

English-speaking Africa after the Second World War.

Thomas Hodgkin was a great teacher, but, in the tradition of the sheikhs of the Muslim world in whose scholarship he was so passionately interested, he was also a great student and saw these roles as inseparable, and right up to his death listened to and learnt from those whom, not long ago, he had himself taught.

For Thomas the study of Africa was not a dispassionate academic exercise. His scholarship was guided not only by his belief in the equality of all human beings, but by his outrage at the abuses of the colonial system, the presumption of one people to arrogate to themselves the direction of the affairs of another under whatever pretext. It was this conviction that led him to resign from the British administration service in Palestine in 1937 and was to inform much of his academic and political activity thereafter.

For a great many Africanists, Thomas will be missed above all for the loss of those informal seminars that all visits to his house became when his beloved wife Dorothy, the distinguished crystallographer and Nobel prize winner, and whichever of his three children were in residence, made friends of all ages and nationalities part of a wider Hodgkin family. And few left that house, whether at Boar's Hill or latterly at Crab Mill, without their perspectives on Africa and the wider world unchanged.

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#### MEMORIAL TO THE LATE DR. DONALD M. MACKAY

Following the death of Dr. D.M. Mackay, reported in ARD No. 28, many have felt that his life and work should be commemorated. It has been decided to raise as substantial a sum as possible in the next six months and to expend this upon a suitable group of charitable aims to act as a memorial to the life and work of Dr. Mackay.

Among the many objects of Dr. Mackay's concern, the health of those in plantation industries occupied a central place, and the suggestions that have been put forward and are feasible in terms of cost include:-

- i) fellowships for those in plantation industries to attend courses or to visit centres of good work, usually within the same geographical region.
- ii) a prize of some type in plantation health work.
- iii) a portrait and plaque in one of the teaching rooms of the Ross Institute.

It is proposed that the final choice be made by the appeal committee, but suggestions from donors would be welcomed.

The appeal committee has been set up, and further particulars can be obtained from Professor D.J. Bradley, Ross Institute of Tropical Hygiene, Keppel Street, London WC1E 7HT.