

Thomas M. Vogelsang, M.D.
1896-1977

Professor Emeritus Thomas M. Vogelsang died in Oslo, Norway on September 20, 1977. He was born in Bergen, Norway on August 1, 1896, and after graduating from the University of Oslo in 1922 worked for five to six years in several clinical departments at Haukeland Hospital in Bergen. Prof. Vogelsang joined the staff of the Gade Institute in 1928, and from 1936 until his retirement in 1966 was the head of the Institute's Department of Microbiology.

Prof. Vogelsang's large number of publications are concentrated on the transmittance and prophylaxis of infectious diseases. His publications on paratyphoid, syphilis and staphylococcal infections are well known. Prof. Vogelsang's wide personal knowledge of the medical history of Bergen, both the people and events, is unique. He was particularly interested in the epidemiology of leprosy in western Norway and in the leprosy hospitals situated there, as well as in

the life and work of Armauer Hansen, also a native of Bergen. He has written a series of historical articles on these subjects, three of which were published in this JOURNAL (25 [1957] 345-350; 31 [1963] 74-80; 32 [1964] 306-309). In addition, a book on Armauer Hansen was published in Norwegian in 1968. This book gives a very comprehensive local background of Armauer Hansen's life and his work both as a doctor and as a scientist. Prof. Vogelsang was a member of the organizing committee of the 10th International Leprosy Congress in Bergen, 13-18 August 1973, and he also participated in the foundation of the leprosy museum in Bergen.

Prof. Vogelsang was very fond of traveling, and his open and colorful personality was well known in many institutes. He will be remembered and missed by many of our colleagues.

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