

That the gift of ten thousand dollars presented by Mrs. Mary Clark Thompson, the income thereof to be applied to a gold medal of appropriate design to be awarded annually by the National Academy of Sciences for high recognition of exceptional service to geology and paleontology, and the medal to be known as the Mary Clark Thompson Gold Medal, be accepted and that the academy express to Mrs. Thompson its appreciation of her desire to reward those interested in researches in geology and paleontology. (Adopted June 24, 1919.)

The committee is considering a design for the medal.

THE ROCKEFELLER INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH AND THE WAR

THE Rockefeller Institute has received the following letter from Merritt W. Ireland, Surgeon-General of the United States Army, commending its war-time activities:

During the war which is now happily past, your institute proved to be one of America's strongholds. I am informed that from the beginning to the end of hostilities the entire institution was placed by you at the disposal of the War Department and that you did work of the greatest value, not alone for the Medical Department but for the Chemical Warfare and Air Service; that your hospital as well as your laboratories became in effect as much a part of the army as the hospitals and laboratories established by the War Department in our cantonments.

I have also been informed that this great work, extending over the whole period of our participation in the war, was paid for entirely out of your own funds, and was without further support from the government than the routine payment of salaries of such members and assistants of the institute as became part of the Medical and Sanitary Corps.

I thank you for your work of patriotism and your generosity in placing so fully at the disposal of the Medical Department your great and productive facilities for research, for teaching, and for the care of the sick.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PROFESSOR VITO VOLTERRA, who holds the chair of mathematical physics in the University of Rome and is a member of the Italian Senate, will deliver a series of Hitchcock lec-

tures at the University of California from October 6 to 17. This will be the second series of Hitchcock lectures this semester, Professor W. J. V. Osterhout, of Harvard University, having just completed the first series on the general subject, "Fundamental life processes." Professor Volterra will lecture on "The propagation of electricity" and "Functional equations."

PROFESSOR JAMES H. BREASTED, of the University of Chicago, has sailed for Europe in order to lead an archeological expedition to Egypt and western Asia, for which permission has been granted by the British government. Before leaving Professor Breasted arranged for publication in *The Scientific Monthly* the lectures on the William Ellery Hale foundation entitled "The origins of civilization," which he delivered before the National Academy of Sciences last April.

MAJOR-GENERAL WILLIAM C. GORGAS, formerly Surgeon-General, U. S. Army, who has been investigating the sanitary matters in Central and South America, has, it is reported, offered to assume technical directorship of the sanitation of Guayaquil, Ecuador, provided the money for the work is supplied by the municipality or the republic. At the request of the Peruvian authorities, General Gorgas is about to proceed to Piura, which is infected with yellow fever. He and his party left Guayaquil for Callao on September 1.

THE Duke of Abruzzi has planned an expedition to the upper reaches of the Wady Scebel, a river which, rising in north Italian Somaliland in the outlying spurs of the Abyssinian mountain ranges, joins the Fafan River. He will be accompanied by his aide de camp, Marquis Radicati; a doctor, a photographer, and four naval under-officers who have taken part in his former expeditions.

MR. E. HELLER has charge of an expedition sent by the Smithsonian Institution to South Africa to make collections for the National Museum.

PROFESSOR A. S. HITCHCOCK, systematic agrostologist in the Bureau of Plant Industry, will leave New York for British Guiana, on

September 24. He will study the grasses of that country, returning in about four months. The work will be done in cooperation with the New York Botanical Garden and the Gray Herbarium.

GEORGE B. SHATTUCK has resigned the chair of geology at Vassar College for the purpose of joining an expedition to Africa.

THE Remington Medal, given annually to a member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, who makes the most notable contribution toward the advancement of pharmacy, was awarded to Professor James P. Beal, dean of the college of pharmacy of the University of Illinois, Chicago, at the sixty-seventh annual meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association held in New York City.

DR. M. E. CONNER, chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation Commission to Guayaquil, Ecuador, was presented with a gold medal, August 11, in recognition of his services in the campaign against yellow fever.

GEORGE R. GREEN has resumed his duties as associate professor of forestry at Pennsylvania State College. Professor Green was employed during the war as wood technologist at the Naval Aircraft Factory in Philadelphia, in charge of all experiments having to do with wood, glues and fabric, supervision of the dry kilns, and the school for inspectors and wood workers.

MR. A. D. GREENLEE, formerly assistant chemist with the food research laboratory, U. S. Bureau of Chemistry, and, during the period of the war, specialist in poultry handling for the same bureau, with office at the Field Station, Indianapolis, Ind., has resigned from this position to become president of the newly organized Greenlee Products Company, at St. Louis.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE University of Redlands, Redlands, California, has completed a campaign for funds for a program of expansion. In excess of \$50,000 was raised by popular subscription in

the city and a similar sum was secured by subscription outside. In addition to these amounts, special gifts for buildings aggregate \$100,000, construction on two of these, a science hall, and a new men's dormitory, to begin during the present summer. The university will also receive a large sum from the Baptist Church Fund.

AT Tufts College a research fellowship has been established for work on the physiological problems in surgery, under the direction of Professor A. H. Ryan, of the department of physiology and Professor F. H. Lahey, of the department of surgery.

THE trustees of the Western Reserve University have voted an increase of twenty per cent. to the salaries of the entire full-time instructing staff of the medical school.

DR. EMIL GOETSCH, associate professor of surgery in Johns Hopkins University, has been appointed professor of surgery at the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PROFESSOR E. I. TERRY, for some time connected with the Colorado School of Forestry, has been appointed professor of forestry at Middlebury College, Vermont. He will be supervisor of the 25,000 acres of forest land recently bequeathed to the institution.

DR. E. J. MOORE, associate professor of physics in Oberlin College, has been appointed professor in charge of physics at the University of Buffalo.

DR. J. F. DASHIELL, assistant professor of psychology in Oberlin College, has been appointed associate professor in charge of psychology in the University of North Carolina, succeeding in that capacity the president elect, Dr. H. W. Chase.

MISS GRACE MACLEOD, assistant editor of the *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, has resigned in order to accept the position of instructor in the department of nutrition and food economics in Teachers College, Columbia University.

DR. J. K. SHAW has resigned as pomologist in the Massachusetts Experiment Station in