

routine. When he came to the University of Minnesota in 1928, it was with the understanding that he continue the management of this apiary, which was transferred to northern Minnesota. In it as in the college apiary, there were constantly underway studies on the overwintering of bees, the utilization of package bees, diseases of bees and other studies of remote as well as of immediate practical application. Over the years he was a persistent investigator of methods of controlled mating of the honeybee and had obtained promising results in this much worked field.

Professor Tanquary was an excellent teacher, who took a personal interest in his students and was never too busy to give them assistance in their problems. His willingness to carry his share of the load under the present abnormal conditions was well illustrated by the manner in which he cheerfully took over the teaching of biology in the School of Agriculture and the personal attention he gave the students. He was widely recognized as a man with a broad scientific grounding in entomology and exceptional ability to apply it in a practical manner. While his formal publications were few he was a regular contributor to bee journals, and carried on a very extensive correspondence of an advisory nature with both amateur and commercial beekeepers.

He was a friendly man. We found him, as did Macmillan under trying Arctic conditions, "even tempered, never got excited, was always in good humor." He will be missed sorely by his colleagues of years and by the many students and practical beekeepers who found him always ready to aid them in their problems.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. FREDERICK SLOCUM, professor of astronomy and director of the Van Vleck Observatory of Wesleyan University, died on December 4 in his seventy-third year.

DR. ALONZO JOHN HAMMOND, consulting engineer of Chicago, Ill., died on December 1 at the age of seventy-five years.

DR. JANE BURNS HERSHEY, supervisor of bacteriology of the Laboratory Section of the St. Louis Health Division, died on November 5 at the age of thirty-one years.

In the obituary appreciation of Albert Kingsbury in the issue of *SCIENCE* for December 1, the date of his death is given as July 28, 1944. It should be July 28, 1943.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

THE VISIT OF INDIAN SCIENTIFIC MEN

THE following Indian scientific men are visiting the United States on a mission to develop scientific and cultural contacts between India and this country. A special press conference was held at the Government of India Information Services in Washington on December 11. Members of the delegation are:

Dr. Nazir Ahmad, director of the Technological Laboratory of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

Colonel S. L. Bhatia, deputy director general of the Indian Medical Service.

Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, Kt., O.B.E., director of the Scientific and Industrial Research Directorate of the Government of India.

Sir Jnan Chandra Ghosh, Kt., director of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, and president of the National Institute of Sciences of India.

Professor S. K. Mitra, Ghose professor of physics, University of Calcutta.

Professor Meghand Saha, F.R.S., Palit professor of physics, University of Calcutta.

Professor J. N. Mukherji, O.B.E., professor of chemistry, University College of Science, Calcutta.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

THE fifty-first annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society was held at the Museum of Sci-

ence and Industry, Chicago, on November 24 and 25, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Mathematical Association of America. The registration exceeded two hundred, including one hundred and seventy-seven members of the society.

The eighteenth Josiah Willard Gibbs Lecture was given on Friday evening, November 24, by Professor John von Neumann, of Princeton University. His subject was, "The Ergodic Theorem and Statistical Mechanics." The attendance at this lecture was about three hundred.

On Saturday afternoon, November 25, Professor Will Feller, of Brown University, gave an address entitled, "Limit Theorems in the Theory of Probability."

Thirty-eight contributed papers on research problems were presented, sixteen in person and twenty-two by title.

Resolutions on the death of the distinguished mathematician, Professor George D. Birkhoff, were adopted. These will be published in the January issue of the *Bulletin* of the American Mathematical Society.

The following officers were elected for terms of two years each: *President*, T. H. Hildebrandt; *Vice-president*, J. M. Thomas; *Secretary*, J. R. Kline; *Associate Secretary*, T. R. Hollcroft; *Treasurer*, B. P. Gill; *Librarian*, Arnold Dresden; *Members of Editorial*