

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

IN connection with the visit to Dundee in the beginning of September of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, the senate of the University of St. Andrews has resolved to confer the degree of LL.D. on sixteen foreign men of science who are expected to attend the meetings of the association. As a recognition of the president of the association, Professor E. A. Schaefer, of Edinburgh University, they are largely physiologists. The United States is represented by Dr. S. J. Meltzer, of the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research.

DR. KARL SCHWARZSCHILD, director of the astrophysical observatory near Potsdam, has been elected a member of the Berlin Academy of Sciences.

THE Bavarian Academy of Sciences has conferred the medal "Bene merenti" on Dr. Karl Hoséus for his botanical collections from Siam.

DR. J. G. SCHURMAN, president of Cornell University, has been appointed minister to Greece, where he will spend a sabbatical year of leave of absence.

PROFESSOR GREENFIELD, of the University of Edinburgh, has been granted permission to retire, on a retiring allowance, from the chair of pathology.

MR. J. C. UMNEY has been elected to preside over the jubilee meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Congress which will be held in London next year.

DR. LANGDON C. STEWARDSON has resigned the presidency of Hobart College.

MAJOR W. W. CROSBY has resigned as chief engineer of the state roads commission of Maryland to engage in practise as consulting engineer.

DR. W. J. HOLLAND, the director of the Carnegie Museum, accompanied by Mr. Arthur S. Coggeshall, the chief preparator in the section of paleontology of that museum, sailed for Buenos Aires on August 20 by the S.S. *Vasari* of the Lamport and Holt Line. Their errand is to install in the National Museum at

La Plata a replica of *Diplodocus carnegiei* presented by Mr. Carnegie to the president of the Argentine Republic.

DR. RAYMOND PEARL has returned from a brief visit to London, undertaken for the purpose of attending the first International Eugenics Congress and also a meeting of a provisional committee for the organization of an International Association of Poultry Instructors and Investigators. This association was formed, with representatives of twenty-seven countries in attendance. Mr. Edward Brown, F.L.S., of London, was chosen as the first president and Dr. Pearl as secretary.

DR. A. F. BLAKESLEE has a year's leave of absence from the Connecticut Agricultural College. He has a temporary appointment on the staff of the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., N. Y., where he will spend the year in research work on the lower fungi.

MR. CHARLES H. T. TOWNSEND, who has been in Piura, Peru, for the past two years, removed with his family to Lima in June, 1912, to take charge of the Estación de Entomología, which will comprise all government entomological work in Peru and whose headquarters will be located at the capital. Mr. E. W. Rust remains in Piura in charge of the work there against cotton plagues, which will constitute a branch station. Mr. Rust was unharmed by the severe earthquake which occurred at Piura on the morning of July 24, 1912. All the collections, notes, books and manuscripts, and the more important part of the equipment of Mr. Townsend's office were removed to Lima with him, and thus escaped the effects of the earthquake.

MR. PAUL KORCHOOF, agricultural expert, department of the Russian ministry of agriculture, and Mr. Vaseelie Yurieff, assistant director, Kharkow Central Agricultural Experiment Station, have been visiting the agricultural colleges and stations of this country.

PROFESSOR W. A. BONE, F.R.S., will lecture before the German Chemical Society on November 30 on "Surface Combustion."

THE following appointments to lectureships have been made by the Royal College of Physicians of London: Goulstonian lectures, Dr. A. J. Jex-Blake; Oliver Sharpey lectures, Dr. A. D. Waller, F.R.S.; Lumleian lectures, Dr. F. de Havilland Hall; Croonian lectures, Professor C. S. Sherrington, F.R.S., and FitzPatrick lectures, Dr. C. A. Mercier.

DR. T. B. MCCLINTIC, of the United States Public Health Service, died in Washington on August 13 of Rocky Mountain spotted fever, contracted while investigating the disease in Montana. Dr. McClintic had done important work in the investigation and suppression of this fatal disease and in other directions. He was thirty-nine years of age and had been connected with the U. S. Public Health and Marine Hospital Service for fifteen years. He was a native of Virginia and a graduate of the University of Virginia.

DR. MELVILLE AMASA SCOVELL, director of the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station and dean of the College of Agriculture of the Kentucky State University, died at his residence, near Lexington, on August 15, after an illness of two weeks. By his distinguished services as an educator, chemist, agriculturist and authority on all matters pertaining to dairying and live stock, and as a broad-minded, public spirited citizen, Dr. Scovell made a deep impress on the affairs of the state and nation.

PROFESSOR JOHN CRAIG, head of the department of horticulture of the New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, known for his contributions to pomology and agricultural education, died at Siasconset, Mass., on August 12. He was born at Lakefield, Canada, in 1864.

PROFESSOR JOHN ALSOP PAINE, state botanist of New York in the early sixties, professor of natural sciences in Roberts College, Constantinople, and later curator in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, has died at the age of seventy-two years.

MR. ALLAN OCTAVIAN HUME, known as an author on Indian ornithology, the donor of some seventy-five thousand skins and eggs of Indian

birds to the British Museum, died on July 31, aged eighty-three years.

MR. HAROLD DONALDSON, of the British National Physical Laboratory, the author of researches on fused silica standards was drowned while bathing on July 29, at the age of twenty-five years.

AMONG the contributions recently made to the fund for the acquisition of new premises for the Royal Geographical Society, London, are a donation of £1,000 from the Argentine government, and the promise of £1,000, which is to be placed upon the estimates by the government of the Australian commonwealth.

THE ninth International Otological Congress opened its sessions at the Harvard Medical School on August 12. Professor Körnel von Lichtenberg opened the congress and Dr. E. H. Bradford, dean of the Harvard Medical School, delivered the address of welcome. Professor Adam Politzer, Vittorio Grazzi, Urban Pritchard and E. J. Moure, honorary presidents, made short responses.

THE first Mexican Scientific Congress will be held in the City of Mexico on December 9 to 14. The congress is organized by the scientific society Antonio Alzate, and is under the auspices of the minister of public instruction. The congress will meet in eight sections as follows: (1) philosophy, (2) sociology, (3) linguistics and philology, (4) mathematical sciences, (5) physical sciences, (6) natural sciences, (7) applied sciences, (8) geography, history and archeology.

NOTICE has been received at the Canadian Geological Survey of the fifth shipment of specimens from British Columbia for the Natural Museum of Ottawa, made during the past twelve months as a result of orders issued by Sir William Mackenzie on behalf of the Canadian Northern Railway. The specimens were found a short distance from Kamloops, B. C., and consist of bones ploughed up in a burrough pit in the side of the river. There are also some objects made of beaten copper and of bone and deer skin.