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RECENT DEATHS AMONG THE WEATHERMEN

Death was busy in 1927 among eminent students of weather.

Prof. Eduard Brueckner, famous as the discoverer of the 35-year period of climatic fluctuation known as the "Brueckner cycle", passed away in Vienna. Alfred de Quervain, long prominent as an investigator of the upper air and of glaciers, died in Switzerland.

Another famous student of the upper air, who died at the close of the year in England, was William Henry Dines, F.R.S., Symons medallist and past president of the Royal Meteorological Society. Dines was also the inventor of ingenious meteorological instruments. Two other past presidents of the Royal Meteorological Society died in the course of the year - Francis Campbell Bayard and Lt. Col. Henry Mellish.

The passing of Prof. P. I. Brounov, in Russia, left a conspicuous gap, as nobody else in the world has been quite so active in the advancement of agricultural meteorology. He was for many years the director of a unique agricultural weather bureau, under the Russian Government. The science of atmospheric electricity lost one of its leading exponents in Prof. Albert Gockel, of Switzerland.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, who died in California in December, was chief of the United States Weather Bureau from 1895 to 1913.

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