

# Newspapers Pay Their Tribute

*Editorial in the New York Times:*

The late Edwin E. Slosson was himself no mean scientist, being especially an authority in chemistry, yet perhaps his greatest service lay in making widely known the results of scientific research by other men. He wrote a whole series of books, besides numberless magazine articles, with the avowed object of bringing home to the intelligence of ordinary readers the wonderful changes which pure and applied science have been working in the world. To this end his literary style was admirably fitted. It was simple and lucid conveying accurate knowledge in a way easily to be comprehended. For eight years he was Director of "Science Service," and in that capacity was the means of furnishing a great amount of trustworthy information about current activities and discoveries in the scientific world. Doubtless this institution, still manned by writers who got their

training from him, will continue to do its useful work.

To popularize abstract truth is always difficult. The danger is that a man who attempts to report a profound scientific study will either fail to grasp its full significance himself or will distort or vulgarize it in his zeal to make it intelligible to the common mind. The successful interpreter of this kind has to distinguish between popularization and what Coleridge called "plebification." This latter fault, into which so many fall, Dr. Slosson skillfully avoided. He was interesting without gush or clap-trap, and did perhaps more than any one in his time first to assimilate himself and then to spread abroad in widest commonalty a just conception of what "star-eyed science" has come to mean in our modern life.

*Editorial in the Washington News:*

In the death of Edwin Emery Slosson, America has sustained a

great loss.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of our life today is the rapidity and variety of our scientific discoveries and mechanical inventions. Quite as astonishing, however, as the progress of science and invention is the ignorance of even the literate populace regarding these matters.

A host of scientists and engineers are continually at work to carry on discovery and to make its application to industry. Few indeed are engaged in clarifying and humanizing this knowledge, so that the man on the street may know the why and wherefore of the marvelous and changing world about him. Moreover, the second task requires more rare and diversified gifts than straight research.

Dr. Slosson was our foremost popularizer of scientific achievement. It will be hard to replace him. We can ill afford to dispense with his uniquely useful services.

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## The Writings of Edwin E. Slosson

Dr. Slosson's many writings have allowed and will continue to allow millions to know and appreciate him. There are listed below those books that are still in print:

Chats on Science, New York, *Century*, 1924, \$2.00.

Creative Chemistry, New York, *Century*, 1919, \$3.00.

Easy Lessons in Einstein, New York, *Harcourt, Brace*, 1920, \$1.35.

Keeping up with Science, New York, *Harcourt, Brace*, 1924, \$2.50.

Major Prophets of Today, Boston, *Little, Brown*, 1914, \$2.00.

The Physical Sciences, Chicago, *American Library Assoc.*, 1926, 50c.

Plots and Personalities, by Edwin E. Slosson and June Downey, New York, *Century*, 1922, \$1.75.

Science Remaking the World, edited by Otis W. Caldwell and Edwin E. Slosson, Garden City, *Doubleday Page*, 1923, \$2.50.

Sermons of a Chemist, New York, *Harcourt, Brace*, 1925, \$2.00.

Smith's Intermediate Chemistry, revised and rewritten by James Kendall and Edwin E. Slosson, New York, *Century*, 1922, \$3.25.

Snapshots of Science, New York, *Century*, 1928, \$2.00.

Twentieth Century Europe, by Preston W. Slosson, with a supplementary chapter on modern science by Edwin E. Slosson, New York, *Houghton*, 1927, \$6.00.

Democracy of Knowledge, One of several essays in A Preface to the Universe, Man and His World Series, Vol. I, New York, *Van Nostrand*, \$1.75, 1929.

Energy of the New World, One of several essays in Society Today, Man and His World Series, Vol. V, New York, *Van Nostrand*, \$1.75, 1929.

In order that Dr. Slosson's publications not easily available by purchase may be consulted in libraries by those interested, the following partial list is printed:

\*The American Spirit in Education, Yale University Press, 1921.

\*Great American Universities, Macmillan, 1910.

\*Six Major Prophets, Little, Brown, 1917.

\*Dreams, by Henri Bergson, translated by Edwin E. Slosson, Viking Press.

Chemistry and Psychology, *Feelings and Emotions*, the Wittenberg Sym-

posium, Clark University Press, 1928.

Human Side of Chemistry, *Jour. Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Vol. 14, No. 10, pg. 887, October 1922.

Expansion of Chemistry, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Vol. 16, No. 5, p. 447, May, 1924.

Importance of Rubber in Modern Civilization, *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, Vol. 18, No. 11, p. 1104, November 1926.

Coming of the New Coal Age, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Bituminous Coal*, Nov. 15-18, 1926, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penn. Also reprinted in *The Smithsonian Report* for 1927.

Synthetic Kingdom, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Bituminous Coal*, Nov. 19-24, 1928, Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Farm of Tomorrow, *Nation's Business*, October 1928.

Contributions of the New Physics to Religion, *The Congregationalist*, January 26, 1928.

\*Books out of print.

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