

## OBITUARY

Professor HAAKON SHETELIG died on 23 July 1955 at the age of seventy-eight. He was formerly director of the Bergen museum, and professor of archaeology in Bergen University, and he was a distinguished authority on Scandinavian pre-history and on the archaeology of the Vikings.

Monseigneur ARSÈNE TURQUETIL was born in France in 1876 and died on 15 June 1955 in Washington. He went to Canada in 1900 and established mission stations at Chesterfield Inlet in 1912, at Eskimo Point in 1924, and on Southampton Island in 1925. In 1925 he was made Prefect Apostolic of Hudson Bay. He spoke Eskimo, Cree and Ojibway and designed typewriters for use with these languages.

Dr ROBERT CHARLES WALLACE, C.M.G., died at Kingston, Ontario, on 29 January 1955 at the age of 73. He was born at Skea in the Orkney Islands on 15 June 1881, and went to school in Durness and Kirkwall. He took his M.A. at Edinburgh University, where he was medallist in natural philosophy, and later his B.Sc., for which he specialized in geology under Professor James Geikie. He then took his Ph.D. at Göttingen University. After a short time doing research at Dundee University he was appointed Lecturer in Geology at Manitoba in 1910, and Professor two years later. He soon became an authority on mineral resources in Canada, and was appointed Commissioner for Northern Manitoba. In 1921 he became Commissioner for Mines and Natural Resources for the whole of Manitoba. During these years he travelled widely by canoe in summer and by dog-team in winter; like another Orkney man, Dr John Rae, he was able to defy hardships and to enjoy them. He was later recalled by the University of Manitoba, but continued to serve as a part-time Commissioner.

In 1928, he was appointed President of the University of Alberta, and in 1936 became Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University, Ontario, where he remained until his retirement in 1951. During this time Wallace had been President of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, of the Research Council of Ontario and of the Royal Society of Canada; he had received seventeen Honorary Degrees, and reached the position of leading elder statesman in Canadian universities. In 1951 he was appointed Director of the Arctic Institute of North America.

His old friend, Dr Hugh Marwick of Kirkwall, has written: "Wallace was a man of quite exceptional parts. A scientist by training and profession, he was at the same time a great humanist in the best sense of that term. He was in fact more, for in him, to a higher degree than in anyone else I have known, there was the perfect synthesis of scientist, humanist and moralist, all fitly joined together and cemented by utter sincerity of mind and a wonderful overriding sanity of judgment." J. M. W.