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SIR GUY MARSHALL (1871-1958)

Sir Guy Marshall was born in India in 1871 and died at his home in London on April 8, 1958 at the age of 87. While a student at Charterhouse he began a study of Entomology which continued through his life. In 1895 and for the following eleven years he was employed by a mining firm in Southern Rhodesia. Here he made collections of beetles and studied the mimicry and protective resemblance of many organisms. He published the results of this study in 1902. In 1909 he was appointed Scientific Secretary to the Entomological Research Committee of Tropical Africa. Marshall's masterful handling of the affairs of this Research Committee led to the establishment of the Imperial Institute of Entomology which has meant so much to applied Entomology throughout the World. As Director of the Institute, Marshall was responsible for the founding of the journals, "The Bulletin of Entomological Research" and the "Review of Applied Entomology." He was also a member for thirty years of the editorial board of the "Annals and Magazine of Natural History."

Sir Guy Marshall's entomological specialty was that of dealing with the systematics and economic importance of the large family of weevils—the Curculionidae. During his sixty years of studying this family of beetles he published more than two hundred papers and described 2,300 species. He became the recognized world authority on the weevils. His papers are indispensable when dealing with the taxonomy of this group. His late study on the tribe Celeuthetini, as found in Oceania, is an excellent work. He was cooperative and generous in his dealings with other workers in the weevils. I felt the kindness and warmth of his spirit while working in the British Museum of Natural History during the month of June, 1957. He was most generous in giving advice and weevil specimens to me. Students of entomology, especially of the weevils, will long be indebted to Sir Guy Marshall for his many services and contributions.—*V. M. Tanner.*