

importance as well as a large collection of the artifacts, utensils, weapons, etc., of prehistoric man here and abroad.

Dr. J. Howard Wilson and his mother, Mrs. J. B. Wilson, are the donors. Rather than place his important exhibits in some of the larger museums, Dr. Wilson preferred to give the citizens of Castine this modern structure and interest them in the beginnings of human culture as well as preserve their own priceless historical relics. It is quite fitting that the building-lot adjoins the famous Fort Pentagoet site.

The building and endowment of local museums should be encouraged, since by that means knowledge is more generally disseminated than through the larger museums.

By November the structure will be completed, and it is proposed to have it dedicated some time next spring. Dr. Wilson's collections total many thousands, and there are numerous French, English and colonial objects in Castine which are available for exhibition.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

WALTER G. CAMPBELL, assistant chief of the Bureau of Chemistry since 1916, has been appointed acting chief to fill the place of Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, who resigned to become one of the directors of the Institute for Food Research at Stanford University. Dr. W. W. Skinner, chief of the water and beverage laboratory of the bureau since 1908, has been designated as assistant chief.

DR. ROSCOE THATCHER, who succeeds Dr. W. H. Jordan as director of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, has taken up his work at Geneva.

DRS. GEORGE DOCK, St. Louis; Otto Folin, Boston; and Ludvig Hektoen, Chicago, have accepted appointments as consultants to the National Pathological Laboratories to advise on methods used, interpretation of results and ethical policies.

DAVID PRESCOTT BARROWS, president of the University of California, has been appointed a member of the National Research Council

for a period of three years in the Division of States Relations.

WE learn from *Nature* that at the meeting of the Royal Society of Edinburgh on July 4 the following were elected honorary fellows:—*British*: William Henry Perkin, Sir Ronald Ross, Sir Ernest Rutherford and Sir Jethro J. H. Teall. *Foreign*: Reginald Aldworth Daly (Cambridge), Johan Hjort (Bergen), Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran (Paris), Heike Kamerlingh Onnes (Leyden), and Salvatore Pincherle (Bologna).

ON June 22 a portrait of Sir Napier Shaw, painted by W. W. Russell, was presented to him by the staff of the Meteorological Office, South Kensington, for preservation in the office. A copy of the portrait was presented to Lady Shaw.

AN International Hydrographic Bureau has been established at Monaco, with the following directors: Vice-Admiral Sir John Parry (Great Britain), Captain Phaff (Netherlands), and Captain Müller (Norway). The secretary is Captain Spicer-Simson (Great Britain).

COLONEL THOMAS SINCLAIR, professor of surgery in Queen's College, Belfast, is among the twenty-four members elected to the senate of the Parliament of Northern Ireland, and Sir Thomas Joseph Stafford, late medical commissioner, Local Government Board, Ireland, is elected to the senate for the Southern Parliament.

A FRENCH society "for encouragement *du bien*," recently awarded a civic crown to the Institut Pasteur at Paris, and presented it to Dr. Roux as the representative of that institute.

THE trustees of the Beit Fellowships for Scientific Research, endowed in 1913 by Sir Otto Beit, to promote the advancement of science by means of research, have elected to fellowships Messrs. H. L. Riley and W. A. P. Challenor. Both will carry out research at the Imperial College of Science and Technology at South Kensington.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. E. W. D. HOLWAY, of the University of Minnesota, sailed from New

York City on July 23, for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. They have planned a two-years' trip for the collection of plants and especially the rusts. They expect to cross the Andes early in the coming year, and spend the remainder of the time on the west coast.

DR. FRANK T. MCFARLAND, who has been spending his sabbatical leave at the University of Wisconsin investigating the relationships of the various claviceps, has returned to the University of Kentucky as head of the Department of Botany.

PROFESSOR GEORGE F. SYKES, of the department of zoology and physiology in the Oregon State College, will spend a sabbatical year in travel, study and literary work, during which his address will be Warren, Rhode Island.

DR. FREDERICK STARR, of the University of Chicago, is giving a series of illustrated lectures at the university as follows: August 5, "Aztec Mexico"; August 12, "Modern Mexico"; and August 19, "Mexico to-day."

DR. WINTHROP E. STONE, since 1900 president of Purdue University, and previously professor of chemistry, fell from a cliff near the summit of Mt. Eanon, Alberta, on July 16, and was instantly killed. Dr. and Mrs. Stone had nearly completed the initial ascent of the mountain when the accident occurred.

PROFESSOR ALFRED MONROE KENYON, head of the mathematical department of Purdue University, died suddenly at Ashland, Ohio, on July 27, while returning to Lafayette, Ind., by train after attending the funeral of his mother. Professor Kenyon was 52 years old.

