

were killed, Mr. Raven shipped to the Institution much interesting zoological material, which was greatly needed for purposes of comparison in working up the famous Roosevelt and Rainey collections already in the National Museum. Many interesting photographs of the animals, the natives, and the country itself are shown in this account and in that of Dr. Shantz, who accompanied the expedition as a botanical collector. In Australia, a Smithsonian naturalist collected, through the generosity of Dr. W. L. Abbott, specimens of the fast disappearing remarkable fauna of the continent, while Dr. Abbott himself secured a great number of plants, birds, and other natural history material for the National Museum, in various regions of Haiti. A number of other zoological and botanical expeditions are briefly described and illustrated.

#### THE MEDICAL SCHOOL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

At a session held in Cabell Hall on June 3, the General Alumni Association of the university unanimously adopted resolutions opposing the removal of the medical school to Richmond. An address was made by Dr. Alderman appealing for the preservation of the integrity of the university.

The resolutions as adopted are as follows:

WHEREAS, the commission on medical education in Virginia has, by a vote of 5 to 4, recommended the consolidation of the Medical College of Virginia with the medical department of the University of Virginia, and that the consolidated institution be operated as the medical department of the University of Virginia, and located in Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, the overwhelming weight of the testimony of disinterested experts of national reputation opposes, as utterly contrary to the best scientific thought of the day, the separation of the medical department of the University of Virginia from the other departments of the university and favors, with singular unanimity, its retention at Charlottesville; . . .

*Resolved*, That the General Alumni Association of the University of Virginia hereby expresses its unqualified opposition to the proposed removal to Richmond of the medical department of the university as a step opposed to the interests of the state of Virginia, as injurious to the cause of medical education, as destructive of the integrity of the University of Virginia, and as violative of

those principles of higher education which, established by Thomas Jefferson, have received the sanction of time and of experience.

*Resolved*, further, The president of this association be and he is hereby instructed and empowered to appoint such committee, make such expenditures and do such other acts and things as in his judgment will best effectuate the purpose of these resolutions and preserve and protect the educational fabric of the state of Virginia.

#### THE SCIENCE CLUB OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

During the academic year 1920-21, the Science Club of the University of Texas, composed of members of the university science faculties, held eight meetings. The following papers were presented:

Oct. 11, 1920. "Some modern conceptions of the atom," by W. T. Mather, Professor of Physics.

Nov. 1, 1920. "Habits and instincts of spiders," by T. S. Painter, Adjunct Professor of Zoology.

Dec. 6, 1920. "Relative birth-rates of white and colored races," by J. E. Pearce, Associate Professor of Anthropology.

Jan. 3, 1921. "The occurrence of latex (milk) in plants," by F. McAllister, Associate Professor of Botany.

Feb. 7, 1921. "Luminescence," by H. B. Weiser, of Rice Institute, Exchange Lecturer from the Houston Philosophical Society.

March 7, 1921. "Species of the genus *Schwazzerina* and their stratigraphic significance," by J. W. Beede, Geologist in the Economic Geology Division of the Bureau of Economic Geology and Technology.

April 4, 1921. "Past, present, and future of plant pathology," by J. J. Taubenhaus, Chief of Division of Plant Pathology, Texas Experiment Station, Exchange Lecturer from the Science Seminar of the A. and M. College of Texas.

May 2, 1921. "Possible improvements in petroleum refining," by E. P. Schock, Professor of Chemistry.

The exchange lectureships with Rice Institute and Texas A. and M. college have been made annual events.

The officers for the year 1920-21 were

Dr. H. P. Bigbee—president.

Dr. H. J. Ettlinger—secretary-treasurer.