

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

SIR ARTHUR TANSLEY, F. R. S.

1871 - 1955

Sir Arthur Tansley, one of the founders and past president of the British Ecological Society, died on November 25, 1955. For over fifty years he was a leader in British botany and ecology and early was acclaimed internationally. In 1902 he initiated the periodical, *The New Phytologist*, both editing and publishing it during its early years. From 1916 to 1937 he edited the *Journal of Ecology*.

He wrote several books ("Types of British Vegetation," "Elements of Plant Biology," "Aims and Methods in the Study of Plant Ecology" (with T. F. Chipp), "Practical Plant Ecology," "The British Isles and Their Vegetation," "Our Heritage of Wild Nature," and others) which became widely known and used. His book "The New Psychology" written after a period in Vienna with Prof. Freud did much to publicize the Freudian theories.

He was educated at Highgate School, University College, London and Trinity College, Cambridge. He taught at University College of London, then at Cambridge, and in 1927 was elected Sherardian professor of botany and fellow of Magdalen College at Oxford. Following his retirement in 1937, he devoted himself to writing and in 1943 became head of the British Nature Conservancy.

He was honored by election to the Royal Society in 1915, to an honorary fellowship at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1944 and received a knighthood in 1950.

He was a life member of the Ecological Society of America. He visited the U. S. in 1926 and directly and indirectly had a great influence on American plant ecology. Sir Arthur Tansley will be missed by ecologists everywhere.

Knoxville, Tennessee
February 9, 1956

C. C. Hoff
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An acknowledgment of a letter of condolence sent to Lady Tansley by President Henry J. Oosting in the name of the Society is herewith reproduced:

December 1955

Grantchester
Cambridge

"Lady Tansley wishes to thank you for your kind letter. She would like to say how much she has been helped by the expressions of sympathy she has received on the loss of her husband and by the tributes paid to him by his friends and colleagues. Her family join in sending you their appreciation and thanks."

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