Freud Marks Anniversary
As Doctor Of Philosophy

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Dr. Max Freud, Rice pro-

fessor-emeritus of German

celebrated Thanksgiving in the

usual manner — with turkey

dressing and the fellowship of

friends — and did not realize

until later that Thanksgiving

Day had been a day of more

than customary significance.

He marked his Diamond Anniver-

sary as a Doctor of Philosophy. Sixty

years before, to the day, Mr. Fred

Freund received his doctorate

from the University of Leipzig.

Friedrich Ernst Max Freund

was born at Hainichen in the

Kingdom of Saxony on February 27,

1879. He matriculated at the

University of Leipzig in 1898

where he concentrated on Ger-

man, French, and English phi-

losophy and literature.

HE ALSO studied at the Sor-

bonne of the University of

Paris. He took his doctorate,

however, at Leipzig on Novem-

ber 22, 1902, with a dissertation

in the field of comparative

literature entitled "Die Moralisi-

chen Erziehungen Marmontel's.

Dr. Freund, sly and remark-

ably young for his 83 years, saw

active service as a professor for

44 years — 22 in the Old World

and 22 in the New.

HE DISTINGUISHED himself

as a research scholar, literary

translator, critical editor, or-

ganizer of foreign language

clubs, and as a frequent public

speaker in German, French, and

English. Not only does he have

command of those three lan-

guages, but he also has a

knowledge of twelve other lan-

guages, ancient and modern, in-

cluding Greek and Latin.

Before coming to Rice, Dr.

Freund held positions at Uni-

versity College, Liverpool,

Queen's University of Belfast

in Ireland (where he was appointed

Professor of German and was

the youngest full professor in the

British Empire), and at the

University of Manchester, Eng-

land, where he was an external

examiner.

HE WAS ELECTED a govern-

or of Linn Hall Library and col-

laborated in publishing a Cata-

logue of Books of the Foreign

Language Section.

With the outbreak of World

War I, Dr. Freund, the "distingui-

shed foreigner," became Dr.

Freund, the "enemy alien," and

had to relinquish his position at

Belfast while visiting his family in

Germany.

AFTER LEAVING Belfast, he

go to the University of Gies-

burg where he was drafted into

the German army and sent to the

Eastern front — much to his de-

light, for he did not wish to fight

his English and French friends.

His military career was ended

abruptly when he was felled by

a Russian rifle shot — and his life

was further altered while con-

valescing in a German hospital

where he met the future Mrs.

Freund.

In 1925 his international ex-

perience brought him an invita-

tion to come to Rice Institute

as professor of German and head

of the department. He remained

at Rice until retiring in 1947 as

the result of failing eyesight

brought about by uninterrupted

teaching and examining activi-

ties.

DR. FREUND is a member of

many outstanding scholastic so-

cieties: Delta Phi Alpha, the

American Modern Language As-

sociation, American Association

of University Professors, and the

Texas Historical Association to

mention a few.

His most recent and most re-

knowned writing, "Gustav Dre-

sel's Houston Journal," published

in 1964, was hailed by the

German-American as a mark-

ing of the restored friendship

between the USA and Germany.

EACH YEAR the Max Freud

Prize is presented to the best

Rice student in his junior year of

the study of German. The prize

was established by former

students of Dr. Freund.

Perhaps one of the greatest

honors conferred upon Dr.

Freund is the Officer's Cross

First Class of the Order of Merit

presented by the German Federal

Republic for spreading knowl-

dge of German culture in other

countries.