

OBITUARY

DR. S. BRYAN ADAMS

From 1922, when he first entered the University as an undergraduate, Bryan Adams was an enthusiastic member of the University of Bristol Spelæological Society. He served on the Committee from 1924 to 1935, and was Secretary of the Society from 1930 to 1934. Thus, although not actually a foundation member, he contributed much to the early life of the Society, and was active both in the museum and at Burrington for thirteen years. This long association was broken only when his work took him from Bristol to London. Subsequently, with increasing professional responsibilities, he was able to devote less and less time to the Society.

His first paper—a description of the field work for the year 1924—was published in the *Proceedings* of the Society (Vol. II, No. 2, 176). Photography was one of his main hobbies, apart from spelæology, and he acquired considerable skill at cave photography. In 1935 he wrote a short article (*Proc. U.B.S.S.*, Vol. IV, No. 3, 223) on Swildon's Hole, illustrated by photographs, six of which he had taken himself. However, his main interest in the work of the Society was archæological, and here his zoological and anatomical training was often of great value in enabling him to identify bones found in excavations. His main archæological paper was a description of the Iron Age finds from Little Solisbury, near Bath (*Proc. U.B.S.S.*, Vol. IV, No. 3, 183).

Bryan Adams's early studies at the University were in the Department of Zoology, and after graduating in Science he proceeded to the degree of Ph.D. However, he realized at this stage that his real interests lay in the field of medicine, and he transferred to that Faculty. After qualifying he was attracted to the comparatively new branch of radiotherapy. Once he had decided the line his professional work was to take, he devoted himself to it with such enthusiasm and energy that there was no time left for spelæology. After a period of special training in London, he undertook the development of the new centre of radiotherapy in Bristol and ensured its success. Never sparing himself in his efforts for his patients, he earned their lasting gratitude and affection. A valued member of the medical faculty, his untimely death in April, 1947, left a gap which it will be hard to fill. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow and two young children.