

**LIEUTENANT HERBERT DOUGLAS  
TAYLOR**

LIEUTENANT HERBERT DOUGLAS TAYLOR, M. C., U. S. Army, associate in pathology and bacteriology of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, died on October 7, 1918, at the age of thirty.

Lieutenant Taylor was a graduate of St. Johns College, Annapolis, Maryland, and received his degree in medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1914. During the three and one half years of his association with the Rockefeller Institute, he had made many important studies and published several papers especially relating to malignant tumors, tuberculosis and bio-chemical problems involved in the safer and more effective use of antiseptics in military surgery. Dr. Taylor was one of the group of younger workers at the Rockefeller Institute who at large personal sacrifice have chosen the pathway of research and in the emergencies of war have bent every energy to practical medical aspects of military service. Commissioned as first lieutenant soon after the entrance of this country into the war, he gave himself without reserve to the instruction of medical officers of the U. S. Army and others at the War Demonstration Hospital and in the Institute Laboratory courses, in those phases of scientific medicine of which he was master.

In the course of his duties at the hospital he apparently became infected with influenza with the immediate supervention of pneumonia, from which he died on the third day. He was a man of lofty ideals, of boundless enthusiasm in his tasks and an inspiring comrade.

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**SCIENTIFIC EVENTS****APPOINTMENTS AT THE NEW YORK STATE  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AT COR-  
NELL UNIVERSITY**

At the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University Ezra Dwight Sanderson has been appointed to be professor of rural organization. He was graduated from the Michigan Agricultural College with the degree of bachelor of science in the late nineties. He spent a brief time immediately

after graduating at Cornell as a special student in entomology and for some years thereafter was engaged in entomological work in Delaware, Texas, and New Hampshire. In 1907 he was made director of the New Hampshire Agricultural Experiment Station, which position he held until 1910 when he left to become dean of the College of Agriculture of West Virginia University and director of the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station. In June, 1915, he resigned the latter position to enter the graduate school of the University of Chicago as a student in sociology and he was subsequently made a fellow in sociology at the University of Chicago. He is a member of the Society of Sigma Xi, one time president of the Association of Economic Entomologists and fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. His work at Cornell will lie broadly in the field of rural social organization. This is the beginning of definite provision at the State College for the social problems in country life.

Homer C. Thompson has been appointed to be professor of vegetable gardening. Professor Thompson was graduated from the Ohio State University with the degree of bachelor of science in horticulture in June, 1909. Prior to this he had been employed in the United States Department of Agriculture in experimental gardens and had charge of experimental work on rice lands in South Carolina. During his last year in college he held the position of assistant in horticulture and subsequently held positions as assistant horticulturist in the Mississippi Experiment Station and assistant professor of horticulture in the Mississippi Agricultural College and professor of horticulture at Clemson College, South Carolina; in 1911 he was appointed assistant horticulturist in the United States Department of Agriculture, and in 1912 was given charge of the truck crop production projects of the department and he has had responsibility for them since that time. In 1913 he was promoted to the position of horticulturist in the United States Department of Agriculture. Professor Thompson has had opportunity to study the production of vegetables in prac-