

THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

THE American Society of Tropical Medicine announces a new publication for physicians and research workers, to be known as *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine*. The announcement says:

"The general experience of the medical sciences has fully demonstrated the advantages which accrue from the segregation of special subjects. A central organ for the prompt presentation of articles, that are now scattered over a wide field, or the lack entirely of a proper medium to turn to for publication, will be a great convenience to those interested in the study of tropical diseases, and also serve to stimulate the growth and development of the subject. The purpose of the new JOURNAL will be to serve as a medium for the dissemination of reliable information from every source, with regard to the clinical and other phases of the nature, treatment, and prevention of tropical diseases."

The JOURNAL will be published bi-monthly by the Williams and Wilkins Company, Baltimore, Md. The transactions of the annual meetings of the American Society of Tropical Medicine will be published in the JOURNAL. Various reports, lists of members, and such other information as may be suitable will also appear. Other papers, whether from members or not, will also be published.

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THE SCIENTIFIC STAFF OF THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

IN appointing the scientific staff of the American Museum of Natural History for 1921, the board of trustees has made a number of changes and promotions, some of which have already been noted in SCIENCE. The senior curator of the staff, Dr. Joel A. Allen, has been promoted to be honorary curator of mammals, in order that he may devote his entire time to his researches. Dr. Allen is in his eighty-third year and for more than 35 years has been the head of the department of mammalogy. This relief from the responsibility of administrative work comes as a welcome change to Dr. Allen, who speaks of his new appointment in the following language:

I wish to express to you, and through you to the board of trustees, my deep appreciation of this honor, and of the privileges accompanying it, thus awarded me. It will be a great solace to me during such time as may remain to me for the prosecution of research work, which I am still able to pursue with unabated zest and pleasure.

The trustees have created a new department designated as comparative anatomy and have appointed Dr. William K. Gregory to the curatorship as a recognition of Dr. Gregory's contributions to anatomy and vertebrate

paleontology, which have been largely carried on at the museum during the 22 years that he has been connected with it. Dr. Gregory will have associated with him in the new department Dr. J. Howard McGregor, who has been appointed associate in human anatomy.

The staff in ornithology, under the leadership of Dr. Frank M. Chapman, has been strengthened by the appointment of Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy as associate curator of marine birds. Dr. Murphy will devote himself particularly to the studies on the birds of the Brewster-Stanford Collection and to the collection which will be obtained by the Whitney South Sea Expedition.

The former department of invertebrate zoology has been reorganized as two departments, namely, lower invertebrates and entomology. Dr. Henry E. Crampton has been appointed honorary curator of the new department of lower invertebrates and will confine his attention to his Polynesian researches. Mr. Roy W. Miner is appointed associate curator in charge.

Dr. Frank E. Lutz has been promoted to the curatorship of the new department of entomology.

Further staff changes or promotions are as follows:

PROMOTIONS

Lower Invertebrates: Willard G. Van Name, assistant to assistant curator.

Ornithology: Ludlow Griscom, assistant to assistant curator.

Anthropology: N. C. Nelson, assistant curator to associate curator of North American archeology; H. J. Spinden, assistant curator to associate curator of Mexican and Central American archeology.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Comparative Anatomy: S. H. Chubb, assistant in osteology.

Public Education: Grace E. Fisher, assistant.

Ichthyology: E. W. Gudger, associate in ichthyology.

Mammalogy: Carl E. Akeley, associate in mammalogy.

Entomology: Herbert F. Schwarz, research associate, Hymenoptera.

The title of the department of physiology has been changed to read department of comparative physiology.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

At a meeting of the trustees of the Elizabeth Thompson Science Fund, held on February 26, the following grants were voted: Dr. T. Brailsford Robertson, Adelaide, South Australia, \$250 for the purchase of a comptometer for use in a statistical study of growth. Dr. Donald Macomber, Boston, \$300 for an investigation of the effects of diet on fertility. Dr. W. J. Fisher, Woods Hole, \$75 for a study of low sun phenomena (sunrise and sunset and horizon mirage). Dr. H. G. Barbour, New Haven, \$300 for an investigation into the heat regulatory mechanism of the body.

LAWRENCE J. HENDERSON, professor of biological chemistry, has been appointed Harvard exchange professor to France and will lecture at the Sorbonne during the second half of the present academic year.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM ALANSON BRYAN, formerly curator in the Bishop Museum and professor of zoology and geology in the University of Hawaii, has been appointed director of the Los Angeles Science Museum of History, and Art, where he succeeds the late Frank Dagget.

DR. F. C. HARRISON, principal of Macdonald College, was elected as president of the Society of American Bacteriologists, at their annual meeting held at Chicago.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Meteorological Society the following were elected officers: *President*, R. H. Hooker. *Vice-presidents*, J. Baxendell, W. W. Bryant, Sir Napier Shaw and Dr. E. M. Wedderburn. *Treasurer*, W. V. Graham. *Secretaries*, J. S. Dines, L. F. Richardson and G. Thomson.

DURING the current year the University of Texas established two lectureships to be filled by distinguished scholars from other universities. Professor E. G. Conklin, of Princeton University, was invited to Texas to fill the first engagement. During the week beginning February 28 Dr. Conklin gave a series of five