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DR. DOROTHY E. BLISS AWARDED HONORARY Sc.D. BY BROWN UNIVERSITY

On Monday, June 5, Dr. Dorothy E. Bliss, Curator in the Department of Living Invertebrates at The American Museum of Natural History, will receive an honorary doctorate in science from Brown University at its 204th annual commencement service. The degree will be bestowed by Dr. Donald F. Hornig, president of Brown.

A native of Cranston, R.I., Dr. Bliss received her B.A. degree, cum laude, from Pembroke College in 1937, her Sc.M. degree from Brown University in 1942, and her Ph.D. degree from Radcliffe College in 1952.

Dr. Bliss has served on the scientific staff of The American Museum since 1956, becoming a curator in 1967. A neuroendocrinologist, she has done extensive research on hormonal control of growth and water balance in tropical land crabs. For this investigation, Dr. Bliss and her associates are currently working on the development of more sensitive quantitative methods to express hormonal activity in crustaceans. Her work has received the support of the National Science Foundation for the past fifteen years.

Dr. Bliss's findings have been published in many scientific journals and she has also contributed to several books dealing with physiology. She is the co-author with Dr. Dorothy M. Skinner of "Tissue Respiration in Invertebrates" and has just completed a semi-popular book dealing with shrimps, lobsters and crabs.

Throughout her scientific career, Dr. Bliss has held various academic appointments. She has taught biology at Harvard University, and from 1964 to 1966 she was a visiting research associate professor of anatomy at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is now adjunct professor of biology at the City University of New York.

Dr. Bliss is a member of numerous scientific societies and has served on the boards of several national biological and scientific organizations. She is also a member of the editorial boards of American Zoologist, Journal of Experimental Biology, Natural History and Curator. She has supervised the scientific preparation of six major sections of the Hall of the Biology of Invertebrates at the Museum.

Dr. Bliss makes her home in West Nyack, New York.

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