

the new city hospital under the direction of the University of Cincinnati. The charter provides that the medical director of each department shall be the professor in the corresponding department of the medical college and that the board constituted of these directors shall nominate to the board, through the president, all members of the staff of the hospital, including the superintendent, who shall be the general executive and business manager of the hospital. This superintendent will select all the other employees under the rules of the Civil Service Commission of the city. The charter thus removes the hospital entirely from the sphere of politics, places all the medical, scientific and nursing work under the direction of the medical college, and secures all the facilities of the hospital for the purposes of education and research. The plans for the hospital were made by Dr. Christian R. Holmes, dean of the medical faculty, and the whole building scheme has been worked out to conform to these plans.

The new building of the medical college, situated upon a twelve-acre lot immediately across the street from the hospital, has just been completed and occupied. This gives Cincinnati a complete medical teaching and research plant, costing over \$5,000,000. The medical college is a regular department of the university, which pays all its expenses. The city will continue to pay the general operating expenses of the hospital, such as the heating and lighting, food, engineers, janitors, etc., while the university will pay all the expenses of the medical, surgical, scientific and nursing service. The total expenses to the city of operating the combined medical college and hospital plant will be, not including income on endowments, approximately \$700,000 a year.

The same charter provides for a reorganization of the board of directors of the university, who will now be appointed, one each year, to serve for nine years. The newly elected mayor has just announced the reappointment of the former board, which has managed the affairs of the university so successfully in recent times. Its members are: Judge R. B. Smith, chairman, Mr. O. J. Renner, Dr. D. I. Wolfstein,

Mr. Stanford Brown, Dr. W. R. Griess, Mr. Robert W. Hochstetter, Mr. A. R. Morgan, Mr. Emil Pollak, and Dr. E. O. Strachley. This is the second time that the members of the board have been reappointed, much to the gratification of the friends of the university. For the reappointment of faithful and experienced men gives a stability to the institution and creates a confidence in the administration which is bearing fine fruits in gifts of endowment. The Baldwin estate, amounting to over \$800,000, will be turned over to the university this month.

#### DESTRUCTION BY FIRE OF SCIENTIFIC LABORATORIES

MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE lost by fire on December 22 Lyman Williston Hall, the oldest of its science laboratories. The building housed the departments of botany, geology, psychology, physiology and zoology. The loss to the college is practically complete and is estimated at more than \$100,000. It includes the museums of botany, zoology and geology, the last especially rich in the dinosaur footprints of the Connecticut Valley and the laboratory equipments and libraries of all the departments mentioned. In several instances members of the faculty lost their entire private collections and working libraries as well as the results of prolonged research work. Plans are already begun for temporary quarters and such material and equipment as can be replaced will be secured as fast as possible, so that even at this season of difficult purchase the college work in the sciences concerned may go on without serious interference. If other institutions or private individuals have duplicate museum material, microscopic slides which they do not need, extra laboratory equipment difficult to procure at this time, or duplicates of out-of-print books, the heads of the various departments will be glad to learn of this in order to arrange for loan or purchase. In particular, those who have sent reprints to Mount Holyoke before may be helpful by repeating their courtesy, if possible, since much time will be needed to replace files of periodicals. Dr. Cornelia M. Clapp, for many years head of the department of zoology and physiology,

had deposited her large collection of reprints in the department library now completely destroyed. Those to whom correspondence should be addressed are Alma G. Stokey, botany department; Mignon Talbot, geology department; Samuel P. Hayes, psychology department; Abby H. Turner, physiology department; Ann H. Morgan, zoology department, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts.

THE main laboratory of the United States Fisheries Biological Station at Fairport, Iowa, was destroyed by fire in the early morning of December 20, only the office furniture and records being saved.

That station is the center of most of the scientific work of the Bureau of Fisheries in the Mississippi Basin, combining the functions of mussel propagation and fishery investigation and experimental work. It is the only station of the bureau equipped and employed for continuous fish-cultural experiment work. Fortunately, the water supply, the large series of ponds, and the smaller buildings are unharmed, and many phases of the work will continue without interruption. Nevertheless, the loss of the laboratory, with its excellent equipment for biological and chemical studies, will serve to retard some investigations of immediate importance to the best utilization of the products of fresh waters.

Not the least significant loss was the library which, though not large, had been assembled with much care. It comprised many rare books and a large number of separate pamphlets contributed by authors or gleaned from the second-hand book stores of America and Europe. Many of these can not be replaced.

As steps are now being taken looking to the prompt restoration of all facilities for investigation, the cooperation of authors is particularly invited. Those having separates relating to the subjects of fresh-water biology, ecology, limnology, biochemistry and the chemistry of foods will render a valuable service by forwarding papers to the station or the Commissioner of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE officers elected at the Pittsburgh meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science are given in the account of the meeting published elsewhere in the present issue of *SCIENCE*. Professor John M. Coulter, of the University of Chicago, the newly elected president of the association, was also elected president of the American Association of University Professors.

PROFESSOR WILDER D. BANCROFT, of the department of chemistry of Cornell University, is in Washington, serving as technical adviser in the U. S. Bureau of Mines.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR P. W. BRIDGMAN has received leave of absence from Harvard University to join Professor G. W. Pierce at the submarine base in New London, where both will experiment on wireless problems.

DR. BASHFORD DEAN, of the American Museum of Natural History, has been assigned the rank of major in the United States Army and is at present in Europe.

DR. THOMAS DARLINGTON, formerly health commissioner of the city of New York, has been called to Halifax by the relief committee to act in an advisory capacity regarding the sanitation and housing in the reconstruction of the devastated areas.

In recognition of his contributions to science, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has been appointed honorary fellow of the American Museum of Natural History, of which his father, Theodore Roosevelt, Sr., was one of the founders and most energetic supporters.

THE Société de Pathologie Exotique, of Paris, has elected Charles A. Kofoid, professor of zoology, University of California, as corresponding member.

At its fifth annual meeting in New York on January 18 the National Institute on Social Science will present medals for "notable service to mankind" to Herbert C. Hoover, Food Administrator; Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross War Council, and Dr. William J. Mayo, the surgeon.

On the recommendation of Surgeon-General Bradley, General Pershing has appointed a