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The reader interested in personal lives and careers of prominent scientists and their intellectual heritage will be pleased to come across this interesting publication. In it creative activities of R. Leuckart, P. Manson, E. N. Pavlovsky and V. N. Beklemishev, the four leading parasitologists of world-wide repute and scientific schools founded by them are evaluated in four chapters. The author gives an account of important sections in the lives of these researchers, histories of their scientific discoveries and activities of their co-workers and disciples. Main results of their studies are pointed out and documented by numerous literature cited, particularly as regards the two Soviet parasitologists. Following a brief conclusion there is a list of names of the scientists mentioned in the text of the book.

Illustrations are modest, only Chapter 2 containing 10 figures which are not numbered and of which 6 are facsimile letters. At least the portraits of the main protagonists could have been included. The references are cited below the text in foot notes, sometimes with abbreviated title to save the space. Moreover, the pages indicated in the references are lacking unity: they are either omitted, or only one page is mentioned, rarely the first and last page are stated. On the other hand, the contents of the book, numerous facts and the general treatment of the subject should be positively evaluated. The book may be recommended to a wide range of readers, but it will mainly appeal to medical arachnoentomologists.

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