

now in Guatemala, where he is conducting special researches in his field.

MR. FRANK C. BAKER, curator of the Museum of Natural History, and Professor Frank Smith, of the department of zoology, University of Illinois, have been engaged during the past summer in making a mussel survey of the upper waters of the Big Vermilion River, with special reference to the effect of the sewage from Champaign and Urbana on the mussel fauna of the Salt Fork of the Vermilion River. Results have been obtained bearing on both the distribution of the river mussels in this stream and the effect of the sewage on this distribution.

MR. H. A. NOYES, research associate in horticultural chemistry and bacteriology at the Purdue Agricultural Experiment Station, has resigned to accept an industrial fellowship with the Mellon Institute, University of Pittsburgh.

DR. RHODA ERDMANN has returned to New Haven, her present address being 67 Trumbull Street.

PROFESSOR SELSKAR M. GUNN, one of the associate directors of the American Commission for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in France (the Rockefeller Foundation), gave a lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other Forms of Tuberculosis, at London on October 29.

DR. JAMES JACKSON PUTNAM, emeritus professor of diseases of the nervous system in the Harvard Medical School, died at his home in Boston on the fourth instant, in the seventy-third year of his age.

DR. P. H. MELL, of Atlanta, Ga., died on October 12 at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. V. M. Fleming, of arteriosclerosis. He was born in Athens, Ga., in 1850, the son of Dr. P. H. Mell, chancellor of the University of Georgia. He was for many years professor of natural science in the Alabama College and afterwards president of Clemson College, S. C. Since he retired from active college work he

has been treasurer of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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DR. CHARLES LOCKE SCUDDER has been appointed acting dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Medicine.

PROFESSOR FREDERICK SLOCUM, who has been on leave of absence for a year in the service of the United States Shipping Board, training men for service upon the Merchant Marine, has resigned his position as director of the Van Vleck Observatory and professor of astronomy at Wesleyan University in order to become professor of navigation and director of the School of Navigation in Brown University. Professor Burton H. Camp, of the mathematics department, has been appointed acting director of the Van Vleck Observatory.

THE department of physiology of the University of Rochester has secured the services of Dr. M. H. Givens as assistant professor of biochemistry, and of Dr. Harry B. McClugage as instructor. The department is cooperating with the Division of Food and Nutrition of the Medical Department, U. S. Army, and with the Department of Agriculture, in the investigation of the antiscorbutic properties of dehydrated vegetables and fruits.

MURRAY P. HOROWITZ, instructor in the department of biology and public health of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has also been appointed instructor in advanced bacteriology in the botany department of Wellesley College.

PROFESSOR C. A. BARNHART, formerly of Carthage College, has been appointed professor of mathematics in the University of New Mexico.

BURNS OSCAR SEVERSON, formerly at the Pennsylvania State College, has accepted the position of associate professor in animal breeding at the Kansas State Agricultural College. This position was left vacant through the resignation of Captain E. N. Wentworth, who is now in France.