

The introduction of new ideas, especially in preclinical teaching and research, was needed, and Knowler was one of a group of four men brought in from without to accomplish this purpose. The plans called for the construction of a complete new plant, both hospital and laboratories, which was carried through under the general leadership of the late Dr. Christian Holmes. Knowler's part was to plan and equip the new anatomical laboratory, and this he did with vision and skill. He had brought with him from Baltimore the spirit of Mall's laboratory at Johns Hopkins, and this was reflected in the organization and atmosphere of the department. Such fundamental changes could not be carried through undisputed. Controversies that would not abate arose over methods of teaching, the value of research, and standards for students. Knowler, always persistent and uncompromising in matters of principle, would not yield, and the friction that developed led in the end to his resignation, an occurrence which could and should have been avoided. Nevertheless, this transitional period was a constructive one, and in spite of the difficulties and the unfortunate ending it was a very happy one in his life.

Knowler was one of those teachers who treated his students as individuals and not simply as members of a class. He was not a facile lecturer and the inspiration that he gave them was not through this medium. It was rather by close personal contact in the laboratory and by his sympathetic understanding of their problems that he won their warm regard and affection.

To his friends and associates he was loyal and true, companionable and sympathetic, with a sense of responsibility in all his relations. His humor, cheerfulness and good nature gained him many friends, especially among the younger generation. In his years of declining health, which were long and distressing, these qualities never failed him. His courage and determination in completing a substantial part of his life work during this period of adversity will remain as an example to all who knew him.

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#### RECENT DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. CARL L. ALSBERG, director of the Food Research Institute and of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics at Stanford University, died on November 1 at the age of sixty-three years.

DR. JOHN RENSHAW CARSON, research mathematician at the Bell Telephone Laboratories, New York, died on October 31. He was fifty-four years old.

DR. ORMOND R. BUTLER, since 1912 professor of botany and botanist in the Agricultural Experiment

Station of the University of New Hampshire, died on October 24 at the age of sixty-three years.

DR. WILLIAM GOGGIN CROCKETT, professor of pharmacy at the Medical College of Virginia, died on October 29 at the age of fifty-two years.

DR. GUSTAVUS AUGUST EISEN, from 1893 to 1900 curator of the California Academy of Sciences, known for his work in biology and archeology, died on October 29 at the age of ninety-three years.

THE REV. DR. JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS, professor of cultural anthropology at Boston College, died on October 28 at the age of sixty-four years.

DR. ROBERT BOWIE OWENS, electrical engineer, secretary of the Franklin Institute from 1910 to 1924 with the exception of the war years, died on November 2 at the age of seventy years. He was formerly director of the Bartol Research Foundation.

M. EDOUARD CLAPARÈDE, professor of psychology at the University of Geneva and permanent secretary of the International Congress of Psychology, died on September 2. During recent years he had specialized in child psychology and had established the J. J. Rousseau Corresponding Institute of France. He was an honorary member of the British Psychological Society.

DR. ADOLPHO LUTZ, of the Oswaldo Cruz Institute of Rio de Janeiro, author of medical, zoological and entomological works, died on October 6 at the age of eighty-four years.

THE W. S. Blatchley Club, formerly the Hamilton County Nature Study Club, held a memorial meeting on October 11 for the late Dr. Blatchley, formerly State Geologist of Indiana, for whom the club was named. The meeting was held at Noblesville and the memorial tribute was given by Dr. J. J. Davis, of Purdue University.

THE *Journal* of the American Medical Association states that friends of the late Dr. Lawrason Brown, for many years head of the Trudeau Sanatorium, Saranac Lake, N. Y., have established the Lawrason Brown Memorial Fund to finance one or more fellowships for research in diseases of the chest. The fund will be managed by the Saranac Lake Society for the Control of Tuberculosis, and if at any time that organization should cease to exist the management of the fund will be offered first to the Johns Hopkins University. The present committee is composed of Drs. Leroy U. Gardner and James Woods Price, Saranac Lake; Louis Hamman, Baltimore; Esmond R. Long, Philadelphia; David R. Lyman, Wallingford, Conn., and William P. Thompson, New York.