

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM HENRY HOLMES

William Henry Holmes, archaeologist and scientist, died at Royal Oak, Mich., April 20, 1933. He was born in Harrison County, Ohio, December 1, 1846, the son of Joseph and Mary (Heberling) Holmes. Graduating at the McNeely Normal College in 1870, he went to Washington where he had occasion to visit the Smithsonian Institution, and two of the professors—F. B. Meek and W. H. Hall—learning that he could draw, put him to work making drawings of the shells which they were studying. In the Spring of 1872 he was made artist to the survey of the Territories, under Dr. F. V. Hayden, United States geologist, and was one of the explorers of the Yellowstone and of the Colorado. During 1874 and 1875 he studied the archaeological remains in Southwestern Colorado, including the Mesa Verde cliff dwellings, and later, under Smithsonian direction, corresponding researches were carried on by him over many States and Territories.

In 1892 Dr. Holmes was appointed to a non-resident professorship of anthropic geology at the University of Chicago, and two years later he became curator of anthropology in the Field Museum there. It was he who compiled a comprehensive report on the A. V. Armour expedition to Yucatan in 1895. Returning to Washington in 1897, Professor Holmes became head curator of anthropology in the National Museum. In 1898 he was awarded the Duc de Loubat prize of \$1,000 for the most important work in archaeological research for the five-year period then ending. From 1902 until 1909, he was head of the Bureau of American Ethnology at the Smithsonian, and in 1910 organized the National Museum's division of physical anthro-

pology, securing the appointment of Dr. Ales Hrdlicka as its curator. Dr. Holmes was the head curator of anthropology at the National Museum and also curator of the National Gallery of Art until 1920, when he became director of the latter institution, so to remain until his retirement in 1932. He married in October 1883, Kate Clifton Osgood of Washington, who died in 1925, leaving two sons, Osgood and William Heberling Holmes.

Dr. Holmes was a member of many learned and scientific societies and had many honors. He received the degree of D.Sc. from George Washington University in 1918. At the celebration of his seventieth birthday in 1916, several of his friends and associates prepared papers for a "Holmes Anniversary Volume," a splendid work of nearly five hundred pages edited by Frederick W. Hodge and containing a valuable assemblage of monographs on American anthropology. In this was included a bibliography of his various writings to 1918, some 184 titles. At the time of his death this had increased to 217 titles. Dr. Holmes was elected to the American Antiquarian Society in 1905 and contributed to the Proceedings a paper on "The Origin of the Cross Symbol" in October 1906.

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WILFRED HAROLD MUNRO

Wilfred Harold Munro died in Providence, R. I., August 9, 1934. He was born in Bristol, August 20, 1849, the son of John Bennett and Abby Howland (Batt) Munro. After preparation at the Bristol High School, he entered Brown University from which he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1870. During his college course he was prominent in athletics and was captain of the baseball team. Following graduation he became master of DeVeaux College at Niagara Falls where he remained until 1871, when he became associate principal of St. Mark's School at Salt Lake City. Here he had the opportunity to study the Mormons at first hand in the days of Brigham Young

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