

of Hadamard that if the function $f(z) = \sum a_n z^n$ has singularities at points $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ and $g(z) = \sum b_n z^n$ has singularities at points β_1, β_2, \dots , then the singularities of the function $F(z) = \sum a_n b_n z^n$ are among the points $\alpha_m \beta_n$. It is far from obvious how to extend this theorem to functions of more than one variable, but an extension to functions of two variables was found by Haslam-Jones. The result, which is not so easy to state as Hadamard's, is in the *Proceedings of the London Mathematical Society* (Ser. 2, 27, 223; 1928).

From 1927 until 1936 he was a lecturer at the University of Liverpool. The rest of his life was spent as Fellow and tutor of Queen's College, Oxford, where he succeeded his old tutor, C. H. Thompson. He was an excellent tutor and was also highly regarded as a lecturer, his usual topic being the theory of functions of a real variable. He served on the Council of the London Mathematical Society from 1937 until 1944, and was a vice-president of the Society from 1940 until 1942. From 1940 until his death he was an editor of the *Quarterly Journal of Mathematics*.

His main scientific interest was in the theory of functions of a real variable, and he published a series of papers on this subject, some of them in collaboration with Dr. J. C. Burkill. The main object of these papers is to show that even very irregular functions, which are not necessarily differentiable in the ordinary sense, still have derivatives in some generalized or approximate sense, except possibly in sets of points of measure zero.

He was a friendly and loyal colleague and will be much missed by all in Oxford.

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Mr. Simeon M. Aisenstein

THE death occurred on September 3 at Chelmsford of Mr. Simeon M. Aisenstein, a pioneer of radio communication in Europe, particularly in the development of thermionic valves.

Mr. Aisenstein was born at Kiev in 1884, and directed his attention to wireless telegraphy as a boy of 16. After studying at the University of Kiev and Charlottenburg Polytechnic, he established a private experimental laboratory prior to the formation of a wireless company. Following a visit to England, this Russian firm was merged into Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd., with Aisenstein as director and principal technical adviser on developments in Russia.

During the First World War, Aisenstein was responsible for all the high-power stations in Russia, and for the maintenance of communications with the Allies. He conducted experimental work in collaboration with the Army and Navy, including pioneer trials in communication with submerged submarines which attracted the attention of the British Admiralty. In 1917, during the Bolshevik revolution, Mr. Aisenstein was imprisoned, but managed to escape to England in 1921, and joined the Marconi Co. A year later he was appointed to a company established by Marconi's in Poland: he was instrumental in the development of this company, particularly in the manufacture of radio valves. In 1935 he went to Czechoslovakia to set up another valve factory, but had to return to Chelmsford in 1939. Here he was at first engaged in the design of radio equipment, and later took over the valve laboratories of the Company. On the formation of the English Electric Valve Co., Ltd., in 1947, he became the first general manager, a position he held until his retirement in 1955, after which he continued to act as a consultant to the Company.

Mr. Aisenstein had been professor at the Moscow Higher Technical School and a vice-president of the Russian Society of Radio Engineers. In recognition of his service, he was appointed a Councillor of State for the Russian Empire in 1915, and was made an Officer of the Legion of Honour by the French Government in the following year. He was the author of many patents and a number of scientific and technical papers.

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NEWS and VIEWS

Bacteriology at St. Andrews: Prof. W. J. Tulloch

PROF. W. J. TULLOCH has just retired after occupying the chair of bacteriology at Queen's College, Dundee (University of St. Andrews), for 41 years. Throughout this long period, Tulloch brilliantly fulfilled the double role of teacher and research worker besides being dean of the Medical Faculty for many years and supervising the ever-growing diagnostic bacteriological services for both hospital and local authorities. He was an indefatigable and meticulously careful bench worker, and his publications consist largely of a series of major studies—on the mechanism of agglutination, the anaerobic infections of war wounds including the serological types of the tetanus bacillus, the laboratory diagnosis of smallpox, the occurrence of tubercle bacilli and brucellae in milk, diphtheritic infections in a partially immunized community, and the laboratory diagnosis of gonococcal infections. In most of these fields of study, he was a pioneer who blazed the trail for others to follow. He gave the Harben Lectures in 1934, and for the Lister Lecture of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, in 1956, he took as his

theme "Medicine as an Aspect of General Biology". Tulloch loved to teach and to the end undertook practically all the formal lectures to the undergraduate classes. He was a dramatic and very effective teacher and even in the vivas at the professional examinations, he answered most of his own questions. Undoubtedly he inspired many young men both in and outside his department, and these 'old boys' will long cherish their association with the *maestro*.

Prof. J. P. Duguid

DR. J. P. DUGUID, who succeeds Prof. W. J. Tulloch, is an Edinburgh man, born and bred. Educated at Edinburgh Academy, he went up to the University at the age of 17 and graduated with honours in both science and medicine. After some hospital experience, he was appointed lecturer in bacteriology in 1944, became senior lecturer in 1954 and was given the status of reader in 1960. He gained his M.D. with honours and a gold medal in 1949. Like his predecessor, Duguid is outstanding both as teacher and research worker. In