

DR. E. E. SOUTHARD, of the Harvard Medical School and the Massachusetts State Psychopathic Hospital, gave a lecture on May 14 at the University of Chicago on "War neuroses after the war."

THE Ramsay Memorial Fund, founded under the presidency of Mr. Asquith to raise £100,000 for Ramsay Memorial Fellowships in chemical science, and a laboratory of engineering chemistry at University College, London, has made considerable progress in recent months. Subscriptions and promises to date amount to £32,600. The latest donations include: M. Eugène Schneider, £500; Lady Durning Lawrence, £100 (second donation); Sir G. H. Kenrick, £100; Académie des Sciences de l'Institut de France (of which Sir William Ramsay was a corresponding member), £80; the Fertilizer Manufacturers' Association, £52 10 s.; his Highness the Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala, £50. "Memorials of the Life and Work of Sir William Ramsay," by Sir William A. Tilden, will be published shortly by the Macmillans.

IN memory of Lieutenant William T. Fitzsimon, Kansas City, who was killed last September, when the German airplanes bombarded the Harvard University Hospital in France, the park commissioners of Kansas City have decided to erect a memorial in the form of a public drinking fountain which will bear an inscription relating the details of Dr. Fitzsimon's work and death.

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER TROWBRIDGE, assistant professor of physics in Columbia University, died suddenly on June 2, aged forty-eight years. Dr. Trowbridge was the author of researches on fluorescence and phosphorescence in gases and also on physical aspects of the flight and migration of birds.

DR. JOSEPH DENIKER, the distinguished French anthropologist, died on March 18, aged sixty-six years. Dr. Deniker, who was chief librarian of the Paris Natural History Museum, was born in Russia.

ALFRED GORDON SOLOMON, of London, known for his contributions to the chemistry of brewing, has died in his sixtieth year.

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A GIFT of \$400,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was announced by President Richard C. Maclaurin at a meeting of the corporation on June 7. The name of the donor was not made public. The income of the fund will be used for general purposes of the institute during the war and thereafter applied to the development of courses in chemistry and physics.

THE alliance between Columbia University and the Presbyterian Hospital, which was first made in 1911, and was planned to result in the establishment of a great medical center in New York City, has been cancelled by the managers of the hospital. Columbia University was unable to obtain the money needed for its share of the buildings and rejected the plans proposed as a condition of an endowment from the Rockefeller Foundation.

DR. JOHN T. FAIG, professor of mechanical engineering in the University of Cincinnati, has been appointed president of the Ohio Mechanics Institute, succeeding Professor John Shearer, who has been head of the institute for twenty years. Professor Faig is now taking charge of the college of engineering in the absence of Dean Herman Schneider, who is engaged in military service in Washington.

DR. F. OCARANZA, professor of physiology at the University of Mexico, has been appointed secretary of the faculty of medicine. He is at the same time secretary of the Academy of Medicine.

THOMAS J. MACKIE has been appointed professor of bacteriology in the South African Medical College, Cape Town.

DR. T. FRANKLIN SIBLY, of University College, Cardiff, has been appointed professor of geology at Armstrong College, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in succession to the late Professor Lebour.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE DESMOGNATHUS FUSCUS AGAIN

IN SCIENCE (N. S., Vol. 47, Apr. 19, 1918, pp. 390-391) Professor H. H. Wilder under the heading "*Desmognathus fuscus* [sic]" has