

this study remain unpublished and the work is known only by his intimate laboratory associates. It was Dr. Brown's plan to start the organization and publication of the material this fall, and his untimely death deprives medicine of basic contributions. It is essential that some arrangement be made to organize and report the work, for its implications from the point of view of human constitution and the inheritance of disease types are revolutionary and demand a reconsideration of fundamental tenets in genetics and pathology.

Dr. Brown's interest was focused on the relationship borne by constitutional factors to disease susceptibility, and his natural abilities combined with great patience and an unlimited capacity for work rendered him particularly fit to undertake the problem. His observational powers were developed to an unusual degree and his eyes and fingertips sufficed for laboratory equipment. The last thirteen years were spent in intimate contact with his animals and he was able to tell accurately the remote ancestry of any particular rabbit from its physical conformation and habits. Moreover, in the majority of cases, he could foretell the ultimate fate of an animal on a basis of past history and pedigree. His patience exceeded the patience of Job, and the constitutional project was undertaken with the full knowledge that several generations of research workers would be required to finish the experiments he began. His capacity for work was also proverbial. His day began at 9 and rarely terminated before midnight. No task was too arduous for him if a grain of knowledge could be extracted from its performance. He had great sympathy for his technicians and helpers but hesitated to relinquish any phase of the work, however menial, for fear that essential data should be misjudged or lost through careless observation.

He possessed a broad sense of humor and a ready wit and his vast knowledge of public as well as of scientific affairs made him a brilliant conversationalist. A remarkable ability to organize and present a complex subject without forewarning or to clarify a confounded situation with a concise and penetrating analysis made his discussions and opinions sought after and remembered. His advice and time were always at the disposal of any one in need and his concern was not altered by the status or problem of the petitioner.

Dr. Brown was a gentleman in an almost forgotten

sense of the word. His old-fashioned courtesy, consideration and tolerance, his great interest in everything and everybody and his unfailing friendliness set him apart, and his memory will be inspiration and refreshment to all who knew him.

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DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. STEPHEN WALTER RANSON, professor of neurology and director of the Neurological Institute of the Medical School of Northwestern University, died on August 30 at the age of sixty-two years.

MARCUS STULTS FARR, associate professor emeritus of geology and paleontology of Princeton University, died on August 27 at the age of seventy-two years. He had been a member of the faculty for forty years.

DR. HOWARD CHESTER PETERS, since 1937 instructor in the department of physiology of the University of Tennessee, died on July 13 at the age of thirty-three years.

THE Lake County, Indiana, Medical Society has established the Oberlin Award in memory of the late Dr. Thomas W. Oberlin, of Hammond, one of its charter members. It will be presented each year to a Lake County citizen or institution making the greatest contribution to the health of the people of Lake County. The award consists of a plaque with the following inscription: "Presented by the Lake County Medical Society in recognition of significant contributions to the health and consequent welfare, security and happiness of the people of Lake County."

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, a tablet was unveiled at St. Anthony, Newfoundland, on August 4, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of the late Dr. Wilfred Grenfell on the coast of Labrador. Sir Wilfred established the mission in Labrador in 1892. Since his death on October 9, 1940, the activities of the mission have been carried on under the direction of Dr. Charles S. Curtis, St. Anthony. During the fifty years of Sir Wilfred's missionary work five hospitals have been established there, five nursing stations, two boarding schools, one day school and children's home, social services to improve the lot of the coast people, two hospital ships and a supply ship. The inscription on the new tablet reads "In gratitude to God for the Labrador Doctor."

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TRAINING leading to an officer's commission in the Navy or Army is available at the University of Michi-

gan to physically fit male students through the Naval Reserve Officers' Training Corps and the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

Enrolment in either of the R.O.T.C. programs is on