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My first encounter with the brilliant Francis Rolt-Wheeler occurred while he was still chaplain of St. Luke's.

We spent some hours in his study talking on the scientific topics then uppermost in the fields of biology and evolution.

Few men surpass Francis Rolt-Wheeler in the intimacy of their acquaintance with the field of science as a whole.

I am not aware that he is an expert in any specialty. I refer only to the wonderfully wide range of his general information.

His acquaintance with literature seems no less striking to me. He has obviously read and thought much, without becoming either a pedant or a book worm.

At that time his books for boys were not so widely read as they are now. Indeed, I am not sure that they had yet been published.

In these stories of his for boys, Francis Rolt-Wheeler reveals a narrative gift of a very high order. He not only invents a good story but tells it well after he has invented it.

In those days Francis Rolt-