

NEWS AND VIEWS

DEATH OF DR. G. H. F. NUTTALL.

Dr. G. H. F. Nuttall, Emeritus Professor of Biology at Cambridge, England, died suddenly in London on December 16th, 1937, at the age of seventy-five years. With an international reputation for his accomplishments in bacteriology, parasitology, hygiene, and physiology, his practical contributions to mankind will remain as a lasting testimonial. With his friend, the late Sir Patrick Manson, he did a very great deal to stimulate work on the nature and prevention of parasitic diseases.

Showing that blood and other body fluids possess the power of killing bacteria he provided a basis for all work on anti-toxin sera. His discovery of the precipitin test provided medico-legal experts with a sure method of identifying the nature of minute traces of blood, whether man or animal. But perhaps his greatest work was the long series of studies of insects as carriers of bacterial and parasitic diseases in man and animals. In conjunction with the late Sir Arthur Shipleigh he published a series of articles on the structure of the mosquito, which are a model of their kind. His investigations of ticks responsible for disease transmission are also well known and during the world war he turned to the study of lice infesting man and methods of combating this infliction among the troops. In conjunction with Welch he discovered the bacillus causing "gas gangrene."

Founder and editor of the *Journal of Hygiene* in 1901 and of *Parasitology* in 1908, Fellow of the Royal Society, Sc.D. of Cambridge and honorary doctor of five other universities, he conducted investigations on behalf of the British Ministry of Health, the Royal Army Medical Corps, and the Government of South Africa. He received the Legion of Honour and the Belgian Order of Leopold II. The secret of Dr. Nuttall's success was his untiring industry and attention to detail. Possessed of considerable personal charm one could not fail to recognize his generosity, his good will, and his strong senses of loyalty, sympathy, and personal honour.

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