

Obituary

FREDERICK HENRY POLLARD

FREDERICK HENRY POLLARD, who died suddenly on 16th October, 1965, had been a member of the Society for many years and taken part in its activities. He had been Chairman of the Western Section and at the time of his death was serving as a member both of Council and of *The Analyst* Editorial Committee. He had also been the local representative of the Chemical Society, in addition to serving on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Chromatography*.

A native of Wiltshire, he graduated at Bristol in 1927 and subsequently taught at Thornbury Grammar School, working for his Ph.D. in his spare time. In 1941 he returned to Bristol University as Lecturer, and during the War studied flame propagation in the explosive RDX as part of the war effort. During this time his studies on the reactions of the oxides of nitrogen with formaldehyde and acetaldehyde convinced him that more powerful analytical methods would increase the scope of inorganic chemistry.

As a result of this, he was among the foremost developers of chromatography, much of his early work being done in collaboration with Dr. McOmie and his later work with Dr. Nickless.

Dr. Pollard's initiative developed the study of inorganic chemistry at Bristol, and his interests covered the lesser known thio acids, phosphorus and silicon compounds resulting in the publication of over 100 papers. He was promoted to Reader in 1954 and obtained his D.Sc. in 1959.

He took a keen interest in the re-building of the portion of the University that had suffered from enemy action and also in the planning of the New School of Chemistry, and was responsible for instituting and organising the M.Sc. course in Advanced Analytical Chemistry.

He was an international figure in Chemistry and, as well as lecturing in cities such as Prague, Athens, Rome, Brunswick, was, by invitation, a Visiting Fellow of the National Science Foundation in the U.S.A.

Dr. Pollard took a keen interest in the welfare of his students and always welcomed discussion on problems of a personal nature as well as scientific ones. He possessed great warmth of character, honesty, kindness and tenacity of purpose, and will be greatly missed by colleagues, students and friends.

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