

mathematical curriculum. Its report, prepared with the aid of many groups of teachers in widely scattered communities, is one of the most valuable documents in its field. Slaught believed that the cooperative spirit and the associations stimulated by the work of this committee should be kept alive, and he proposed the organization of an association to be called the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, whose membership should be drawn from the ranks of those interested in the teaching of mathematics in the secondary schools. The council began its existence in 1920. It now has an official journal called *The Mathematics Teacher*, a series of year-books containing valuable articles on the place of mathematics in modern education, and more than 5,000 members.

Slaught was also one of the first members of the Chicago Section of the American Mathematical Society and a most efficient secretary of the section from 1906 to 1916. He early recognized the value of cooperation between the society and the association, and his effective encouragement of such cooperation has constituted a most important service to mathematics in this country. He was at various times a member of the council of the society, trustee and president and honorary life president of the association, honorary life president of the National Council, and honorary life member of the Central Association. He has thus for many years been influential in the affairs of the most important of the mathematical associations of our country.

Slaught's connections with mathematical societies involved him in many editorial responsibilities. He was for many years managing editor of the *American Mathematical Monthly*, was an editor of the *Mathematics Teacher*, and he was one of the founders of the *Educational Screen*, a periodical devoted to the promotion of visual education. In 1923 he conceived the idea of a series of mathematical books, to be sponsored by the association, which would present in expository form the results of modern research in pure and applied mathematics. Five of the books have already appeared and a sixth is in preparation, under the auspices of a committee of which Slaught was chairman. The books are called "Carus Mathematical Monographs" after the late Mrs. Mary Hegler Carus, of LaSalle, Ill., who generously financed the early volumes.

Slaught was unsurpassed as a teacher of collegiate mathematics. He was on many occasions the ablest

representative of our department of mathematics at the University of Chicago in our relations with the university and our students. He was widely known and beloved by our alumni. We have lost an influential colleague whose cheerfully cooperative spirit and whose devotion to his university and to mathematics have been an inspiration to all of us.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. PERCY EDGAR BROWN, head of the department of agronomy of the Iowa State College, died on July 8 at the age of fifty-one years. Dr. Brown had been secretary and this year became chairman of the Section on Agriculture of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also editor-in-chief of the Iowa State College *Journal of Science*.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR E. SEAMAN, of the Michigan College of Mining and Technology, Houghton, died on July 9 at the age of seventy-nine years. He had been connected with the college department of geology since 1891, and retired in 1928 with the title of professor emeritus and curator of the college museum which bears his name.

DR. JOHN W. CHURCHMAN, professor of therapeutics at Cornell University Medical College, died on July 13 at the age of sixty years.

WINTER LINCOLN WILSON, formerly professor of railway engineering at Lehigh University, died on July 15 at the age of seventy years.

DR. HENRY EDWARD ARMSTRONG, emeritus professor of chemistry at the City and Guilds College at South Kensington, the oldest fellow of the Royal Society, died on July 13. He celebrated his eighty-ninth birthday on May 6.

DR. HENRY HOMAN JEFFCOTT, secretary of the British Institution of Civil Engineers for fifteen years, previously professor of engineering in the Royal College of Science, Dublin, died on June 29.

DR. F. H. HESSELINK VAN SUCHTELEN, who had published research in soil chemistry, died as a result of an accident at Apeldoorn, Holland, on June 23 at the age of fifty-three years. Dr. van Suchtelen was for some years connected with the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station, the Michigan State College and the Massachusetts Agricultural College.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE BRITISH TRUST FOR ORNITHOLOGY

THE British Trust for Ornithology, according to the *London Times*, has accepted responsibility for the future conduct of the principal scheme in Great Brit-

ain for the study of migration and other aspects of bird life by the ringing method. This scheme was instituted in 1909 by H. F. Witherby, editor of *British Birds*, and has been maintained with the cooperation of