

ontology, for he was one of the most active and honored members of the new Society of Paleontologists which was recently formed in Germany.

His nature was most genial and those who had the privilege of journeying with him in the field will most keenly sorrow over his untimely death.

To the widow who is suffering this sudden and double bereavement all the friends and admirers of Eberhard Fraas in this country will extend their most heartfelt sympathy.

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*THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION AND  
GENERAL GORGAS*<sup>1</sup>

THE Rockefeller Foundation has invited General Gorgas to become a permanent member of its staff in the capacity of general adviser in matters relating to public sanitation and the control of epidemics. The trustees of the foundation have for some time been aware of General Gorgas's strong belief in the feasibility of completely eradicating yellow fever from the face of the earth.

During the two years of the foundation's existence the attention of the trustees has been chiefly given to problems of public health, including the control of epidemics and the need of a competent adviser and executive in this field has been strongly felt. When in cooperation with the American Red Cross the foundation undertook the important task of helping the Serbian government to control the epidemic of typhus and the threatened epidemic of cholera the trustees again naturally thought of General Gorgas as a man preeminently fit to be of service in this emergency, and at a meeting held in New York last week they decided to make him a definite offer. This offer is now taken under consideration, and he will doubtless communicate his decision within a few days.

The Foundation's invitation contemplates his retiring from active service, as he is now

<sup>1</sup> A statement made by Mr. Jerome D. Greene, secretary of the foundation.

entitled to at any time, but it does not contemplate his resignation from the army unless he should be assigned to duties of such a nature as to be incompatible with the regulations affecting retired officers. Such a duty would be involved in his going to Serbia at the present time, which he could do as a representative of the Rockefeller Foundation, but not as an officer on the retired list of the army. The sanitary commission of the American Red Cross has actually been sent to Serbia in charge of Dr. Richard P. Strong, of the Harvard Medical School, as director. The Rockefeller Foundation is cooperating with the American Red Cross in the support of this expedition, and if General Gorgas should accept the Foundation's offer he will doubtless be largely influential in determining the nature and extent of its participation in the work.

In justice to General Gorgas, it should be stated that there is no foundation whatever for the statement that he is to receive a salary of \$50,000. The offer of the Rockefeller Foundation includes a moderate salary and the assurance of the usual allowance in the event of resignation or death. If the offer proves attractive to General Gorgas it will be because of his sympathy with the general aims of the foundation in regard to public health and his belief that the resources placed at his disposal will enable him to render a large service to humanity along the lines of his professional experience and ambition.

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*SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS*

At the meeting of the American Philosophical Society, to be held at Philadelphia on April 22, 23 and 24, a long and important program of scientific papers will be presented. An account of the meeting, with abstracts of the papers, will be published in *SCIENCE*.

A TESTIMONIAL banquet will be tendered Dr. Abraham Jacobi by the medical profession, his friends and admirers, under the auspices of the Bronx Hospital and Dispensary, on May 6, at the Hotel Astor, on the occasion of the eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth.

THE honorary freedom of the Apothecaries' Company, London, has been conferred upon