

ard book on the subject. His later years were devoted to a study of the inheritance of racing capacity in thoroughbreds—a trait in whose inheritance so many factors are involved that Laughlin was led to resort to mass analysis.

Laughlin was highly developed socially and made life-long friends through his interest in the people with whom he was associated.

At the outbreak of World War I he became captain of the local home defense reserve and gave military training of a quality that was acclaimed by army officers. He and Mrs. Laughlin were fond of entertaining at their house, and all the children of the neighborhood gathered there at Christmas time to meet him in the role of Santa Claus.

As an administrator he had unusual gifts and he was able to utilize effectively the work of a considerable number of assistants toward the accumulation and analysis of a very complicated mass of data. His thinking and writing were characterized by great perspicacity. His was a legal mind, and some of his drafts of bills for legislation were incorporated almost without change in the acts of state legislators. He was related to President James Madison.

Some of Laughlin's conclusions and their applications in legislation were opposed by those committed to a different social philosophy, founded on a less thorough analysis of facts. One can not but feel that a generation or two hence Laughlin's work, in helping bring about restricted immigration and thus the preservation of our country from the clash of opposing ideals and instincts found in the more diverse racial or geographical groups, will be the more widely appreciated as our population tends toward greater homogeneity.

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ROBERT GREENLEAF LEAVITT (1865-1942)

DR. ROBERT GREENLEAF LEAVITT, well-known biologist and writer, died at North Parsonsfield, Maine, on October 2, 1942.

Dr. Leavitt was born at North Parsonsfield on September 28, 1865. He graduated from Worcester Academy in 1884 and from Harvard University in 1889. He was granted an A.M. from Harvard in 1898 and a Ph.D. in 1904.

He was science master at De Veaux College, 1890-91; head master at Concord Home School, Concord, Mass., 1891-93; instructor in physics at Williston Seminary, Easthampton, Mass., 1893-97; investigator at Ames Botanical Laboratory, North Easton, Mass., 1899-1908; and head of the department of biology at the New Jersey State Normal School (now the New Jersey State Teachers College) at Trenton from September, 1908, until he retired in June, 1928. He

was instructor in botany at the Summer School of Harvard University, 1903-07; and after his retirement continued his researches and his writing and maintained an active interest in everything connected with his field.

He was the author of "Outlines of Botany," which after forty years' use as a textbook is still regarded as an authority, "The Forest Trees of New England," a very popular tree book written for the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, numerous articles in general and educational magazines, and numerous technical papers and bulletins. He was a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Leavitt possessed an unforgettable personality and a homely, original contagious wit which made him a delightful companion and in great demand as an after-dinner speaker and toastmaster. His genial and lovable nature won and held for him a multitude of friends.

His widow, two sons and a daughter survive him.

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DEATHS AND MEMORIALS

DR. WILLIAM S. BAYLEY, who retired in 1931 from the professorship of geology at the University of Illinois, where he was head of the department, died on February 14 at the age of eighty-one years.

DR. ALBERT B. PECK, professor of mineralogy at the University of Michigan, a member of the faculty since 1914, died on February 15 at the age of fifty years.

DR. FRANKLIN P. JOHNSON, formerly professor of anatomy at the University of Missouri and since 1929 assistant professor of urology at the Medical School of the University of Oregon, died on February 12 at the age of fifty-five years.

MARTIN HALVOR KNUTSEN, professor of bacteriology at the Pennsylvania State College for the past twenty-three years, died on February 6 at the age of fifty-five years.

Nature reports the death of Dr. J. F. Craig, professor of veterinary pathology at the University of Liverpool; of Dr. Cyril Crossland, the first director of the Marine Biological Station at Ghardaqa, Gulf of Suez, on January 7, aged sixty-four years; of Lord Hirst, honorary member of the British Institution of Electrical Engineers, chairman of the General Electric Company, on January 23, aged seventy-nine years; of Dr. Alexander Russell, F.R.S., formerly principal of Faraday House, London, on January 14, aged eighty-one years; of Professor J. Strohl, professor