

and Hawaii and through the deserts of Jamaica, Arizona and Utah. He bore personally much of the expense of such field studies, and the advancement of science was the only reward he claimed.

In 1924 he came to the University of Minnesota. With remarkable rapidity he won the admiration and love of his colleagues and the advanced students. He was a great teacher, broadly trained, earnest and sympathetic. At his feet sat the students from nearly all of the various fields of science represented in our university. They acknowledged him as master—they were proud to call him friend.

It was not only in the laboratory, in the field and the classroom that Dr. Harris was eminent. He possessed administrative gifts to a high degree. Official routine was not pleasant to him and he did not consider it a matter to be regarded too seriously if the desired results could be legitimately obtained through short cuts. In his relations with his colleagues, both within his department and without, he was always a gentleman, careful to observe the amenities in every way and to make the work of others easier, while his own efforts were being directed to greater efficiency within his own department. He was generous in recognition of the abilities of his colleagues and he exerted himself to the utmost to secure for them congenial working conditions. It was his ambition, only partly realized on account of his untimely death, to make the University of Minnesota a widely known institution of recognized merit for biological research. The laboratory, the herbarium and the library were all objects of his deepest interest as auxiliaries to this main object.

He was not only a scientist of note and an executive who obtained results, but a congenial companion as well. He was at home in any circle. His wide interest in things outside his own field was acute, his sense of humor prevented him from becoming one-sided or narrow. His genuinely tolerant attitude made it easy to discuss with him things which in most circles would be matters of controversy. In his passing, the University of Minnesota has lost one who can never be replaced as scientist, administrator and friend.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. THOMAS E. MCKINNEY, from 1908 to 1928 professor of mathematics in the University of South Dakota, died on April 14, aged sixty-six years.

DR. L. J. WEINSTEIN, who recently was appointed professor of metallurgy at Northwestern University, died on May 14 at the age of forty-nine years.

DR. ERNEST CLEMENT ANGST, assistant professor of botany and bacteriology at the University of Oklahoma, died on April 18.

DR. GRACE BARKLEY, assistant professor of botany in DePauw University, died on April 1, from cerebral hemorrhage resulting from a fall. Her principal contribution was a cytological study of the origin of the spiral markings of protoxylem.

DR. GEORGE DIMMOCK, of Springfield, Mass., known for his contributions to entomology, died on May 17, his seventy-eighth birthday.

DR. FRIDTJOF NANSEN, distinguished as explorer, man of science and statesman, died on May 13.

MEMORIALS

A MEMORIAL meeting to the late Arthur M. Miller, for thirty-five years professor of geology at the University of Kentucky, will be held on May 30 at his home "Maxwelton," which Professor Miller gave to the university several years ago. The chief speaker at the meeting will be Dr. Collier Cobb, professor of geology at the University of North Carolina, who was associated with Professor Miller for 40 years, consulting with him as late as 1928 in the drawing up of a new geological map for North Carolina. Dr. Austin R. Middleton, zoologist and biologist of the University of Louisville, will officially represent the Science League of America. Dr. W. D. Funkhouser, dean of the Graduate School of the University of Kentucky, will speak of Professor Miller's work. James H. Gardner, president of the Gardner Petroleum Company of Tulsa, Okla., an alumnus of the University of Kentucky, Rolla R. Ramsey, professor of physics at the University of Indiana, and Dr. Walter H. Reynolds, Presbyterian minister at Liberty, Ind., are also on the program. Dr. W. R. Jillson, state geologist, will preside at the meeting.

IN memory of the late Sir Baldwin Spencer, who was professor of zoology in the University of Melbourne, it has been decided to place a bronze medallion in the zoology library in the university. Mr. Paul Montford has been commissioned to prepare this medallion, and old students of Sir Baldwin Spencer are invited to contribute towards the cost, which will be a hundred guineas. Donations should be sent to Sir Thomas Lyle, Lisbuoy, Irving Road, Toorak, S.E.2, Victoria, Australia.

THE council of the University of Manchester has accepted a bronze plaque of the late Professor W. H. Perkin from a number of his former students and friends, and it will be unveiled in the Chemistry Theater on May 24.