

figures. Another line of thought concerns centres of gravity. Indeed, the study of similar figures is most interesting, and might be of help in understanding problems connected with the development of "form" in nature. A. VAN DER MEERSCH.

## HENRY JAMES PRIESTLEY.

By the death, on 26th February last, of Professor H. J. Priestley, after a long illness, the Queensland Branch of the M.A. has lost its foundation President and the Association a distinguished member.

The late Professor was born in April 1883, and was educated at Mill Hill School and Jesus College, Cambridge; he was Fifth Wrangler in the Mathematical Tripos of 1905, and was placed in the second division of the First Class of Part II of the Tripos in 1906. He pursued investigations at Cambridge in Experimental Physics during 1906 and 1907, and his paper on the Diffraction of Electromagnetic Waves was commended by the Smith's Prize examiners. He took his M.A. degree in 1909, and before coming to Queensland in 1911 he was Lecturer in Mathematics in the University of Manchester. He was one of the original group of Professors appointed at the foundation of the University of Queensland, being the first Professor of Mathematics and Physics.

There was no department of University life in which he did not take part, and his influence was felt everywhere. He was an enthusiastic teacher, a man most likeable, of consummate tact and of confirmed modesty. He has left behind him the impression of a most charming personality.

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