

OBITUARIES

JESSE WALTER FEWKES

Jesse Walter Fewkes died at his home in Forest Glen, Md., May 31, 1930. He was born at Newton, Mass., November 14, 1850, the son of Jesse and Susan Emeline (Jewett) Fewkes. He was graduated with the degree of A.B. from Harvard in 1875, receiving two years later the degrees of A.M. and Ph.D. During his course at Harvard he was a student under the great naturalist, Louis Agassiz. From 1878 to 1880 he worked in Zoölogy at the University of Leipzig in Germany and also studied at Naples and Villa Franca. Returning to America, he became an assistant in the Museum of Comparative Zoölogy at Harvard from 1881 to 1889, and then served as editor of the *Journal of American Ethnology and Archæology* from 1890 to 1894. In 1895 he became associated with the Bureau of American Ethnology at Washington, where he was ethnologist until 1918, and chief of the Bureau from 1918 until 1928.

Dr. Fewkes was a leading pioneer in the study of the Indian archæology and ethnology of the southwest. He was field director of the Hemenway Southwestern Archæological Expeditions to Arizona in 1891-1895, and his field work for thirty years following, under government auspices, gave him high standing and prestige. His outstanding archæological achievement was the excavation, begun in 1908, of the cliff-dwellings and temples situated in Mesa Verde National Park in Colorado. Additional researches included work among the native people of the West Indies, an archæological survey of the Gulf Coast of Mexico,

excavations in Trinidad and the Lesser Antilles, and, more recently, investigations of Florida and South Carolina mounds. His publications included many reports describing his researches and frequent contributions to scientific journals. He was honored with membership in many learned societies, was president of the American Anthropological Society in 1911-1912 and received the honorary degree of LL.D. from the University of Arizona in 1915. He was married October 8, 1883, to Florence Gorges Eastman of Cambridge, Mass., who died May 3, 1888. On April 14, 1893, he was married to Harriet Olivier Cutler of Roxbury, whose death preceded his own by but a few weeks.

Dr. Fewkes was elected a member of the American Antiquarian Society in 1914. In April 1917 he read a paper before the Society on "Types of Prehistoric Southwestern Architecture."

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WILLIAM EATON FOSTER

William Eaton Foster died in Providence, R. I., September 10, 1930. He was born in Brattleboro, Vt., June 2, 1851, the son of Joseph Coggin and Abigail Ann (Eaton) Foster. When he was a boy, his family moved to Beverly, Mass., where he prepared for college. Entering Brown University, he was graduated with the degree of A.B. in 1873, later receiving the degree of A.M. in 1876. During his college course, his interest in the classics and in browsing in the college library brought him into close touch with the then librarian, Reuben E. Guild, who employed him as a student assistant and urged him after graduation to select librarianship as his vocation. He began as librarian of the Hyde Park Public Library where he remained until 1876, following this by taking the position of cataloguer at the Turner Free Library at Randolph and at the same time pursuing studies in

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