

OBITUARY

As a tribute to a great Arctic traveller, and one who had devoted his whole life to polar research, we print as our frontispiece a portrait of Dr Knud Rasmussen, whose recent death at the age of 54 has robbed the Eskimo of Greenland of their greatest friend. He will be remembered not only for many long and difficult journeys, but also for his even more lasting work of founding the Eskimo settlement of Thule, the most northerly trading station in Greenland. He was also a notable ethnologist, and his many writings, most of which have been translated into English, will long serve to remind us of a genial traveller, a scholar and a poet.

Mention must also be made of others formerly active in the polar regions, who have died during the past year. The Duke of the Abruzzi, known for his travels in many parts of the world, will be particularly remembered for his expedition in the *Stella Polare* in 1899–1900, when one of his officers, Commander Cagni, sledged from the north of the Franz Josef Land Archipelago, and surpassed Dr Nansen's record for a journey towards the North Pole.

Mr E. B. Baldwin led an expedition to Franz Josef Land, at the end of last century, and was with Peary on his expedition of 1893. Mention must also be made of a close friend of many polar travellers, Dr F. H. H. Guillemard, related to Lady Franklin, and one of the first to penetrate Kamschatka; also of Captain Carey and Dr O. M. Malte, both of whom died on active service, one while returning from an Antarctic expedition on *Discovery II*, and the other with the Canadian Government Expedition to the Eastern Arctic.