

## OBITUARY.

We record, with profound regret, the death of Dr. Arthur Looss, Ph.D., at Giessen, on the 4th May, 1923, after a long illness. Born at Chemnitz in 1861 Dr. Looss was educated at Lodz and Liepzig. After graduating as Doctor of Philosophy in 1885 he was appointed *privat docent* in the University of Liepzig. Later he was sent by Leuckart to Egypt where he discovered skin infection in Ankylostomiasis, which forms the basis of the preventive measures now in operation throughout the tropics.

As Professor of Parasitology at the Government School of Medicine in Cairo he carried out a remarkable series of studies upon the structure, classification and life-history of helminths, which revolutionised the subject and gained for him an imperishable name.

At the height of his fame—prestige and usefulness in 1914—the outbreak of the War brought his professional career to a sudden close. Political exigencies, uncaring for the trite half-truth that “Science knows no frontiers,” drove him from his laboratory, library and collections. Separated from these, with failing health and meagre income, Looss passed the last few years of his life in a humble position in the University of Giessen, planning, with proud unbroken spirit, to give future service to humanity.

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