

and felt strongly the responsibility of the psychologist and geneticist in this respect. Her home was a center for thoughtful and constructive discussion of social issues by her scientific friends. She spent a vast amount of time and energy as chairman of the Committee on Aiding Displaced Foreign Psychologists of the American Psychological Association, and through her efforts many exiled scholars were placed in academic positions. She served also as editor of the *Bulletin* of the Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues. She was an astute critic of scientific and social literature, and her lively book reviews were a constant source of enjoyment to her readers.

The pioneering work of Dr. Burks in demonstrating the relation between genetic characters and psychological traits, and in the application of advanced mathematical method to the analysis of psychological data established her as a scientist of high caliber, whose future contributions to her field of research were certain to be of great value had her life not ended so soon. To her colleagues and friends, her contagious enthusiasm for scientific investigation, her refreshing open-mindedness to the ideas of others, her genuine interest in those around her and the warmth of her friendship are irreplaceable.

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THE sudden death from pneumonia of Dr. Frederick J. Taussig on August 21, 1943, was felt in a keenly personal way by many people in different walks of life. They could scarcely believe the news because he had so recently, and in such high spirits, left for a well-earned vacation at Bar Harbor. Now it is realized, as never before, how much he has been giving to St. Louis and to the nation in kindly, unobtrusive but very direct ways.

Not only has he ushered into the world two generations of St. Louisans (1902-43), but these fortunate ones and their parents have enjoyed the feeling that he was their friend, always interested in them and ready to help whenever the occasion offered.

In Washington University School of Medicine, from which he graduated, in 1898, class after class of students has profited by his teaching for well over 30 years. Through these enthusiastic disciples his influence for good has spread far and wide.

A frequently mentioned characteristic of Dr. Taussig was his boundless energy. Teaching, and a large practice, of the kind in which he was called into service at all hours of the day and night, he took in his stride, ever cheerful, never apparently unduly hurried.

By some miracle, he also found time to direct the

medical activities of two great institutions, the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital in St. Louis and the State Cancer Hospital at Columbia. His directness, understanding of human nature and sense of humor made an almost unbeatable combination.

Numerous publications bear witness to his wisdom and industry, of which, perhaps, the most significant is his book, "Abortion, Spontaneous and Induced, Medical and Social Aspects," a classic recognized everywhere by medical men and sociologists alike.

Dr. Taussig communicated his zeal for research to others. An effective way promptly to bring a conference with most scientists to a close is to speak about one's own work, not theirs. Not so with him. He was always interested in every serious effort to advance knowledge. The secret of the marvelous manner in which Dr. Taussig remained so characteristically young to the last may have been his quick forgetfulness of self and the resolute way in which he looked ever to the future.

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RECENT DEATHS

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Professor Oscar M. Morris, professor of horticulture and horticulturist in the Agricultural Experiment Stations of the State College of Washington, recognized as a national authority in the field of pomology, died at his desk on November 13 at the age of sixty-nine years. He joined the staff of the State College of Washington in 1910, and was head of the department of horticulture from 1911 to 1927. He began collegiate teaching on the staff of his alma mater, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, in 1898, and was advanced there to a professorship of horticulture and horticulturist. He was a member of the American Pomological Society, the American Society for Horticultural Science, Phi Kappa Phi and Alpha Zeta."

THE death at the age of seventy-six years is announced of Alfred Vivian, emeritus dean of agriculture of the Ohio State University.

DR. E. P. CLARK, for the past fourteen years senior organic chemist in the Division of Insecticide Investigations of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, died on November 7.

JOHN W. STACEY, research associate in botany in the California Academy of Sciences, a well-known distributor and publisher of books on biology and medicine, died in San Francisco on October 16 at the age of seventy-two years.

SIR EDWARD BAGNALL POULTON, until his retirement