

whom it was possible to do a favor. This was his pleasure. No trouble was too great or time-consuming; no return, not even thanks, was expected. No man ever had fewer enemies: his friends equalled in number those who knew him. When at last the heavy weight of disease was laid upon him he met it as a man should. No querulous repining: regret only that his work must stop; his solace that others would carry the good work on. Mother earth, that he loved well to measure and compute, will give him sleep; to him the peaceful end is surely a release.

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COMMISSION ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

AT the meeting of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations at Baton Rouge last November a resolution was adopted instructing the incoming president of the association to appoint a commission of five persons to inquire into and report to the association on the organization and policy that should prevail in the expenditure of public money provided for experimentation and research in agriculture. It was provided that two of these persons should represent the research efforts of the association; one the United States Department of Agriculture, and two the scientific men not connected with agricultural investigations. The president of the association, Dean L. H. Bailey, of Cornell University, has appointed the following commission, the first two representing persons outside agricultural investigations, the second two representing the association, and the last representing the Department of Agriculture: David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford University, *chairman*; Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College; H. P. Armsby, director Pennsylvania State College Agricultural Experiment Station; W. H. Jordan, director of the New York State Experiment Station; Gifford Pinchot, forester, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

SEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF PHYSIOLOGISTS

THE seventh International Physiological Congress will be held under the presidency of Professor A. Kossel in the Physiological Institute of the University of Heidelberg August 13, 14, 15 and 16.

Titles of papers and an exact list of apparatus or other articles required for demonstrations should be sent to the Physiological Institute at Heidelberg not later than June 15.

From August 12 to August 17 there will be held an exhibition of apparatus, by members of the congress, directors of physiological institutes and mechanics recommended by members or directors.

The official languages are French, German, Italian and English. The general secretaries are Professors Dastre (Paris), Fano (Florence), Grützner (Tübingen), Porter (Boston) and Sherrington (Liverpool).

THE CENTRAL BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

THERE will be held at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis., on March 28, 29 and 30, 1907, meetings of the Central Branch of the American Society of Naturalists in affiliation with the Central Branch of the American Society of Zoologists, the Association of American Anatomists and the Central Branch of the American Society of Botanists. Each of these societies have an interesting program of papers and demonstrations. Papers will be read during the morning sessions on March 28 and 29 and demonstrations will be given in the afternoons. On Thursday evening, March 28, there will be a smoker for the affiliated societies and on Friday evening a dinner of the Naturalists and affiliated societies, at which time the address of the president of the Central Branch of Naturalists will be given by Professor J. Playfair McMurrich, of the University of Michigan.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

LORD LISTER will celebrate his eightieth birthday on April 4, and it is proposed that to mark this event his scientific papers be col-