

OBITUARY

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The death of Dr. Philpott on September 6th, 1952, at the age of 64, deprives the Society of one to whom it owes much.

Having secured his B.Sc. in 1911 and taught for a few years, while continuing to study at University College, London, he served in the 1914-18 war, obtaining the Military Cross. Returning to his college in 1919 to study the work curve, he was taken on the staff in 1920 and continued thereon until his death.

He read a paper on his research before Section J of the British Association in 1929 and secured his D.Sc. in 1932 with a thesis on "Fluctuation of Human Output" *British Journal of Psychology* (Monograph Supplements 17). Since then a series of papers have developed his wave-theory and the last issue of the *British Journal of Psychology* (General Section) (XLIII, 3) contains an important discussion on the validity of his conclusions.

He joined the Society in 1919, became a Council Member in 1922, and was Treasurer from 1929 to 1946, when he became Deputy-President. He was President in 1948-9 and completed subsequent service as a Vice-President this year. He was a Secretary of Section J, British Association, 1933-6, Recorder 1937-46 and President 1947. He served on the Council of the British Association from 1949 until his death.

He was a man of outstanding industry and good organizing ability, who gave of his best to the University, the Society and the British Association, and we would record, especially, that the drafting of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Society in 1940-41 was largely his work.

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