

scientists are human entities—you can not separate their work from their wills or their science from their souls.

There has just come to my attention a biographical sketch of and tribute¹ to Dr. Charles Dwight Marsh (1855–1932), written by his widow, Mrs. Florence Wilder Marsh, and it is fitting that it be noticed in *SCIENCE*. Dr. Marsh² attained scientific distinction in three fields: in teaching, in his researches on toxic plants for the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and in his plankton studies, especially of the copepod crustaceans,³ on which he was a recognized authority, being at the time of his death honorary curator of Copepoda in the U. S. National Museum.

Privately printed, Mrs. Marsh's account of her husband's life is dignified, unpretentious and inspiring, and it should be especially valued by his former students and associates—and there were many of them—who came in contact with his fine personality. This little memoir should be a model too for others, especially families, who have within their knowledge and keeping biographical material not otherwise available concerning men of science who have passed on. It shows how such data and personalia can be presented, modestly and all in good taste, for those who

care to know. This sketch, too, it should be added, has an excellent profile portrait of Dr. Marsh.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. FREDERIC B. LOOMIS, professor of geology at Amherst College, died on July 24 at the age of sixty-three years.

DR. HENRY S. DRINKER, mining engineer, president of Lehigh University from 1905 to 1920, died on July 27 at the age of eighty-seven years.

JOHN WHITE HOWELL, who resigned in 1931 as engineer of the Edison Lamp Works of the General Electric Company and who had previously worked with Thomas Alva Edison in the development of the incandescent lamp, died on July 28 at the age of seventy-nine years.

DR. JACOB DINER, retired dean of the Fordham University College of Pharmacy, which he organized in 1912, died on July 25. He was sixty-seven years old.

DR. SYDNEY CONTENT BOETH, emeritus professor of agriculture at the University of Reading, died on July 19 at the age of sixty-eight years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

NOTTINGHAM MEETING OF THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION

THE annual meeting of the British Association will this year be held in Nottingham from September 1 to 8, under the presidency of Sir Edward Poulton. *Nature* writes that twice previously the association has held its annual meeting in Nottingham. In 1866, before the foundation of University College, Nottingham, Mr. Justice Grove, Q.C., the inventor of the Grove cell, was president. Wheatstone was president of Section A (Mathematics and Physics), before which Joule read a short paper on the heating effect of an electric current in a wire. Sir William Huggins gave an evening discourse on the applications of spectroscopy to the problems of stellar constitution. Among the more distinguished members present in 1866 were Frank Buckland, T. H. Huxley, A. R. Wallace, W. Crookes and H. E. Roseoe.

In 1881 the University College, Nottingham, buildings in Shakespeare Street were opened, and these

were the headquarters of the association at its annual meeting in 1893. Dr. J. S. Burdon Sanderson was president, and Sir Richard Glazebrook was president of Section A, at which a committee presented a report on the foundation of a National Physical Laboratory.

This year the association will hold its sectional meetings in the University College buildings in University Park, provided by the munificence of the late Lord Trent and opened in 1928.

The Geography and Geology Sections are combining in a discussion on the potential resources of the area; there will be an evening discussion arranged between six sections on the planning of the land of Britain and a joint meeting of the Education and Geology Sections to discuss the teaching of geology in schools. The address of the president of the Education Section will be given by H. G. Wells. In addition to the evening discourses, one on "Illusions of Color," to be given by Professor H. Hartridge, and another on "Grass and the National Food Supply," by Dr. R. E. Slade, a series of popular lectures for non-members has been arranged in the neighboring towns. Dr. Alexander Wood will address a company of Nottingham children on "Noise"; Sir Gilbert Walker will talk to a Derby audience on "The Science of Sports"; Mr. R. Kay Gresswell will speak on "Rivers" at Lincoln; Dr. J. E. Constable, on the "Every-day

¹ Privately published; dated December 25, 1935. Mrs. Marsh's address is 1882 Monroe Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

² Dr. Marsh's death was noted briefly in *SCIENCE*, 75: 506, 1932; and *Jour. Wash. Acad. Sci.*, 22: 292, 1932.

³ A complete bibliography of Dr. Marsh's contributions to the literature of the Copepoda, published over a period of forty-three years, appeared in *Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.*, 82: art. 18, 57–58, 1933.