

League of Nations which held its first session at Geneva from August 1 to 5. The commission had been given a free hand to define its own program with due regard to existing national activities and existing organs of international intellectual life. The following were among the topics selected for consideration: the desperate economic condition of the *intelligenza* in some European countries—notably Austria and Poland; the protection of proprietary rights in scientific discoveries and ideas; the establishment of an international *entente* for the examination and publication of archeological monuments; inter-university relations; and an international organization of bibliography. All these questions have been referred to individual members of the commission or to sub-commissions for the preparation of reports with the view of taking further action. As for cooperation in scientific research, the commission, anxious not to interfere in the organization or work of the scientific societies, decided that this should be left to the initiative of the societies themselves. Another question on which the commission found itself unable to take any useful action was the publication by common consent of workers in all parts of the world of discoveries relative to toxic gases and the development of chemical warfare. It decided to reply to the reduction-of-armaments commission, which had referred the question, that it was unable to suggest methods whereby this result might be brought about.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

MR. JAMES B. DUKE has given \$1,125,000 to Trinity College. The gifts include \$1,000,000 to the college endowment fund, \$25,000 to the new gymnasium, \$50,000 towards a \$100,000 law building and \$50,000 toward a \$100,000 building for the new school of religious training.

DR. WORTH HALE, assistant dean of the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed acting dean to serve during Dr. David L. Edsall's absence in Europe during the first half year; Dr. Roger I. Lee will serve as acting dean of the School of Public Health.

DR. JOHN M. T. FINNEY has been appointed temporary surgeon-in-chief of the Johns Hopkins Hospital and professor of surgery in the medical school, in place of the late Dr. William S. Halsted. The faculty will appoint a committee to make a permanent selection.

DR. L. A. PECHSTEIN, director of the department of psychology and education of the University of Rochester, has been appointed dean of the College for Teachers of the University of Cincinnati, to succeed Dr. W. P. Burris.

THE psychology department of the Ohio State University announces the following additions to its staff: Herbert H. Goddard, full professor; Robert D. Williams, assistant professor; Marjorie Bates, instructor. The following promotions have also been made: Harold E. Burtt to full professor; A. Sophie Rogers to assistant professor.

RICHARD C. LORD, Ph.D. (Washington and Lee), for some time engaged in industrial chemistry, has been appointed assistant professor of chemistry and physics in Kenyon College.

DR. F. I. WERTHEIMER, recently connected with Professor Kraepelin's clinic at Munich, has become a member of the staff of the Henry Phipps Psychiatric Clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

THE Council of University College of North Wales has appointed Professor David Thoday, of the South African University, Cape Town, to the chair of botany, in succession to Dr. Phillips, who retires after thirty-eight years' service.

DR. GEORGE HASWELL WILSON, lecturer in bacteriology at the University of Glasgow, has been appointed to the chair of pathology in the University of Birmingham, rendered vacant by the election of Professor J. Shaw Dunn to the corresponding post in the University of Manchester.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### THE DEATH RATE FROM TUBERCULOSIS

TO THE EDITOR OF SCIENCE: About a year ago, I had occasion to request of the chief