

It is believed that those who have known Dr. Putnam may like to join in endowing this professorship which should always bear his name, and which would fulfill his hope that neurological work of a high order might be developed at the Harvard Medical School. To all of us who knew Dr. Putnam it would also commemorate the devotion and the self-sacrificing work of his lifetime.

President Lowell sends the following letter:

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, CAMBRIDGE,
February 8, 1919

My dear Dr. Walcott,

The suggestion of founding a professorship of diseases of the nervous system in memory of Dr. James Jackson Putnam appeals to me deeply both on account of the value of such a professorship to the medical school, and on account of the deep affection I had for Dr. Putnam and of my reverent esteem for his character. The foundation ought to appeal strongly to all who recognize the ever-increasing suffering caused to our over-sensitized community by nervous ailments, and to all who knew Dr. Putnam as patient or as friend.

Very truly yours,

A. LAWRENCE LOWELL

It is hoped that \$50,000 may be raised as endowment, of which more than half is already promised. A reply from any one who proposes to contribute is requested now, but payment, either by check or in Liberty Bonds, may be made any time before December 31, 1919.

H. P. WALCOTT,

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

SIR WILLIAM CROOKES, the distinguished English chemist, died on April 4, in his eighty-seventh year.

DR. S. F. HARMER, keeper of the department of zoology since 1907, has been appointed to succeed Sir Lazarus Fletcher as director of the British Natural History Museum, South Kensington.

At a meeting of the Société de Biologie held in Paris on January 25, Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the laboratories of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, New York, was elected an associate member of that society.

THE Royal Geographical Society has awarded the Founder's Medal to Colonel E. M. Jack for his geographical work on the Western Front; the Patron's Medal to Professor W. M. Davis, of Harvard University, for his eminence in the development of physical geography; the Victoria Medal is awarded to Professor J. W. Gregory for his many and important contributions to geographical science; the Murchison grant to Dr. W. M. Strong, of the Northeastern District, Papua, for his journeys and surveys in New Guinea; the Cuthbert Peek grant to Professor Rudmose Brown for his geographical work in the Antarctic and in Spitsbergen; the Back grant to the Venerable Archdeacon Stuck, of Fort Yukon, for his travels in Alaska and ascent of Mount McKinley, and the Gill memorial to Mr. W. J. Harding King for his investigations of desert conditions in northern Africa.

THE Schwabacher prize of 20,000 marks was recently divided between Professors Rubner and Zuntz, both of Berlin, for their work on diet in war time.

DR. H. S. WASHINGTON, of the geophysical laboratory, Carnegie Institution, has been elected a foreign member of the Accademia dei Lincei.

PROFESSOR J. C. MERRIAM, of the University of California, has returned to Washington to act as chairman of the National Research Council.

DR. HERMANN M. BIGGS, state commissioner of health of New York, has been granted six weeks leave of absence and is now *en route* to France, where he will aid in the establishment of an international Red Cross society.

DR. T. WAYLAND VAUGHAN, accompanied by D. D. Condit, C. W. Cooke and C. P. Ross, have gone to the Dominican Republic, to make a preliminary inspection of the geology in preparation for a geological survey under the direction of the military government of the

republic. Lieutenant Colonel Glenn S. Smith is organizing a topographical survey.

C. K. LEITH, professor of geology at the University of Wisconsin, has returned from Paris, where he served as mineral adviser in the economic section of the American Peace Commission. Prior to the Paris work, Professor Leith took an active part in mineral advisory work for the Shipping, War Industries and War Trade Boards, in Washington, particularly in relation to restrictions and regulation of international trade. Professor Leith has now left government service to resume his work at Madison.

MAJOR WM. LLOYD EVANS, C.W.S., who was the head of the laboratory and infection division, Edgewood Arsenal, has resumed his duties with the department of chemistry of the Ohio State University, having been discharged from the U. S. Army. On March 6 Major Evans gave a public lecture under the auspices of the Ohio State University Chapter of Sigma Xi on "America's answer to German gas warfare."

CAPTAIN PAUL POPENOE, San. C., director of the section on vice and liquor control, Commission on Training Camp Activities, was discharged from military service on April 2. Mr. Popenoe, who was formerly editor of the *Journal of Heredity*, is organizing a department of law enforcement for the American Social Hygiene Association, New York City.

MR. ROBERT L. MOORE, of the Bureau of Standards, has been transferred to the rubber laboratory of the bureau at the University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.

DR. ALBERT M. REESE, professor of zoology in West Virginia University, will leave the last of April for British Guiana, where he will spend the summer at the Tropical Research Laboratory of the New York Zoological Society. During his absence the work of the department will be in charge of Dr. Harrison H. Hunt, assistant professor of zoology.

MR. W. M. SMART, of Trinity College, has been appointed chief assistant at the observatory of the University of Cambridge.

