

SIR RUDOLPH A. PETERS

It is with great regret that the Editors and Publisher have to announce the death of Sir Rudolph Albert Peters on 29 January 1982.

Rudolph Albert Peters was born on 13 April 1889. He was educated at Wellington College in Berkshire, and at Caius College, Cambridge, where he obtained a First Class in the Natural Science Tripos. From 1913 to 1915 he worked at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, obtaining his medical degree in 1915 when he was commissioned in the R.A.M.C.

Returning to Cambridge in 1919, he was elected into a Fellowship at his old college. In 1923 he accepted an invitation to succeed to the recently founded Whitley Chair of Biochemistry at Oxford. On retirement from this position in 1954, he once more returned to Cambridge and established a biochemical laboratory in the Institute of Animal Physiology at Babraham. After five years at Babraham, Sir Rudolph as he had now become, was invited to join the University Department of Biochemistry as a Senior Visiting Fellow, where he continued to work for the next 17 years.

It was only at the end of 1976 that Sir Rudolph, then aged 87, had reluctantly to abandon experimental work.

He was awarded the Military Cross in 1917, knighted in 1952, elected to the Royal Society of London in 1935, was a Vice-President of the Royal Society on two occasions, and received honorary degrees from numerous universities in Britain and abroad.