CHARLES BARNEY CORY, curator of zoology in the Field Museum of Natural History, died on July 29, at the age of 64 years. Mr. Cory was one of the founders and a past president of the American Ornithologists' Union, a member of many societies, and widely known for his ornithological writings.

CHARLES HOWARD ROYCE, extension professor of animal husbandry at the New York State College of Agriculture, Cornell University, died on August 5, as a result of injuries suffered in a fall from a silo on his farm here on July 11.

EDMOND PERRIER, director of the Museum of Natural History in Paris, died on August 1, aged seventy-seven years.

PROFESSOR KRAEPELIN, of Munich, announces that the Institute for Research in Psychiatry, of which he is director, has received gifts and bequests this year totaling over 1,500,000 marks, and the collections and the library have also been notably enriched by gifts.

ACCORDING to an announcement made by the secretary of the New York Association for Medical Education, Dr. Otto von Huffman, the Carnegie Foundation has offered to make a donation of \$12,000 to the association on condition that the medical profession shall raise \$3,000. The raising of this sum will enable the association to continue its activities which have been curtailed of late because of lack of funds. This association was organized two years ago to collect information in regard to postgraduate medical instruction and to develop such courses.

INSTRUCTIONS have been issued to the representatives of the Bureau of Fisheries on the Pribilof Islands authorizing the taking of 30,000 fur-seal skins on both islands during the calendar year 1921. Tentative divisions by classes for the killings on the two islands are as follows: St. Paul, 22,100 three-year-olds, 3,000 four-year-olds, and 600 five-year-olds; and St. George, 2,750 three-year-olds, 450 four-year-olds, and 100 five-year-olds. As the season progresses some readjustments as to numbers of the various classes may become desirable as the result of observations on the ground. The regular summer sealing season ended on August 5, instead of continuing until August 10, as heretofore.

AN interdepartmental conference was held on July 25, in the Interior Department building, Washington, D. C., to discuss the status of patients arising within the government service, the intention being to formulate a coordination of the views now held in the various bureaus and departments upon this subject, and to work out some concerted method of procedure for handling the patients here considered. Mr. E. C. Finney, assistant

secretary of the interior, presided at the conference, which was held at the suggestion of the secretary of the interior and was composed of representatives from the various executive departments. After a general discussion of the subject under debate, two committees were appointed to go into the matter further and to report to a similar conference to be held at some future date. A committee of five is to consider in detail ways and means for the coordination and procedure work above suggested, and a committee of three is to develop a plan to provide a general clearing house for the dissemination of information among the several executive departments with respect to licenses, shop rights, and titles, which the Government has acquired, or may acquire with respect to patents.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that it is the policy of the War Department to encourage the development of military inventions by officers, enlisted men and civil employees. In consideration of assistance to be given by the department in the issue of patents, it will require of inventors a license to manufacture and use their inventions for governmental purposes, thereby reserving to the patentee complete freedom and ownership of the patent in its commercial applications. In special cases of inventions of great military importance, however, provision is made for exclusive government ownership and the utmost secrecy.

THE New England Intercollegiate Geological Excursion will be held on October 14 and 15 in the vicinity of Attleboro, Massachusetts, under the leadership of Professor Jay B. Woodworth of Harvard University.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

At a recent meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, it was decided to place contracts immediately for the construction of the new medical school building in Portland. It was also decided to name the medical school building after the late Dr. Robert C. Yenny.

ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY is erecting a new building, 50 x 200 ft., three stories high, as an extension to the medical school. Accommodations will be afforded for the library, reading room, administration offices and the laboratories for physiology, pharmacology and histology. In addition to this the old building is being remodeled so as to give more adequate accommodations to the other departments.

By the will of Seymour T. Coman, of Chicago, the residue of his estate is bequeathed to the University of Chicago for scientific research with special reference to the cause, prevention, and cure of disease. The fund is to be known as the Seymour Coman Research Fund.

At the Harvard Medical School Dr. Alexander Forbes has been promoted to be associate professor of physiology, and Dr. George Cheever Shattuck to be assistant professor of tropical medicine for a one-year term.

MAJOR HUGO DIEMER, formerly professor of industrial engineering at Pennsylvania State College and later personnel superintendent at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co., New Haven, has been appointed director of the industrial management division of LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Ill. The division includes the resident and correspondence instruction in industrial management efficiency, modern foremanship and production methods and personnel administration, as well as the consulting service in each of these departments.

DR. ARTHUR J. TIEJE, who received his doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1920, has been appointed assistant professor of geology at the University of Colorado, and assistant geologist on the Colorado Geological Survey.

PROFESSOR MAURICE DEWULF, formerly of the University of Louvain and sometime teacher in Harvard and Lowell lecturer, has accepted a permanent appointment as professor of philosophy at Harvard.