

Washington where they were received by President Wilson and his Cabinet. Then they traveled to Camp Greenleaf, the medical training camp where, Colonel Martin said, they presented the technical papers which were to have been read at the conference. Next the delegates went to St. Paul, Minn., where they visited the Mayo Clinic after which they went to Chicago, Philadelphia, and other important cities.

Colonel Martin introduced Colonel William J. Mayo, president of the American College of Surgeons, and then the candidates for honorary fellowships filed by the speaker's table, the little procession being led by General Ireland. He was escorted by Major General William C. Gorgas. As each member reached Colonel Mayo he halted long enough for Dr. Mayo to cite the achievements of the candidate.

General Ireland in his speech said that the fellowship was an unexpected honor and that he would treasure it as a trust to be held for the thousands of medical men of the American Army. Turning to a discussion of American Army medical experience abroad, General Ireland said wartime treatment of the sick and wounded had proved different in this war, and he paid generous thanks to the medical officers of the Allies for their aid to the Americans. Not only were the Americans taken to front-line formations and instructed, but important medical officers of the allied armies came monthly to the Research Council in Paris, thereby enabling that body to "do ineffable good and save countless lives." "American medical officers in France," General Ireland added, "have labored in France under many difficulties. Much of France's resources had been exhausted when we got there, and it was a splendid spirit with which our American doctors took up their great task. I think I may say that the achievement of American medical officers in France will add a bright page to American medical history. We still are short of personnel and material due to a lack of tonnage, over which we have no control, but I am confident these difficul-

ties will be overcome in time to enable us to accomplish all that lies before us."

DIVISIONAL OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY

THE Divisions have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

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DIVISION OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Chairman, Lauder W. Jones; *Vice-chairman and Secretary*, Harry L. Fisher; *Executive Committee*, R. F. Brunel, Wm. J. Hale, O. Kamm.

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DIVISION OF PHYSICAL AND INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Chairman, W. E. Henderson; *Secretary-Treasurer*, W. A. Patrick; *Executive Committee*, H. P. Talbot, E. C. Franklin, C. James, R. B. Sosman, J. N. Swan.

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Chairman, W. D. Richardson; *Vice-chairman*, C. A. Browne; *Secretary*, T. J. Bryan.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

THE degree of doctor of laws has been conferred on five members of the British Educa-

tional Mission at a faculty convocation of the University of Michigan. Those thus honored are: Dr. Arthur E. Shipley, the Rev. Edward W. Walker, Sir Henry Miers, Sir Henry Jones and Dr. John Joly. The degree of doctor of letters was conferred on Miss Caroline Spurgeon and Miss Rose Sidgwick.

IN recognition of his distinguished services in behalf of military sanitation, Major General William C. Gorgas, until recently Surgeon General United States Army, has been made a grand officer of the Order of the Crown of Italy. The ceremony of presentation took place on November 5, in the office of the Surgeon General, the order being presented by Major General Emilio Guglielmotti, military attaché of the Royal Italian Embassy.

IN addition to the silver service which was given to Dr. M. C. Whitaker on his retirement from the presidency of the Chemists' Club, an illuminated memorial, designed by Mr. Edward B. Edwards, has also been presented to him. The center is a Latin text written by Professor McCrea, of Columbia University, and the border decoration consists of portraits of Gerber, Bacon, Lully and Paracelsus in the four corners and alchemistic symbols worked into a decorative design.

DR. FRANK SCHLESINGER, director of the Allegheny Observatory, chief of the Department of Aeronautical Instruments, Engineering Division, Bureau of Aircraft Production, at Dayton, Ohio, has been elected a member of the Societa Spettrocopisti Italiani.

MR. WILLIAM DE C. RAVENEL has been placed in charge of the administration of the National Museum, with the title of administrative assistant to the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and in addition to the general duties of that office has been designated director of the Arts and Industries branch of the museum. He is a native of South Carolina, was educated at Union College, and has been connected with the museum since 1902. For many years he served as assistant in the United States Bureau of Fisheries, in charge of fish culture, and was acting commissioner at

various times from 1896 to 1902. He represented the Bureau of Fisheries and the National Museum at all national and international expositions for many years, and was secretary of the United States Government Board of the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

MR. EDWIN H. PAGENHART, hydrographic and geodetic engineer of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, has been transferred to the Corps of Engineers (Reserve) of the army, with the rank of captain.

MR. EDWARD P. BARTLETT, formerly assistant professor of chemistry at Pomona College, Claremont, Cal., has been commissioned captain in the military intelligence branch of the Army.

DR. THOMAS BUCK, assistant professor of mathematics at the University of California, has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the ordnance department of the army, and will be located in Washington doing research work in ballistics.

DR. C. A. BRAUTLECHT, professor of chemistry in the Florida College for Women, has been called into the Sanitary Corps as first lieutenant. He is stationed at the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research in New York City.

MR. H. LYLE SMITH, instructor in mathematics at Princeton University for the past two years, is now in the office of Major F. R. Moulton, of the Ordnance Department at Washington.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE trustees of the New York Polyclinic Hospital have proposed to transfer the property of that institution to Columbia University, to be maintained for the public service and for advanced instruction and research in medicine and surgery. Polyclinic Hospital, which was built in 1912, has a capacity of 300 beds, with ample provision for private patients. It is due to Dr. John A. Wyeth and