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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE Geological Society of London has awarded to Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, its Wollaston Medal, in recognition of his contributions to Cambrian paleontology. The presentation of the medal was made at a meeting of the society in London on February 15, the secretary of the American Embassy receiving the medal in Dr. Walcott's behalf. The list of eighty-seven men of science who have received this medal since its establishment in 1831 contains the names of five other Americans, Louis Agassiz, James Hall, James D. Dana, Grove Karl Gilbert and W. B. Scott.

PROFESSOR A. N. TALBOT, of the University of Illinois, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, is head of a board to advise on construction for the War Department,

involving, it is said, the sum of over a billion dollars.

MAJOR FRED A. ALBEE has been placed in charge of the hospital to be situated at Islam, N. J. This hospital will consist of seven buildings with fifteen hundred beds and will be used for the restoration of crippled soldiers.

PROFESSOR D. M. FOLSOM, of the department of mineralogy of Stanford University, has been appointed fuel oil administrator for the western states. His jurisdiction will cover Idaho, Montana, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, California and Alaska.

MAJOR SIMON FLEXNER, of the Rockefeller Institute, is conducting at Fort Sheridan, Ill., in conjunction with Major George Draper, an investigation in connection with the prevention of meningitis. Major Edward K. Dunham, of New York City, will visit Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., for investigation in connection with the treatment of meningitis carriers.

PROFESSOR GEORGE F. SEVER, formerly professor of electrical engineering and acting dean of the faculty of applied science in Columbia University, has been commissioned a major in the Engineers' Officers Reserve Corps, and is now stationed in Washington. He has closed his engineering office in New York City.

CAPTAIN R. J. ANDERSON, of the Geneva Experiment Station, and Lieutenants W. A. Perlzweig, Henry R. Cates and Charles N. Frey, are making a nutritional survey of the army camps situated in the southern states. The survey is part of the work at present conducted by the Surgeon General's Office to determine the character of the food supplied to the American soldiers.

MAJOR J. F. CORBETT has been sent from the Rockefeller Institute to Canada to study the Canadian treatment of returning soldiers suffering from peripheral nerve injuries.

It is announced that a medical board, consisting of Brigadier General Charles Richard and Major Frank Billings, has been appointed to revise the Manual of Instructions for Medical Advisory Boards working under the Selective Service Law.

DR. HERMANN M. BIGGS has been elected a member of the international health board of the Rockefeller Foundation for Medical Research.

PROFESSOR G. H. CLEVINGER has resigned as research professor of metallurgy at Stanford University and is now engaged in directing cooperative experimental work in the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Netherlands East Indies government, Research Corporation of New York and others.

DR. F. E. CARRUTH, formerly connected with the chemical division of the North Carolina Experiment Station, has become associated with the Schaefer Alkaloid Works, Maywood, N. J.

PROFESSOR LUIGI LUCIANI, of the chair of physiology at the University of Rome, retires at the end of the present academic year, having reached the age limit. He has been a member of the senate and of the national board of public instruction.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

MRS. RUSSELL SAGE has given \$100,000 to Syracuse University. The fund will be devoted to the direct interests of the John Slocum College of Agriculture, which is named after Mrs. Sage's father.

THE new building of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine was dedicated on February 25, the principal speakers being Major Christian R. Holmes, dean, and Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The new medical building was erected and equipped at a total cost of approximately \$600,000.

ACCORDING to the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, the Ontario legislature has granted to the Ontario University for 1918, the following amounts: Western, London, \$20,000 for the public health department; \$15,000 for the medical department; \$15,000 for the arts, and a special grant of \$10,000; Toronto University, large grants, including a special grant of \$175,000; Queen's, Kingston,

\$80,000, including a special grant amounting to \$25,000.

LORD BALFOUR OF BURLEIGH, who presided at the recent annual meeting of the Carnegie Trust at Westminster stated that experts had reported favorably on the work accomplished during the past year, especially by research students, whose achievements had been of real use to the nation. Assistance to students, under payment of class fees for the past year, had been again reduced by £3,000 to £26,000, the beneficiaries numbering 2,112. Scottish university incomes from this source had in five years fallen to about half. This was a serious matter for the universities, and it was hoped that Treasury grants would alleviate the position. An encouraging feature of last year was the voluntary repayment of £1,308 by 21 beneficiaries.

DR. WILLIAM M. JARDIN, since 1910 professor of agronomy, and later dean of the division of agriculture and director of the agricultural experiment station of the Kansas State Agricultural College, has been elected president of the College. Dr. J. T. Willard, professor of applied chemistry, becomes vice-president.

DR. HARRY CLARK, who was from 1911 to 1917 an instructor in physics at Harvard University has been appointed professor of physics in Victoria College, Wellington, New Zealand.

THE following have been appointed fellows of University College, London: Miss Harriette Chick, D.Sc., assistant to the director of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine; Dr. Ernest Marshall Cowell, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.S., captain R.A.M.C.; Dr. Charles Authur Lovatt Evans, D.Sc., professor of physiology in the University of Leeds, major, R.A.M.C.; Dr. David Heron, D.Sc., secretary to the London Guarantee and Accident Company; Mr. William Howard Lister, D.S.O. captain R.A.M.C.; Mr. Edward Kenneth Martin, F.R.C.S. surgical registrar to University College Hospital, major R.A.M.C.; Mr. Edward Talbot, Paris B.Sc. The following were appointed fellows of King's College. Professor Arthur Dendy, D.Sc., F.R.S. professor of zoology in the Uni-