The Science Building was constructed in 1932 and was renamed the Buller Biological Laboratories in 1963 to honour one of the university's original six science professors, A.H. Reginald Buller. Buller was the Head of the Botany department until his retirement in 1936 and was internationally renowned for his research on fungi. He may be better known for his anonymous limericks that were frequently published in Punch. His most well known limerick is:

There was a young lady named Bright
Whose speed was far faster than light;
She set out one day
In a relative way,
And returned home the previous night.