

was granted the honorary degrees of Ph.D. and LL.D., respectively, by the University of New Brunswick.

Except for a few years of teaching at Harvard his entire academic life was spent at Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. Coming in 1894 as the first professor of botany and director of the Botanic Gardens, he built up the department of which he served as head or chairman until his retirement in 1932, when he was appointed professor emeritus. During his service here, the Botanic Gardens were established, and the Lyman Plant House and Burton Hall, the present biology building, were erected. For many years he gave generously of his time to administrative matters.

A man of broad interests, he published in the fields of morphology and ecology, although his primary interest was in physiology. Here he was widely known for his research and the apparatus which he developed for student use. But to those who knew him best he will be remembered primarily as a teacher. Possessed of an enthusiasm which was easily passed on to his students he taught both by precept and example, instilling into their minds the love of honest, thorough work and regard for the truth. His interest in botanical education led to the publication of *The Teaching Botanist*, one of the earliest books in this field now growing in importance. Other books of his were "A Laboratory Course in Plant Physiology," "The Living Plant" and "A Textbook of Botany for Colleges."

He had served as secretary for the Society of Morphology and Physiology and as president of the Botanical Society of America. He was also a corresponding member of the Royal Society of Canada, and in December, 1940, was awarded the Charles Reid Barnes Life Membership by the American Society of Plant Physiologists.

In addition to his work as a botanist he was recognized as an authority on the natural history of New Brunswick. From his early days he had followed this subject with great enthusiasm and during this time had assembled an unusually valuable collection of books, papers, maps and other documents bearing upon New Brunswick history. This collection has been presented to the New Brunswick Museum and has been described as "undoubtedly the most valuable that has yet been offered to the Museum." Of him and his work Dr. J. Clarence Webster, C.M.G., of Scheldiac has said: "As a worker Dr. Ganong has been characterized by great honesty and accuracy. Regarding New Brunswick he was the greatest authority who ever lived on the subject; its natural history, its settlement, its geology, its Indian life and its general development. As an authority on the cartography of the entire eastern coast of North America, he and Mr.

Prowse of Winnipeg are two of the greatest." Dr. Ganong translated and edited Denys' "Natural History of Acadia," LeClerq's "New Relation of Gaspesia" and Champlain's "Voyages to Acadia and New England."

Dr. Ganong was married in 1888 to Jean Murray Carman, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, the sister of Bliss Carman, the well-known Canadian poet. She died in 1920 and he later married Anna Hobbet, of Eagle Grove, Iowa, who with two children, William Francis, Jr., a freshman at Harvard, and Ann, survive him. His death occurred on September 7, at St. John, New Brunswick, after a long illness.

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DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. FRANK BURR MALLORY, since his retirement in 1932 professor emeritus of pathology in the Harvard Medical School, died on September 27 at the age of seventy-eight years. Dr. Mallory joined the staff of the school as assistant in histology in 1890. He was pathologist of the Boston City Hospital from 1908 to 1932, when he became consulting pathologist.

DR. CARROLL MASON SPARROW, professor of physics in the University of Virginia, died suddenly at his home on the evening of August 30. He was sixty-one years old. He had served on the faculty for thirty years.

DR. THOMAS HARDY TALIAFERRO, professor of mathematics and dean of the faculty of the University of Maryland, died on September 25 at the age of seventy years.

DR. ANDREW RICHARD BLISS, JR., professor of pharmacology and dean of the School of Pharmacy of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., died on August 12 in his fifty-third year.

DR. ELMER SAMUEL IMES, professor and head of the department of physics at Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., died on September 12 at the age of fifty-eight years.

A COPY of the Congressional resolution designating February 11 as "Thomas A. Edison Day" and the pen with which it was signed by President Roosevelt were presented on September 25 to Mrs. Mina Edison Hughes, widow of the inventor, at a dinner, attended by three hundred and fifty persons, which had been arranged by the Chamber of Commerce and Civics of the Oranges and Maplewood, N. J.