

originated in this way, and the board is making inquiries as to the local prevalence of the carrier mosquitoes, and taking other precautions in regard to the disease.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Illinois college of medicine announces that, beginning with June 3, it will operate on the quadrimester system. In this system there will be three terms of four months each per calendar year. The courses will be so arranged that it will be possible for a student to enter the school at the beginning of any one of the three terms.

AFTER September of this year at Columbia University the doctorate of medicine of the medical school will be conferred only upon men who have had, in addition to four years at the medical school, one full year of service at a hospital under faculty supervision.

DR. WILLARD J. FISHER, at present honorary fellow in physics at Clark University and lecturer in physics at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, goes to Manila as assistant professor in physics at the University of the Philippines, with duties to begin about July first.

MR. KIRTLLEY F. MATHER has resigned his position at Queen's University and has accepted the professorship of geology at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

DR. FRANCIS M. VAN TUYL, assistant professor of geology and mineralogy in the Colorado School of Mines, has been promoted to an associate professorship.

DAVID D. LEIB has been promoted from associate professor to a full professor of mathematics in Connecticut College, New London.

DR. GEORGE A. BAITSELL, instructor in biology in Yale College, was appointed an assistant professor of biology at the March meeting of the Yale Corporation.

MR. WALTER S. BEACH, who will take his doctorate with his thesis in plant pathology this coming commencement, at the University of Illinois, has been appointed as instructor for plant pathological research in the Pennsylvania State College. He will have charge of a separate laboratory located near Philadelphia and is to take up his work at once.

MR. PAUL F. GAHR, who spent the past year in research at Cornell University, will next year resume charge of the physics department at Wells College.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE PROFESSIONAL COURTESY

IN the March 8, 1918, number of *SCIENCE* there appeared from Professor McCollum and Miss Nina Simmonds a reply to Professor Hart's statement on professional courtesy in *SCIENCE*, March 1, 1918. As the former introduce a question of veracity in a statement concerning me and as they express an eagerness to be judged on "research records" I feel it my duty for the enlightenment of the public to call attention to evidence furnished by such "research records."

It is significant that the article published by Professor McCollum and Nina Simmonds as coming from the Laboratory of Agricultural Chemistry of the University of Wisconsin and to which Professor Hart referred as not indicating proper authorship, was published without the legend "Published with the permission of the Director of the Wisconsin Experiment Station." All publications coming from this station are required to have this official stamp of approval. That the authors complied with this regulation for years and violated it in this and two other recent contributions, is truly significant.

It is also significant that the said authors have not given proper credit to this institution for work done by them at Wisconsin. There has appeared in the February, 1918, number of the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* an article purporting to come as a contribution by E. V. McCollum and N. Simmonds from the Laboratory of Biochemistry of the School of Hygiene and Public Health of the Johns Hopkins University. The article was received for publication December 26, 1917, only twenty-five weeks after the authors, E. V. McCollum and N. Simmonds, had severed their official connection with the University of Wisconsin, yet in this article there were published as bona fide new contributions thirteen growth curves of rats extending over periods of twenty-eight