DR. T. A. HENRY, late superintendent of the laboratories at the Imperial Institute, London, has been appointed director of the Wellcome Chemical Research Laboratories, London. Dr. F. L. Pyman, the former director of these laboratories, has accepted the professorship of technological chemistry in the Manchester Municipal College of Technology, and in the University of Manchester.

DR. ADDISON, president of the British local government board, has appointed Miss Janet Mary Campbell, M.D., M.S., to be a medical officer of the board in special charge of the work of the board in respect of maternity and child welfare.

MR. J. O. LEWIS, superintendent of the petroleum experiment station at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, has been appointed chief petroleum technologist of the Bureau of Mines, to succeed Mr. Chester Naramore, who has resigned from the bureau to join the Union Petroleum Company, at Philadelphia, Pa.

THE United States Interdepartmental Social Hygiene Board announces the following appropriations from the Scientific Research Fund of the board: Leland Stanford Junior University Medical School: (1) Investigation into more effective treatment in acute and chronic gonorrhea, under the direction of Dr. R. L. Rigdon, clinical professor of genito-urinary surgery, and Dr. Alfred B. Spalding, professor of obstetrics and gynecology, San Francisco, \$2,300. (2) The permeability of the meninges to antisyphilitic drugs—an attempt to increase their permeability, under the direction of Dr. Henry G. Mehlertens, clinical professor of neurology, San Francisco, \$2,300. (3) Investigation into more effective methods of treating syphilis, under the direction of Dr. Harry E. Alderson, clinical professor of dermatology, \$2,600; total, \$7,200. University of Michigan, College of Medicine and Surgery: (1) A research for an improved method of demonstrating *Spirochaeta pallida* in human tissues, under the direction of Dr. Alfred S. Warthin, professor of pathology, Ann Arbor, \$6,000.

DR. ALEŠ HRDLIČKA will deliver during the months of April and May a series of four lectures at the medical college of the Georgetown University, on "The relations of anthropology to medicine."

THE reconstruction lectures given Saturday evenings at Yale University last term during January, February and March were resumed on April 5 and will continue through May 17. The complete schedule of the remaining lectures is as follows:

April 5. Dean Charles R. Brown, "Reconstruction and the churches."

April 12. Professor Lester P. Breckenridge, "Reconstruction and engineering."

April 19. Dean George Blumer, "Reconstruction and the medical profession."

April 26. Professor C.-E. A. Winslow, "Reconstruction and public health."

May 3. Director Russell H. Chittenden, "Reconstruction and science."

May 10. Dean Thomas W. Swan, "Reconstruction and the legal profession."

May 17. Professor Irving Fisher, "Reconstruction and the price level."

THE Cutter lectures on preventive medicine given annually under the terms of a bequest from John Clarence Cutter, were given at the Harvard Medical School on March 17 by Harry E. Mock, M.D., Lieutenant Colonel, M.C., U.S.A., Division of Reconstruction of Disabled Soldiers War Department, Washington, D. C., on "Industrial medicine considered from an economic viewpoint," followed by "Reclaiming the disabled," illustrated by motion pictures, and on April 2, 3 and 4 by Alice Hamilton, M.D., special investigator of the U. S. Department of Labor, Chicago, Illinois, on "Industrial poisoning in the United States." The subjects of the three lectures were: (1) "Lead"; (2) "Other organic poisons"; (3) "Poisons of the aromatic series and of the fatty series."

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

AN alumni memorial to honor Dr. C. R. Van Hise, late president of the University of

Wisconsin, has been proposed in the form of a Van Hise Memorial Geological Building to be erected on the campus to bring together under one roof the departments of geology and mining engineering, as well as the state and national geological surveys.

Two gifts to the Harvard Medical School have been received recently. One is an anonymous donation of \$50,000 for the establishment of the James C. Melvin Fund for Tropical Medicine. The income is to be used for research in preventive medicine. The other is the residuary bequest of Horace Fletcher, who established a wide popular reputation as a dietitian. The income is to be used to "foster knowledge of healthful nutrition."

SCOVILL PARK, embracing several acres of land lying next to the property of the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky, has been donated to the university by the city. The land is given without condition except that it be made available to the city for playground purposes until the university is ready to build on it.

PROFESSOR CARLTON I. LAMBERT, F.R.A.S., an old scholar of the City of London School, has given £1,000 with which to found a scholarship for applied science at the school.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY and Bellevue Hospital Medical College will admit women on the same basis as men and with full privileges of the college, in September.

DR. HORACE D. ARNOLD has resigned as director of the graduate school of medicine of Harvard University.

DR. VICTOR ZIEGLER, professor of geology and mineralogy and head of the department at the Colorado School of Mines, has resigned this position.

DR. C. C. FORSAITH, who has been instructor in the department of wood technology at the New York State College of Forestry, at Syracuse University, for the past year and a half, has been appointed assistant professor of wood technology in the same institution.