

which he was able to inject enthusiasm as well as to implant information in the minds of the many students who came under his care.

During these summer sessions at Cold Spring Harbor Walter was closely associated with C. B. Davenport, the director of the laboratory, and his continued interest in genetics was fostered by this relationship. From 1917-1927 Walter served as assistant director.

His college lectures were always entertainingly presented, aided by his ability to draw with notable skill on the blackboard. His diagrams, together with gadgets that he devised and perfected, aided particularly in demonstrating the mechanism of inheritance. His greatest interest was in the comparative anatomy of the vertebrates, and this occupied a major part of the time he devoted to teaching.

Walter published a number of books and papers on various zoological subjects, but his most important contribution is embodied in two of the books. The first of these, "Genetics," was published originally in 1913, revised in 1920, and finally rewritten in 1930. His versatility in presenting difficult matter for student consumption is best illustrated in this text. The other, "Biology of the Vertebrates," dealing with his favorite group of animals, diverges considerably from the usual text-book style of presentation, but its interest and instructional value are greatly enhanced thereby. This book appeared first in 1927 and after a dozen reprintings was issued in revised form in 1939. Only a week before his death he had cheerfully planned a further revision requested by the publishers.

Dr. Walter will always be remembered with affection by those who knew him as a beloved and inspiring teacher. This was apparent even to those who first crossed his path after their youthfully receptive minds were nearing the all too comfortable point of satiety. His cheery presence never failed to enliven meetings with his colleagues or students, as well as gatherings untinged by professionalism. His scholarly accomplishments and unselfish interest in his chosen field of teaching were combined to produce a most stimulating personality.

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RECENT DEATHS

DR. FRANK M. CHAPMAN, since 1942 curator emeritus of birds of the American Museum of Natural History, died on November 15 at the age of eighty-one years.

DR. ERNST THELIN, head of the department of psychology at Syracuse University, died on November 9 at the age of fifty-seven years.

DR. EDITH STEVENS, since 1928 a member of the department of biology at the Farmville, Virginia, State Teachers College, and associate professor since 1929, died on October 31, as a result of burns sustained in the laboratory.

DR. FRANCIS WILLIAM ASTON, fellow of the Royal Society and fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, died on November 20 at the age of sixty-eight years.

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

FELLOWSHIPS FOR EUROPEAN STUDENTS

THE Board of Governors of the International House voted at its last meeting to establish a limited number of fellowships for European students. These fellowships are being established to provide for scholars of exceptional ability an opportunity to resume their study and research, interrupted by the war. The board feels that such fellowships might provide mutual advantages to American universities and to the scholars themselves, during their stay in this country and upon their return to their homes.

The students selected must be graduate students with outstanding academic records, with a thorough knowledge of English and in good health. Students will not be limited to any specific fields of study. Each fellowship will provide a maximum of \$1,300 with \$300 of this set aside for the payment of room rent at International House in which the student selected will reside. Cash payments of \$83.33 a month during a calendar year will be paid to the student to provide for his meals and expenses other

than tuition. The University of Chicago, Northwestern University and the Illinois Institute of Technology will award tuition scholarships to the students selected. It is the hope of International House that transportation will be provided by the governments of the students selected or by other agencies, as no funds are provided by the International House for travel.

The fellowships are open to any student from Europe. The student's academic qualifications must be accepted through the regular channels for admission by one of the cooperating schools before he is eligible to receive a fellowship. These schools and the International House are anxious to see the best possible scholars selected for this project, as the success of the plan will depend upon the standards of selection established.

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