

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

FELLOWS elected at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences include Cecil Kent Drinker, Harlow Shapley, William Underwood and Clark Wissler. Maurice Caullery and Jacques Solomon Hadamard were elected foreign honorary members.

At the annual meeting of the Association of American Physicians held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 4 and 5, Dr. William S. Thayer, Baltimore, was elected president; Dr. Herbert C. Moffitt, San Francisco, vice president; Dr. Thomas McCrae, Philadelphia, secretary; Dr. Thomas R. Boggs, Baltimore, recorder, and Dr. Joseph A. Capps, Chicago, treasurer.

DR. REID HUNT, of Harvard University, was elected president of the United States Pharmacopeial convention, on May 12, to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley.

COLONEL MARSTON TAYLOR BOGERT, professor of chemistry in Columbia University, has been elected president of the American Section of the Société de Chemie Industrielle of France.

DR. STANLEY H. OSBORNE, formerly epidemiologist of the Massachusetts State Department of Health, has been appointed director of the Division of Preventable Diseases in the Connecticut State Department of Health.

We learn from *Nature* that at the annual general meeting of the Marine Biological Association, held in London on April 28, Sir E. Ray Lankester was reelected president and Sir Arthur Shipley chairman of the council. The Right Hon. Sir Arthur Griffith Boscawen was added to the list of vice-presidents, and Messrs. T. H. Riches and Julian S. Huxley became members of the council.

SIR HENRY A. MIERS, vice-chancellor of the Victoria University of Manchester, formerly professor of mineralogy at Oxford, has been reelected president of the Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society for the session 1920-21.

MR. WILFRED H. PARKER has been appointed director of the British National Institute of Agricultural Botany. The institute, includ-

ing the Official Seed-testing Station for England and Wales will be housed in quarters in course of erection at Cambridge.

DR. E. S. MOORE, professor of geology and mineralogy and dean of the School of Mines of the Pennsylvania State College, has been appointed a member of the committee on sedimentation of the National Research Council. He will represent the colleges and universities in the eastern states in an organization for the stimulation of research work on sedimentation.

PROFESSOR W. W. ROWLEE, of Cornell University, has been engaged to make a further investigation of balsa wood in Central America. Sailing to Costa Rica immediately after Commencement, he will resume the work which he began on his first trip in 1918-19. He will be accompanied by Instructor Harvey E. Stork.

PROFESSOR L. C. GLENN has recently been on leave of absence from Vanderbilt University investigating for the U. S. Department of Justice the physiographic and geologic problems involved in the disputed jurisdiction between Texas and Oklahoma in the Red River valley part of the Burkburnett oil field. He plans to spend a part of the coming summer there in further studies of the river's changes in that region.

W. L. WHITEHEAD, recently of the geological department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has gone to South America to carry on geologic exploration in Bolivia, Argentina and Chile.

It is noted in *Nature* that the Royal Academy's exhibition this year includes a presentation portrait of Sir Clifford Allbutt painted by Sir William Orpen. The picture hangs in the first gallery and bears the inscription: "Sir Clifford Allbutt, K.C.B., M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Physics in the University of Cambridge; President of the British Medical Association. Presented to him by his Profession, 1920." A proof of the mezzotint engraving of the portrait is exhibited in the room devoted to engravings, drawings and etchings.

THE John Calvin McNair lectures at the University of North Carolina were delivered this year by Professor Edwin G. Conklin, of Princeton, who spoke on the subject of "Human Evolution in Retrospect and Prospect."

THE University of North Carolina chapter of Sigma Xi was installed May 26 by Professor C. E. McClung, of the University of Pennsylvania, president of Sigma Xi. The charter members of the North Carolina chapter are Drs. James M. Bell and Joseph Hyde Pratt, initiated at Cornell and Yale respectively, and Drs. F. P. Venable, H. V. Wilson, W. D. MacNider, A. S. Wheeler, W. C. Coker and William Cain, all members of the faculty.

THE meeting of the University of Pennsylvania Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi on May 26 was held at the Flower Observatory, Highland Park. Addresses were made by Professor Eric Doolittle on "Star Clusters and Star Nebulae" and by Professor Horace C. Richards on the "Einstein Theory of Relativity." Preceding the addresses, supper was served on the lawn to one hundred and fifty members and guests. Officers elected for 1920-21, are M. J. Babb, president; O. L. Shinn, vice president; H. C. Barker, secretary; H. S. Colton, treasurer.

PROFESSOR GEORGE B. MANGOLD recently spoke before the Anthropological Society of St. Louis on "Ethnic Types in America." On May 5, Dr. W. W. Graves gave a lecture on the "Scaphoid Scapula."

THE Croonian lecture of the Royal Society will be delivered by Professor William Bateson on June 17 upon the subject of "Genetic Segregation."

SIR ARTHUR NEWSHOLME, who has returned to England, has in press a volume of American addresses on Public Health and Insurance, which will be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

ACCORDING to the English correspondent of the *Journal* of the American Medical Association, Sir William Osler left an estate of the gross value of \$80,000 with a net per-

sonality of \$53,000. He left his medical and scientific library (as cataloged) to the McGill University, Montreal, and all other property to his wife. At her death or earlier, if she should wish it, his residence, 13 Norham Gardens, Oxford, is to be given to the dean, canons and governing body of Christ Church as the residence of the regius professor of medicine.

WE learn from *Nature* that a committee of fellows of the Royal Society and members of the University of Cambridge has been formed for the purpose of collecting funds for a memorial to be erected in Westminster Abbey to the late Lord Rayleigh in recognition of his eminent services to science. Lord Rayleigh was both president of the Royal Society and Chancellor of the University, and an appeal has been issued by the society and the university. It is thought, however, that there may be some men of science unconnected with either of these bodies who may wish to show their appreciation of Lord Rayleigh's work. Donations may be sent to the hon. treasurers of the fund, Sir Richard Glazebrook and Sir Arthur Schuster, at 63 Grange Road, Cambridge.

MARVIN HENDRIX STACY, professor of civil engineering and dean at the University of North Carolina, has died at the age of thirty-seven years.

FREDERICK KOLPIN RAVN, professor of plant pathology in the Royal Agricultural College of Denmark, Copenhagen, died from blood poisoning on May 24, in East Orange, N. J., aged forty-seven years.

DR. ALEXANDER FERGUSON, professor of pathology in the School of Medicine, Cairo, has died at the age of forty-nine years.

CAPTAIN ETTRICK WILLIAM CREAK, F.R.S., known for his work on the compass and on magnetism, died on April 3, at the age of eight-five years.

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MR. T. HARRISON HUGHES has given £50,000 and the Cunard Steamship Co., £10,000 to the