

and the flow of glaciers. As a keen mountaineer he had many opportunities of carrying out observations and measurements on glaciers, which he was able to continue in later years. From 1922 onwards many publications on these subjects appeared in his name, as is well known to readers of the *Journal of Glaciology*. In a rough list I have compiled I find that at least thirty-two papers appeared under his name in the years 1922-1957.

In 1940 he was made an Honorary Member of the Naturforschende Gesellschaft of the Canton Glarus. He was also an Honorary Member of the Glacier Commission of the Schweizerische Naturforschende Gesellschaft; he was also one of the keenest members of the Zürcher Gletscher Kommission.

All who had the good fortune to come into contact with his delightful personality, and his enthusiasm for everything that was true and good, will always hold his memory in honour.

R. HAEFELI

NOAH ERNEST DORSEY—1873-1959

DR. N. ERNEST DORSEY, who died at Towson, Maryland, on 6 July 1959 at the age of 86, will be known by name to all scientists who have worked on the properties of ice or water as the author of their standard reference book *Properties of ordinary water-substance*, a book which, although published twenty years ago, is still the main available reference book for glaciologists who want to find out what is known about some of the less familiar properties of ice. Dr. Dorsey graduated from Johns Hopkins University in his native state of Maryland, and after a short period teaching at that University and a couple of years with the Department of Agriculture, he joined the National Bureau of Standards in 1903, and remained there, apart from a few years of private consulting work in the twenties, until his retirement in 1943. He made many investigations in electricity, heat and light, and also served as an associate editor of the International Critical Tables. Even after retirement he remained active, as several published papers bear witness.

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