

OBITUARY

Sir Robert Robinson OM, FRS

The Editors announce with deep regret the death on 8th February 1975 of Sir Robert Robinson, OM, FRS, Nobel Prize Winner in 1947 for Chemistry. We record with much gratitude the fact that Sir Robert supported *Phytochemistry* during its foundation and early development, when he served on the Editorial Board in an advisory capacity. He was also a much valued author and referee.

Sir Robert Robinson had that very rare capacity among distinguished organic chemists of possessing biological vision and he was continually

aware of the wider implications of his researches. He had many notable achievements to his credit but, as phytochemists, we shall remember him particularly for his pioneering studies, carried out in collaboration with his first wife, on the nature and distribution of the anthocyanin plant pigments and for his brilliant speculative theories regarding the pathway of biosynthesis of alkaloids and of many other plant products.

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