

Obituaries

Professor Emeritus L. S. PALMER, D.Sc., Ph.D.

Professor Lionel Stanley Palmer died on March 17th, 1962, at the age of 70. To everyone who knew him at all well he was always affectionately known as Leo. He will be remembered by members of this Society for his life-long interest in caving in all its branches. He was truthfully the founder of the Society in 1919, when he returned to the University after serving in the Forces throughout World War I. He was first secretary of the Society. The policy he initiated has borne much fruit. It was Leo who insisted that, as a University Society, the members should take an active part in scientific work related to the caves and their contents and that the work of the Society should be published in its own journal, the *Proceedings*. Leo also obtained, in 1921, from the University the first of a series of rooms for the museum and library of the Society.

Though Leo was by profession a physicist, and held the Chair in Physics at Hull for many years, he managed to find time to produce papers on geology and archæology in various journals. On his retirement he became honorary curator of the Wells Museum and had the leisure to complete a long-cherished plan for a book on the evolution and development of man under the title *Man's Progress through Time*. In the museum, in the few years he had there, he made great improvements in the displays and had many more in view.

We indeed owe a great debt to Leo for all he has done for the Society and his death will leave us the poorer. We have lost our founder, our senior Vice-President and a great friend.

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