



ELEANOR MARGARET HUME

## Obituary Notice

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(27 May 1887–1 April 1968)

Miss Hume who died on 1 April 1968, shortly before her eighty-first birthday, was an original member of The Nutrition Society and one who gave much time and energy to the affairs of the Society through her work on the Council, the Programmes Committee and Editorial Board over many years. With Dr (now Professor) S. K. Kon she was joint editor of the first five volumes of the Proceedings of The Nutrition Society. Her knowledge of editorial procedures, preparation of manuscript for printing, her fine feeling for the use of English and her wide understanding of the field of nutrition set a high standard for the *Proceedings* and subsequently for the *British Journal of Nutrition*. From the initial publication of the *Journal* in 1947 until 1959 Miss Hume was an active member of the Editorial Board of both *Journal* and *Proceedings*. It is a reflection of the work that she put into the editorial pool that only after her retirement from the board in 1959 was it found necessary to appoint assistant editors for the *Proceedings* to help the Chairman of the Editorial Board. In matters editorial and scientific Miss Hume was highly critical and spared none who committed errors. At the same time she was the most kind and considerate colleague and always ready to give unsparing help to any who might be in need.

Miss Hume was a pioneer in the field of nutrition research and worked at the Lister Institute from 1915 to 1959 with all the problems arising in and after two world wars. Her own main work was concerned with vitamins A and D and her precision of technique and acuteness of mind contributed much to modern knowledge. She was a member of the Accessory Food Factors Committee of the Medical Research Council and was organizer of co-operative studies for international standards for vitamins. She was a member of the editorial staff of *Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews* from its first number and assisted with editing of review articles until the last few weeks of her life. In all her work she found time to live graciously and to give real joy to those around her. She was a grand person and The Nutrition Society has lost a valuable member.

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