

# Blue Cross Pioneer, H. E. Wickenden, Dies

Homer Edgar Wickenden '12, pioneer in the Blue Cross movement and leader in health and welfare organizational activities, died Jan. 10 in Bronxville, N.Y., where he had made his home for the last 30 years. He was born Dec. 20, 1890, in Toledo, Ohio.

In addition to his Denison degree, he earned his M.A. degree at the U. of Louisville and did graduate work at Columbia U. and New York U.

In 1939-40 he was general director of the United Hospital Fund of New York City, and in 1941-43 he was administrator of the New York Medical College and Flower Fifth Avenue Hospital. From then until his retirement in 1956 he was vice president and secretary of the National Health and Welfare Retirement Ass'n.

Surviving are his wife, Elmira Bears; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Walters (Ann), Simsbury, Conn., and Mrs. Alan Abel (Ruth) of Los Angeles, Cal.; five brothers and sisters, all Denison alumni; and five grandchildren.

His brother, Dr. Thomas H. Wickenden '10, Short Hills, N.J., endowed the newest professorship at Denison — the Wickenden Chair of Chemistry — last June.

His other brother is Dr. Arthur C. '15, Oxford, O. His sisters are Mrs. Justin W. Nixon '07 (Ida), Pomona, Cal.; Mrs. Leslie Winans '17 (Ruth), Ashland, Ky.; and Mrs. Fred W. Klag '20 (Dorothy), Toledo, O.