

DR. ERNEST JUST, HOWARD U. PROFESSOR, DIES

HEAD OF DEPT. OF ZOOLOGY FOR 26 YEARS

Internationally - Known Scientist Buried At Lincoln Cemetery

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Dr. Ernest Everett Just, internationally-known scientist and head of the department of zoology at Howard university for 26 years, was buried Tuesday at Lincoln cemetery here.

He died Monday at the home of his sister, Miss Inez Just, after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Just was outstanding mainly because of his researches in the biology of the cell, which he experimented with over a period of years in an effort to exploit the riddle of life.

He won an international reputation for his research work in laboratories in Italy, France and Germany, where he remained for eight years.

For distinction gained in connection with studies on the origin of life, he was awarded the Spingarn medal in 1915. For 20 years he spent his summers in research at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.

Noted Author

More than 50 scholarly papers have been published based upon his researches, and he proved himself to be an effective writer in his books "General Cytology" and "Jerome Alexander's Colloid Chemistry," published in 1934 and 1928 respectively.

Together with several well-known scientists, in 1924, he published an outstanding treatise on systology. Later he was chosen by the leading biologists of Germany as the best fitted among the world's scholars to write a treatise on fertilization.

He was also one of the editors of the international journal, *Protoplasma*, and of the official organ of the Marine Biological Society.

At Howard 34 Years

Dr. Just was a member of the staff at Howard university for 34 years. He was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1883 where he received his elementary education. He graduated from Dartmouth college in 1907 and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1916.

The professor was vice-president of the American Society of Zoologists, 1930-31, and at his death, was a member of the following national and international learned societies:

American Association of Zoologists, American Society of Naturalists, American Society of Ecologists, Washington Academy of Science, and a foreign member of the Mathematical and Natural Science Society of France.

Phi Beta Kappa Man

Dr. Just was also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and was an associate editor of several publications on science. He was a Phi Beta Kappa honor man, a member of Sigma Xi, and one of the founders of Omega Psi Phi fraternity.

When he first became a member of the Howard university staff, the professor taught, besides science, Latin, Greek and history. He is considered a pioneer Negro scholar in his field.

Rev. Johnson Officiates

Funeral services were held at noon Tuesday at McGuire's funeral home with Rev. L. Z. Johnson, a former colleague of Dr. Just at Howard university, officiating. Dr. Charles H. Wesley, dean of the graduate school, delivered the eulogy and obituary.

Pallbearers were: Dr. Percy Julian, Dr. Abram L. Harris, Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, Dr. Alsin Locke, Dr. J. Leon Shereshefsky, Dr. Louis A. Hansborough and Sterling Brown, all members of the faculty at Howard university.

He is survived by his sister, Miss Inez Just; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Just Wormley; a son, Hiwarden Just, an instructor at Howard university, and a granddaughter, Miss Sheryl Everett Wormley.