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Biological Chemistry: H. B. Lewis, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill.

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Organic Chemistry: H. T. Clarke, Kodak Park, Rochester, N. Y.

Chemistry of Medicinal Products: Edgar B. Carter, 2615 Ashland Avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Physical and Inorganic Chemistry: S. E. Sheppard, 83 Gorsline Street, Rochester, N. Y.

Rubber Chemistry: Arnold H. Smith, Thermoid Rubber Company, Trenton, N. J.

Water Sewage and Sanitation Chemistry: W. W. Skinner, Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C.

*Sections:*

Sugar Chemistry: Frederick J. Bates, Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C.

Cellulose Chemistry: G. J. Esselen, Jr., 248 Boylston Street, Boston, Mass.

Petroleum Chemistry: W. A. Gruse, Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The final program will be sent about April 20 to the secretaries of sections, to the council, to members of the Rochester Section, and to all members making special request.

CHARLES L. PARSONS,  
*Secretary*

**THE HERTER LECTURESHIP**

In November, 1902, Dr. and Mrs. Christian A. Herter, of New York, gave to the Johns Hopkins University the sum of \$25,000 "for the formation of a memorial lectureship designed to promote a more intimate knowledge of the researches of foreign investigators in the realm of medical science." According to the terms of the gift, some eminent worker in physiology or pathology is to be asked each year to deliver a lecture at the Johns Hopkins University upon a subject with which he has been identified.

The selection of the lecturer is made by a committee representing the departments of pathology, physiological chemistry, and clinical medicine, and if "in the judgment of the committee it should ultimately appear desirable to open the proposed lectureship to leaders in medical research in this country there should be no bar to so doing." The committee consists of Drs. MacCallum, Abel and Thayer.

The trustees of the Johns Hopkins University announce that the twelfth course of lectures on this foundation will be given by Dr. Frederick Gowland Hopkins, F.R.S., professor of bio-chemistry and director of the bio-chemical laboratory, Cambridge University. The lectures will be given in the Johns Hopkins Hospital, at 4.30 P.M. on April 12, 13 and 14, the subjects being: (1) "Oxidation and reduction mechanisms in living tissues," (2) "The function of oxygen in muscular activity," and (3) "The outlook in nutritional studies: an appraisalment."

**SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS**

Dr. ALBERT EINSTEIN, of the University of Berlin, arrived in the United States on April 2, coming in order to advance the Zionist movement, and the establishment of a University at Jerusalem. Dr. Einstein was accompanied by three other delegates, including Professor Charles Weizmann, who was head of the British Admiralty Chemical Laboratories during the war. There will be a Zionist meeting at the Metropolitan Opera House on April 10. Dr. Einstein's arrival was unexpected and no announcements have been made of scientific lectures.

THE Albert medal of the Royal Society of Arts was presented on March 14 to Professor Albert Michelson, for his discovery of a natural constant which has provided a basis for a standard of length. The award was made last year, but the actual presentation was deferred until Professor Michelson could go to England to receive it.

DAVID CHARLES DAVIES has been appointed director of the Field Museum, Chicago, to

succeed Dr. Frederick Skiff. Mr. Davies has been connected with the museum for twenty-seven years, and, as assistant to Dr. Skiff, superintended the moving of the museum exhibits from the building in Jackson Park to the new quarters in Grant Park. The museum will be opened to the public on May 3.

PRESIDENT HARDING has reappointed Colonel E. Lester Jones to continue as head of the Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the appointment has been confirmed by the senate.

MR. THOMAS ROBERTSON, of the patent law firm of Robertson & Johnson, Washington, has been appointed commissioner of patents.

SURGEON JOHN D. LONG, who for the last two years has been supervisor of the U. S. Public Health Service in San Francisco, has been transferred to the office of Surgeon-General, in Washington.

A DINNER of congratulation to Professor Sherrington on his election to the presidency of the Royal Society was given by the Physiological Society on March 11, at the Café Royal, London. Professor Sir E. Sharpey-Schafer proposed the toast of the guest and Professor Sherrington replied.

IN recognition of the knighthood conferred upon him by the king, Sir Dawson Williams, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, was entertained by the council of the British Medical Association at a complimentary luncheon on February 16.

