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IN MEMORIAM: FRANCES RANNEY BOTTUM
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Dr. Frances Ranney Bottum, Professor Emeritus of Biology at George Peabody College for Teachers, died July 15, 1958, at Seattle, Washington, where she had been living with a sister since her retirement, December 16, 1955. Dr. Bottum had been in ill health since a few months before her retirement from George Peabody College for Teachers.

Dr. Bottum was born December 11, 1890, in New York City. She received her early education in Greenville, South Carolina, where her father, a physician, practiced medicine. She attended State Normal School in Raleigh, North Carolina, where she remained as a teacher for several years. While teaching at St. Mary's School she attended George Peabody College for Teachers during summer sessions. She received her B.S. degree from Peabody in 1920 and, in 1926, her M.A. degree, under the direction of Dr. Jesse M. Shaver. She also studied at Columbia University.

In 1926 Dr. Bottum came to George Peabody College for Teachers as Instructor in Biology, and in 1930 was made Associate Professor of Biology. She continued her graduate work at the University of Chicago when her teaching duties allowed, and received her Ph.D. degree in the Department of Botany in this institution in 1941. In 1954 she was made Professor of Biology at Peabody.

As a member of the Tennessee Academy of Science, Dr. Bottum served as Associate Editor of the Journal from 1927 until 1933, as Chairman of the Botany Section in 1942, as Vice-President of the Academy in 1948, and as President of the Academy in 1949. From 1942 until her retirement she served as sponsor and as co-sponsor of the Tennessee Junior Academy of Science.

Dr. Bottum was a member and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, member of the National Education Association, the Tennessee Education Asso-