in its early development. Mr. Adams organized the Tulare County Fruit Exchange and also a number of the Citrus Associations composing it. Later he organized the Upland Citrus Association and acted as Manager for eleven years.

CHARTER MEMBER

An early interest in the growing of avocados led Mr. Adams to become a charter member of this Association. He was its first Secretary, served on the Variety Committee in 1916 and for several years thereafter and including the stormy period when nurserymen with pet varieties were so impatient of the sound work of the Variety Committee. Mr. Adams served as Vice-President and in 1922 became President. It was altogether fitting that on July 18, 1928, when Calavo Growers, the Cooperative Marketing Agency, began to build the first avocado packing house, that Mr. Adams, who was on hand as an interested spectator, was asked to turn the first shovelful of earth. The Board of Directors of this Association has elected Mr. Adams to honorary membership.

Now in his ninety-third year, Mr. Adams is still enjoying excellent health, though no longer active among his avocado and citrus trees. He delights to take automobile rides through the country which he has seen change from sage brush into a marvelously beautiful orchard land.

Mr. Adams is now, and has been for a number of years, the Senior Warden of Christ Church. He has been an officer of the Church for many years and a member of the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church of Southern California for more than twenty years.

Three sons have grown up to do him honor. Egbert Adams of Los Angeles is a former trade commissioner and field representative for the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce. The "Egberto" variety of avocado was originated by Mr. Adams and named for his son Egbert. Julian Adams of Pasadena is an electrical engineer for the Pacific Electric Railway Company and Carl D. Adams is superintendent of the Holly Sugar Corporation of Sydney, Montana.

—J. E. C.