PROFESSOR DOUGLAS JOHNSON, of Columbia University, has been awarded the Janssen Medal by the Geographical Society of Paris, for his recent work on "Shore processes and shoreline development." This medal was founded in 1896 by the astronomer, J. Janssen, to encourage precision in the making of scientific observations, and is awarded each year "to the author or explorer who shall have made the largest number of consistent scientific observations."

DR. REID HUNT, professor of pharmacology in the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed by the Surgeon-General of the United States Public Health Service, a member of

the advisory board of the Hygienic Laboratory to succeed the late Dr. W. T. Sedgwick.

THE thirty-seventh session of the American Association of Anatomists was held at The Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, Philadelphia, on March 24, 25 and 26. Dr. S. Walter Ranson, Northwestern University, and Dr. Robert J. Terry, Washington University, were elected members of the executive committee. The editorial boards of the two anatomical journals were reorganized. Dr. Charles R. Stockard, of Cornell University, was selected as managing editor of *The American Journal of Anatomy*, and Dr. John Lewis Bremer, of Harvard University, was made managing editor of *The Anatomical Record*.

A CONFERENCE was held on March 25, of physicians summoned by Brigadier-General Charles E. Sawyer, President Harding's personal physician, to discuss with the president proposed plans for reorganization. Those attending the meeting were Surgeon-General Cumming, U. S. P. H. S.; Surgeon-General M. W. Ireland, of the Army; Surgeon-General E. R. Stitt, of the Navy; Dr. Charles H. Mayo, Rochester, Minn.; Dr. Edward Martin, Pennsylvania commissioner of health, and Dr. William F. Snow, New York, American Social Hygiene Association. General Sawyer said the discussion was a preliminary one to action for uniting government health units. An advisory council was formed, consisting of the Surgeon-Generals of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service and Dr. Mayo. Two other members will be added to the council, one an educator and the other a woman engaged in public welfare work.

THE joint committee of the Royal Geographical Society and the Alpine Club have now completed the appointments to the reconnaissance of Mount Everest. The expedition is constituted as follows: Chief of the expedition: Colonel Howard Bury; mountaineers: Mr. Harold Raeburn (leader), Dr. A. M. Kellas, Mr. G. L. Mallory, Mr. George Finch; medical officer and naturalist: Mr. A. F. R. Wollaston. The surveyor-general of India telegraphs that, subject to the consent of the

government of India, the following officers of the Survey of India will accompany the expedition: Major H. T. Morshead and Captain Wheeler. The expedition will assemble at Darjeeling about May 10.

MISS E. M. WAKEFIELD, F.L.S., mycologist, Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, England, is visiting the eastern United States and Canada on her way home from the British West Indies. She was the guest of honor at a dinner given by the women mycologists and pathologists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture on March 23.

DR. CHARLES A. KOFOD, of the University of California, delivered on March 29, at the Cleveland Medical Library, the third Hanna lecture on "The clinical and medical significance of parasitic infections of the human intestine with especial reference to hookworm, amebic and flagellate infections."

At a joint meeting of the Washington Academy of Sciences and the Biological Society of Washington on April 2, Dr. A. D. Hopkins, U. S. Bureau of Entomology, delivered an address on "International problems in natural and artificial distribution of plants and animals."

PROFESSOR WILLIAM DUANE, head of the department of bio-physics at the Harvard Medical School, gave on March 31 the first of three lectures open to the public at the Jefferson Physical Laboratory. Professor Duane spoke on "Radio Activity and X-rays."

DR. GEORGE E. VINCENT, president of the Rockefeller Foundation, recently delivered the second of the Marshall Woods lectures at Brown University, his subject being "The university and public health."

THE annual meeting of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters will be held at the University of Wisconsin on April 15 and 16. President E. A. Birge will deliver his presidential address at an informal dinner for members of the academy and their friends to be held on Saturday evening, April 16.

JOHN BURROUGHS, the distinguished naturalist, died on March 29, aged eighty-four years.

DR. DELOS FALL, formerly of the faculty of Albion College and for forty-one years head of the department of chemistry of that institute, died at Bradentown, Florida, on February 19.

It is announced that the 20-inch lens for the telescope at Van Vleck Observatory of Wesleyan University has been delivered. The lens was ordered in 1914 from Jena, a few days before war was declared.

