

Energetic to the extreme, he never spared himself, but gave every ounce of his strength to the upbuilding of the agriculture of his state. Due primarily to this, his health at last broke under the strain, and in 1907 he retired from his university duties.

Few know that Henry was to a considerable degree responsible for the passage of the parcel post bill in 1912. Convinced of the value of parcel post to farmers, Henry worked for months in advocating the legislation. Appreciating the value of concerted action, he wrote to the agricultural editors of the country and asked them to announce a "Parcel Post Day" on March 1, 1912. On this day, all who were in favor of parcel post were asked to write their congressmen personal letters. As a result, the lawmakers at Washington were fairly deluged with a mountain of mail from all the rural districts.

After his retirement Henry spent considerable time in Connecticut, developing a large fruit farm with his only son, Arnon T. Henry. Later he took much pleasure in collecting rare plants for his residence on the west coast of Florida, and for the last several years resided in San Diego, where he indulged his early interest in horticulture and botany.

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RECENT DEATHS

EUGENE E. HASKELL, consulting hydraulic engineer, dean of the College of Civil Engineering at Cornell University from 1906 to 1921, when he retired with the title of professor emeritus, died on January 28, at the age of seventy-seven years.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM LISPENARD ROBB, head of the department of electrical engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute since 1902, died on January 26, at the age of seventy-one years.

DR. WILLIAM PHILLIPS GRAVES, professor of gynecology at Harvard Medical School since 1911, died on January 25, at the age of sixty-three years.

DR. VICTOR STERKI, assistant curator of zoology in the Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, died on January

25, at the age of eighty-six years. The Sterki collection of mollusca will be deposited in the museum.

SIR WILLIAM TAYLOR, president of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland since 1927, died suddenly on January 29, at the age of seventy-two years. He was an honorary fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a past president of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland.

DR. MALCOLM EVAN MACGREGOR, in charge of the Wellcome Entomological Field Laboratories at Esher, Surrey, died on January 12, at the age of forty-three years.

PROFESSOR GUIDO TIZZONI, until four years ago professor of general pathology at the University of Bologna, has died.

THE death is announced of Dr. Albert Wigand, professor of meteorology at Freiburg, and of Dr. Karl Kreibich, professor of dermatology at the German University at Prague.

DR. HEINRICH MAHNKOPF died on December 20, 1932, aged forty years. He was a chief of division at the Prussian Geodetic Institute in Potsdam and Dozent at the Technische Hochschule in Berlin. Volume VI of the Publications of the International Latitude Service was recently completed and published under his direction. He succeeded Albrecht and Wanach in the work of the Latitude Service.

A CORRESPONDENT writes: "Miss Julia Irene Goodrich, known to many hundreds of biologists through the assistance she gave them in getting settled on their first arrival at Cold Spring Harbor, died January 21, at the age of fifty-seven years. Miss Goodrich was for twenty-seven years secretary to the director of what is now the department of genetics. She graduated from Smith College, showing especial proficiency in the classics and languages in general, like her uncle Chauncey Goodrich, who compiled a Chinese dictionary and translated the Bible into Chinese, and his son, L. C. Goodrich, lecturer in Chinese at Columbia University. Another uncle was professor of Latin at the University of Vermont. She was a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science."

SCIENTIFIC EVENTS

CONFERENCE ON SPECTROSCOPY AT THE MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

THE Massachusetts Institute of Technology announces a Summer Conference in Spectroscopy in connection with its new Spectroscopy Laboratory. The arrangements are in charge of Professor George R. Harrison, and it is hoped that such a conference

may become an annual summer event. On account of the air conditioning of the laboratory and the availability of summer cottages within commuting distance on the shore, this conference makes possible a combination of summer vacation with interesting scientific work under comfortable conditions.

The research facilities embrace five general subjects (1) quantitative measurement of spectrum in-