

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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OBITUARY NOTICE

Professor Emeritus L.S. Palmer D.Sc., Ph.D.

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Professor Lionel Stanley Palmer died during the evening of Saturday 17th March, 1962. He was 70.

To all who knew him at all well he was always affectionately known as Leo. He will always be remembered by members of this society for his life long interest in caving in all its branches. He was truthfully the founder of the society in 1919, when he returned to the University after serving in the Forces throughout World War I. He was the first secretary of the society. The policy he initiated then has borne much fruit. It was Leo who insisted that, as a university society, the members should take an active part in scientific work related to caves and their contents and that the work of the society should be published in its own journal, the Proceedings. Leo also obtained, in 1921, from the University the first of a series of rooms for the museum and library of the society. We indeed owe a great debt to Leo for all he has done for the society and his death will leave us much the poorer. We have lost our founder, our senior vice-president and a great friend.

The funeral will be at Theale Church on Thursday, 22nd March, at 2.30 p.m.

E.K. TRATMAN

President