THROUGH the gift of Miss Annie M. Alexander who has pledged more than \$8,000 annually for a period of years, the University of California has been enabled to organize a Museum of Palæontology. Effected primarily for the advancement of research in palæontology and historical geology, it is expected that the investigators on the fossil mammals and fossil reptiles of the Pacific coast, begun by President John Campbell Merriam, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, formerly professor of palæontology and historical geology and dean of the faculties, will be continued in the new department. Dr. Bruce L. Clark, assistant professor of palæontology, has been named director of the museum, while E. L. Furlong, assistant in palæontology, is expected to be appointed curator of the vertebrate collections. Included in the staff will be Chester Stock, instructor in palæontology, and Mr. Charles Camp, to be named vertebrate palæontologists. Comprising thousands of specimens of fossil plants, vertebrates and invertebrates, the present collections will be turned over to the museum, and the department of palæontology will cease to have a separate existence. Proper organization of this and other collections is stated to be one of the most important purposes for which the museum has been founded.

THE museum of natural history of the University of Illinois has recently acquired the collection of mollusks made by the late Anson A. Hinkley, of Du Bois, Illinois. It contains upwards of 200,000 specimens, including the types or cotypes of 113 new species and five new

genera and subgenera. It is rich in the little-known regions of Alabama and other places in the southern states, and contains extensive material from Guatemala, Venezuela, Mexico, and other parts of Central and South America. Mr. Hinkley was a careful collector and the material includes valuable data as to place and habitat. It is the most valuable scientific collection received by the university in many years. The estate of the late Dr. W. A. Nason, of Algonquin, Ill., has presented Dr. Nason's collections to the museum. These consist of about 50,000 insects, mostly American and largely Illinois, 10,000 land, fresh water, and marine mollusks, and about 2,000 plants.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY has come into possession, by gift, of the personal herbarium of Gertrude Norton, a native of Syracuse, and a former student in Syracuse University. Miss Norton taught for some years in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she died in 1919. This herbarium embraces a collection of about one thousand specimens of the rare or more characteristic plants of Utah and of the Flathead region of Montana.

THE state of Illinois has printed for the Natural History Survey of the state a second edition of a report by S. A. Forbes and R. E. Richardson on the fishes of Illinois, the original edition, published in 1908, having been out of print for several years. This report contains an account of the topography and hydrography of Illinois, a chapter on the distribution of Illinois fishes within the state and throughout the country, and full descriptions and many illustrations of the 150 species of fishes found in Illinois, with accounts of their distribution, habits, food, and uses so far as these are known. It is illustrated by 76 black and white figures and colored plates of 68 species. The main report of 492 pages is accompanied by an atlas of 102 maps of the state showing its stream systems, its glacial geology, the localities from which collections of fishes have been made by the Natural History Survey, and those from which each of the 98 more abundant species has been taken. A limited

number of the edition is reserved for free distribution to libraries, educational institutions and specialists who have not received the first edition, and the remainder are offered in single copies to institutions and individuals at the cost of the reprint.

THE death of Dr. John Iridelle Dillard Hinds is announced, at the age of seventy-three years. Dr. Hinds was one of the founders of the American Chemical Society. He was born in North Carolina, educated in the preparatory schools of Arkansas, was for over forty years professor of chemistry in Cumberland University, the University of Nashville and Peabody College. At the time of his death he was chemist for the Geological Survey of Tennessee.

#### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

DR. ERNEST FOX NICHOLS, for the past year director of physical research at the Nela Park Laboratory, Cleveland, recently professor of physics at Colgate, Dartmouth, Columbia and Yale and president of Dartmouth College, has been elected president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, to succeed the late Richard C. Maclaurin.

GEORGE HOYT WHIPPLE, director of the Hooper Foundation at the University of California, has been appointed dean of the school of medicine, dentistry and surgery of the University of Rochester.

PROFESSOR GEORGE H. PARKER has been appointed director of the Harvard Zoological Laboratory to succeed Professor E. L. Mark, who will retire from active teaching at the close of the current year with the title of professor emeritus, after having spent forty-four years in the service of the university. The new director, Professor Parker, has been associated with Harvard University since his graduation in 1887, and has held a full professorship of zoology since 1906.

DR. OLOF LARSELL, associate professor of zoology at Northwestern University, has ac-