

of malaria before the mosquito season; relations between malaria and domestic animals; the water plants which promote or check proliferation of mosquitoes; other larvacidal measures and means to enhance immunity and protect workers in the fields.

THE University of Chicago board of trustees announces that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company has again renewed its grant of \$3,000 to the department of hygiene and bacteriology for special investigations in respiratory diseases.

### UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NOTES

THE University of Minnesota has received a gift of \$250,000 with which to erect and equip a cancer hospital to be a part of the University of Minnesota General Hospital. The money was donated by the Citizens Aid Society of Minneapolis, established in 1916 by the late George H. Christian.

EIGHT members of the faculty of the Women's Medical College of Philadelphia presented their resignations to the board of incorporators of the institution on April 17 in protest against the dismissal of Dr. Alice W. Tallant, head of the obstetrics department. This made a total of fifteen resignations, including the entire surgical staff, for the same cause. Incompatibility was assigned as the reason for Dr. Tallant's dismissal.

THE resignation of Dr. John P. Sutherland as dean of the Boston University School of Medicine, after twenty-six years of service as the head of the school, has been accepted by the trustees, and Dr. Alexander S. Begg, formerly dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Medicine, now professor of anatomy at the school, has been appointed dean for the coming year.

AT Yale University Adolph Knopf, associate professor of physical geology and petrology, has been promoted to be professor; George E. Nichols, assistant professor of botany, to be associate professor; and Charlton D. Cooksey and Alan T. Waterman, instructors in physics, to be assistant professors.

DR. J. H. VAN VLECK, now at Harvard, and Dr. Gregory Breit, who this year is National

Research Council fellow in physics, also at Harvard, have been appointed to assistant professorships at the University of Minnesota department of physics following the resignation of Professor W. F. G. Swann to go to the University of Chicago. Dr. Van Vleck, a son of Professor Van Vleck, of the University of Wisconsin, has worked on atomic structure. Last year Dr. Breit conducted research in physics at the University of Leyden.

MR. R. S. ADAMSON, lecturer in botany at Manchester, has been appointed to the Harry Bolus chair of botany in the University of Cape Town.

### DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

#### MARINE ZOOLOGICAL STATIONS

I AM sorry that my recent letter to *SCIENCE*<sup>1</sup> regarding work in marine zoology seems to have caused Dr. Fisher<sup>2</sup> uneasiness. Perhaps I can try here to indicate more clearly what I had in mind.

A number of the points raised in Dr. Fisher's comment were familiar to me, and do not cause me to change my original view. Perhaps the most important matter involves the proposition that one can not continuously pursue intellectual work in a warm climate, and that the "glamor" fades. My own belief, based upon a certain amount of direct observation, is this: that a person, biologist, who will loaf in (say) Bermuda, will probably loaf in any other place. The notion that all biologists not in the subtropics work continuously and at high intellectual pressure would certainly be grotesque! As Peterson remarks, in speaking of his bottom sampling operations, to carry on research it is necessary not only to have equipment and the opportunity for using it; it is necessary also to have ideas. So that if there were an inevitable incompatibility between warm weather and cerebration, for the majority of persons, it would surely be unfortunate. But aside from Beebe's pronounced expressions of opinion on this subject, I may point to the fact that Dr. Fisher's view, as he has stated it, does a quite unmerited injustice to workers at Manila, in Java, in

<sup>1</sup> *SCIENCE*, December 29, 1922, p. 751.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, February 23, 1923, p. 233.