

not only a loss to his relatives and friends, but to science.

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### ALMON ERNEST PARKINS

INCAPACITATED by hemiplegia since the previous September, Dr. A. E. Parkins, professor of geography at George Peabody College for Teachers, passed away at his home in Nashville, Tenn., on January 3, 1940.

Dr. Parkins was born at Marysville, Mich., on January 10, 1879. At the age of 17 he began teaching in the rural schools of Emmett Township, Mich., spending his summers as a wheelsman on the ore boats of the Great Lakes. Obtaining much of his training in the school of experience, he was a veteran teacher of 27 when he received the bachelor of pedagogy degree from the State Normal College at Ypsilanti, Mich., and was even more mature with several years' instruction in high-school and normal-college science to his credit when he finally received his B.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago, the latter in 1914 at the age of 35. During his stay at Chicago he did much writing and research in the field of geography, the materials to be used in the courses and publications of Professors Barrows and Salisbury.

After receiving his doctorate he became instructor in agricultural geology and geography at the University of Missouri, and two years later (1916) joined the staff of George Peabody College for Teachers, where he served for twenty-three years.

In 1905 Professor Parkins married Miss Eleanor Grace Stone, of Port Huron, Mich., who survives him.

Dr. Parkins was an earnest traveler in so far as his teaching duties permitted. He frequently conducted student parties on trips through interesting geographical regions. His more extensive journeys with Mrs. Parkins included visits to the Pacific Coast, Canadian Northwest, Mexico, Newfoundland and Labrador and to Europe.

In his professional activities Dr. Parkins was most vigorous. His presidencies included that of the Tennessee Academy of Science in 1922, the National Council of Geography Teachers in 1925, the Association of American Geographers in 1929. He received the Distinguished Service Award of the National Council of Geography Teachers in 1934, and honorary M.Ed. from Ypsilanti State Teachers College in 1922. For considerable periods he was editor of the *Annals*

of the Association of American Geographers, associate editor of the *Journal of Geography*, chairman of the 1933 Yearbook, National Society for the Study of Education. He was often consultant, as of the Cotton Division, Agricultural Adjustment Administration, in 1935.

Of his several books the most recent was the monumental "Our Natural Resources and Their Conservation," which he edited with the collaboration of J. Russell Whitaker. The list of his contributions to geographical and educational magazines and the materials he prepared or revised for classroom use would be long indeed.

There are few really great teachers in any age. Dr. Parkins undoubtedly belongs in the list of the great. All of us connected with the college will miss him. His students will feel his absence even more than the rest of us. He was, first and last, a great teacher.

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### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. WILLIAM D. HAGGARD, of Palm Beach, Florida, past president of the American Medical Association and of the American College of Surgeons, at one time professor of surgery and clinical surgery in the department of medicine at Vanderbilt University, died on January 28 at the age of sixty-seven years.

DR. HAROLD MESTRE, dean of Bard College of Columbia University at Annandale-on-Hudson, died on September 9 in his fifty-sixth year. Dr. Mestre was assistant professor of biophysics at Stanford University from 1928 to 1933 and was for one year honorary fellow in the School of Medicine of Yale University. He became professor of biophysics at Bard College in 1937 and was made dean in 1938.

DR. MARION MACKENZIE, who retired as professor of biology at Temple University, Philadelphia, in 1930, died on February 4.

THE Animal Husbandry Building of the Ohio State University, which has been re-named Plumb Hall in memory of the late Professor Charles Sumner Plumb, who until his retirement in 1931 with the title emeritus was for thirty-seven years professor of agricultural chemistry in the College of Agriculture, was dedicated on February 2.

## SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

### THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

THE address on January 4 of the president of the New York Academy of Medicine reviews the activities of the academy during the year 1939. He points out

that "in some respects, the academy has made greater contributions during the past year to public welfare, to the welfare of medical education in general, to the welfare of its fellowship, than ever before in its his-